



C/HP Messenger

December 2017

Currents in the Stream

Upcoming Events

Friday, December 1
CHP Clergy & Family
Christmas Gahering
FCC, Great Bend

Mon.-Fri., December 18-22
CHP Office Closed

Mon.-Mon., Dec. 25- Jan. 1
Christmas Holiday
Regional Offices Closed

Once again it's that time of year
When we send forth this missive
With a note of good cheer.
Now before you start to groan and jeer,
Please know we hold each and everyone of you
In hearts as dear.

So as we begin together the journey of advent
And remember the birth of the child
Whom the Lord of life sent,
May we all take time to pitch a tent
With the wise men of old
Who left home and all they held dear to see what this birth meant.

In our world, that increasingly seems trapped in darkness never ending
Where anger, distrust and fear
Stand in the way of relational mending,
May we hear again the Angel's song wending
Through the heartache of our lives
Bringing faith, hope, and love a trending.

And now Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
From Kathy and I
To one and all both far and near
May your celebrations be filled with joy and not a single tear
May you all be safe
And may we all be blessed this coming year.

Kathy Foster and Ken Marston



IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- Dec. 2 Committee on Standing,
FCC, Great Bend
- Dec. 24 Christmas Eve
- Dec. 25-29 Christmas Holiday-Regional Offices
Closed
- Jan. 1 New Year Holiday-Regional Offices
Closed

Relax, Refresh, Renew

CLERGY RETREAT April 24-26, 2018

Disciples Center at Tawakoni
Augusta, Kansas



Dr. Lisa Davison
Professor of Hebrew
Language & Scripture
Phillips Theological Seminary

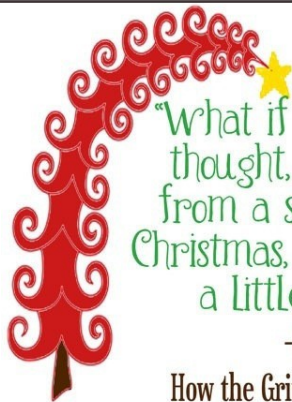


REGIONAL SPIRITUAL RETREAT
March 15 (2:00 p.m.) - 17 (12:00 p.m.), 2018

Heartland Center for Spirituality, Great Bend, KS

More information coming soon!

TCU/Brite Minister's Week
February 5-7, 2018
Fort Worth, TX



"What if Christmas, he
thought, doesn't come
from a store. What if
Christmas, perhaps, means
a little bit more."

-Dr. Seuss,

How the Grinch Stole Christmas

Ken's December Calendar

- 1 Day Off
CHP Clergy & Family Christmas, Great Bend
- 2 Committee on Standing, Great Bend
- 3 Preach—Colby
- 4-6 Office
- 7 Day Off
- 8 Staff Meeting/Christmas Party, Topeka
- 9 Vision Team, Disciples Center at Tawakoni
- 10 Church Visit—Gorham
- 11-14 Office
- 15 Day Off
- 16 Vacation
- 17 Church Visit—Garden City, Iglesia
- 18-24 Vacation
- 25-30 Christmas Holiday, Reg'l Offices Closed

Calendar subject to change.

**The Central High Plains District
Office will be closed December 15
through January 1. Any giving
to the Districts for 2017 needs to
be in the office by December 14.
After that, it will be credited to
January 2018.**

PTS Remind & Renew
Resilient Leaders, Resilient Congregations
January 24-25, 2018
Phillips Theological Seminary, Tulsa, OK

CHURCHES PRAYING FOR CHURCHES

- Dec. 3 - Shelton Memorial CC, Ulysses
Kelly Gindlesberger, Minister
Kelly Rae Howard, Youth
- Dec. 10 - Lewis Christian Church, Lewis
Rhonda Glenn, Minister
- Dec. 17 - First Christian Church, Lyons
Ron DeVore, Minister
- Dec. 24 - First Christian Church, Stafford
Cindy Dubovich, Pulpit Supply
- Dec. 31 - First Christian Church, Utica
Aerii Smith, Minister