

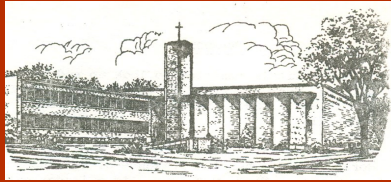


September 7, 2020

SPECIAL POINTS
OF INTEREST
Sales in September
KDW Online Retreat
Take 'n Go Barbecue
Food Pantry Donation

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Reflections

In the last of a short series of hymn stories on hope, today's hymn, *It is Well with My Soul*, was written by Horatio G. Spafford (1828-1888) in 1873. Philip P. Bliss wrote the tune in 1876. As we continue to find hope in our current situation, perhaps we will find peace in Spafford's words whose faith, even in disastrous times, shines through.

Spafford had been a successful lawyer who lost significant property in the Great Chicago Fire of 1871. He also was greatly affected by the economic downturn of 1873. Instead of traveling with his family to Europe on the *SS Ville du Havre* soon after, his business interests kept him home. The ship sank in a collision with another vessel, *Loch Earn*, in the Atlantic Ocean. Losing all four daughters to the tragedy, his wife Anna sent the now famous telegram, "Saved alone . . ." On his way to Europe to be with his wife, Spafford penned these comforting words as his ship passed near where his daughters died. Composer, Philip P. Bliss, named his tune, *Ville Du Havre*, for the lost vessel.

**1) When peace like a river
attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows
roll;
whatever my lot, thou hast
taught me to say,
"It is well, it is well with my
soul."**

**Refrain
It is well with my soul;
it is well, it is well with my soul.**

**2) Though Satan should buffet,
though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control:
that Christ has regarded my
helpless estate,
and has shed his own blood for
my soul. [Refrain]**

**3) My sin oh, the bliss of
this glorious thought!
my sin, not in part, but the
whole,
is nailed to the cross, and
I bear it no more;
praise the Lord, praise the
Lord, O my soul! [Refrain]**

**4) O Lord, haste the day
when my faith shall be
sight,
the clouds be rolled back
as a scroll;
the trump shall resound
and the Lord shall
descend;
even so, it is well with my
soul. [Refrain]**

Blessings along the Way,
Pastor Lorraine

¹Resources: Hymnary.org and Wikipedia

Join us for Worship

In Person Worship

We are now meeting back at the church for worship at 10:30 a.m. on Sundays! We care about the safety of our congregation and have taken many precautions during this time. We are wearing masks, social distancing, using pre-packaged communion items, and using alternative methods for our music worship that do not include singing, so as to help ensure a safer environment for everyone joining us. We hope to see you there!

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. Leave a comment on our worship service to let us know you are with us!

At Home Worship via Email

You are encouraged to open your email at 10:30 a.m. to be part of our worshipping community. 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!

In the month of August, the food pantry has helped **95 families** with food, plus **various other items**, including **13 doz. eggs**.



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*); **Wanda Davis** (*hip rehab*); **Brooke Franklin** (*cancer*); **Brad Jones** (*heart problems*); **Steve & Ramona Langley** (*brother-in-law and sister of Betty Richardson*); **Dr. Tim & Paula Lavin and family** (*medical*); **Joe Lozier** (*brain tumor, father of Jen Dalton*); **Steve Martin** (*stem cell cancer treatment*); **Jeanice Miller** (*back pain*); and **Andrea Vandruff** (*kidney issues*).



Attendance and Giving Record

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Aug. 30, 2020 At Home/In Person Worship 48+
Sept. 6, 2020 At Home/In Person Worship 38+

GIVING RECORD

Aug. 30, 2020 ~ Offering \$1,453.00 / Building \$100.00
 Sept. 6, 2020 ~ Offering \$1,295.00 / Building \$0.00



September Anniversaries

- 13 Steve & Kat Dorcas
- 14 Chad & Laurie Kurzen
- 30 Lane & Shelby Fuller

September Birthdays

- 06 Kinzie Kurzen
- 06 Janece Bacon
- 06 Scott Thomas
- 07 Braxton Pauls
- 09 Janelle Norton
- 15 Glenn Gimple
- 17 Blaze Witten
- 18 Nancy LeClear
- 19 Karen Monroe
- 23 Joe Denson



