



The Leavenworth Christian

September 8, 2022

Sowers' Seeds

Dear Friends,

I can feel the excitement beginning to grow in my chest. I first began to feel it when I was at elevation in West Virginia. Just a few leaves were beginning their autumnal transition and transformation. To be honest, I have the capacity to find beauty in every season, but there is something special about autumn. Even as I looked at the search process, I knew I was open to wherever God placed me, but I thought it would be hard for God to call me to a place that didn't have four distinct seasons and a beautiful autumn.

To me, fall is one of the perfect metaphors for life, because the changes from summer to winter are the most profound and so well noticed. We celebrate the changes we see there. Who could complain about the oranges, reds, and yellows that dapple our trees? It is a patchwork quilt that demonstrates God as the master artist. Logically, I know that leaves are always that color, but they are not revealed until the process of photosynthesis begins to ebb. Yet, in that process so much is shown. Change is the nature of life, and we celebrate it in the midst of autumn.

For some reason, we often struggle to celebrate changes in other areas of our life. In fact, sometimes we will fight changes tooth and toenail. Yet, what if we recognized these changes as coming but for a season, and then leading us to other seasons. That is, autumn leads us to winter, winter leads us to spring, spring leads us to summer, and then we return to autumn. The seasons change and we do not mourn the changes, but instead we embrace them and celebrate them. What if we could find the bandwidth within our own lives to celebrate the changes that come? Now, we can admit that some changes are hard, unexpected, and even uncomfortable. Yet, when all is changing, we can lean on those things that do not change or the One that does not change. God is in all the changes of life. In fact, God may even be the one who is prompting the change. When we take a new position, move to a new community, or even enter a new stage of life, how might we engage that time of transition if we are confident that God is leading us, guiding us, and keeping our feet secure. Would we be more open to change if we were confident that God is present in the change.

As you know, we are in a time of transition, both for me personally, and this congregation. Do not fear for God is with us all, and God will shepherd to a bright new day and a bright new season.

All the Best and God's Blessings, Pastor John

Kansas Disciples Women – Fall Retreats

October 5-7 & October 7-9



Click on the dates you would like to attend and fill out the registration form!



*Chancel Choir
resumes rehearsals
September 15th
at 7:30pm*



*Handbell
Choir
Carillons resume rehearsals
September 15th at
6:30pm*

Kansas Christian Home

Celebrating 60 years of serving seniors with their annual Fiesta on September 17, 2022, from 11am-1pm. You are invited to attend!

Then, in October, KCH sponsors a coat drive to support the area outreach efforts. From the shelters to the schools, nice warm coats are essential. You can support them by dropping off coats from October 1-15 at KCH.

For more info email Karen Sturchio, CEO at ksturchio@kscristianhome.org



Praises!!!

Praise for ***Beautiful Weather***. *Ruth Kenton*

Thanks for prayers, things are looking better.
Jane Mashburn

Prayer Ministry

Kathy Powell's Family. Rebecca Matousek health issues. *Ruth Kenton*

Penny Paradies recovering from surgery.

Healing for ***Pat Farmer*** following heart valve replacement.

Pray for Caitlin Onasch's Grandma has been diagnosed with early onset dementia.

Jack Divine's daughter' Jennifer's partner, ***Laureen***, in Seattle. She has serious, very painful medical problems. *Anne Divine*

Continued prayers for Linda Bohnsack's daughter, ***Amanda***. Our church during this transition & during the search process.

Prayers for ***Ukraine***

Chelsea Moore—continued prayers for healing.

Our Nation: pray for our country and its people.

