

THE MESSENGER

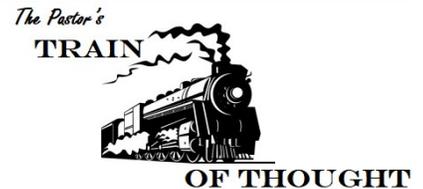
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Does Sabbath Matter Anymore?



Years ago I entered a sermon in the annual competition sponsored by the Lord's Day Alliance, an organization devoted to promoting Sabbath rest on Sundays for all Christians. I entered the competition because this is a subject I consider important. (I didn't win, but did get a nice little Honorable Mention certificate.)

Nowadays, folks who try to keep a Sabbath each week can feel like we're swimming against the current. Our society no longer makes it easy for us to take Sundays off. Stores are open like normal; our kids often have sports practices or games on Sundays; lots of other activities compete for our attention on Sunday. And let's face it, *resting* isn't something our culture values. We tend to see it as wasting time.

But even people who aren't religious have come to realize that humans are hard-wired to be healthier and happier when we take a full day off each week. A constant, 24/7 rhythm of life is not sustainable. Eventually we will *have* to take time off, because we'll get rundown and be more susceptible to illness. (That's not to say, of course, that people who do have a weekly Sabbath never get sick. But you get my point.)

For those of us who are religious, taking a full day for Sabbath rest communicates some things about our theology. First, when we stop our own working and striving for a full day, we are saying that God can be trusted to keep the world going. We've all known people (or maybe we *are* these people) who worry that if they're not in control, nothing will get done, or it won't get done right. Sabbath-keeping helps counteract this attitude by reminding us that Someone Else is truly in charge.

And second, by taking a day off and allowing everyone to do the same—in Deuteronomy 5 livestock and slaves are included in the command to take a Sabbath—we say *no* to the world's tendency to exploit people and creation. We say that everyone and everything receives God's gift of rest. In a Reform Jewish guide to Sabbath I read years ago, folks are encouraged *not* to go out to eat or shop on Sabbath, because in a way that means someone else is working so we can rest. God means for *everyone* and *everything* to participate in this gracious gift.

We are entering into a season in the church's life when we will focus on stewardship—on how we use and care for all God has given us. I believe Sabbath keeping is an important aspect of our stewardship of our time, our resources, our relationships with God and one another, and our selves (body, mind, and spirit). If Sabbath keeping has not been part of your experience, or if you've only experienced it in context of a faith community looking for the meanness in this wonderful gift from God, I encourage you to try it during this season.



October Serving Schedule

October 6
 Elder: Diana Rich
 Scripture: Carol Hedrick

9:30 a.m. Worship
 Deacons: Carol Roberts, Mike Studards,
 Derek Lile and Jennifer Schmehl
 Greeter: Louise Foster

October 13
 Elder: Shawn Quick
 Scripture: Peggy Fuller

9:30 a.m. Worship
 Deacons: Lucille Munday, Alan Munday,
 Denise Burch, and Kathy Wood
 Greeter: Peggy Thomas

October 20
 Elder: Phyllis McBrayer
 Scripture: Chuck Lewis

9:30 a.m. Worship
 Deacons: Dorothy Carter, Judy Daniel, Judy
 Colburn, Carol Lewis
 Greeter: Ed & Sue Ann Steele

October 27
 Elder: John Daniel
 Scripture: Judy Daniel

9:30 a.m. Worship
 Deacons: Carol Roberts, Mike Studards,
 Derek Lile, and Jennifer Schmehl
 Greeter: Candi Agnew

Music Director: Carol Ann Winburn — Accompanist: Mary Coffman
 Sound Techs: Phyllis McBrayer, Dianna Silvers, Justin Quick,
 Communion Preparers: Carol Hedrick | Nursery Attendants: Jessika Blaser, Jakaila Rolph

Birthdays

- 2—Knox Silvers
- 3—Candi Agnew
- 4—Lynda Perkins
- 7—Tanner McGuire
- 8—Shirley Berry
- 9—Darrell Wilson
- 10—Jared Fuller
- 15—Jeri Lynn Foster
- 16—Misty Foster
- 18—Hannah Wilson
- 19—Nathan Agnew
- 20—Kathy Wood
- 21—Marcella Dines
- 27—Michael Boonstra
- 27—Nora Carver
- 28—Clayton Stark
- 29—Maribeth Golladay
- 30—Harlan Boonstra

Anniversaries

- 2—Larry & Carol Ann Winburn
- 13—Dwain & Karen Russell
- 20—Allan & Billie Bopp

Budget

August Income
 \$7,674.20

August Expenses
 \$9,026.44

Year-to-date Income
 \$74,714.75

Year-to-date Expenses
 \$77,313.58

You may view a complete financial report in the church office.

