

The Eureka Messenger

Christian and Congregational Church
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Sunday Worship—9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study—10:30 a.m.



Week of Compassion Special Offering
Emphasis Month
April 8—29, 2018

Minutes for Mission

April 8	More than a House	Marilyn Seymour
April 15	Futures of Abundance	Teresa Detwiler
April 22	After the Hurricane	Julie Nordmeyer-Bilson
April 29	Abundant Welcome	Charlene Town

Week of Compassion provides an opportunity to act together. In Syria. In Africa. In Asia, and Latin America - wherever there are needs for care, to live out Christ's call. As we heed the call of our faith - across denominations, working together in unity, as one ecumenical body – we are invited to make more of an impact than any one of us could alone. Together we can make a difference. Not only can we address the immediate needs of those displaced by war and persecution, we can also address the long-term issues of poverty and social injustice. This is the gospel mandate, and the gospel hope.

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(Adopted by the Church Board on July 7, 2004)

The mission of our congregation is to provide opportunities to worship God, to grow in faith, to witness, and to serve others in the name of Jesus Christ, so the people of the local community and the world may experience God's love



9:00 a.m.—SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

10:15 a.m.—ADULT BIBLE STUDY

6:30 p.m.—CHURCHBOARD (1st Wed. of the month)

1:30 p.m.—CCWF (1st Thurs. of the month)

5:30 p.m.—J.A.M. Adventures Night (last Wed. of the month)

Yesterday's Gone

Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come. 2 Corinthians 5:17

Do you ever have nagging images from your past that come to mind way too often? Those 'poor choice' moments where you have done something hurtful or wrong and you're sure everyone in the whole world remembers and judges you on it? Those times when you opened your mouth with good intentions only to find yourself saying something totally out of context, incorrect, poor timing or just plain dumb? Those times you've made 'life changing' decisions that didn't end up so good?

Through all the years of worldly choices, it's easy to let your past define who you are. It affects your self-confidence. It clouds your vision of who you really are and who you can be. But most of all, it distorts your vision of who God sees you as.

It's difficult to let your past be your 'past'. But God says that old things have passed away; behold, new things have come. When you made the decision to let Jesus into your life, you repented of your sins (*gave God your past*) and became a 'new creation'. In other words, we no longer belong to the world, but we belong to God. Acts 3:19 says that your sins are wiped out and 1 John 1:9 says that you are purified from all unrighteousness.

Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out. Acts 3:19

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9

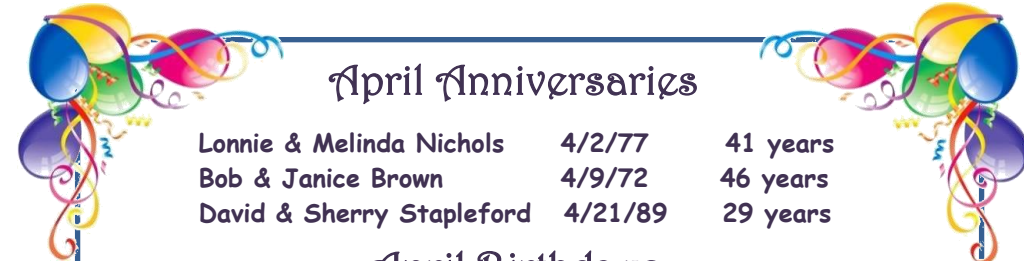
When you hang on to your past, replaying it in your mind, failing to acknowledge that God has wiped it clean, you feel like you are dragging a 'ball & chain'. You're burdened as if you have the weight of the world on you. I don't know about you, but I have enough stress and I'm dragging enough weight around without the 'ball and chain' of my past.

Not having a clear vision of who you really are also hinders relationships. When you visualize yourself as others still see you, you can tend to see yourself as less than who you truly are. When you visualize others as thinking less of you than they really do, you respond as if you don't deserve their friendship and you distance yourself from them. If your friends are Christians, they also should learn to see you as God sees you.

So, repent (often) of your sins. Give ALL your past to God (He will wipe it out). Begin to see yourself as a 'new creation in Christ'. You are a Child of the One True King!