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

Tues. Sept. 8, 2020 10:00 am—Acts Bible Study

Wed. Sept. 9, 2020 1:30 pm—DWF Group

Wed. Sept. 9, 2020 6:15 pm—Stewardship Committee

Thur. Sept. 10, 2020 4:00 pm—Elders’ Study

Thur. Sept. 10, 2020 5:00 pm—Leadership Team Meets

Sun. Sept. 13, 2020 12:00 pm—Diaconate Meeting

Tues. Sept. 15, 2020 10:00 am—Acts Bible Study

Wed. Sept. 16, 2020 5:00 pm—Worship Ministry Meets

Wed. Sept. 16, 2020 6:15 pm—Board Meeting

Thur. Sept. 17, 2020 5:00 pm—Christian Education

Mon. Sept. 21, 2020—Newsletter Deadline

Tues. Sept. 22, 2020 10:00 am—Acts Bible Study

Thur. Sept. 24, 2020 4:00 pm—Elders’ Meeting

Fri. Sept. 25, 2020 6-7:30 pm—Take ‘n Go Barbecue

Tues. Sept. 29, 2020 10:00 am—Acts Bible Study

Upcoming Serving Schedule



September 13, 2020—15th Sunday after Pentecost

Elder ~ Judy Moore

Worship Leader ~ Jean Miller

Children’s Message ~ Cameron Moore

September 20, 2020—16th Sunday after Pentecost

Elder ~ Jaylene Arnett

Worship Leader ~ Barb Gimple

Children’s Message ~ Joy Frevert

September 27, 2020—17th Sunday after Pentecost

Elder ~ Nancy LeClear

Worship Leader ~ Marlene Hanson

Children’s Message ~ Barb Gimple



Thoughts to Ponder

- Perhaps you are the lighthouse in someone else’s storm.
- We are drowning in information while starving for wisdom.
- Sing a hymn on a whim!
- We can make our plans, but the Lord determines our steps.
- If you want to stop digging, you have to put down the shovel.

**Lectionary Schedule
Sept. 13—Oct. 18, 2020**

**September 13, 2020—15th
Sunday after Pentecost**

Exodus 14:19-31
Psalm 114
or Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21
Romans 14:1-12
Matthew 18:21-35

**September 20, 2020—16th
Sunday after Pentecost**

Exodus 16:2-15
Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45
Philippians 1:21-30
Matthew 20:1-16

**September 27, 2020—17th
Sunday after Pentecost**

Exodus 17:1-7
Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16
Philippians 2:1-13
Matthew 21:23-32

**October 4, 2020—18th Sunday
after Pentecost**

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20
Psalm 19
Philippians 3:4b-14
Matthew 21:33-46

**October 11, 2020—19th Sunday
after Pentecost**

Exodus 32:1-14
Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23
Philippians 4:1-9
Matthew 22:1-14

**October 18, 2020—20th Sunday
after Pentecost**

Exodus 33:12-23
Psalm 99
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Matthew 22:15-22

Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who brought their plastic grocery bags to donate to the food pantry. We had a large amount of donations and now have enough bags to last us for quite a while.

Take ‘n Go Barbecue

We are planning on having a “Take ‘n Go” with barbecue hamburgers in the parking lot on September 25th from 6-7:30 p.m. We hope to see you there!

Food Pantry Donation

We would like to send a huge thank you to the Girl Scouts for their donation to our food pantry. They brought a large amount of Girl Scout cookies to hand out to those coming to our food pantry, as you can see in the picture below. So if you see someone who works with the Girl Scouts, make sure to tell them Thank You!



Sales in September

Come by our north parking lot on Saturday mornings in September from 9 am to 12 pm. We will be holding a sale of a variety of clothing and household items. We look forward to seeing you there!



KDW Virtual Retreat

October 2, 2020—October 3, 2020

Kansas Disciples Women will host an online virtual retreat from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. (CST) on Friday, October 2, and 9 a.m. to Noon (CST) on Saturday, October 3.

The event is structured so women may attend for whatever time personal schedules allow. The theme of the retreat is Contemplating Spiritual Disciplines with discussions led by Kansas Clergy Women. Each day will include worship and time for group discussion.

Presenters are:

- Tara Thompson, pastor at Belmont Blvd CC, Salina
- June Stoker, pastor at Marysville First Christian Church
- Leigh Carlson Burgess, Harry Hynes Hospice Chaplin
- Linda Kemp, Past KDW President, Member Clintonville CC, Paris Kentucky
- Cristine Warring, previous Kansas pastor, Monte Vista Christian Church, Albuquerque

The event is free but registration is required to obtain Zoom login information.

To register, please control + click this link:

<https://kansasdiscalples.org/event/kdw-virtual-retreat/>

First Christian Church
Lorraine W. Bailey,
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“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
Sept. 21, 2020 & Oct. 5, 2020



September 2020

6 • 10:30am Worship Service	7 Labor Day • 9am Food Pantry • 7pm Boy Scouts - Offsite	8 • 10am Acts Bible Study	9 • 9:30am NE KS Clergy-Topeka • 1:30pm DWF Group • 6:15pm Stewardship Committee Meet	10 • 4pm Elders' Study • 5pm Leadership Team	11	12 • 9am Sales in September
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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, pp. 28-30.

Chapter 3, “Scripture: Common Source, Diverse Readers,” begins with a section on *The Authority of Scripture*. Kinnamon and Linn recognize that the term, “Biblical authority,” is a slippery and often abused term. Disciples have traditionally affirmed that the Bible is “inspired” or “God-breathed” (Greek), but not scientifically or historically infallible or without error. We see the Bible as a human document, written by many authors over many eras. It is a faith story—a “written witness” of God’s self-disclosure to the people of Israel and in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Disciples do not take scripture lightly as it is “central to how we understand our identity and practice.” The Bible is the common primary source among Christians, established to give us understanding about the will of God in our lives and as a guide for following it. Standing outside of our present experience, the Bible challenges cultural presuppositions and gives us hope beyond our viewpoint. Our affirmation as Christians is that “the Bible contains a prophetic, life-giving word,” one that invites us, young and old, in our diversity and common faith, to engage the Divine.

Coming up: *The Silence of the Bible in Church*