

# THE CHRISTIAN ECHO

July

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)  
Goodland, Kansas

2022

## *R we or R we not? To B or not to B?*

(one letter at a time!)

When the letter “R” is seen, there are some things that automatically come to mind: R&R as in RailRoad or in the military it could be Rest and Relaxation (or recuperation?) – then there are the “3 R’s” as in Reading, ‘Riting, & ‘Rithmetic. But what about the “are’s” in life: Who ‘are’ you? What ‘are’ you doing? Why ‘are’ you doing that? Where ‘are’ you going? etc. Sometimes it is hard to even know the answers to the simplest of the “are’s”. What about these same “are’s” as it relates to the church?



Pastor and I were talking in the office recently about tradition. Who ‘are’ we? What ‘are’ we doing? Why ‘are’ we doing that? Where ‘are’ we going? How does one know what to keep and what to change—and about the timing of it all. When some ‘are’ inspired by change and yet others ‘are’ still finding deep meaning, how do we find the balance? Whose voice and desires ‘are’ we going to listen to? In some instances, a common ground can be found, but sometimes it just simply cannot be both ways. In the decisions, ‘are’ we letting the one who “lost” know they ‘are’ heard and understood? Feeling heard goes a l-o-n-g ways in their healing, allowing them to move on. Listening to what God is whispering as a direction, to “press on toward the greater good” (thanks, Pastor Carol)...this should be the biggest influence – ‘are’ we listening & responding in these ways?



In all of this changing or not changing, we have to ask ourselves, “Why is this so important to us anyway?” Life has many instances where letting go is best. In nature we see that the mother bird has to let go of her young and let them fly out of the nest. Many times in our lives we have to show our love by letting go and letting something or someone take a whole new direction for growth. ‘Are’ we only looking at the letting go aspect—what was let go of & the cost—but not the good things that may fill our empty hands in its place. Letting go can mean growth and new opportunity for both the releaser and the released.



Please pray for those persons who ‘are’ in positions of leadership to consider, first and foremost, how God is leading. Many times this is echoed in the voice of the people, but not always. God’s ways are not our ways and His thoughts are not our thoughts. We don’t always have to make sense of things to trust that God is in it.

Please God, move us out of Your way. We know that You can work through us and also inspite of us, but it is our desire to be in Your will, no matter the cost. Help us to listen to You and trust Your way as the greater good....

As we journey together,  
Debbie Griffith

*On Christ the solid rock I stand, ALL other ground is sinking sand!*



# FOR YOUR INFORMATION!

## Extended Prayerful Considerations:

Please include in your ongoing prayers the following:

Roger Collins	Galen Cooper
Vetha Cormier	John Hamilton
Doug Hilty	Lonnie Kerr
Charley & Janet (Chatfield) Johnson	
Sharon Mann	Marie Marsh
Braxton Meier	Gary Meyer
Jeannie Pyles	Kollins Smades
Bernie Taylor	Ione Todd
Shelley Wamsley	

### Please pray for our Active Military:

Tyson Reed, Chris Elliott, Nathan Craig, D J Glassman

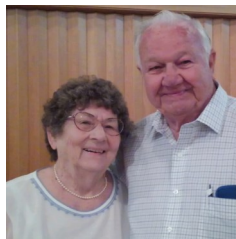


7/1	Diann Ross
7/5	Kendall Cooper
7/6	Carol Jolly Julie Vignery
7/7	Lynn Ihrig Chloe Wills
7/8	Abby Keith
7/9	James Vignery
7/10	Abigail Neal Whitman Emily Biernacki
7/11	Marie Marsh
7/15	Britney-Ann Smith Duncan Heidi Lawson
7/16	Andrew Luna
7/20	Mary Smith Grace Warren
7/21	Zander Coad Joe Eli
7/24	Connie Hays Dick Hayden
7/25	Cara Daise Derrick Amend
7/26	Kenny Griffith
7/31	Jeannie Pyles Ryan Hill Brysen Graves Paislee Warren

## GENERAL FUND GIVING

Date	Amt Needed	Offering	Over/Short	In-Person
5/29	\$2,249.70	\$4065.00	+\$1815.30	43
6/5	\$2,249.70	\$1036.00	-\$1213.70	45
6/12	\$2,249.70	\$3175.00	+\$925.30	61
6/19	\$2,249.70	\$1530.00	-\$719.70	51
6/26	\$2,249.70	\$1002.00	-\$1247.70	47

Bob & Mary Smith would like to invite the congregation to stay after worship on July 24th for a fellowship meal that they will provide. This is in honor of their anniversary that is on July 20th.



Their idea of celebrating is not to do something only for themselves, but to include others by way of providing this meal. They shared with their Wheat Ridge family as well as their church family.



