



## *The Leavenworth Christian*

### **Sowers' Seeds**

October 14, 2021

Dear Friends,

This is an interesting week because I know there will be more than the average amount of road time for me. As you well know the prospect of road time given that the weather is good and the automobile is in good mechanical condition is not a daunting prospect for me. I like the chance to get behind the wheel and explore the territory and terrain. If I have enough time, I will usually map out the longest and slowest route to my destination. I would rather start a little earlier and take my time getting to the places where I must go.

This week will find me driving to the Little Apple or Manhattan, Kansas on Wednesday. The Northeast Area Disciples clergy cluster will be meeting at the new First Christian Church in Manhattan. Then, on Saturday I will make the drive to Crawfordsville, Indiana. The drive to Manhattan is a shade over two hours, and the drive to Crawfordsville is a seven-hour drive. As you can see, I will find myself with plenty of time and opportunity to travel the highways. I suppose depending on your perspective this week could offer excitement, or it could be an exercise in tedium. Isn't it funny how there are often at least two sides of or two ways of looking at the tasks that are before us. The task may be neutral, but the spirit we take into it will determine how we see the task. For example, getting out of bed in the morning could seem a daunting prospect, or it could be an opportunity to greet the morning and give thanks for being a part of God's glorious creation. Cooking dinner in the evening could be a drudgery, or it could be an opportunity to give thanks for having food in our pantry. Having to call that person for a home repair or to fix the roof could seem like a dreaded expense or it could be an occasion to give thanks for having a home to call our own.

Driving a long distance could be an exercise in tedium where I pine for the destination, or it could be a chance to give thanks for reliable transportation, and to be reminded that it isn't always the destination that determines our life, but often it is the journey that uniquely shapes and forms who we are. One of the reasons I am making my drive, is because wrestling in college was an unexpected part of my life's journey. I never would have imagined that it would be a part of my life and living, but I was forever changed by some of the lessons taught one practice at a time in the wrestling room. I learned that victories are often things that we set the parameters for. When I began wrestling, most of the wrestlers had as much as a thirteen-year head start. I was not nearly as proficient as the other wrestlers I encountered. But winning, became lasting longer in my matches. Victory became making it to the end of my first week of practices, then making it to the end of my first season, and then finally, finishing with four varsity letters.

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## ***Prayer Ministry***

## ***Praises!***

Praise for significant improvement for ***Isaac Ruble*** after his construction accident. He still has a long road to full recovery. Prayers are still needed. *Ruth Kenton*

Prayers for ***Teresa Groves***- she has a hole in the retina of her right eye. Surgery scheduled in a week or so. *John Groves*

Prayer request that we find night nursing support for ***Luke Euler. Danielle Euler***

***Our Nation:*** pray for our country and its people.

### ***Covid***

***Josh Patty, Maxton Sowers, Steven Andrews & Kari***

***Residential Communities-*** dealing with Covid.

Prayers for ***School Systems & Colleges, Teachers, Support Staff & students.***

Pray for ***Those with the Covid-19 virus, First Responders, those offering Care & a Cure.***

### ***Pray for Those Who Have Lost a Loved One***

***Pearl Stonebraker - September 8, 2021***

***Eva Wayman - August 30, 2021***

***Donna Powell - August 24, 2021***

### ***Ongoing Cares & Concerns***

Steve Martin, Sandy & Alice Bushman, Marilyn Vance, Noah Kincaid, Bill Wilson, Kathy Ramirez, Rose Marie Theel, Ruby Corbet, Don Bohnsack, Winnie Henderson, Brian Onasch, Danielle & Doug Euler & Family, Ann Crum, Bill Cass, Linda Kesinger, Jim Snell, Brooke Gilfert, Barb Kessler, Marji Dickson, Larry Phillips

### ***Pray for our out-of-town Active Duty Personnel***

Melissa Van Valkenburgh, Hannah Bond, Rob Widmyer, Jim & Rachel Sullivan, Nelson Hanson, Cameron Brown, Christin Collins, Nickalas Derringer, Rose Uy, Edison & Faviola Urquiza, Jeremy Bower, Tyler Kowalewski, Brandon Williams



# Children's Moment

It is so exciting to have everyone sign up for the **"Trunk or Treat"**! We currently have 14 cars and someone stationed at the Youth House. Only 12 more to go!! Though it is exciting to see how large our group is growing, the important thing I want everyone to do is have fun. Decorate and enjoy time with friends as we gather together and focus on the smiling faces that we will surely see. The last few years have been stressful and lonely. The children of this community have had to deal with a lot. This is one thing we can do to bring joy back to the community and start off the holiday season with a bang.

Mrs. Danielle, Children's Director

## October 17<sup>th</sup>

Teacher: Danielle Euler

Helper: Barb Collins

## Upcoming Events

October 30<sup>th</sup>: Trunk or Treat ~ 1-3pm

November 20<sup>th</sup>: Holiday Craft Fair

December 11<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Movie Night (Movie to be determined)



*Please consider donating candy for  
"Trunk or Treat".*

*We need lots of CANDY!!!  
(No peanuts please)*

## *Worship Ministry*

*If you have any thoughts that you would like to share with the Worship Ministry, please feel free to use this email address: [LVFCCWorship@gmail.com](mailto:LVFCCWorship@gmail.com)*

# Worship Schedule

Watch last Sunday's Service now

[www.LeavenworthChristian.com](http://www.LeavenworthChristian.com)

click on "Sermons" on the upper Right of the Homepage

*Here are 3 ways you can connect to Sunday Worship at 9:30am*



## \*On your Computer - Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/6823543423?pwd=cWRSTVQ3TGhGK2JIQTR5N1JTdG9GZz09>

\*Home phone (no video) Dial any of the following numbers:

833 548 0282 US Toll-free

877 853 5257 US Toll-free

888 475 4499 US Toll-free

833 548 0276 US Toll-free

Meeting ID: 682 354 3423

Password: 838807

\*You can also reach Zoom through a link on our Website:[www.leavenworthchristian.com](http://www.leavenworthchristian.com)

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GriefShare has met for a few weeks now. It's not too late to join the group. This is a wonderful ministry that helps people get through the loss of loved ones even if it's been a long time since that loss occurred.

