



The Messenger

APRIL 2018 NEWSLETTER

message from the Minister

Board Restructure

I don't know about you, but I have come-and-gone with diet plans. And for each one...I'm *totally* on board. Like, SO on board, I could *sell* you the diet book, exercise program, online accountability network, nutrition class, or eating plan.

And yet. Here I am.

The thing is, I know what the problem is...I probably know how to fix it...I'll even let someone else tell me what to do occasionally (exercise more and eat less, seems to be the pattern)...sometimes I pay them a little money to tell me what to do...and yet.

See. It's all good in theory, but absolutely useless, unless I do my part, put the work in, and invest in my future.

And I figure that's how our new Board Restructure will work, if we're not careful.

On March 18, with a unanimous vote, we approved our new by-law document. The intention of the new structure was, and is: to make more room for dreaming and equipping, to make more space for listening to God's call, and to use our time and resources more efficiently in order to foster creativity, hope, and resurrection in our community.

Which is really good in theory, right? But useless, unless we *do* the dreaming, *make* more space for God's yearning, *welcome* creativity, *be* beacons of hope, and *believe* that resurrection is do-able.

Ensuring that this new structure, will be more than just words-on-paper, will require something from every member of our congregation. If you're wondering how to be involved, we start here:

1. Pray for your church and your leaders. Pray for them by name.

Moderator – Twyla Smith

Vice Moderator – Jeff Tennant

Secretary – Jodelle Alexander

Congregational Liaisons – Breanna Fragoso and Louise Jones

Ministry Coordinators – Tammy Schelp, Ricci Neilson, Kay Lunsford, and Carl Neilson

Trustee – Larry Satterly, Walt Lane, and Debbie Painter

2. Dream with God and then tell your leaders about what God is calling you to do in the world.

A dream in your head or your heart, doesn't do God any good, if it gets stuck there. Your leaders are here to support your God-sized dreams by pointing you to resources (human and financial), holding you accountable to the dream and plan, and cheerleading you to completion.

3. Let some of the old things go. Sometimes, to make room for the new way God is calling us into life, we must acknowledge when something we love, is no longer serving our community. Sometimes, we can't imagine adding one more thing to our plate, because it's already so full of stuff that takes a lot of our energy, but doesn't give life back to us. What if, you could let some of those things go? What new, life-giving, invigorating thing might take its place?

I know that God is at work here at First Christian Church and I know that He is calling us to a remarkable vision here in North Kansas City. I also know that our job, as people of faith, is to listen, believe, act, and react! So let's do this together!

And I'm your girl, if anyone is curious about the paleo diet, Weight Watchers, the raw food diet, the South Beach diet, the ketogenic diet.... or, ya know... we could just eat right and exercise more. ☺

So grateful to be on this journey of ministry and mission together!

Peace, rt+



- Bear Kistler & family, passing of his mother Wanda
- Dana Rosson
- Jodelle Alexander
- Pat Roberts
- Sam Lane
- Ramsey Phillips
- Ron George, brother of Louise Jones
- Mary Hicks
- Helen Davis
- Mike Widebrook
- John Hodges
- Karen Perryn
- Mildred Heins, Lois Kuhlman's mother
- Carl Neilson
- Jack Lane
- Emily, Chris Boswell's mother
- David Phillips
- Sue Wright
- Steve Hicks
- Wade Ross
- Bud Mosby
- Agnes Forson
- Janice, mother of Steve Hicks
- Ruth Weathers
- Darlene Logan
- Dottie Babb
- Tom Fisher
- Valerie Lipari
- Hannah Neilson
- Jim Holladay
- Emmie Stewart

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

notes of Gratitude

Thank You!

Thank you for the cards, prayers, and best wishes. They helped a lot and were very much appreciated. ~ Betty Turpin

Thank you from Cub Scout Pack 4009 for the church's hospitality in chartering our pack and giving us space to hold our meetings! We look forward to working together for many years to come. ~ Kevin

to the Congregation

Ministry & Announcements

Easter Sunday Celebration



The Seekers would like to invite you to a time of fellowship on Easter Sunday, April 1st, between services in the lounge. There will be an assortment of refreshments and goodies to enjoy. Please join us as we celebrate Christ's resurrection! Halleluiah!

