

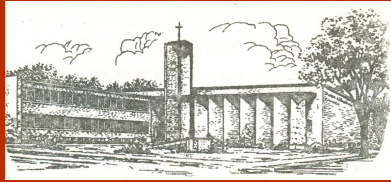


June 29, 2020

SPECIAL POINTS
OF INTEREST
Upcoming Events
Moderator's Moment
Kansas Disciples
Women Cookbook

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Reflections

As we begin a new church year, beginning July 1, we are having to put on our adaptive change thinking caps. Life has been turned upside-down and inside-out. The coronavirus has forced us into a new way of life, whether we like it or not. We are learning what it means to live cautiously—to be careful where we go and how we interact with people. Everything—EVERYTHING—is different now. Family life and social life is different now, and most certainly, church life is different.

Different, however, does not mean something bad. It means that we let go of how we used to do things and make a change. We see familiar businesses in our community close, but that does not stop us from moving forward. Humans are creative and we *can* adapt and *are* adapting.

Finding different ways to be church can be exciting! We have been looking for opportunities to make changes and it seems that we have found the perfect time. We are experimenting with technology and even though we have found rough spots in the road, solutions are presenting themselves. Platforms like Facebook and Zoom are allowing us to be together even though we are apart. As we go, some new ideas will stay with us while others will fall away. That's OK! It's all part of growing together.

A new Bible Basics small group is beginning in July on Zoom. A study on Acts is slated for September—it could be on Zoom, in person or may be a hybrid group—some people on Zoom meet with others who are meeting in person. I have heard of a few small group ideas like a Christian movie watcher's group or a Game group. Do you like to read? Perhaps a book club could start on Zoom or in person. Do you like crafts? Maybe a how-to Zoom Craft class could start (make gifts?). How about getting our families together for disc golf or a softball game? If you like to knit or crochet—a prayer shawl group could begin. A cooking or baking class on Zoom would be fun—bake cookies together or learn about cake decorating?

Perhaps you have an idea for a way for us to be church together. Just let us know! We'll be so happy to help you get started.

In other words, being church together means BEING together when at all possible—not only to do the business of the church, but to have FUN together—to laugh out loud—to share our gifts and talents with others—to learn together, pray together, and to share with each other about how we each live our Christian Life.

It is up to us to make the best of things and partner with God and our church family. We don't have to feel alone. Be part of a group that will sustain you through this uncertain time—a group of people who will uplift you and pray for you and you for them.

God bless us as we walk together,

Pastor Lorraine

Join us for At Home Worship

At Home Worship on Facebook

Find us on Facebook at **First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Emporia, KS** to join us for worship at 10:30 a.m. on Sundays!

At Home Worship via Email

You are encouraged to open your email at 10:30 a.m. to be part of our worshipping community. Just sign-in and let us know you are with us. If you would like to be added to our e-mail worship service, send us an e-mail at fccoffices@yahoo.com to let us know!

Upcoming Serving Schedule



July 5, 2020—5th Sunday after Pentecost

Elder ~ Jaylene Arnett

Worship Leader ~ Barb Gimple

Children’s Message ~ Marie Harding

July 12, 2020—6th Sunday after Pentecost

Elder ~ Marlene Hanson

Worship Leader ~ Barb Gimple

Children’s Message ~ Jaylene Arnett


July 19, 2020—7th Sunday after Pentecost

Elder ~ Judy Moore

Worship Leader ~ Marlene Hanson

Children’s Message ~ Nancy LeClear

So far in the month of June, the food pantry has helped **56 families** with food, plus **various other items**, including **15 doz.** eggs and **4 gallons** of milk.




Our pantry continues to be a lifeline for those in our community.

During this time, we have implemented a no contact method for providing food to the community and have reduced our food pantry hours to Mondays from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.



