



First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

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ForeThoughts

October 2017

From our Pastor:

What a wonderful September we have shared together. Thanks to everyone who made my Installation Sunday so amazing. I even got to ride in the "rumble seat" of Ron Little's beautifully refurbished Model T. The food, the ice cream, the program and Rev. Steve Martin's sermon and participation were fabulous.

CYF is so much fun – what a great bunch of kids. There is so much going on here at FCCP, it's hard to get it all in the newsletter. Sunday mornings are our best chance to share in the excitement and spread the news.

This month we will focus on Generosity as we journey as Christians together in the world. Dr. Clark Williamson reminds us that the "Good News is the promise that God's love is freely, graciously, offered to each and all; and our response is to love God with our whole being and to do justice to our neighbors as ourselves." Following the way of Jesus includes responding to God's love with generous love for others. I think it is powerful each fall, when the abundance of harvest and blessing abound, that we take a little time to reflect on how we are called to participate and engage in this community where we live, as stewards of God's blessings.

See you at the Table!

Laurie

CYF is off and running. We want to especially thank Jewell Reed for spearheading our snack suppers. The food has been outstanding. Janet and Gene Rexwinkle for the cheeseburgers, and Peggy Cramer for the cookies. The kids recognize the love and support and it means a lot.

We also want to thank the Mission Team for helping with our opportunity to attend the Kansas Regional Youth Convention coming up in November in Hutchinson. We will get to spend the weekend with around 300 other Disciples youth from the region! The theme is **Good N.E.W.S.**, the keynoter is Rev. Travis Smith McKee. AND the hotel has an indoor water park. It's not too late to sign up, the cost per youth is \$20. See Laurie for registration forms the deadline is October 20th.

Our fundraiser for the fall will be "Pie by the Slice" be sure and come to church hungry on October 22nd and indulge in a little pie before lunch, or you could take it with you if "Dessert First" is not on the menu. If you are willing to make and donate a pie there is a sign up in the Narthex. CYFers remember to wear your costume on Sunday, October 29th to help the children collect money for UNICEF.

Week of Compassion (WoC)

Don't forget that our Week of Compassion giving is actually 52 weeks a year. Anytime disaster strikes you can write an additional check to FCCP and on the memo line just write for **week of compassion** and what disaster you want to help with. For example, *WoC: Maria relief* and we'll get that money to them right away. 100% will go help with the much needed healing.

CCF (with CYF help) will be **Trick or Treating for UNICEF!** Please bring loose change and dollars with you Sunday, October 29th to help fill their boxes with money for relief work with children around the world. Help us teach the next generation about compassion and generosity. And try not to be frightened, they have been told to wear their Halloween costumes!

Camp Tawakoni



Annual Gala & Auction

Saturday, October 28

10:00 Registration; 10:30 – Silent Auction & optional tours of the Pool

11:30 – Chapel Piano Concert, Walter Colvin

12:15 – Dinner & Auction fun!

Menu: Prime rib, roast pork tenderloin, roast turkey breast, freshly baked bread, green salad and various Fall vegetable choices.

\$45 registration fee due by Friday, October 20; Register and pay online or download the [2017 Camp Gala and Auction Registration Form](#) and mail with payment to the Topeka Regional Office. For questions contact Diane Watkins, dianewatkins@live.com or Steve Martin in the Regional Office – 800.737.8130. Proceeds benefit camp facility improvement.

Have Auction Items to donate?

Items can be dropped off along with a [Gala Donation form](#) at the Disciples Center or given to any regional staff member.

Disciple Women

October 2017 Project

We feel that with the devastation of Hurricane Harvey as well as Irma, that should be foremost in our thoughts this month.

We encourage you to give through Week of Compassion. We know this group is honest and trustworthy; one hundred percent goes to the area you designate.

We can't imagine coming home to "nothing", everything gone – home, car, food, clothes, family photos – even pets. The list is endless...

No place to stay. What do you do?

Thank God for loving, caring people who will share what God has given them. There but for the Grace of God go I. Mark you envelope "DW WOC"

DW Executive Board Meeting – Oct. 3 @ 9:30 am

Nursing Home Party – Oct. 5 @ 2:30 pm

All DW groups meet at Kitchen Pass Oct. 9 at 11 am

2017-2018 FCC Disciple Women's Directory is now available in the church office.



Thank you!