What a self-less way of sharing and thanking God for their time together as well as dedicating their efforts to His service. We should consider this an example as we celebrate our milestones of any kind in this life!



## NEEDS FOR THE CHURCH:



39 gal trash bags  
Febreeze room spray

A big THANK YOU to those who are so generously giving in this way!!

7/4	Abel & Ruth Ontiveroz
7/18	Kenny & Debbie Griffith
7/20	Dave & Betty Hageman Bob & Mary Smith
7/31	Ace & Elizabeth Jones



## Snippets from the last Board Meeting

- ◆ Property Committee: Facebook streaming of the service is functioning once again. An aged tree is scheduled to be removed from the west side of the property in the fall. The wall heating/cooling units have been removed from the offices & repair work completed.
- ◆ Outreach & Mission Committee: Pastor Don and Dick Hayden have built a stand for a cooler to hold bottled water. This will be placed on the playground on hot days so people can stay hydrated.
- ◆ Worship & Music Committee: Some changes have been made to the order of worship. There are some interesting themes for summer worship being explored. Also, the Chalice Chimers are practicing and will be offering a piece in church on July 10th.
- ◆ The Use of Building Policy is being reviewed, updated, and revised.
- ◆ With vacancies left for the Education Director, Board Vice Chair, Outreach & Mission chair, board members, etc., restructuring is being considered. Debbie Martin did step up for the Board Vice Chair position and was approved—many thanks!!
- ◆ Rev. Terri Hord-Owens, president of the Disciples of Christ, has been invited to come to Goodland. A date is being coordinated.

## USDA Commodities Distribution

The commodities distributions will be on a monthly basis for the time being. The next distribution will be:

**August \_\_ 2022 @ 1:30pm**



If you have time and would like to help, please let **Pastor Don** know. Our Lord asked us to feed the hungry, and so we shall!!



## CWF EVENTS

The CWF ladies are breaking for the summer and will come back together in August.

However, they came together to have a garage sale on June 18th. Several helped, including those who donated items, but a special thanks to Jo Simmons, Janet Davis, and Connie Grieve for their hard work. The proceeds were close to \$200.

## **Luckert family—we wish you well!**

Mark, Emily, George, Annie, & Hazel Luckert have moved to a farm near Wheatland, Wy. Mark is farming Emily's grandfather's farm & Emily will be a middle school special ed teacher in Wheatland.

The kids are adjusting well according to Emily – George is at science camp this week, but Annie continues to ask daily if she can go to church. (Emily is thankful for the positive influence that this church has had in this regard)

We ask God to bless them in this new place!

## A “face lift” in an area that gives a “faith lift”

We all need a little “freshening up” from time to time and the labyrinth is no exception. Thanks to the Hayden's, Dick and Brian, as well as their supervisor, Pastor Don Warren, a fresh coat of paint has been applied. What a joy the labyrinth has been to many as they seek and listen to the Spirit in this space!!



## **V. June Baldwin Stauffer**

As many of you know, June passed away on June 20, 2022—that being her 96th birthday.

Her celebration of life was held in Wichita shortly after her passing. However, on Sat., July 9th, from 2:00-3:00pm MT, there will be a time of fellowship with the Baldwin family here at FCC in Goodland.

Let's join in a time of extending love to the family and sharing memories with each other, honoring this beautiful, much loved lady!





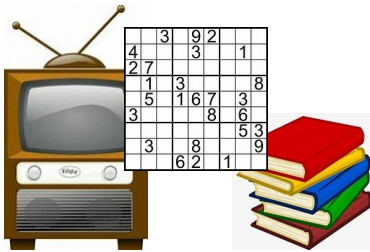


## WHO AM I?

Last month's "Who am I?" was **Roberta Webb**



1. Do you have a special memory of a July 4th celebration or how did you celebrate as a child?  
I liked to light the black snakes that curled around as they burned. The most exciting thing I did was to light "Lady Fingers" while pinching the other end.
2. If you could be granted any talent that you don't currently have, what would it be? I am happy as I am.
3. If you were offered a fully paid vacation anywhere in the world, where would you like to go? Ireland
4. What is your favorite time of day? Morning, when the air is fresh and the view is sharp and clear.
5. If you came with a 100% guarantee, what would that guarantee be? Guaranteed not to rust.
6. What is your favorite food? Pot roast dinner—meat, taters, carrots
7. Tell us about something you did, or a recognition you have received, that many of us may not know about you? Editor's comment: the person didn't answer this question, but I can tell you that they got promoted from a teapot to a sugar bowl (haha)
8. What do you like to do in your spare time? Read, watch TV, do Sudoku puzzles.
9. What drew you to FCC DOC Goodland? The message and the welcoming people.



Who Am I ?