Your 'past' doesn't define who you are, God's presence does.

Yesterday's gone and today is a new day in Christ!



April Anniversaries

Lonnie & Melinda Nichols	4/2/77	41 years
Bob & Janice Brown	4/9/72	46 years
David & Sherry Stapleford	4/21/89	29 years

April Birthdays

Tim Soule	4	Bobby Thompson	16
Theresa Poling	7	Delorice Honeyman	17
Jacob McKenzie	10	Cristal Ibarra	23
Lucille Eileen Shoup	11	Teresa Detwiler	27
Kent Nichols	13	Ruby Foster	27
Linda Sanders	15	Tim Shoup	30

People celebrating birthdays or wedding anniversaries will be honored during the 9:00 a.m. worship service on the first Sunday of each month. Make sure the Church Office has a record of your special day on file. Church Phone Number: 620-583-6276.



Monthly Attendance and Offering Totals:

ATTENDANCE:		OFFERING GENERAL FUND:		
Worship/Sunday School				
Feb 25—28/ SS=3		Feb 25—\$	539.00	37% of budget needs
Mar 4—24/ No SS		Mar 4—\$	1,033.90	71% of budget needs
Mar 11—33/ No SS		Mar 11—\$	867.30	60% of budget needs
Mar 18—24/ No SS		Mar 18—\$	342.02	23% of budget needs



Community LinC Dinners

April 12th & 26th 6:00 p.m. @ United Methodist Church
 April 18th 6:00 p.m. @ Hamilton Community Center
 All are welcome to attend, with transportation also being available to the meals.
 Meals are served every second and fourth Thursday of the month in Eureka
 And every third Wednesday in Hamilton & every fourth Tuesday in Madison.

Lord Hear Our Prayers

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Jim & Alma Allmond
Vernon Ball
Ray Blevins
Jessie Bonar
Leonard & Jean Booth
Rosalie Brenton
Gene & Nadine Burtin
Shirley Campbell
Bessie Daniel
Roger Denner
Randy, Robin & Brandon Endress
Ruby Foster
Delorice Honeyman
Harold Hosler

Marie Lewis
Lois Lyons
Chance & Colton McCoy (serving in the military)
Ruth McIntosh
Margaret McMullen
Stan Mitchell
Marty Powell
Kay Rice
Jim Seymour
Carole Shirley
Chuck Shoup
Doug Spain family
Shirley Sprague
Charlene Town
CCC SEARCH COMMITTEE

FRIENDS & FAMILY

Brett, Carmen & Gavin Allmond, Leonicia Allmond; & Connie Fagala (Family of Jim & Alma Allmond)
Lucille Atherly (Virginia Powell's mother & Larissa Wells grandmother)
Harold Dale Beedles (Nephew of Jim & Marilyn Seymour)
Sharon Beeman
Sue Bitler (Harold Hosler's sister)
Calvin Bogle
Sheri Bowens (Friend & co-worker of Evy Shoup)
Avery Bradley (Nadine Burtin's brother)
Marty Brenton (Rosalie Brenton's son)
Kason Butler (Son of Josh Butler & grandson of Danny Butler)
Linda Cassin (Daughter of R.G. & Marie Lewis)
Brenda Cullins (Marty Powell's sister)
Ettore del Pozzo
Fred Denner (Charlene Town's nephew)
Dick Detwiler
Malachi Duarte
Wilma Edwards (Harold Hosler's sister)
Karen Ferguson (Daughter of Ken Harlan)
Henry & Martha Francis
Mike French (Lonnie Hanson's cousin)
Joe Greenlief (Kathy Poling's son)
Dr. Bruce Grene (Friend of Pat Obourn)
Tiffany & Angie Gulick
Jim Honeyman (Delorice Honeyman's son)