Thank you to my family for hosting my 90th birthday celebration at the church. Thanks a million to those who came, called and

sent cards and gifts. God Bless You All!

Iona Shipp

DINNER ON 17TH STREET

Thursday, October 12

FCC will be serving Dinner on 17th Street at the First Baptist Church on Thursday, October

12th. All our invited to this free meal. Volunteers are always needed, so if you would like to help out with the meal, call Barbara Robbins at 421-3446

If you would like to contribute financially just drop it in the offering in an envelope marked Supper on 17th. This meal is a service to the community which we share in ecumenically. Help us spread community and the love of Christ in Parsons.



Fore Thoughts is Going Electronic

Our Fore Thoughts Newsletter is published once a month. Beginning January 1st we will be updating our format and will mail the newsletters via email instead of by bulk mailing. This will not only save postage expense, but also paper, ink cartridge and photocopying expenses. We ask that everyone with the capability of receiving their newsletter via email, to please contact the church office at

620-421-4790 to get on our email list (if you haven't already done so.) For those without email, printed copies of the newsletter will be available on the table in the Narthex. For anyone who would still wish to receive a mailed copy of the newsletter, please contact the church office to be added to the mail list.

From the Board...

The church board has approved the installation of new security features in the church to protect the minister, office administrator, the pre-school staff and children from unwanted intruders. This measure had been discussed many times in the past, and the board decided that we should no longer ignore the need. We want everyone in the church to always feel safe and secure.

The next church board meeting will be Tuesday, October 24 at 7 p.m. in the church library.



Sunbeams Preschool News

We are off to another great year! Mrs. Reeves and parent volunteers are helping students have fun learning our colors, making crafts, and having snacks that go along with the colors of the week.

Students and parents are helping with our Chicken Annie Fundraiser. The chicken dinners will be available for dine in or carry out on Sunday, October 1st.

Our preschool Fall program will be on Monday, October 30th at 11:15 a.m. in the church sanctuary. All our invited.

We want to thank our church family for the continued support for our preschool which is another outreach of First Christian Church – Parsons.

The Blessing of Animals

A Community Service of Thanksgiving

Saturday, October 7th at 1:00 pm at the Dog Park in Marvel Park and Sunday, October 8th at 2:00 pm at St. John's Episcopal Church, 1801 Corning on the north lawn. All our invited.



Attendance & Financial Report September 2017

Average: 68	Total: \$7,761.83	
Sept. 3	71	\$2,632.58
Sept. 10	85	\$1,214.75
Sept. 17	55	\$2,956.75
Sept. 24	62	\$ 957.75
Week of Compassion for hurricane relief - \$245.00		
Reconciliation special offering - \$255.00		
Budget: \$196,159.00		

(Monthly \$16,346.59; weekly \$3,772.00)

Stewardship – careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one's care.

Peace starts with a smile.

ALL Elders and Deacons are asked to meet in the parlor at 9:00 am for prayer.

If you are unable to serve on your scheduled Sunday, please exchange with someone and inform your team captain and the church office. (421-4790 or fcc_church@sbcglobal.net)

Sunday, October 1

Elder/Sacraments: Steve Fincher
Elder/Offering: Dean Cramer
Deacons: Peggy Cramer, Elaine Harris, Jeanette Horton, Barbara Robbins
Worship Leader: Diane Watkins
Nursing Home Devotions: Lori Ray, Steve Fincher (Elmhaven 2:45 pm)
Sound Board: Lori Ray

Sunday, October 8

Elder/Sacraments: Anne Maloney
Elder/Offering: Jewell Reed
Deacons: Valerie McElroy, Jean Reeves, John Mulberry, Jerry Janssen
Worship Leader: Sharon Ryan
Sound Board: Dean Cramer

Sunday, October 15

Elder/Sacraments: Lori Ray
Elder/Offering: Don Barcus
Deacons: Sandy Womeldorff, Sharon Ryan, Elaine Hudson, Barbara Robbins
Home Communion –Marian Johnson, Don & Janie Barcus
Worship Leader: Marlene Wegner
Sound Board: Lori Ford

Sunday, October 22

Elder/Sacraments: Lori Ray
Elder/Offering: Steve Fincher
Deacons: Dori Howerter, Marlene Wegner, Elaine Harris, Jeanette Horton
Worship Leader: Jewell Reed
Sound Board: Dean Cramer

