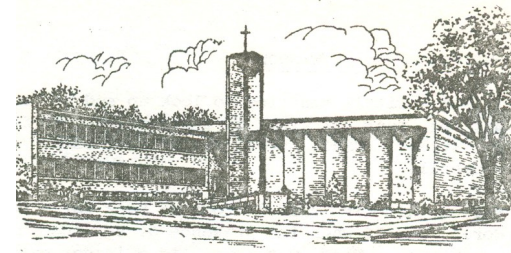


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Christian Church News

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First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

UPCOMING EVENTS



Hanging of the Greens

Sunday,
November 29, 2009
10:30 a.m.
Hanging of the
Greens Service

THANKSGIVING PRAISE SERVICE and DINNER

Sunday, November 22, 2009
4:30 P.M.



Join us for an evening of praise & fellowship with our friends in Christ from Church of the New Covenant. Turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, rolls and drinks will be provided. We ask that each one bring one or two dishes of your favorite holiday food so there will be plenty to share with all our guests! Also, bring your own table service. THANKS!

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"The mission of First Christian Church is to inspire each other to reach out to the un-churched and to serve and share with our community by proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ."



Set your clocks back 1 hour!
November 1st



Monday thru Thursday ~ 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Closed Fridays



RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Sunday School ~ 9:30 a.m.
Worship ~ 10:30 a.m.

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From the
MINISTER

You may remember a couple weeks ago, October 4, 2009, we celebrated the Lord's Supper, as we do every Sunday, of course, but with the added dimension of feasting with thousands of other churches around the world on what is now known as World Communion Sunday, observed every year on the first Sunday in October. It was moving to know that so many churches of many denominations were gathering at the Table within the faith and traditions of their own group.

As a part of that Celebration, we also remembered the road we took to get to the Table and for most of us, the journey involved baptism. We recalled our baptism and the baptisms we have witnessed and revisited the importance and significance of this rite that symbolizes repentance and God's forgiveness of our sin. This is also an important part of what we mark in partaking of the Lord's Supper—that Blood of Christ shed for the forgiveness of our sins.

Remembering our baptism as we gather around the Table is a natural part of our faith because as baptism helps us to understand the cleansing power of God's love, we also realize that through the body and blood of Jesus we are forgiven. Our sins are forgiven, we are reminded at the Table, and we are

cleansed, symbolized in the Spirit-Filled waters of the baptistery.

The waters of baptism essentially call us to new beings, much as Nicodemus learned when Jesus revealed to him that he must be "born again." This is as difficult for us to understand as it was for Nicodemus, but it seems that Nicodemus understood, at least over time, and so do we.

We must not underestimate the power of the meaning of baptism and its relationship to the Table. We have been cleansed by the power of the shed Blood of Jesus symbolized in the "washing" of the Baptismal Waters. While sin is a daily consequence of our human condition, we are freed from the burden of constantly carrying the baggage of our sin. As Nicodemus learned, the waters of baptism gloriously and wondrously demonstrate the ongoing Grace of God shown in Jesus. What a blessing!

Blessings, Pastor Bob



ADVENT

THE MEANING & TRADITIONS OF THE ADVENT SEASON

Soon, we will begin the season of Advent, the time of joy in expectation of the birth of Christ. Advent has been celebrated since the 4th century when records show that the feast of the Nativity Of Our Lord was established. Originally, it was a time similar to Lent. It was a time of penitence, a time for confession of sin and fasting.

Today, Advent is celebrated with joyful preparation for the birth of Christ. Traditions vary from place to place and have evolved from various cultures. A tradition of Hanging of the Greens has been celebrated on the first Sunday of Advent. It is based on the English tradition of decorating the home with wreaths, a Christmas tree and evergreens. The Advent wreath represents God's eternity, evergreens are associated with everlasting life, holly reminds us of the death of Jesus and ivy stand for His resurrection.

The Latin word "adventus" means "coming". The first Sunday of Advent is the Sunday nearest the feast of the Apostle St. Andrew which is November 30th. So this year, Advent Sunday is November 29.

~ Carol Rhoades



WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP

Ladies please join us @ A.S.K.
"Ask and it will be given to you,
Seek and you will find, Knock and it
will be opened to you." ~ Luke 11:9

An Emporia City-Wide Intercessory Women's Prayer Group

When: October 10th
Where: Plumb Place, 224 East 6th Ave.
When: 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.

This is a multi-denominational group.
NO child care provided. For more
information call Joy Brooks @ 342-4124
or Cheryl Griffin @ 343-1448

LIBRARY NEWS

Two new memorial books have been given from DWF by Jan Karon, author of the bestselling Mitford years series. These books are words of comfort and celebration collected by Father Tim. A Continual Feast for Edith Rowlands and Patches of God Light for Nadine Lexow.

Barbara Gimple has donated A Cedar Cove Christmas by Debbie Macomber.

Marvin Reece has donated The Case for Faith by Lee Strobel. This is a large print book.

Remember we do get Reminisce, Disciples World and Guideposts magazines each month.





