



C/HP Messenger

January 2018

Upcoming Events

Monday, January 1
New Years Day
Regional Offices Closed

Tuesday, January 9
CN Clergy Cluster
Meridy's, Russell

Saturday, January 13
Central District Cabinet
Video Conference

Monday, January 15
Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Regional Offices Closed

Wednesday, January 17
HP Clergy Cluster
FCC, Scott City

Thursday, January 18
MK/GB/S Clergy Cluster
PPCC, Hutchinson

Sunday, January 21
High Plains District Cabinet
Video Conference

Monday, January 29
Disciples Men 5th Monday
PPCC, Hutchinson



Currents in the Stream

In many ways it doesn't seem possible, but the 5th of January marks my 10th anniversary of being on staff with the Christian Church in Kansas. When I came, back in 2008, I was excited to be able to focus on the aspects of ministry I believe God had been preparing me to do for nearly 20 years: the care and nurture of current and future ministers; providing leadership for the work of spiritual formation of clergy and laity; and working with the Disciples Men's ministry.

To this end, I brought with me two ideas from the Christian Church in Oklahoma, which I felt would help with my new ministry here in Kansas:

- The first was the Round Tu-it program which was first developed in the Christian Church in Indiana and has migrated to many other regions. It is designed to encourage men to deepen their commitment to the life of their local congregations and their own faith journey. You can read more about this program on the Kansas Regional web-page under the Disciples Men's Ministry tab.

- The second, was a simple idea of encouraging churches in the Central and High Plains Districts to be in prayer for each other as a way to support and encourage one another. It is easy to sometimes think that we are alone in the work we do, but when we take the time to pray for each other in our various congregations, we begin to see that we are linked together in ministry for Christ in this world. Thus, every month, you may have notice that we have a list of churches to pray for in that month.

Since that beginning, there have been spiritual retreats and workshops, the purchase of a portable prayer labyrinth as a tool for nurturing prayer life, the initiating of the Men's Odyssey project, and a complete re-imagining of the structures of the Central and High Plains Districts. The adoption of the use of Go-to-Meeting so that business meetings are now done mostly by video conference to cut down on travel for this aspect of church life.

Beginning this month, we are inviting every congregation in the Central and High Plains Districts to send their pastor and at least 5 church members to one of five "listening conferences" as we seek to re-imagine what it means to be the Regional Church. The dates for these events are Sunday, January 7, and each of the 4 Sundays in February from 4:00 to 5:30 pm. The places of each event are still being secured and will be announce when they have been finalized.

It has been quite a journey so far and I look forward to more years of ministry along side each of you.

Ken

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- Jan. 1 New Year Holiday-Regional Offices Closed
Jan. 24-25 Remind, Renew PTS Minister's Week, Tulsa, OK

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

Come away from this weekend having been deeply nourished from keeping company with the Spirit's presence in what has been called The Old Quartet – Wind, Fire, Water, and Earth.



Rev. Carol Jolly

Spring Retreat for Youth

March 2-4, 2018

Disciples Center/ Tawakoni

The Retreat will include both middle school (Chi Rho) and high school (CYF) youth & sponsors. Keynotes will feature Lara Blackwood Pickrel, an ordained minister serving as a Pastor in Missouri. Lara is a graduate of TCU and Brite Divinity School, and is a long-time advocate for youth in the church. She's also a new mom!



TCU/Brite Minister's Week

February 5-7, 2018—Fort Worth, TX

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Ken's January Calendar

- 1 New Years Day, Reg'l Offices Closed
- 2-4 Office
- 5 Day Off
- 6 Disciples Men Cabinet, Galva
- 7 Church Visit—Lyons
Listening Conference—McPherson
- 8 Reg'l Orientation, Camp T.
- 9 Office
CN Clergy Cluster, Russell
- 10-11 Office
- 12 Day Off
- 13 CD Cabinet Video Conference
- 14 Preach—Lyons
- 15 MLK, Jr Day, Reg'l Offices Closed
- 16 Office
- 17 HP Clergy Cluster, Scott City
- 18 MK/GB/S Clergy Cluster, Hutchinson, PPCC
- 19 Day Off
- 20 Spiritual Priority Video Conference
- 21 Preach—Lyons
HP District Video Conference
- 22 Office
- 23 Staff Meeting, Tulsa
- 24-25 PTS Remind Renew, Tulsa
- 26 Day Off
- 27 Vacation
- 28 Church Visit—McPherson
- 29 Office
CD DM 5th Monday, Hutchinson, PPCC
- 30-2/2 KLC, Wichita

Calendar subject to change.



PTS Remind & Renew

Resilient Leaders, Resilient Congregations

January 24-25, 2018

Phillips Theological Seminary, Tulsa, OK

CHURCHES PRAYING FOR CHURCHES

- Jan. 7 - First Christian Church, Atwood
David Todd, Minister
- Jan. 14 - First Christian Church, Colby
- Jan. 21 - First Christian Church, Dighton
Aerii Smith, Minister
- Jan. 28 - Galva Christian Church, Galva
Tripp Edwards, Minister