



SEEKING A MANAGER FOR DISCIPLES CENTER AT TAWAKONI

WE'RE HIRING!

The Camp Steering Committee has wanted a full-time camp person for years, and the time is now! The position of

Camp Manager was authorized by our Regional Board, and with the departure of caretaker BJ Brockus (he's starting a master's degree program), it's time to find that person.

The Camp Manager role includes the caretaker duties of hosting groups who rent the camp, mowing, doing basic maintenance, and being generally watchful. The new role adds handling reservations and developing new rental clients, marketing the facility, and taking a greater role in administration, repair and upkeep. The Camp Manager will manage the work of volunteers, and will advise the Steering Committee about long-range needs.

The Camp Manager must appreciate the Christian faith tradition and be willing to learn about and be supportive of the Disciples of Christ in particular. The

successful applicant will love the outdoors and appreciate the place of faith-based camp programs in the spiritual formation of children and youth. S/he will be an organized person with basic computer skills.

In addition to a cash salary, compensation includes a three-bedroom home at camp, Benefits Stipend and paid vacation and holidays. The successful applicant must pass a criminal background check.

Interested parties should send a letter of application to cck@kansasdiscalples.org by August 30, identifying relevant work history, basic and advanced handy skills. The complete job description will be sent in response to letters of application.

The Vision Team for our region has recommended at least three new positions, following Renee Bridwell's retirement as a Regional Minister. Camp Manager is the only full-time role; the region will also look for a Treasurer and Coordinator of Disciples Men's Ministries. A possible fourth position, also part-time, is under consideration.

COMING EVENTS

Disciples Men Retreat Pg. 3
September 27-28

Disciples Men Odyssey Experience Pg. 3
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Disciples Women Retreat . . . Pg. 3
October 2-4; 4-6

KDYC Youth Convention Pg. 3
November 8-10

Art of Church Communication
Tuesdays in March

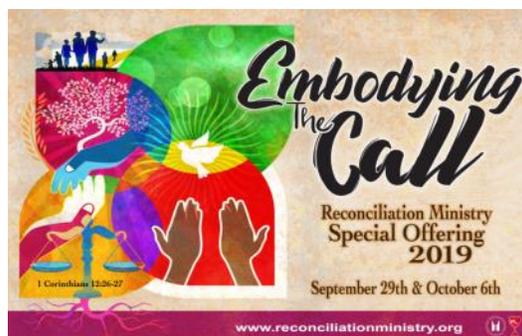
KDW SpiritFest 2020
April 18, 19 & May 2

Tawakoni Gala
Tentative— Fall 2020

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Camp Highlights
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EMBODYING THE CALL 2019 RECONCILIATION SPECIAL OFFERING

Recent events have reignited the conversation about human brokenness evidenced in the sin of racism and perpetuated in our institutional structures and systems.

Through the Reconciliation Special offering, received Sept 29 and Oct 6, the Reconciliation ministries are able to provide programs for leadership development, curriculum for dialogue and learning, and partnerships within the Church and our communities.

Your generous giving to Reconciliation Ministry is transforming lives and strengthening Christ's witness in the world showing that we love one another, even as Christ continues to love us!

Submit articles for the October issue by
September 16
Send text and photos to
messenger@kansasdiscalples.org
All articles are edited for clarity, conciseness, tone, and space.

PRAYER 4 PARTNERS

From the Region:

- **Leavenworth First CC**
Pastor John Sowers
- **Girard First CC**
Pastor Cristine Warring
- **Garden Plain Comm Church**
Pastor Rita Moore
- **Kingman CC**
Pastor Kelly Jayne
- **United Church of Oberlin**
Pastor Judith Stricker

From the General Church:

- Pray for the Pro-Reconciliation /Anti-Racism ministries of the general church as we continue to be a movement for wholeness.

GA MISSIONFEST PRESENTERS

Kansas had two churches present mission projects during the General Assembly's Mission Fest time.

- **Camp Sunflower**
Pine Valley Christian Church
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- **Follow the Carpenter Sunday**
Dighton First Christian Church
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SOME OF THE KANSANS AT GENERAL ASSEMBLY, DES MOINES, JULY 20-24



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WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A MAN TODAY

KANSAS DISCIPLES MEN FALL & ODYSSEY RETREATS

Kansas Men are invited to a weekend of fun, fellowship, and learning at Tawakoni. The weekend starts with KDM Fall Retreat, Sept. 27-28, led by Director of Disciples Men’s ministries of the General Church, Greg Alexander.



As Associate Regional Minister then Regional Minister in Kentucky, he developed men’s ministry resources and worked with ecumenical men’s leaders nationally and internationally. He will give presentations on “What it Means to be a Man Today.”

The retreat begins at 5 p.m. on Friday and concludes after dinner on Saturday. A pre-event work project and golf outing is planned for Friday afternoon.

Following the men’s Fall Retreat, the 5th annual men’s Odyssey Experience will begin at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Sept 28.

Originally conceived as a mentorship program, the Men’s Odyssey Project is an ongoing effort to nurture Christ-like character in men of all ages. The retreat introduces the intentional process of reflecting on eight character traits and scriptural teachings. Then participants are encouraged to practice these traits through a daily act of service.

