



The Messenger

OCTOBER 2018 NEWSLETTER

message from REVEREND TRISH

One Thing

I had coffee with one of our members and friends on Monday, and during our conversation, she mentioned a podcast she listens to regularly, called Typology. In one particular episode, titled Name It...Then Tame It (Part 1 of 2), the podcaster asked the question: **What is the one thing you could do in the next forty days, that could change your life forever?**

And I immediately thought...whew! THAT is a good question for the church to ask. Of course, it's a good question for us to ask, as individuals, too!

But for now...what if everyone in the church committed to doing one thing, that would change the life of the institution and the faith, forever?

Maybe over the next 40 days, you could commit to...

...praying for the institutional church and her people every day.

...being radically and powerfully open to ALL people regardless of gender, perceived sinfulness, preference, or race...and check yourself.

...starting a new ministry that would impact high school juniors and seniors (or something else...be specific!).

...adding First Christian Church to your will.

...focusing on the joy in your life with Christ.

...financially and physically supporting the vital outreach of the Northland Assistance Center.

...considering what it would mean for the church (the people) to be building-less. (I know....this one's hard!)

...listening, rather than speaking or preaching.

...helping create a digital presence and connection.

...loving the least loveable.

...telling someone your story and inviting them to church.

We can ALL do ONE thing!! What is your "one thing" that might change the faith and the church forever? I'd love to hear from you!

Let's do our part...let's change the life of the church together!

Peace, rt+



- Julie Davis, daughter-in-law of Steve & Mary Hicks
- Helen Davis
- Mary Hicks
- Glenn & Betty Turpin
- Dottie Babb
- Nancy Tennant, the recent death of her sister
- Mary White
- Nancy Lee
- Ruth Weathers
- Carl Neilson
- Michelle & family, friends of DeeDee Brewer
- Pat Roberts
- Ron George, brother of Louise Jones
- Jackie Stewart
- Jodelle Alexander
- John Hodges
- Dana Rosson
- Jack Lane
- Emilie Boswell
- David Phillips
- Wade Ross
- Bud Mosby
- Janice, mother of Steve Hicks
- Tom Fisher
- Valerie Lipari
- Jim Holladay
- Emmrie Stewart

Please notify the office for any updates or corrections regarding prayer requests.

note of GRATITUDE

Thank You!

TO MY CHURCH FAMILY: I want to say thank you for your prayers and concerns, cards and phone calls as I recover from knee surgery. I don't know what I would do without my church friends!! Your support and caring ways are such a blessing to me! Also, thanks to Rev. Trish for her visits and prayers!!

Love and blessings to all. Nancy



RECONCILIATION
MINISTRY

On **October 7th**, you are invited to give generously to the General Church's Reconciliation Offering, working for equity and equality in our church and world. For more information, visit www.reconciliationministry.org.

to the CONGREGATION

Ministry & Announcements

Regional Assembly



It's not too late to sign up and attend Regional Assembly on **October 6th**, from 11:00-4:00 at Community CC. You may register online at kcdisciples.org.

Blessing of the Animals



The Blessing of the Animals will happen on the front lawn of the church **Sunday, October 7th**, 1:00 pm. Bring your pet, your favorite stuffed animal, or a picture of your furry loved one as we give God thanks for the way each one enriches our lives. The whole service will last no more than 10 minutes (squirmy animals don't appreciate long expositions!?!) and will be followed by a time of fellowship and an opportunity to make a chew toy for Wayside Waifs.

Crop Walk



Every year, Kansas Citians gather together for a "walk to end hunger." Hosted by Church World Service and local chapters of the Council of Churches, we gather to walk a 5K to bring awareness and raise funds for world hunger. If you'd like to join our Boy Scouts and our Northland Youth Group in these efforts, you are invited to meet at Central United Methodist Church/5144 Oak Street on **Sunday, October 14th**. Registration begins at 1:00; Walk begins at 2:00.