Important Dates

- 01—Women's Group
- 13—Elder's Meeting
- 15—Community Café
- 20—Board Meeting
- 31—Halloween

Attendance

Date	Sunday School		Worship
	Life Group	Elementary	Officers
August 25	11	5	53
			Total—16
September 1	0	0	39
			Total—0
September 8	7	3	47
			Total—10
September 15	0	0	43
			Total—0
September 22	0	0	37
			Total—0



October 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 6: 30 pm Women's Group	2 7 pm Choir Practice	3 9 am Parent's Day Out	4	5
6 9:20 Prayer 9:30 Worship 10:45 Sunday School 11 Life Group 6 pm Youth Group	7	8	9 7 pm Choir Practice	10 9 am Parent's Day Out	11	12
13 9:20 Prayer 9:30 Worship 10:45 Sunday School 11 Life Group Elder's Meeting 6 pm Youth Group	14	15 5:30-6:00 p.m. Community Café	16 7 pm Choir Practice	17 9 am Parent's Day Out	18	19
20 9:20 Prayer 9:30 Worship 10:45 Sunday School 11 Board Meeting 6 pm Youth Group	21	22	23 7 pm Choir Practice	24 9 am Parent's Day Out	25	26
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Upcoming Sermons

October 6

Message: "The Second Law"

Scripture: Deuteronomy 5:1-21; 6:4-9

What I was thinking: Our reading from Deuteronomy 5 is a reiteration of the Ten Commandments (see Exodus 20:1-17). There is however, a distinct difference in point of view

October 13

Message: "David's Great-Grandmother"

Scripture: Ruth 1:1-22

What I was thinking: In contrast to the point of view of Ezra and Nehemiah, which emphasize the need for ethic purity, the Bible presents the story of a faithful foreign woman who became part of King David's family tree.

October 20

Message: "Leaping and Dancing Before the LORD"

Scripture: 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 16-22

What I was thinking: The Ark's entry into Jerusalem was a joyous event, but David's wife Michal, daughter of Saul, saw only bitterness. Why?

October 27

Message: "You Can't Tell Him Anything"

Scripture: 1 Kings 12:1-17, 25-29

What I was thinking: Solomon may have been known for his wisdom, but apparently it wasn't passed down to his son Rehoboam.



DISCIPLE'S WOMEN GROUP

The Disciples Women Group met for their fall kick-off salad supper on 09-03-19. The fall decorations, salad supper meal, games, devotional, and entire evening was enjoyed by fifteen FCC ladies and two guests.

The next meeting of this group will be October 1st at 6:30 in the Adult Sunday School Classroom. Paula Shaffer will be the hostess and she will also provide the devotional that evening. All women of the church are welcome.

Clean-Up Buckets

This fall the women of FCC Butler participated in the annual "festival of Sharing event. (festivalofsharing.org) We filled 10 buckets with numerous cleaning supplies. With the cost of approximately \$40 per bucket, that would amount to approximately \$400 contribution from our church. The buckets were sent to Church World Service. CWS stores the buckets so they are able to respond quickly when a need arises during disasters.

We want to thank Steve and Carol Hedrick for delivering these buckets to Kansas City for us.

YOUTH GROUPS AT FCC

As noted earlier this year, one of the volunteer leaders has stepped down and the church is in need of finding a replacement. Depending on the number of youth attending (and ages) it is possible two additional leaders are needed. A short meeting was held following the board meeting on Sunday and the following was decided:

1. The youth will meet on Sunday evenings at 6:00 for one hour. Starting September 8, 2019.
2. It is hopeful to have three groups: CYF (grades 9-12) lead by Shawn Quick.

Chi Rho (grades 6-8) no leader yet. And JYF (grades 3-5) no leader yet.

If you are interested in helping by taking a leadership (or co-leadership) role, please see Carol Roberts, Shawn Quick, or Rev. Sharla Hulsey. Leader training, coaching, mentoring, or other assistance will be provided as needed.

Thoughts & Prayers

Aimee Daniel Breiner, Barbara Walsh, Bill Cumpton, Caleb Hoffard, Carl Shubert, Cheryl Cumpton, Dennis Shannon, Deloris Baldwin, Ed Perkins, Gary Studards, Jamie Hibbs, Jill Tiona, Kay Haile, Keera Brockman, Kenny Hunt, Larry Winburn, Lona Grosshart, Madison Tippie, Pat Arnold, Rachel Bittencourt, Rhonda Yarick, Shirley Berry, Sharon Jones, Terry Steuck, Tracy Clayton, Tylor Smading, Verna Kooker



Board Minutes

September 15, 2019

Pending Board Approval

Board members present: Deacons- Judy Daniel, Judy Colburn, Carol Lewis, Carol Roberts, Mike Studards, Jennifer Schmehl, Lucille Munday, and Alan Munday. Elders-Phyllis McBrayer, Shawn Quick, , John Daniel, Diana Rich and member Don Malan. Others present: Rev. Sharla Hulseley and Everett McBrayer.

