



# C/HP Messenger

March 2019

## Currents in the Stream

We are now three months into 2019 and we have a lot of exciting things happening throughout the region. So, this month, I thought I would use this space to highlight what is happening.

First, after taking a break for most of last year, the Regional Revisioning Team has picked up this work and is moving forward. We are having conversations about what it would mean to move from a “Hub and Spoke” understanding of regional church life, to a “Network” understanding. We are also beginning to see how the work of the region may be focused in two broad categories: equipping church leaders and connecting people and congregations to each other and resources. Some of this emerging vision for the region is already impacting the focus on our work.

Second, for the second year in a row, we have received a \$25,000 partnership grant from the Kansas Leadership Center to encourage people in our congregations throughout Kansas to acquire new leadership skills and knowledge. For sometime, we have had a growing awareness that our usual approaches to addressing the challenges we face in the church are being less and less effective. The training that is offered through the Kansas Leadership Center provides a different view of leadership (ie. Leadership is an action not a position. Anyone can exercise leadership, at anytime, on any issue.), and equips them with the skills that will help anyone see how they can be part of the solutions to making progress on transforming congregational and regional church life. For more information on how you can take advantage of this opportunity, visit the regional web page and look under the resources tab.

Third, there are a number of hands on mission opportunities that are being planned. One of the first opportunities is a Mission Week at Camp April 7-12. During this week participants will be building the bathhouse at the pool, as well as installing the new fencing around the pool. We will also be working on renovating Cabin 1, which is the oldest cabin at the camp. Look for more publicity for other Mission opportunities.

Fourth, there are upcoming events for Kansas Disciples Women and Kansas Disciples Men. Disciples Women Spirit Fests are coming soon, with the first one at First Christian Church in Salina on April 6th from 9am to 2 pm. Also, make plans to attend one of the men’s and women’s retreats in September and October.

Finally, This year’s Spiritual Retreat is fast approaching—March 7-9 at the Heartland Center for Spirituality in Great Bend. More details about this retreat is on the next page.

- Ken

## Upcoming Events

Tuesday, March 12  
Meridy’s, Russell - 6:00 p.m.  
*CN Clergy Cluster*

Saturday, March 16  
*CD Cabinet Video Conference*  
8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, March 20  
FCC, Garden City - 10:30 a.m.  
*HP Clergy Cluster*

Sunday, March 24  
*HP Cabinet Video Conference*  
3:30 p.m. (CDT)

Tuesday, March 26  
The Well, McPherson  
*MK/GB/S Clergy Cluster*



## Ken's March Calendar

- 1-2 CCM, Wichita
- 3 Church Visit—Garden City, FCC
- 4-6 Office
- 7-9 Spiritual Retreat, Great Bend
- 10 Church Visit—Kingman
- 11 Vacation
- 12 Office  
CN Clergy Cluster, Russell
- 13 Office
- 14 Vacation
- 15 Day Off
- 16 CD Cabinet Video Conference  
Cristine Warring Ordination, Camp T.
- 17 Preaching—Lewis  
KS DM Cabinet Video Conference
- 18 Staff Meeting, Topeka
- 19 Office
- 20 HP Clergy Cluster, Garden City, FCC
- 21 Day Off
- 22-23 Gen'l Conf. Disciple Men, Ft. Worth
- 24 Travel Day  
HP District Cabinet Video Conference
- 25 Office
- 26 MK/GB/S Clergy Cluster, McPherson
- 27 Office
- 28-29 Vacation
- 30 Day Off
- 31 Church Visit—Goodland

*Calendar subject to change.*

## Relax, Refresh, Renew

### CLERGY RETREAT

April 23-25, 2019

Disciples Center at Tawakoni  
Augusta, Kansas



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## IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- Mar. 1-2 CCM, Wichita
- Mar. 1-3 Spring Youth Retreat,  
Disciples Center at Tawakoni
- Mar. 2 KDW Cabinet, Topeka
- Mar. 5 Art of Communication Workshop  
Disciples Center at Tawakoni
- Mar. 7-9 Spirituality Retreat, Great Bend
- Mar. 12 Art of Communication Workshop  
Disciples Center at Tawakoni
- Mar. 19 Art of Communication Workshop  
Disciples Center at Tawakoni
- Mar. 26 Art of Communication Workshop  
Disciples Center at Tawakoni
- Mar. 26 Vision Team Conference Call

## REGIONAL SPIRITUAL RETREAT

**March 7 (2:00 p.m.) - 9 (12:00 p.m.), 2019**

Heartland Center for Spirituality, Great Bend, KS

## Living as Part of the Body of Christ



**Cristine Warring, pastor at Girard First Christian Church, will lead the discussion to discover your gifts from God, and how you can use those gifts to love others as God has already loved us.**



**Daylight Savings Time begins**

**March 10!**

## CHURCHES PRAYING FOR CHURCHES

- Mar. 3 - First Christian Church, Atwood  
David Todd, Minister
- Mar. 10 - First Christian Church, Colby
- Mar. 17 - First Christian Church, Dighton  
Aerii Smith, Minister
- Mar. 24 - Galva Christian Church, Galva  
Tripp Edwards, Minister
- Mar. 31 - First Christian Church, Garden City  
Phillip Hayes, Interim Minister