Howard Joy (Friend of Jim & Marilyn Seymour)
Sharon Kreger (Joanie Cain's aunt)
Karen (Downard) Kiene (Sister of Darby Downard & niece of Leonard & Jean Booth)
Sister Mark (John Friday's sister)
Zack, Chelsi & Mason Marshall (Friends of Josh & Larissa Wells)
Gracelynn Mead (Great-granddaughter of Leonard & Jean Booth)
Wanda Moore (Pastor Larry Moore's mother)
Bret Nash
Wayne Page (Edna Biby's brother-in-law)
Eric Pedersen (brother-in-law of Rob & Jamie Hulse)
Phil Piatt (Cousin of Jim & Marilyn Seymour)
Joyce Saunders
Mike Tannahill family (Son of Gladys Tannahill)

CCWF NEWS

The Christian & Congregational Women's Fellowship (CCWF) met on Thursday, March 1, with seven members present. President Rosalie Brenton called the meeting to order and asked the ladies to join in praying the United Church of Christ Opening Prayer, Prayer No. 1 in our CCWF Yearbook. Brenton read a devotional from

Our Daily Bread entitled "Release of Fear."

Minutes of the previous meeting were read by Carolyn Harber, secretary, and stood approved as read. Treasurer Marilyn Seymour gave the treasurer's report, which was approved as presented. In the absence of Linda Mitchell, Card Chair, Harber requested on Mitchell's behalf that she is in need of get well cards if any of our ladies would like to donate some for her. Brenton, Funeral Dinner Chair, reported the CCWF ladies furnished cookies and drinks to the Anna Mae Aicher family following her service. A thank you note was read from the Aicher family as well as a thank you letter from Heifer International for our recent contribution to it. Brenton announced the Nominating Committee for CCWF officers will be Harber, chair, Jean Booth and Evy Shoup.

Brenton announced the Friendship Meals/Meals on Wheels Program is currently conducting a fundraiser. The ladies voted to donate the sum of \$200.00 to this fundraiser.

Tentative dates for the church rummage sale and CCWF food sale were agreed upon and Brenton will request church board approval for the rummage sale dates. Those dates will be announced at a later date after being approved by the church board.

Prayer concerns were reviewed and an update made to the CCWF Yearbook. Seymour presented the program by reading a humorous story and then a devotional entitled "Resting in His Love" with reference to Romans 8:38-39.

The next meeting will be Thursday, April 5, at 1:30 p.m. with Evy Shoup presenting the program and Billie Hanson serving as hostess.

The meeting closed with the ladies singing "God Will Take Care of You" led by Shoup and accompanied by Seymour at the piano with the ladies then joining hands and praying The Lord's Prayer.

—Carolyn Harber, Secretary

J.A.M. ADVENTURES

Presents: Queen Esther

5:30 p.m.

**Wednesday,
April 25, 2018**

Christian and Congregational Church



**A monthly activity for youth in our community
preschool thru age 12.**

**Light meal, Lesson, Craft, Game, Music
Bring a friend!**

Military & civilian personnel serving here & overseas— veterans, Patriot Guard, our country & its leaders, world leaders; victims and survivors of terrorism, war and natural disasters, people fighting for freedom in their countries.

MEMBERS' NEWS

THANK YOU:

Thank you for your gift of \$62.50 to **Every Child's Hope**. This generous gift allows us to help the children, youth and families we serve have hope for a better future.
—Sincerely, Michael P. Brennan, CEO

Thank you for your thoughts, prayers, cards, and calls while I was laid up following my foot surgery. I really appreciate you all!
—**Charlene Town**

Thank you to everyone who contributed to **Global Ministries** during the month of March. Christian Missions & Social Action Committee has designated Week of Compassion/One Great Hour of Sharing as our mission for the months of April and May.

SYMPATHY:

Prayers and sympathy are extended to the **Doug Spain** family. Doug, son of the late Albert and Sue Spain and longtime member of our church, passed away Monday, March 19, 2018. A funeral service was held Saturday, March 24, 2018 at Charter Funerals in Emporia. A private burial will take place at a later time. Memorial contributions may be made to the family to assist with medical expenses.

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

The Church Board met on Wednesday, March 7, 2018, with 13 members present. Moderator Carolyn Harber called the meeting to order and opened with a devotional from The Upper Room, titled "A Better Way", followed by prayer. Board members recited the Church's Mission Statement.