Northland Disciples Youth Group



Northland Youth Group will meet in **October** on the **14th** at Central UMC for the Crop Walk and on the **28th** at PHCC. Students aged 2nd-12th grades are invited. Dinner will be served.

National Infancy and Pregnancy Loss Day



To recognize this deep and significant loss, FCC member Natasha Neilson is hosting a balloon release in Riverside on **October 15th**, at 6:30. Meet at the waterfall, just down the street from Riverside Red-X. If you have questions, please contact Natasha at 816-308-7602 or Rev. Trish at retrish@fcc.org. May the Great Comforter, be our strength and our guide.

KC Marathon Fundraiser



This is a great opportunity to raise funds for our 20th Anniversary Easter Celebration! At least 10 volunteers are needed to assist the 2018 Kansas City Marathon presented by Garmin on **Saturday, October 20th**. Individuals who register to volunteer will receive an event T-shirt, automatic entry for prize giveaways, and free food and drinks at the Finish Line Festival. Our Grant Group, First Christian Church of North KC, is on the list. So, hop on over to your computer and sign up today! Invite your neighbors and friends to join you...the more the merrier! (www.sportkc.org/marathon/volunteer/) For more information, contact Sandy Youtsey.

Regional Prayer Retreat



FCC will be hosting a mini-prayer retreat on **October 20th**, from 8:45-Noon in the Lounge. The retreat will include liturgical dance, prayer beads, contemplative prayer practices, and a continental breakfast. Registration can be found online at kcdisciples.org.

Baby Shower



You are cordially invited to a baby shower for Natasha Neilson on **Sunday, October 21st**, at 1:00 pm in the Lounge. Natasha is registered at Target and Amazon.

Micah Cakes



It's that time again! Our church will be providing the 50 cakes for the Micah Ministries on **Monday, October 22nd**. The preferred cake size is 9x13 in aluminum pans. Cake pans will be available in the lounge between services on Sunday, October 15th. Please sign-up and take a pan and return with your baked cake to the sacristy on Sunday, October 22nd. If you are interested in baking and/or helping with the 2:00pm delivery on the 23rd – please contact Jana Lane (jana@lane.net or 816-803-5262). Thank you, in advance, for helping with this wonderful ministry!

Interfaith One-Day Workshop



Kansas City: Neighborhood of World Religions—A one-day workshop for clergy, lay leaders, students, and those interested in delving deeply into the diverse religious traditions in the greater KC community. **Saturday, October 24th** from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm at Tall Oaks Conference Center. Registration is \$75, which includes a continental breakfast and lunch. For more information or to register, visit www.talloaks.org.

Wycliffe Dinner



All are invited to an informational dinner meeting presented by the Wycliffe Bible Translators at 7:00 pm on **Friday, October 26th**, at the Embassy Suites, 7640 Tiffany Springs Parkway, just off I-29. The banquet host will share the story of a village that heard the scripture in their heart language for the very first time. Many translators are in great danger doing this work. The dinner is complimentary, but reservations are requested. Please contact Louise Satterly at 816-741-3367 or loular64@gmail.com. Deadline is Sunday, October 21.

Tall Oaks Gala



The annual Tall Oaks Gala is just around the corner! This important fundraiser will be on **Friday, November 9th** at Arrowhead Stadium. Stadium tours (just \$10) begin at 5:45, Silent Auction begins at 6:00 and Dinner (\$100 per person) will be served at 7:30. To register, visit www.talloaks.org.

to the Disciples Women Ministry & Announcements

Disciples Women's Ministry

Our next meeting for Disciples Women's Ministry will be held on Monday, **October 1st**, at 9:30 a.m. in the DCC room. We will resume the study, *Dwelling in God's Peace*.

Deborah Group

We will gather in the Lounge this month on **October 11th** for our final meeting (until February) at 6:00 pm, which will be our social time of fellowship where you are welcome to bring a sack supper. We will chat for a bit and begin our meeting and lesson at 6:30. Our plan is to wrap up by 8:00.