Lonnie Atchison (*cancer*); **Lea Beers** (*medical*); **Glenn Boyce** (*medical*); **Lisa Cress** (*uterine cancer*); **Lynn Cress** (*heart surgery*); **Marilyn Dalton** (*sprained ankle*); **Wanda Davis** (*hip rehab*); **Joe Denson**, (*hip surgery*); **Brooke Franklin** (*cancer*); **Mary Hurd** (*open heart surgery*); **Brad Jones** (*heart problems*); **Steve & Ramona Langley** (*brother-in-law and sister of Betty Richardson*); **Joe Lozier** (*brain tumor, father of Jen Dalton*); **Steve Martin** (*stem cell cancer treatment*); **Jeanice Miller** (*sciatic nerve pain*); **Betty Pierson** (*medical*); **David Smith** (*cousin of Jeanice Miller, diabetic amputation*); **Andrea Vandruff** (*kidney issues*); and **Aubrey Wescott** (*stomach problems*).



Attendance and Giving Record

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June 21, 2020 At Home/In Person Worship 29+
June 28, 2020 At Home/In Person Worship 48+

GIVING RECORD

June 14, 2020 ~ Offering \$747.80 / Building \$10.00
 June 21, 2020 ~ Offering \$2,342.00 / Building \$10.00
 June 28, 2020 ~ Offering \$1,254.00 / Building \$10.00



June Anniversaries

- 29 John & Marie Harding
- 30 Joe & Dana Witten

July Anniversaries

- 13 Jake & Jennifer Dalton

June Birthdays

- 29 June Rochat



July Birthdays

- 01 John Harding
- 02 James Ayers
- 02 Bronte Bailey
- 02 Allison Harding
- 02 Janet Lostutter
- 07 Alan Richardson
- 07 Seth Tilton
- 08 Judy Moore
- 09 John Kuhn
- 13 Jill McGrath
- 18 Lola Walker
- 18 Sarah Wyrick



Mark The Dates

Until further notice, the method of meeting (In Person, via Zoom, E-mail, etc.) will be determined on a meeting by meeting basis.

Sundays at 10:30 am—Worship Service— In Person, via Facebook Live, & E-mail

Thur. July 2, 2020 4:00 pm—Leadership Team Meets

Sat. July 4, 2020—Independence Day

Tues. July 7, 2020—Bible Basics Study

Wed. July 8, 2020 6:15 pm—Stewardship Committee Meets

Thur. July 9, 2020 4:00 pm—Elders’ Study

Mon. July 13, 2020—Newsletter Deadline

Tues. July 14, 2020—Bible Basics Study

Wed. July 15, 2020 5:00 pm—Worship Ministry Meets

Wed. July 15, 2020 6:15 pm—Board Meeting

Thur. July 16, 2020 5:00 pm—Christian Education

Tues. July 21, 2020—Bible Basics Study

Wed. July 22, 2020 5:30 pm—Facilities Meeting

Thur. July 23, 2020 4:00 pm—Elders’ Meeting

Sun. July 26, 2020 8:30 am—Diaconate Meets

Mon. July 27, 2020—Newsletter Deadline

Tues. July 28, 2020—Bible Basics Study



THE SECRET PLACE

Devotions for Daily Worship
The **Summer 2020**
(June, July, August)

Secret Place daily devotional books

have arrived and are located on the hall table.

Still only **\$1.00 per copy so get yours today!**



Thoughts to Ponder

- When you kneel before God, he stands up for you. And when God stands up for you, no one can stand against you.
- If you don’t want a fire, remove the wood.
- He’s got the whole world in his hands!
- Smile at someone who is hard to love.
- Maybe it’s not working out because God is working on something better.

Lectionary Schedule**July 5—August 9, 2020****July 5, 2020—5th Sunday after Pentecost**