Register by Sept. 13 and pay online for either retreat, at www.kansasdisciples.org, or download a registration form and mail with payment to the Topeka Regional Office.

FAITH THAT OVERFLOWS

KANSAS DISCIPLES WOMEN FALL RETREAT

The 2019 KDW Women’s Retreat is getting closer every day! Join us on October 2- 4 or October 4-6 as we gather at Camp Tawakoni to celebrate **Faith That Overflows!**



NEW: Kirby Gould, Vice President for the North Central Zone of the Christian Church Foundation, will keynote the event. She serves the regions of Kansas, Greater Kansas City, Mid America, and Upper Midwest, assisting Disciples churches with endowments, permanent funds, investments, planned gifts, and bequests.

Gould grew up in McPherson as an active participant in regional and youth programs. She is a frequent speaker at conferences and seminars across the country.

Additional activities include a painting workshop (\$30 extra), massages (extra fee), service projects including paper goods for the camp, stuffed animals and fleece blankets for the Child Advocacy Center, and much more!

Registration cost of \$100 includes lodging at the camp, five meals, and program expenses.

SAVE! Register by Friday, September 6, to save \$15!

Register and pay online at www.kansasdisciples.org or download a registration form and mail with payment to the Topeka Regional Office.

KANSAS DISCIPLES YOUTH CONVENTION

Rev. Virzola “Virgi” Law will keynote the 2019 Kansas Disciples Youth Convention.

Spend time with other youth, grades 6-12, from across the region Nov 8-10 at Hutchinson Conference Center.



Law is well-known among Disciples for her years of service including most recently, supporting the XPLO program of the National Benevolent Association.

Gather your friends and mark your calendar! Registration information will be available soon.

SAVE THE DATE:

2020 SpiritFest: April 18, 19, & May 2. Locations to be determined.

Art of Church Communication Workshops

Tuesday mornings in March. Specific topics to be determined; send requests to scd@kansasdisciples.org.

MINISTRY IN TRANSITION SEMINAR

Ministerial leadership during times of crisis or transition

October 28-29; 2 p.m. Monday — 3 p.m. Tuesday
Disciples Center at Tawakoni

Learn where your congregation is and what gives it life, and lead the leaders from stasis to new life

Your instructors are Steve Bridwell, interim minister since 2001, assisted by Renee Bridwell, Kansas Regional Minister. Steve is currently in his 13th Intentional Interim ministry, and Renee has been on regional staff since 2008.

This seminar is jointly sponsored by the Christian Church in Oklahoma & in Kansas; leadership costs are subsidized by a grant from the Kansas Bible Chair.

Paid registration is required by Friday, October 25; the \$110 fee covers 4 meals, lodging, and materials.

Register by October 11 and save \$25. No Refunds after Friday, October 18. Registration available soon online at www.kansasdisciples.org.

C/HP OFFICE WELCOMES NEW ASSISTANT



The Central/High Plains office welcomes Krista Donaker as the new administrative assistant. She began July 1, training with Kathy Foster, who retired July 31.

HILLSIDE FOOD PANTRY FEEDS MORE THAN 2,000 FAMILIES



For more than a decade, Wichita's Hillside Christian Church has sponsored a Community Food Pantry. Church member Joann Briles-Kline wanted Hillside to tap into the Kansas Food Bank to help the poor. The Community Food Pantry grew rapidly and in 2018, helped feed 2,223 families in Wichita. Food is stored and distributed from a dedicated room in Hillside's building. Anyone can receive food, no more often than once a month; the weekly distribution always draws a number of people to receive food, as well as clothes and shoes when available. Church members also offer prayer with visitors when requested. A large group of volunteers makes the pantry work, picking up items from the Kansas Food Bank, sorting and storing, and helping with distribution. They are always smiling, happy to be of service; about a dozen volunteers work each week. Money and food is donated by church members. With the low cost of food from Kansas Food Bank and gifts from members, the sack of food that a family receives costs \$4.63 and with careful planning, will feed two people for about a week. Christ multiplies the gifts to feed many more than we could feed alone.

RED BALLOON SUNDAY



*Pentecost us out —O God—
from the safe upper room
To a crowd of strangers,
from a church birthday cake faith
with slices for us,
to a red balloon gospel
that will escape our tight fists
And float into the world...
~~Cricket Harrison*

Wichita's Riverside Christian Church Volunteers participated in outreach projects outside of the church from August 5-9. On Sunday, August 11 following a short communion worship service, everyone was invited to Fellowship Hall to work on a variety of projects benefitting Ronald McDonald House, Riverside Elementary School and Church World Service.

IN MEMORIAM:

Retired minister **Ron Sloan**, 84, died July 30 at home in Dexter, KS. He had served as pastor of Fairview Christian Church in Wichita for more than 30 years, before retiring to a farm near Dexter in 1999.

IN TRANSITION:

Salina First CC has called Josh Kilsch as pastor.

Thom Scott has been called as pastor of Lyons First CC, where he has been doing pulpit supply.

Riverside Christian Church in Wichita has called Arthur Stewart as pastor.

Everest Christin Church has called Rev. Dale Walling as pastor.