Author Liz Curtis Higgs is coming to the Northland

COST: VIP - \$30, General - \$20, Group of 10+ - \$15
On **October 9th**, 7-9:30 pm, there will be an evening of laughter and encouragement with Liz Curtis Higgs, and worship music with Austin & Lindsey Adamec, as together we explore the ENDLESS HOPE our God offers us! "We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure." Hebrews 6:19. The location is Tiffany Fellowship Church, 7315 NW Barry Rd, KCMO 64153 (I-29 and Barry Road, very near Zona Rosa)
WEBSITE: <https://www.lizcurtishiggs.com/events/kansas-city-missouri/> or Contact Twyla Smith.

October BIRTHDAYS

and Anniversaries

- 3 Jerry Phillippi
Rick & Kay Lunsford
- 5 John Hooper
Paul & Sandy Youtsey
- 7 Matt & Laura Perryn
- 11 Brett Holladay
Glenn & Betty Turpin
- 14 Loren & Helen Kerby
- 17 Chris Boswell
- 18 Rita Moss
Pedro & Breanna Fragoso
- 19 Marion & Barb McCormack
- 20 Tom Fisher
- 21 Robin Lane
- 23 Matt & Michelle Zils
- 24 Walt Lane
- 25 Jennifer Finch
Richard Kuhlman
- 26 Jaxon Erickson
Dottie Olson
- 27 Jared Hippen
Chance Tilton
- 29 Ed Burke
Helen Kerby
- 30 Sheila Jenanyan
Chase Stewart
Lucas Youtsey
- 31 Bill Newton

time to CELEBRATE

Joyful News

New Member at FCC:

Carol Edmondson became a member on September 9th. We welcome her to our congregation!

free lunch HOT DOGS

Served in September

- 8/29 750
- 9/5 756
- 9/12 813
- 9/19 907
- 9/26 830



nuts and bolts of MINISTRY

Who's Serving Where This Month?

SERMONS MINISTRY

October 7 – Cliché #4: God Won't Give You More Than You Can Handle; Deuteronomy 30:11-20

October 14 – Cliché #5: I'm So #blessed; Matthew 5:1-12

October 21 – Cliché #6: I'm Praying For You; James 5:13-16

October 28 – Cliché #7: God Loves You; John 3:16-21

TEAM AND TABLE MINISTRY

Team 1A (8:30)

Elders
Ron Kennedy
Kay Lunsford

Deacons

Joann Blackburn
Ilene Blogin—Greeter/Communion Prep
Ellen Fisher
Pat Hodges
Karen Kennedy—Greeter/Communion Clean Up
Jack Lane—Greeter
Nancy Lee—Communion Prep

Team 1B (11:00)

Vicki Kistler
Stacia Perdue

Care Calls for October—

Hospital Calls for October—

Coffee Service for October — Seekers Class

LAY LEADER & ASSISTANT TELLER MINISTRY

Lay Leaders/Tellers for October are:

| | <u>8:30</u> | <u>11:00</u> | <u>Assistant Teller</u> |
|----|-------------|---------------|-------------------------|
| 7 | Bob Seely | Mary Hicks | Jennifer Finch |
| 14 | Twyla Smith | Jeff Tennant | Lois Kuhlman |
| 21 | Bob Painter | Patty Webb | Marty Burke |
| 28 | Mark Brewer | Vicki Kistler | Joann Blackburn |

ATTENDANCE & REVENUE FOR AUGUST

| | <u>9/2</u> | <u>9/9</u> | <u>9/16</u> | <u>9/23</u> |
|---------------|------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| Worship | 97 | 83 | 76 | 77 |
| Sunday School | 32 | 30 | 30 | 30 |
| Revenue | 5640 | 7824 | 3428 | |

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Sunday Worship Times
8:30 am Traditional Service
10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 Praise & Worship Service
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