Northland Youth Group



Youth Group will be held from 5-7 pm on April 8th, here at First CC (for ages 2nd through 12th grade), and April 22nd, at Park Hill CC (for ages 2nd-8th grade). Dinner will be served.

Holy Hike



What is a Holy hike? It's a hike through God's creation, with stops along the way, for elements of worship! *When is the next one?* Saturday, April 14th. *What level of fitness will be required?* If you can walk, you are invited to participate! Down the line, there may be a trail that is more challenging, but Rev. Trish will let you know. *What time will we meet?* For now, we'll start each hike (promptly) at 9:00. *Where will it be?* It'll be at English Landing Park in Parkville. See you then!

NAC Recognition Dinner



Northland Assistance Center invites you to join them on April 14, 2018 for the NAC's Recognition Dinner - "A Celebration of Giving to our Northland Community" at the Embassy Suites Hotel at Tiffany Springs from 6:00 to 9:00 PM. The cost is \$500 per table or \$75 per individual. Please call Rita at 816-591-0615 with any questions.

FCC hosts KC Regional LEADERSHIP ACADEMY!



Meet in the Lounge on April 23rd 6:15pm-8:00pm (Meal Included-Thank you Local Church Life) Open to anyone who cares about spiritual health and has contact with other humans. Presentations:

- Visits with People Who Have Experienced Trauma: "What do I say...or not say?" (Brian Morse, Chaplain at Truman Lakewood and Steve and Robin Smith, elders at Raytown Christian Church – Vicki Kistler's brother and sister-in-law)
- Becoming Better Mentors (Jason Sharpsteen)
- How to Take Ministry from a 6 to a 9 (Cristie Sharpsteen)

Call Cristie Sharpsteen or the office to register.

Summer Camp



It's not too early to be thinking about Summer Camp. Register before April 1st and save \$30 off regular registration rates!

Check out the dates at www.talloaks.org/camp-information. For more information contact our Christian Ed Chair, Tammy Schelp (816-835-5241).

Hot Dog Ministry Report



The total number of persons fed since the program started in 2004 exceeded 400,000 in December. Figures for 2017: Expenses: \$19,904.92 Income: \$15,708.72 People Fed: 27,070.

Thank you to all the faithful volunteers who help to pick up supplies, prepare and serve the meal. The program could not survive without these individuals. ~ Dennis Kenslow

Jamaica Mission Trip



Thank you to all those, who make the medical and dental mission trip to Jamaica possible each year! Here's what your support helped provide:

840 patients were seen by medical doctors and 3192 prescriptions were dispensed; 603 dental patients were seen, and together, they had had 820 teeth extracted, 2 fillings, 30 cleanings and 48 fluoride treatments; 513 eye patients were given 531 glasses; and 65 diabetes patients were educated on diabetes by nurses.

In addition, 5 new sewing machines were donated and over 30 people were trained to sew, over 100 people were given menstruation hygiene kits so that young women could attend school every day throughout the school year, and endless love was shared. YOU helped make that happen!

Easter Egg Hunt and Celebration!



This year's Easter Egg Hunt was a great success!! We welcomed 19 families and 40 children into these sacred walls, where they heard the story of resurrection, met the Easter Bunny, hunted for eggs, and had LOADS of fun! To all those who coordinated, donated money, led a craft, baked a cupcake, played a game, hid an egg, and donned bunny ears...THANK YOU! Your service and your joy, helped create a memory of love!

Best Choice Collection



Woodhaven still gladly receives our "Best Choice" bar codes. Combined with other supporting groups, these make a difference for the persons they serve. There's a container for your bar codes on the DWM table by the coat rack. Thanks for your continued support. ~ Mary White

to the Disciples Women

Ministry & Announcements

Disciples Women's Ministry

*It's Good to Praise God
Oh, praise the greatness of our God!
Deuteronomy 32:3*

The spotlight is always meant to fall on Christ, not on Christians. On the Savior, not the saved. —Liz Curtis Higgs

We invite you to join us in Disciples Women's Ministry Monday, April 2nd, at 9:30 a.m. in the DCC room.