Anyone that would like to help, (whether you attend or not) can donate 2 or 3 dozen cookies for the meeting. See Gary Phillips.

**Mondays 6:30pm to 8:30pm in the Kitterman room**



## Book Study

*Our Book Group is reading*

***"Anxious To Talk About it"***

*(Helping White people Talk Faithfully About Racism)*

***Mondays ~ 4pm ~ Kitterman/Zoom***

*The author of the book is Carolyn B. Helsel. This is the second edition of the book.*

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Also, I learned that it was possible to find the stuff inside of you that would allow you to keep pressing forward even though the path was challenging, or forbidding, and even painful at times. Sometimes what keeps us moving forward is the will to move forward. What is more, now and again we go beyond our comfort zone, because people signal that they believe in us, and we want to honor that trust and belief in who we are. What does it do for us, if we recognize that God believes in us, loves us, and knows we are capable of more than we could ever imagine? Perhaps it keeps us in the ring and pressing on even when others would wonder why we are still standing.

All the Best and God's Blessings,  
Pastor John

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## TAWAKONI GALA & AUCTION

### **Virtual Auction**

9am-9pm

Friday, November 5<sup>th</sup>

### **In-Person Dinner & Auction**

10am – 3pm

Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup>

Disciples Center at Tawakoni

**REGISTER ONLINE!**

[www.kansasdisciples.org](http://www.kansasdisciples.org)

*Tawakoni*, your regional camp and conference center, serves more than 300 campers and staff each summer. Additionally, Tawakoni hosts Disciples men, women, and youth retreats; weddings; family reunions and more.

Proceeds from this auction will support operational facilities cost, capital projects and raise money for camp scholarships. This year's focus capital improvement project is a new camp security gate and monitors. The overall fundraising goal for this year's event is \$25,000

# First Christian Info

**We are *HIRING!***

**Director of Youth Ministries  
& Nursery Worker**

Call the office or go to our website for more info:  
[www.leavenworthchristian.com](http://www.leavenworthchristian.com)



October 21<sup>st</sup>  
*Lynn Dickson*

October 24<sup>th</sup>  
*Graham Porter*

October 25<sup>th</sup>  
*Richard Sack*  
*Billy Wilson*  
*Hannah Bond*

October 26<sup>th</sup>  
*Judy Harmon*

October 27<sup>th</sup>  
*Cynthia Henry*

## **Attendance** October 10<sup>th</sup>

**In-Person: 34**  
**On-Line: 18**

## **Your Giving** October 10<sup>th</sup>

<b>General</b>	<b>\$3,310.00</b>
<b>Building</b>	<b>50.00</b>
<b>Reconciliation</b>	<b>50.00</b>
<b>Backpack Buddies</b>	<b>75.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,485.00</b>

Please remember your commitment to the church by mail or through eGive:  
[www.leavenworthchristian.com](http://www.leavenworthchristian.com)

# First Christian Calendar

October 13-20, 2021

## Thursdays

Choir Practices cancelled till further notice

### Wednesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>

Prayer Group *Kitterman* 8:30am  
Steineker *Kitterman* 1:00pm  
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### Sunday, October 17<sup>th</sup>

#### *Children's Sabbath*

SOS Sunday School *In-Person* 8:30am  
Worship *In-Person & Zoom* 9:30am  
Seekers Sunday School *In-Person* 10:45am

### Monday, October 18<sup>th</sup>

Prayer Breakfast *Pullman's* 6:30am  
Book Study *Kitterman/Zoom* 4:00pm  
GriefShare *SOS Classroom* 6:30-8:30pm  
Sack *Kitterman* 6:00pm

### Tuesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>

Worship Meeting *Zoom* 7:00pm

### Wednesday, October 20<sup>th</sup>

Prayer Group *Kitterman* 8:30am  
CMF Meeting *Kitterman* 6:30pm

*(Calendar subject to change)*

Coming Soon!!!  
Trunk or Treat

Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup>

1pm to 3pm

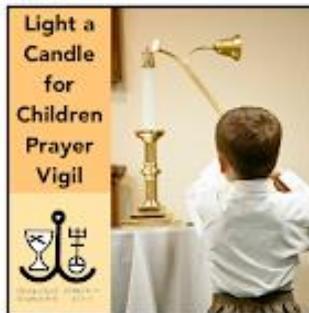
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6<sup>th</sup> & Seneca

**CANDY DONATIONS**

**Needed!**

**(No peanuts please)**



September 19<sup>th</sup>  
Thru  
October 17<sup>th</sup>

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## Servers October 17<sup>th</sup>

**Elder:** John Groves

**Diaconate:** TBD, Fred Kesinger & Jim Bliss

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