Alan Munday called the meeting to order at 10:43 AM. Shawn Quick opened with prayer.

The agenda was adopted with additions on motion of Diana Rich and second by Phyllis McBrayer.

The minutes of the 08-18-19 meeting were reviewed. The minutes were approved as presented on motion of Jennifer Schmehl and second by Shawn Quick.

Financial Reports: August 2019 financial reports including Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Budget Performance sheets were reviewed. The financial reports were approved on motion of Judy Colburn and second by Mike Studards. Full reports are available in the church office.

Ministers' Report: Rev. Hulseley reviewed her written report noting a meeting with the Moulton Trust on 8/22, noting this money must be spent between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Other meetings she attended were Ministerial Alliance, Elders meeting, and hosted the Cluster 2 group. Her report included numerous activities she has been involved in, i.e. serving as mentor to newly installed pastor at Disciples Christian Church in Nevada, serving on the planning committee for the 2020 Regional Assembly, completed application for Doctor of Ministry program at Phillips Seminary, hospital visitations, + others. Her full report is available in the church office.

Old Business:

Security Issues: The concave mirror has been received; but appears too large to place in the area to allow observation of the front double glass doors. This was being considered to increase security during church services. Some discussion was held to consider getting a smaller concave mirror.

Everett McBrayer presented another option to purchase a panoramic dome mirror for viewing 180 degrees. This is 18 inches wide and cost approximately \$37. This purchase was approved on motion by John Daniel, and second by Phyllis McBrayer.

Everett also presented information and cost about the possibility of adding security cameras, wireless Ring doorbells, need for charging these devices, potential additional electronic devices for viewing, and need to increase wifi network in the Education (south) wing. All board members were advised to read the submitted information and be prepared to discuss further next month.

Repair on North Wall of Basement: No action yet to repair the drainage problem along the outside area of the basement by Jimmy Herrell.

Nominating Committee: Chair, Carol Roberts, reported her committee of Phyllis McBrayer, Judy Colburn, Carol Hedrick, and Peggy Fuller have met and submitted the following nominations 2020:
Deacons thru 2022: Peggy Fuller, Dale Kinsmen, Dianna Silvers, and Chuck Lewis. Deacon thru 2020: Carol Hedrick.

Elders thru 2022: Justin Quick and Don Malan

Officers: Board Chair: Don Malan, Vice Chair: Chuck Lewis, Secretary: Carol Hedrick, Treasurer: Judy Colburn, and Financial Secretary: Diana Rich.

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Endowment Trustee thru 2022: Paula Shaffer.

Emeritus: Elders: Paula Shaffer, Bob Johnson, & Sue Ann Steele. Deacons: Lylah Linard, & Ed Steele.

Nominating Committee continues: This list of nominations was approved on motion of Diana Rich and second by Shawn Quick. The committee was asked to find an additional 2 year Elder thru 2021 and one Elder to fill-in during Dolly Studards medical absence.

New Business.

Budget Committee: Alan Munday asked all committee and department chairs to prepare their budget requests and get their information to Diana Rich as soon as possible. The full proposed budget needs to be presented to the Board for approval at the next meeting on October 20th.

Congregational Meeting on November 10: Alan Munday noted the Congregational meeting to approve election of Board Members, officers, and budget for 2020 has been set for November 10th immediately following the morning worship.

Committee Reports

Property- Everett McBryer noted several issues with the building and equipment as follows
North A/C had a bearing go out, fan blade issue, and a drain hose broke off. All have been repaired now.
Everett needs of a new vacuum sweeper. This was improved on motion of Carol Roberts and second by Judy Colburn.
There is considerable damage to the north wall in the basement and in the sanctuary. He noted the north wall needs to be repaired and tuck & sealed, both inside and outside. He has two bids coming in. These will be reviewed and action taken at the next Board meeting.

Education –

Library: Judy Daniel reported the clean-out of the library is almost complete. She would board action on 5 issues:
Several book ends. Judy Daniel will dispose of these after Sharla gets what she wants.
Book cards and envelopes no longer used by most libraries are available. Motion to give all of these to Judy Daniel for use at Drexel school library. Approved on motion of Lucille Munday and second by Judy Colburn.
VHS tapes with various programs recorded. These will be destroyed on motion of Carol Roberts and second by Lucille Munday.
Set of reference books that Judy Daniel feels might be worth a little money. She was approved to try to sell these as best she can on motion of Shawn Quick and 2nd by Diana Rich.
Judy reported the bookshelves on the west wall in the library are now empty and are very unstable. She suggested these be removed, especially if youth or children use this room. No objections were voiced.

Closing Prayer: Rev. Sharla Hulsey closed the meeting with prayer.

Adjournment: With no further business brought to the board, the meeting adjourned at 11:40 AM on motion of Carol Roberts and second by Diana Rich.

Submitted by: Carol Roberts, Secretary

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