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

Psalm 45:10-17

or Song of Solomon 2:8-13

Romans 7:15-25a

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

July 12, 2020—6th Sunday after Pentecost**Pentecost**

Genesis 25:19-34

Psalm 119:105-112

Romans 8:1-11

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

July 19, 2020—7th Sunday after Pentecost**Pentecost**

Genesis 28:10-19a

Psalm 139: 1-12, 23-24

Romans 8:12-25

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

July 26, 2020—8th Sunday after Pentecost**Pentecost**

Genesis 29:15-28

Psalm 105:1-11, 45b or Psalm 128

Romans 8:26-39

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

August 2, 2020—9th Sunday after Pentecost**Pentecost**

Genesis 32:22-31

Psalm 17:1-7, 15

Romans 9:1-5

Matthew 14:13-21

August 9, 2020—10th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b

Romans 10:5-15

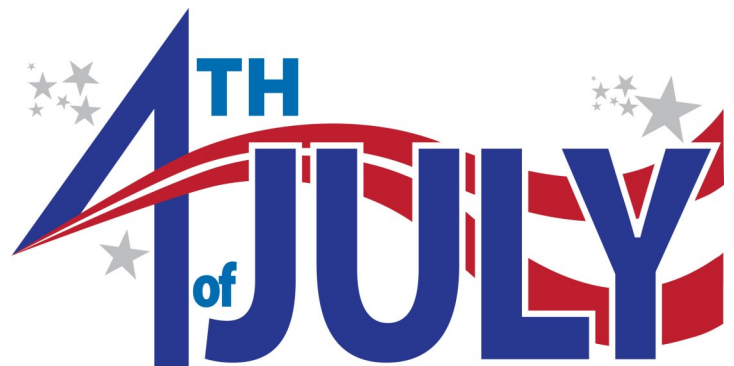
Matthew 14:22-33

**Bible Basics Study**Tuesdays, July 7th
through July 28th

Time TBD

**DWF Salad Luncheon and
Organizational Meeting**Wednesday, August 5, 2020
11:30 a.m.**Acts Bible Study**Tuesdays, September 8th
through September 29th

Time TBD



Moderator's Moment

What strange times we have been living in during 2020. One thing remains true: our faith is strong.

With July we begin a new church year. First, a big Thank You to Marlene Hanson for her leadership over the past two years.

Because of the generosity and support of our congregation, we were able to complete the last fiscal year without using any of our funds held in reserve. Thank you for continuing to support the church and our ministries even though we were not able to gather for Sunday services. We have learned and are learning to reach our members through social media for Sunday services and have had many meetings with Zoom. It has enabled us to stay in contact with one another.

As the new year begins, I hope you will feel free to contact me with any concerns, ideas, or suggestions. You are each an important part of our church.

You may reach me at 343-0337.

Janet Lostutter

2020-2021 Moderator



Kansas Disciples Women Cookbook

If you are interested in ordering a copy of the Kansas Disciples Women Cookbook, there is still time! The cookbooks are \$17.00, and you can make your checks payable to "Christian Church in Kansas" with "cookbook" designated in the memo line. Let us know at fccoffices@yahoo.com if you are interested in purchasing one, and you can drop your checks off or send them to the church so that we can order them as a group.

First Christian Church
Lorraine W. Bailey,
Transitional Minister



“The mission of First Christian Church is to inspire each other to reach out to the un-churched and to serve and share with our community by proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ.”

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Next Newsletter Deadline
July 13, 2020 & July 27, 2020



June-July 2020

SUN 28	MON 29	TUE 30	WED Jul 1	THU 2	FRI 3	SAT 4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30am Diaconate Meets 10:30am Worship Service 6pm Game Night 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Newsletter Deadline 9am Food Pantry 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:30am Lyon Co. Ministerial Alliance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5pm Leadership Team 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Independence Day observed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Independence Day
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Spotlight on Disciples

Information for this article came from the book, *Disciples: Who We Are & What Holds Us Together* (2019) by Michael Kinnamon and Jan Linn, St. Louis: Christian Board of Publication, p. 15.

Covenant: Freedom with Accountability (part 3)

In their continued discussion on covenant, Kinnamon and Linn’s third point is that “a covenant is not a contract.” They explain that a contract involves “‘if/then’ thinking: if you do this, then I will do that.” A contract requires a legal obligation: “if I love my neighbor, then God will love me.” On the other hand, a covenant “emphasizes responsibilities as well as rights and is based on ‘because/therefore’ thinking . . . ‘because [emphasis mine] God has entered into covenant with us, marked by the blood of Christ, therefore [emphasis mine] we are freed to give our consent to a relationship of shared commitment. . .”

The authors’ fourth point is that “covenant has to do with freedom.” The biblical idea of “freedom,” however, is different from our societal freedom. Covenantal freedom is a goal, not an exercise in limitless self-pursuance. God frees us from external control, but Christ’s reign conforms us to him. We become partners in covenant with Christ, the church, and each other—therefore treating each other with respect and seriousness.

More next time on the meaning of covenant. . .