Sunday, October 29

Elder/Sacraments: Don Barcus
Elder/Offering: Janie Barcus
Deacons: Peggy Cramer, Valerie McElroy, John Mulberry, Jean Reeves
Worship Leader: Alissa Fearmonti
Sound Board: Lori Ray
Board Prayer (Oct. 24): Jewell Reed

Funeral visitation: Dean Cramer, Marian Johnson



October Birthdays:

01 Linda Railsback
13 Billie Coltrain
15 Cynda Lavender
15 Marlene Wegner
18 Dori Howerter
19 Deborah Lindeman
21 Sharon Clapsaddle
23 Mary Baker
23 Toni Hurst
25 Gene Rexwinkle
25 Betty Wills
27 Barbara Mosier
27 Tori Smith
30 Gerald Beardmore
31 Carol Bush

Wedding Anniversaries:

20 Don & Elaine Harris
24 James & Nancy Miller
27 Robert & Valerie McElroy



Surrounding in prayer

Our nation's leaders and military
 Church Ministers & Staff
 Regional Church Staff
 Andrew Shipps (Iona's grandson)
 Victims of recent hurricanes

Prayers and Sympathy for the family and friends of Naida Harper

Care Homes/Homebound

Doris Brenner	Jimmy Dodds	Dick Holroyd (Brad Bayless friend & neighbor)
June Dodds	Rutheen Hammack	Don Dean's nephew, Rick
Bill Hogelin	Barbara Wills	Melissa Paynee
Iona Shipps	Doris Drummond	Sonny Johnson
Martha Tredway	Betty Olmsted	Barney Ellis
Eunice Blaich	Crystal Jump	Dick French (Jay's dad)
Debra Myers	John Bartlett	Ingrid Schneickert (Jonna Gabbert's cousin)
Ivan & Lydia Lorimor		Doris Stice (Sherrie Coltrain's friend)

Health Concerns:

Sharon Dillinger	Kathleen Seward
Carol Fincher	Betty Thomas
Dick Ryan	Colleen Slagle

Our friends with continuing concerns:

Sam Blubaugh (Betty Thomas' friend)



ELDERS PRAYER LIST

As part of their commitment to pray for each member of FCC, the Elders are remembering these members and their families in prayer during each week (and invite you to join them.)

October 1 – October 7

Mike & Shelly Dillinger	Jimmy Dodds
Doris Drummond	

October 8– October 14

Joe & Dorothy Feagan	Cecil & Bonnie Fish
Steve & Carol Fincher	John & Janet Flores

October 15 – October 21

Tammy Ford	Lori Ford & family
Jerry & Joan Gartner	Broque & Haydn Gross

October 22 – October 28

Rutheen Hammack	Don & Elaine Harris
Jared Hawks	Cheryl Hazen

October 29 – November 4

Jayna Henderson	Jed & Andrea Hetlinger
Ronnie & Sherrie Hodge	



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY 1 Preschool Fundraiser Chicken Dinner 11:30 - 1:30 Nursing Home Dev. Elmhaven 2:45	noon - Preschool Board Meeting	9:30 - DW Exec. Board Meeting	11 - Staff Meeting Kansas DW Midweek Retreat begins 6:00 - CYF 6:15 - Choir	11 am - Webinar 2:30 DW Nursing Home Party	Kansas DW Weekend Retreat Begins	
Journey to Generosity Pastor Appreciation Day!	11 am - DW meets @ Kitchen Pass	WIC	WIC 6:00 - CYF 6:15 - Choir	11 am - Webinar 1:30 PMA MEETING @ FCC 5 - 6 pm Dinner on 17th		
Journey to Generosity <i>Home Communion</i>			11 - Staff Meeting 3:30 - worship meeting 6:00 - CYF 6:15 - Choir	11 am - Webinar 6:30 pm - Teacher Training Class Emergency Preparedness		
Journey to Generosity Pie by the Slice Youth Fundraiser	No School Today	7 pm - Board Meeting	WIC 6:00 - CYF 6:15 - Choir	WIC		
Trick or Treat for UNICEF	Preschool Fall Program 11:15 am		Sunday Worship Schedule 8:30 am - Elders meeting 9:30 am - Worship 10:30 am - Fellowship 11:00 am - Sunday School 11:00 am - CCF			
						Camp Tawakoni Gala 10:30 am silent auction 12:15 - dinner & live auction