Deborah Group



We will meet this month on April 12th and 26th at 6 pm—bring your sack supper for a time of fellowship. Our study of women in the Bible will begin at 6:30 pm. Questions? Contact Vicki Kistler.

from the Moderator

Greetings One and All

We have new Bylaws and new officers of the Board! Are you as nervous excited about this as I am??

Actually, I'm looking forward to see where the Lord is leading us, to see whose hands and feet are being drawn to serve Him and His community, to see what projects He will ignite within us, as individuals and as a church!! And I hope that you will pay attention to His nudgings, and not just share an idea and call that good. I hope you will lead the charge and see that idea to fruition. I mean, He gave it to you for a reason ... right? I know, I know - Awww, the hopes of a new moderator!! That's me – hope-filled! Let's just rest our faith in Him and go where He leads us.

One item of business: Got Keys? Church keys, that is. Keys you want to relinquish, or do you need keys to access the church? Contact Carl Neilson, our new Property Coordinator and he will help you. But remember, he is new to his position too, so be patient as he figures things out.

Blessings, Siblings in Christ ~ Twyla Smith

April Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 1 Christy Kennedy
Marilyn Stewart
- 2 Graysen Sander
- 3 Ramsey Phillips
- 4 Roberta Lowman
- 5 Karen Perryn
Betty Turpin
- 7 Dave Phillips
- 8 Elaine Stone
- 9 DonAnnette Greenwood
- 10 Joann Blackburn
Lindsay Kreikemeier
James Perdue
- 13 Ellen Fisher
- 15 Jessica King
- 16 Mike & Anna Widebrook
- 18 Stephen Hicks
Sophia Hooper
- 19 Sarah Stewart
- 20 Larry Satterly
Burke Sharpsteen
- 21 Emmrie Stewart
Mattilyn Zils
- 23 Dina Barbian
Andy Neilson
Wally & Carol Ward
- 24 Robby Seely
- 25 Roger Perryn
- 27 Thomas Fuller
Steve & Patty Webb

free lunch Hot Dogs

Served in February

- 2/28 847
- 3/7 753
- 3/14 824
- 3/21 Spring Break

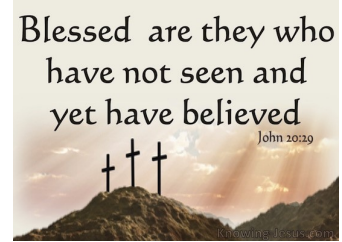


nuts and bolts of Ministry

Who's Serving Where This Month?

SERMONS MINISTRY

- April 1: John 20:1-18
- April 8: John 20:19-31
- April 15: Luke 24: 13-27
- April 22: Luke 24: 28-35
- April 29: Luke 24:36-43



TEAM AND TABLE MINISTRY

Team 1A (8:30)

- Elders
Eddie Davis
Helen Davis
Ron Kennedy
Kay Lunsford

Deacons

- Joann Blackburn
Ilene Blogin—Greet & Cleanup
Ellen Fisher
Pat Hodges
Karen Kennedy—Greet & Cleanup
Jack Lane
Nancy Lee—Communion Prep

Team 1B (11:00)

- Vicki Cole
Vicki Kistler

- Stacia Perdue
Cristie Sharpsteen

Care Calls for April —

Hospital Calls for April —

Coffee Service for April — Seekers Class

LAY LEADER & ASSISTANT TELLER MINISTRY

Lay Leaders/Tellers for April are:

	8:30	11:00	Assistant Teller
1	Debbie Painter	Vicki Kistler	Debbie Matteson
8	Twyla Smith	Cristie Sharpsteen	Lois Kuhlman
15	Christy Boswell	Mary Hicks	Jennifer Finch
22	Jennifer Finch	Jeff Tennant	Marty Burke
29	Debbie Painter	Patty Webb	Debbie Matteson

ATTENDANCE & GIVING FOR MARCH

	2/25	3/4	3/11	3/18	3/25
Attendance	2/25	3/4	3/11	3/18	3/25
Worship	92	87	84	81	92
Sunday School	42	39	41	37	39
Tithing	3411	6406	4894	8334	2920

Website: www.loveourchurch.org
E-mail: office@fckc.org
Office Hours: M-Th 9:30 am-1:30 pm

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

Sunday Worship Times

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