### Vacation Bible School

As in recent years, we are teaming up with the Methodist Church to carry out VBS on July 18-21.

As you can see, the theme is "Passport to Peace", in which children discover that there are many ways to life as peacemakers in our world. Kids are invited to see every person as part of God's family, and every interaction as an opportunity to make peace.

They will travel from situation to situation with these things in mind. Pray for the children and their leaders as we encourage them to make good choices in life!

**Note sent to the Nifty Needlers:** Thank you once again for the lovely quilt to honor a Sherman County veteran! Each quilt with the red, white, & blue patterns is so unique & beautiful. What stands out to me are the fabulous sewers/quilters, like you, Joy, and the Nifty Needlers. You are the ones helping to keep the program going, putting smiles on the faces of many of our veterans, and maybe a tear in their eye. You, and them, are so loved!

VFW  
Auxiliary  
Laprobe  
Project,  
Goodland, Ks



## Reflections from our Church Sign

(wisdom that blesses our community weekly)

**\*\*B I B L E:** Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth

**\*\*Come worship in the Sonshine!**  
**\*\* (Advertising CWF Garage Sale)**  
**\*\* (sign down for repair work)**



### **!!MANY THANKS!!**

From Marie Marsh for the meals during her time of convalescence—Debbie Martin & Griffith, Joy Hayden, & Emma VanVleet provided food. They were delicious and she felt the love in each bite. (Jo Simmons offered as well)

To Kenny Griffith for cutting up and removing the rather large downed tree branch from the storm!

To Andrew Luna for all your help with the office computer issues!!

To Kenny Grieve & Griffith for working to fix the sign.

### Some food for thought:

1) He who cannot forgive breaks the bridge over which he himself must pass," George Herbert wrote. How does withholding forgiveness hurt you?

2) If you can't pray about it, then don't do it!!

### Welcome to:

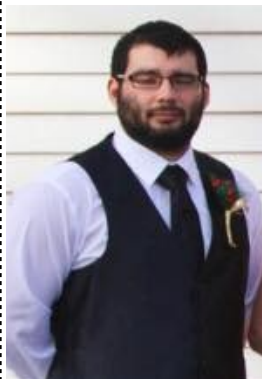
**John & Glenda  
Hamilton**

On May 29th we added to our church family again! It is such a joy to have these folks among us as we grow together in the Lord!



### And also to:

**Andrew Luna**



Andrew has been with us for almost a year now, but officially joined on June 7th. We have enjoyed working in the church together and he fits right in when the teasing starts! The kids love him and he is a big help in the technology area as well. The Bible Studies are also enhanced by his presence.

***There is always room for more at the table...***

## Nifty Needlers

Meeting every Tuesday @ 2 p.m. in the Church's Sewing Room (north west corner of the building).



### **-Show and Tell Items-**

-from Joni Denton x2 below & 'anonymous' x1 on the left.



### **-Visitors are always welcome!-**

Everyone was interested in our youngest quilter, Ellen Judith, who is Virginia Terry's granddaughter. She is a little doll and we hope she visits often! Oh, and Pastor Don, it is great when you visit, too! Stitching is only a part of us...



### ***More additions...***

To accommodate the additional use of electronics at the pulpit, it sprouted wings. The hinged platforms are so handy in this regard, not to mention the placement of the need for larger Kleenex these days. (We are so blessed by those tearful heartfelt sermons, Pastor Don!) Thank you, Kenny Grieve, for making the wings & Kenny Griffith for helping with the installation. Not sure who is taking credit for the new "Kleenex"!?!?





# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

## Bible Study

Looking for a study of God's word? Look no further. Pastor Don will be teaching two classes on Tuesdays—one at 10:00 a.m. and one at 7:00 p.m. We will be starting with the book of Ruth.



It doesn't matter if this is your first Bible study or you are a bit seasoned, you will be met where you are and encouraged to grow!

Starting July 12th we will be studying:

The book of

**Esther**



Each Wednesday evening,  
Disciple Zone 2.0 with a meal  
at 5:45 pm & classes for all ages.

**Look for the re-start in the fall—have a great summer!!**

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT ADULT BOOK STUDY

Wed. nights at 6:15 p.m.

**Look for the re-start in the fall—have a great summer!!**

### *Old man's wisdom*

The strong young man at the construction site was bragging that he could outdo anyone in a feat of strength. He made a special case of making fun of one of the older workmen. After several minutes, the older worker had had enough. "Why don't you put your money where your mouth is," he said. "I will bet a week's wages that I can haul something in a wheelbarrow over to that outbuilding that you won't be able to wheel back."

"You're on, old man," the braggart replied. "Let's see what you got."

The old man reached out and grabbed the wheelbarrow by the handles. Then, nodding to the young man, he said, "All right. Get in."



