



**Rev. Dr. Lara Blackwood Pickrel
New Regional Minister**



A special Regional Assembly was held on Thursday, May 21st to meet the candidate selected by our Regional Minister Search Committee. In attendance were our two voting delegates Kim Gordon and Neal Heckman, along with Pastor Sherry.

Rev. Dr. Lara Blackwood Pickrel was confirmed as our next Regional Minister!

She will begin serving in this role on July 1st.

Mark Your Calendars!

- JUL 02 Office Closed
- JUL 04 Independence Day
- JUL 05 Monthly Birthdays 11:00 AM (FH)
- JUL 05 Care Team Mtg. 11:15 AM (L)
- JUL 06 TC Team Meeting 6:00 PM (FH)
- JUL 09 Food Pantry 9:00 AM (FH)
- JUL 12 Property Mtg. 11:15 AM (Rm 107)
- JUL 18 Men’s Breakfast 8:00 AM (Perkins)
- JUL 19 Elders Meeting 5:00 PM (Zoom)
- JUL 21 Women’s Dinner 5:30 PM (Bella’s)
- JUL 23 Food Pantry 9:00 AM (FH)
- JUL 27 Georgie Babb Mtg. 1:00 PM (FH)
- JUL 28 TC Team Meeting 5:30 PM (FH)
- JUL 28 Board Mtg. 7:00 PM (FH)

- Wednesdays Bizarre Ladies 9:30 AM (FH)
- Sundays Bible Study 8:30 AM (L)
- Worship 10:00 AM (Sanctuary/On-Line)

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General Assembly

July 11th—10:00 AM-5:00 PM

The General Assembly (GA) is an annual gathering of Disciples of Christ congregations from the U.S. and Canada. The GA is a covenantal table set for education, discussion, worship, business, fellowship, and action. The GA will take place online this year and our Region will be hosted by Country Club Christian Church. Neal Heckman, Kim Gordon, and Pastor Sherry will represent our church. Anyone is welcome to join them in person at Country Club, or register and join on-line from home.

Rooted in hope, inspired by purpose, and alive with possibility. Your voice, your presence, and your spirit matter. Come be part of what God is doing next!

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July 2026



Thank you to the 31 individuals who completed the Innovation Culture Index Survey!

The goal of the TC Team from August through November 2026 will be to invite as many of you as possible to participate in congregational experiences for the purpose of discerning our shared language for the mission of our church.

Sound easy? “All” we are going to do is find a way to express who we are called to be in this time and place — in just a few words!

The TC team will be hard at work in July designing a Plan for a project to move us toward a deeper understanding of the shared mission of FCC Olathe. We will present the Plan at the July General Board meeting, where all are invited to attend. We don’t know what the project will look like just yet, but we are sure it will involve food and fun! Together as a congregation we will spend the next four months shaping this shared language for mission until we have a common understanding of who God is calling us to be in this time and in this place.

We have as our framework for the journey the “10 Traits of Thriving Congregations.” One of the most important traits of Thriving Congregations is to “know their mission and vision.” Having a shared mission is an important building block which helps us live out our calling from God at FCC Olathe in this time and place.

We will need your voice on this journey!

FCC Olathe Thriving Congregations Team—Lysa Dvorak, Team Leader, Kevin Coriden, Vicki Englen, Kim Gordon, Neal Heckman & Pastor Sherry

Pastor Sherry and Lysa Dvorak attended the Thriving Congregations kickoff in Louisville June 1st-3rd.



The TC Team hard at work!



**CONTINUING OUR SUMMER 2026 WORSHIP FOCUS —
A CALL TO PRAYER - THE LORD’S PRAYER**

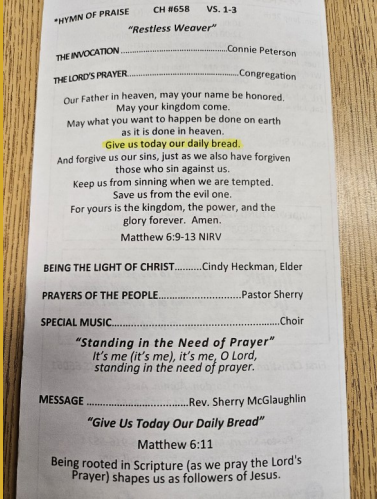
July 5th — Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors

July 12th — And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil

July 19th — For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

The Lord’s Prayer is often prayed but all too often by inattentive minds... (R)epeating the Lord’s Prayer is a meaningless exercise unless one encounters it as a guide for how to pray, what to pray, and in what spirit to pray, so that one’s life is changed accordingly.

David Garland



Food Pantry

Thank you to our Food Pantry volunteers and supporters! We are grateful for everyone who plays a part in keeping the Food Pantry running smoothly so we can continue serving the food insecurity needs of our community.





Good Faith Network’s 5th Annual Celebration on June 14th

With more than 250 people in the room, we celebrated the leaders, congregations, and networks who have spent this year building a powerful voice for justice in Johnson County.

What a gift to look around the room and see what we have built together — and what we are still building.

Help us reach the finish line.
Invest in Good Faith Network today:
www.thegoodfaithnetwork.org/funding





Join Us For Game Night!

Saturday, August 1st, 5:00 PM
Get ready to have some fun!
Games, snacks and fellowship will abound!

Please bring a snack to share and a favorite game if you have one.
There is a signup sheet on the Welcome Table.

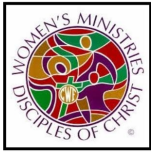
Contact Lynn Clemage or the church office for more information.





July Men’s Breakfast
Saturday, July 18th
8:00 AM
Perkins Restaurant
2000 E. Santa Fe
Gardner, KS

There is a Sign Up sheet on the Welcome Table or contact Bob Barnes. All men are invited!



Georgie Babb Women’s Group—July Meeting

Monday, July 27th, 1:00 PM
Fellowship Hall
Contact Judy Hillman to RSVP
All women are invited!

Georgie Babb June Luncheon

The ladies enjoyed fellowship and a baked potato bar. The potatoes were warm & delicious and the company was even better!



MAY FINANCIAL REPORT



General Fund	May 2026	YTD 2026
Revenues	\$22,428	\$97,337
Expenses	\$18,468	\$88,865
Surplus /(Shortfall)	\$3,960	\$8,472

**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**



DATE	BIRTHDAYS	ANNIVERSARIES
JUL 03	Diana Geisinger	
JUL 04	Marilyn Hansen	
JUL 05		Chuck & Betty Drews
JUL 09	Toni Arenson	
JUL 10	Deborah Brower Kevin Schwarz	
JUL 12	Patsy Roseman	
JUL 13	Kim Heyse	
JUL 15	Lynn Traylor	
JUL 18	Sarah Armour	
JUL 21	Charles Hopkins	John & Sherry McGlaughlin
JUL 24		John & Debby Schwarz
JUL 31	John McGlaughlin	



Women’s Dinner Out

Tuesday, July 21st, 5:30 PM
Bella’s Italian Restaurant
16110 W. 135th St., Olathe

There is a Sign Up sheet on the Welcome Table or contact Debby Schwarz for more information.

Thank you!



Thanks for your faithful and generous support of FCC Olathe. We continue to be financially strong and it is because of your belief in the ministries and mission of our church.

Stewardship & Finance Ministry