



C/HP Messenger

April 2018

Upcoming Events

Saturday, April 14
CD Cabinet Video Conference

Sunday, April 15
HP Cabinet Video Conference

Monday, April 30
CD DM 5th Monday
FCC, McPherson

**REMINDER: There are no
Clergy Cluster meetings
in April.**



Currents in the Stream

Easter has come! Christ has arisen! And as Easter people, who have said yes to following in the footsteps of Jesus, we are called to seek out new life in emerging reign of God on earth!

This new life has been taking new directions in recent years. The Central and High Plains Districts adopted new structures two years ago where cabinet meetings are primarily being done by way of video conferences, and where there is a sharper focus on engaging in mission, offering leadership training, and encouraging spiritual growth. This coming July, the High Plains congregations will offer an opportunity to join together for a mission trip to Lybrook Community Ministries in New Mexico. If you are interested in participating, contact Aerii Smith, pastor of our Dighton and Utica congregations for details. In August, the Central District will hold their third Leadership Training event on Saturday the 18th—set aside the date now and watch for details in the coming weeks. In September, the High Plains District will be having their second Leadership Training event on Saturday the 8th.

Regionally, the biggest new direction is with our biennial Regional Assembly that is not your usual assembly. Even the name of this event, “Congregational Escape and Mission Fest” tells you it won’t be the same as it has always been. The Disciples Men and Disciples Women will gather on Friday night, August 10th for a common meal at Hillside Christian Church, then split into separate gatherings to elect officers and have other conversations. On Saturday, it is an all day fair at the Disciples Center at Tawakoni. See more details on page two in the “Did You Know Section”.

This year is also a chance of a life-time to get some of the best Leadership Training you can get for \$25. At the end of last year, the Kansas Leadership Center awarded our region a \$25,000 partnership grant to pay for 40 slots at their Transformational Leadership Training programs in 2018. In addition, through the generosity of the Kansas Bible Chair, we have another \$20,000 to help pay for the additional costs of people attending, as well as sending more people to the training if we use up all 40 slots. This means for your \$25, plus paying for your own transportation, you have your meals, lodging, books and on site training paid for. This is a retail value of \$750 to \$2,500 depending on the training you sign up for. We have used 26 of the 40 slots from the Kansas Leadership Center to date. Check out the regional web page for details and sign up today! This will not only benefit your church, but every aspect of your life. You won’t want to miss this!

Ken

Relax, Refresh, Renew

CLERGY RETREAT

April 24-26, 2018



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

Disciples Center at Tawakoni
Augusta, Kansas

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- Apr. 3 Art of Communication Workshop, Woodridge CC, Wichita
- Apr. 7 DW Spirit Fest, Riverside CC, Wichita
Reg'l Vision Listening Conf., Wichita
- Apr. 7 Reg'l Vision Team, Disciples Center at Tawakoni
- Apr. 8 DW Spirit Fest, FCC, Pittsburg
- Apr. 10 Art of Communication Workshop, Woodridge CC, Wichita
- Apr. 14 DW Spirit Fest, FCC, Topeka
- Apr. 17 Art of Communication Workshop, Woodridge CC, Wichita
- Apr. 21 Regional Board, Disciples Center at Tawakoni
- Apr. 24 Art of Communication Workshop, Woodridge CC, Wichita
- Apr. 24-26 Relax, Refresh, Renew Clergy Retreat, Disciples Center at Tawakoni
- Apr. 26 2018 Cong'l Escape & Mission Fest Planning, Disciples Center at Tawakoni

CHURCHES PRAYING FOR CHURCHES

- April 1 - United Church of Kensington, Kensington
Emily Blank, Minister
- April 8 - Kingman Christian Church, Kingman
Kelly Jayne, Minister
- April 15 - First Christian Church, Lebanon
Lance McDowell, Minister
- April 22 - Lewis Christian Church, Lewis
Rhonda Glenn, Minister
- April 29 - First Christian Church, Liberal
Terry Ford, Minister

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Ken's April Calendar

- 1 Church Visit—Great Bend
- 2-5 Office
- 6 Day Off
- 7 Regional Vision Team, Augusta, Camp T.
- 8-11 Christmount Council, North Carolina
- 12 Office ??
- 13 Day Off
- 14 CD Cabinet Video Conference
- 15 Church Visit—Hutchinson, PPCC
HP District Cabinet Video Conference
- 16 Office
- 17-19 KLC Workshop, Wichita
- 20 Day Off
- 21 Regional Board, Augusta, Camp. T.
- 22 Church Visit—Oberlin
- 23 Office
- 24-26 Relax, Refresh, Renew Clergy Retreat
- 27-29 Vacation
- 30 Office ??
CD DM 5th Monday, McPherson, FCC

Calendar subject to change.



High Plains District 2018 Mission Trip July 22-28, 2018

Join us in Counselor, NM for a week-long mission trip with our fellow congregants in the High Plains District. We will be working with Lybrook Community Ministries in order to complete our goal of hands-on mission work. Lybrook is an outreach for Native Americans near the Lybrook Navajo Mission. Its focus has been on the special needs of the area and sharing the Gospel.

Questions? Ask your local pastor. **OR** Contact: Rev. Aerii Smith; email: singing2cats@gmail.com
phone: (620) 397-2153 between 9am-12pm Mon-Thurs



... Regional Minister Ken Marston will be on sabbatical May 1 through July 31? Kathy Foster will be in the Central High Plains Office during regular office

hours or you can contact Regional Ministers Renee Bridwell or Steve Martin during this time.

...This year's Regional Assembly is not going to be your traditional church assembly? Called Congregational Escape and Mission Fest, our biennial regional gathering is going to have the feel of a county fair mid-way. There will be inflatable bounce apparatuses, a variety of food booths, information booths and musicians throughout the day on Saturday, August 11. Even the business part of our gathering will be done in a way it has never been done before.