## FRIENDSHIP CLASS Every Sunday at 9 a.m.

### "Transform"

**July—The Work of the Church**  
(The Spiritual Practice of Service)

July 3 ~ A New Community of Believers

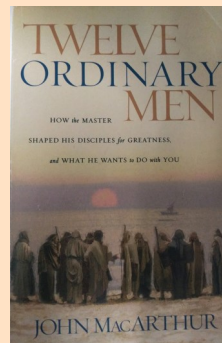
July 10 ~ Faith Transcends Culture

July 17 ~ The Quest for Inclusive Fellowship

July 24 ~ The Jerusalem Council's Mandate

July 31 ~ Mission Without Walls

## NOON-THIRTY BOOK STUDY



Come and be a part of this book study, prayer & fellowship. The book is "Twelve Ordinary Men" by John MacArthur. The subtitle describes it well: How the Master shaped His disciples for greatness, and what He wants to do with you.

*Every Thursday @ 12:30 p.m.*  
*Church Parlor*



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>3.</b> 9:00am Friendship Class 10:00am Fellowship time 10:30am Worship In-person & Online	<b>4. Office Closed</b> 9:00am Exercise  <b>HAPPY 4TH</b> 	<b>5.</b>	<b>6.</b>	<b>7.</b>	<b>1.</b> 9:00am Exercise  <b>8.</b> 9:00am Exercise	<b>2.</b>   <b>9.</b> 2-3:00pm Public reception— Baldwin Family
<b>10.</b> 7:30am Board Meeting 9:00am Friendship Class 10:00am Fellowship time 10:30am Worship In-person & Online	<b>11.</b> 9:00am Exercise	<b>12.</b>  10:00am Bible Study  2:00pm Nifty Needlers  7:00pm Bible Study	<b>13.</b> 9:00am Exercise  12:00pm Worship & Music Comm. Mtg	<b>14.</b>  12:30pm Noon-Thirty Book Study	<b>15.</b> 9:00am Exercise	<b>16.</b>
<b>17.</b> 9:00am Friendship Class 10:00am Fellowship time 10:30am Worship In-person & Online	<b>18.</b> 9:00am Exercise  <b>Vacation Bible School Starts</b> 5:30-7:30pm	<b>19.</b> <del>10:00am Bible Study</del>  2:00pm Nifty Needlers  <b>VBS 5:30-7:30pm</b> <del>7:00pm Bible Study</del>	<b>20.</b> 9:00am Exercise  <b>Vacation Bible School</b> 5:30-7:30pm	<b>21.</b>  12:30pm Noon-Thirty Book Study  <b>Vacation Bible School Ends</b> 5:30-7:30pm	<b>22.</b> 9:00am Exercise	<b>23.</b>
<b>24.</b> 9:00am Friendship Class 10:00am Fellowship time 10:30am Worship In-person & Online <b>Noon—Fellowship Dinner ; food provided (See page 2 for details)</b> 4:00pm Elder's Mtg	<b>25.</b> 9:00am Exercise	<b>26.</b>  10:00am Bible Study  2:00pm Nifty Needlers  7:00pm Bible Study	<b>27.</b> 9:00am Exercise	<b>28.</b>  12:30pm Noon-Thirty Book Study	<b>29.</b> 9:00am Exercise	<b>30.</b>
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Friendship Class 9:00 a.m.  
Fellowship Time 10:00 a.m. (Refreshments served)  
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.  
Disciple Zone 2.0 on Wednesday nights at 5:45 p.m.  
(classes for children and adults!)

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First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

### Vision Statement

To be a faithful, growing church,  
that demonstrates true community,  
deep Christian Spirituality,  
and a passion for justice.

(Micah 6:8)

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

### Mission Statement

To be and to share the Good News  
of Jesus Christ, witnessing, loving,  
and serving from our doorsteps  
"to the ends of the earth."

(Acts 1:8)

## July 2022

	3	10	17	24	31
<b>Elders</b>	Kenny Griffith, Off Tim Armknecht, Com	Ron Vignery, Off Tracy Hillmer, Com	Debbie Martin, Off Dick Hayden, Com	Kim Cole, Off Tim Armknecht, Com	Debbie Martin, Off Ron Vignery, Com
<b>Worship Leader</b>	Connie Grieve	Mary Smith	Joy Hayden	Birkley Barnes	Jo Simmons
<b>Greeter(s): CWF</b>	Jo Simmons	Connie Grieve	Bob & Mary Smith	Emma VanVleet	Joan Reid
<b>A/V Tech-Closer</b>	Kenny Griffith	Terry Smith	Kenny Griffith	Terry Smith	Andrew Luna

### **In Keeping with Scripture OR Scripturally Speaking**

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is thy faithfulness. "The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him." The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.

Lam 3: 22-26