Minutes of the February 2018 Church Board meeting stood approved as presented. Financial report for February 2018, was reviewed and approved. Reports were given on behalf of the standing committees, trustees, and CCWF.

There was no unfinished business.

In new business, rummage sale co-chair, Rosalie Brenton, requested approval of dates for the church rummage sales of July 6 and 7 and October 5 and 6. Request was approved by the board.

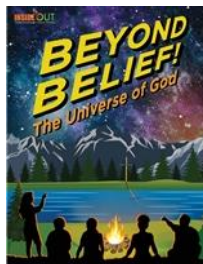
The Board voted to pay ½ of camp registration fees for any of our youth wanting to attend church camp this year.

There will be a brunch Sunday, March 25, following worship service, hosted by the Membership and Evangelism Committee.

The next Board meeting will be Wednesday, April 4, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. in the church library.

The meeting closed with the board members praying together "The Lord's Prayer."

—**Sherry Stapleford, Recorder/Secretary**



2018 CHURCH CAMP

It's not too soon to be planning for church camp. Early registration is due April 30th to save \$40.

The theme this year is **Beyond Belief! The Universe of God**. *What if God was bigger than you ever imagined? What if hope was real? What if you could change the world?*

There are also a few specialty camps available.

Stop by or call the church office for more information.

Church will pay ½ of camp registration fees for any of our youth wanting to attend.

CHURCH CAMP SUPPLIES NEEDED

Christian Church in Kansas – Camp Ministries is asking for contributions which saves the camp funds for other needs.

Greatest need:

Paper towels, Napkins
13 & 33 gal trash bags
Toilet Cleaner
Flour sack dish towels
Dish cloths

Other needs:

Soft Scrub Comet
Trash Bags 55 gal
Zip-lock bags – quart & gallon
Crock Pot liners

Bring your items to the church and place in the plastic tub.



A washed-up former child star, forced to do community service at a local megachurch, pretends to be a Christian to land the part of Jesus in their annual Passion Play, only to discover that the most important role of his life is far from Hollywood. Call the church office for more information.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Though we are born of the Spirit, it is within the cradle of the church where we are birthed into spiritual life. If the church is not our birthplace, it is surely our nursery. It is in her bosom that the means of grace are concentrated. The church nurtures us into mature faith.

Take a moment to reflect on how God has used the church to birth you, nurture you, and mature your faith. Thank God for this divine process that is at work in you. *(revised from Ligonier Ministries, devotion "Understanding Relationships")*

APRIL 2018 LECTIONARY READINGS

Apr 1 Acts 10:34-43 or
Isaiah 25:6-9
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
or Acts 10:34-43
John 20:1-18 or Mark 16:1-8
Liturgical Color: **White**
EASTER SUNDAY

Apr 15 Acts 3:12-19
Psalm 4
1 John 3:1-7
Luke 24:36b-48
Liturgical Color: **White**
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
FELLOWSHIP COFFEE

Apr 29 Acts 8:26-40
Psalm 22:25-31
1 John 4:7-21
John 15:1-8
Liturgical Color: **White**
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Apr 8 Acts 4:32-35
Psalm 133
1 John 1:1—2:2
John 20:19-31
Liturgical Color: **White**
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Apr 22 Acts 4:5-12
Psalm 23
1 John 3:16-24
John 10:11-18
Liturgical Color: **White**
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 6 Acts 10:44-48
Psalm 98
1 John 5:1-6
John 15:9-17
Liturgical Color: **White**
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



APRIL 2018 SERVING SCHEDULE

Sun, Apr 1 – EASTER SUNDAY

Liturgist: Christina del Pozzo	Acolyte(s): Sue Denner
Serving at the Table:	Evy Shoup, Chuck Shoup
Serving the Congregation:	Randy Endress, Billie Hanson, Joanie Cain
Greeters & Usher:	Leonard Booth, Jean Booth
Sound System Operator: Bruce Detwiler	Lay Leader: Chuck Shoup