Covid

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 loved ones

Bradley Elliott – July 27, 2022 ***Joe Kowalewski*** – July 31, 2022

Dee Dee Shoemaker – August 16, 2022 ***Kathy Powell*** – September 1, 2022

Ongoing Cares & Concerns

Steve Martin, Sandy & Alice Bushman, Marilyn Vance, Noah Kincaid, Bill Wilson,
Kathy Ramirez, Rose Marie Theel, Ruby Corbet, Don Bohnsack,
Brian Onasch, Danielle & Doug Euler & Family, Ann Crum, Jim Snell, Barb Kessler,
Marji Dickson, Vanessa Wagner

Pray for our out-of-town Active Duty Personnel

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



We have our own **YouTube channel:**

First Christian Church, Leavenworth, Kansas

is open to subscribers NOW!

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCs9vQ2LlwptlkXIH9rCiGeQ>



Leavened Bread

Tuesday

September 13th

7:00pm

Pullman Place

**Wednesday
September 14th**

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6:00pm

This month our meeting will be a potluck at the Sacks home, on the deck at 6pm, Sept. 14th. Spouses invited and Richard will be grilling hot dogs and burgers. Everyone, bring a dish to share. Please let me know if you are coming and if you are bringing a plus one so that we can have enough burgers and hot dogs. Erin Sack

*Worship * How to Watch*



Watch last Sunday's Service now
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=cWRSTVQ3TGhGK2JIQTR5N1J1TdG9GZz09>

Meeting ID: 682 354 3423

Password: 838807

*You can also reach Zoom through a link
on our Website: www.leavenworthchristian.com



***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

Communion at Home

If you would like to observe communion at home, come by the office and pick up what you need for you and your family, or call for someone to drop it off.

Leavenworth Kansas Community Blood



**THE COMMUNITY
BLOOD CENTER**
connecting lives | sharing life

First Baptist Church

340 N. 13th St.
Leavenworth, KS 66048

September 13, 2022

11:00 AM - 05:00 PM

https://donate.savealifenow.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/77054

To schedule an appointment, click the link above or call 1.877.468.6844. Please bring your donor ID card or identification with photo or signature.

Leavenworth Christian

Leavenworth Community of Hope Shelter Training

Monday, September 12th

6:00pm

At the Shelter

311 Kiowa

If you have any questions, please contact:
Ruth Kenton or Sue Hubert



September 8th

*Brian Malm
Steve Miller*

September 13th

Kim Mattingly

September 9th

Noah Kincaid

September 14th

*Avery Filley
Jennifer Johnson*

Sunday, September 4th

In Person: 44

Zoom connections: 11

Your Giving Sept. 4th

General	\$1,915.00
Building	350.00
Shelter	75.00
Pastor's Fund	75.00
Backpack Buddies	32.00
DWF/Gen	25.00
Total	\$2,472.00

Please remember your
commitment to the church by mail
or through eGive:

www.leavenworthchristian.com



First Christian Calendar



September 7-18, 2022

Wednesday, September 7th

Prayer Group *Kitterman* 8:30am
Mary Martha *Out to Eat* 5:00pm

Thursday, September 8th

Visitation for Kathy Powell
Sanctuary 6-8pm

Friday, September 9th

Kathy Powell Service
Sanctuary 10:00am

Sunday, September 11th

Worship 9:30am
(In-Person & Zoom/FB)
10:45am Seekers Sunday School
(In-Person/Zoom)

Monday, September 12th

Prayer Breakfast *Pullman's* 6:30am
GriefShare *Kitterman* 6:30pm

Tuesday, September 13th

Leavened Bread *Pullman's* 8:00am

Wednesday, September 14th

Prayer Group *Kitterman* 8:30am
Steineker *Kitterman* 1:00pm
alive *Sacks* 6:00pm

Thursday, September 15th

Carillons 6:30pm (TBD)
Chancel Choir 7:30pm (TBD)

Sunday September 18th

Pastor John's last Sunday
Worship 9:30am
(In-Person & Zoom/FB)
Reception to Follow
10:45am Seekers Sunday School
(In-Person/Zoom)



Servers September 11th

Elder: Sue Hubert
Diaconate: Evalyn Hubert
& Joyce Bachtel

Servers September 18th

Elder: David Bryant
Diaconate: Laney Mellott
& Missy Davis

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