April Chancel Flowers: *In Memory of Our Loved Ones*
By Stan & Linda Mitchell

April Communion Preparer(s): Roger & Sue Denner

Sun., Apr 8 – SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Liturgist: Carolyn Harber	Acolyte(s): Sara Endress
Serving at the Table:	Sue Denner, Roger Denner
Serving the Congregation:	Chuck Shoup, Evy Shoup, Carolyn Harber
Greeters & Usher:	Margaret McMullen, Sherry Stapleford
Sound System Operator: Roger Denner	Lay Leader: Bruce Detwiler

Sun., Apr 15 – THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Liturgist: Evy Shoup	Acolyte(s): Teresa Detwiler
Serving at the Table:	Bruce Detwiler, Carolyn Harber
Serving the Congregation:	Roger Denner, Sue Denner, Teresa Detwiler
Greeters & Usher:	Bruce Detwiler, Teresa Detwiler
Sound System Operator: Bruce Detwiler	Lay Leader: Chuck Shoup

Fellowship Coffee hosted by Worship & Devotional Committee

Sun., Apr 22 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Liturgist: Bruce Detwiler	Acolyte(s): Evy Shoup
Serving at the Table:	Evy Shoup, Chuck Shoup
Serving the Congregation:	Randy Endress, Billie Hanson, Carolyn Harber
Greeters & Usher:	Rosalie Brenton, Billie Hanson
Sound System Operator: Roger Denner	Lay Leader: Bruce Detwiler

Sun, Apr 29 – FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Liturgist: Randy Endress	Acolyte(s): Sherry Stapleford
Serving at the Table:	Carolyn Harber, Bruce Detwiler
Serving the Congregation:	Roger Denner, Sue Denner, Teresa Detwiler
Greeters & Usher:	Terry Hughes, Joanie Cain
Sound System Operator: Bruce Detwiler	Lay Leader: Randy Endress

Sun, May 6 – SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Liturgist: Chuck Shoup	Acolyte(s): Kennedy Johnson, Cody Johnson
Serving at the Table:	Sue Denner, Roger Denner
Serving the Congregation:	Carolyn Harber, Evy Shoup, Joanie Cain
Greeters & Usher:	Julie Bilson, Michelle Johnson
Sound System Operator: Bruce Detwiler	Lay Leader: Chuck Shoup

*** If you are not able to serve on a scheduled Sunday, please notify **Joanie Cain** at **583-6276, 620-750-0394**, or email ccchurch6276@att.net immediately so that a replacement may be found for you. Thank you! ***

OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed on Tuesdays, April 3, 10, 17, 24, & May 1 for Joanie to attend 'The Art of Communication' Church Communications Workshops in Wichita led by Jessica Marston, the Kansas region's Communications Specialist. Our website and Weekly Eureka Messenger are a result of a previous workshop led by Jessica.



APRIL 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:00 AM Worship No Adult Bible Study EASTER SUNDAY	2	3 9:00AM-12:00PM Communication Workshop, Wichita (Office closed)	4 6:00 PM Free Movie @ EJSHS  BOARD MEETING 6:30 PM Board Meeting	5 1:30 PM CCWF	6	7
8 Week of Compassion Emphasis Month 9:00 AM Worship 10:30 AM Adult Bible Study	9	10 9:00AM-12:00PM Communication Workshop, Wichita (Office closed)	11	12 6:00 PM Community LinC Dinner @ UMC	13	14
15 Week of Compassion Emphasis Month 9:00 AM Worship No Adult Bible Study Fellowship Coffee	16	17 9:00AM-12:00PM Communication Workshop, Wichita (Office closed)	18 1:00 PM Ministerial Alliance Meeting @ UMC	19	20	21
22 Week of Compassion Emphasis Month 9:00 AM Worship 10:15 AM Adult Bible Study	23 	24 9:00AM-12:00PM Communication Workshop, Wichita (Office closed)	25  5:30 PM J.A.M. Adventures Night	26 6:00 PM Community LinC Dinner @ UMC	27	28
29 Week of Compassion Emphasis Month 9:00 AM Worship 10:30 AM Adult Bible Study Newsletters Available	30 Church Camp Early Registration Deadline					