PRAYER REQUESTS

Our prayer/concerns/joy list continues to grow longer. Don't forget to call the office if a name can be removed. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

LOCALLY

Nicholas Bacon (Army Reserve in Baghdad, nephew of Betty Richardson), Marlene Bowman (niece of Elizabeth Willard), Cheryl Dunning (niece of Bonnie Denson), Jason Hart, Nadine & Hopper Family, Ted Kline, Ramona Langley (sister of Betty Richardson), Major Garrett Truskett (Grandson of Wilma Lindsey), Don White

NATIONALLY AND GLOBALLY...

Pray for those defending our nation: missionaries; and victims of war, hunger, disease and natural disasters. Pray for those suffering and in need around the world! Also, pray for our city and county leaders.

SECRET PLACE DEVOTIONALS

THE NEW FALL devotionals have just arrived! Also, past copies are still available in the church office for \$1.00 per copy.
~ Christy

BIBLE STUDY

The Bible Study "A Fragile Stone: Peter, Jesus' Friend" continues on Tuesday mornings at 10 a.m. The study will continue through November 17th and is facilitated by Jean Miller. The series is DVD based ~ come and bring a friend.



THANKS

We want to thank everyone for the cards and well wishes to help us celebrate our 62nd wedding anniversary this past October 12th. Our church family means so much to us and we thank you for remembering us. ~ Keith & Doris Douglas



Hello Pastor Bob & Staff ~ We cannot thank you enough for the hospitality we received during our recent stay at your facility. Everything was wonderful ~ the kids had plenty to do and the space was great.

Blessings to each of you. Please let me know if there is anything we did not know about. I certainly believe we cleaned up everything, but with kids one never knows!

In Christ's Name, Tammi Mitchell
Sponsors & Students
from Ulysses, Kansas



A BIG THANK YOU to all who supported Learning Center Preschool's Pancake Feed on Saturday, October 17th. To all who cooked, cleaned, rolled silverware, ate pancakes, you name it, we say THANKS! Special thanks to LeRoy Garnett, Barb Gimple, John & Marie Harding, Carl Headrick, Tony & Cindy Kuronya, Tim Norton and Robert Wells. We couldn't have done it without you! We raised a little over \$2,300 and we praise the Lord for it!



Monday thru Thursday
8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Friday ~ Closed

PASTOR'S HOURS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

M-W-TH 9-11 a.m. & 2-4 p.m.
Fridays & Saturdays are by appointment.
620-342-1582 (Church)
620-757-6298 (Cell)
944 Whittier-Emporia
E-Mail: bobcolerick@yahoo.com

NEW DIRECTORIES

The updated 2009 church directories are available on the table outside the church office. Please read your information and if there are any changes or if we've missed someone, contact Debbie Peck.



JUST A REMINDER

Please remember that if you are unable to fulfill your turn as a greeter, nursery volunteer, worship leader, children's message giver, server, etc., **please find your own replacement and let the church office know.** Thanks!

PRAYER CHAIN

We care about you! If you or anyone you know would like to be added to our existing DWF prayer chain, please call Jeanice Miller at 343-9592 or Luella Hush at 342-2493.



ATTENDANCE RECORD

October 4, 2009
SS - 27 / Worship - 95
October 11, 2009
SS - 26 / Worship - 77
October 18, 2009
SS - 31 / Worship - 94



Attendance and Offering Report

GIVING RECORD

October 4, 2009
Offering - \$4,810.25 / Capital - \$1,182.25
October 11, 2009
Offering - \$1,032.00 / Capital - \$174.00
October 18, 2009
Offering - \$2,775.00 / Capital - \$404.00



IT'S RUMMAGE SALE TIME!

Put November 14th on your calendar. We'll be having a rummage sale. We already have quite a lot of clothing, but you can bring more. Any miscellaneous items that you're no longer using are welcome also. We are planning a special Christmas room, so if you have Christmas decorations that you aren't using, we'll be happy to have them. Start bringing your items now so we'll have plenty of time to get things ready. To cap it off there will be a coffee bar with baked goods and coffee or hot cocoa. We'll be asking for helpers to get ready for the sale and helpers for the day of the sale as well. If you can help, contact Barb Gimple or Marie Harding.

CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER

Sunday, November 1

Food Collection for the Needy
9:30 a.m. ~ Sunday School
10:30 a.m. ~ Worship Service

Monday, November 2

11:00 a.m. ~ Pastoral Relations Committee Mtg.
12:05 p.m. ~ Walk Aerobics
5:30 p.m. ~ Stewardship Meeting
7:00 p.m. ~ Boy Scouts

Tuesday, November 3

10:00 a.m. ~ "Fragile Stone" Bible Study
12:05 p.m. ~ Walk Aerobics

Wednesday, November 4

8:00 a.m. ~ Kindermusik
12:05 p.m. ~ Walk Aerobics

Thursday, November 5

12:05 p.m. ~ Walk Aerobics
5:15 p.m. ~ Chalice Chimers
6:00 p.m. ~ Choir Practice
7:00 p.m. ~ Discipleship Meeting

Friday, November 6

12:05 p.m. ~ Walk Aerobics
7:30 p.m. ~ Square Dancers

Sunday, November 8

9:30 a.m. ~ Sunday School
10:30 a.m. ~ Worship Service
4:00 p.m. ~ Worship Ministry Meeting

Monday, November 9

12:05 p.m. ~ Walk Aerobics
5:30 p.m. ~ DWF Night Group Meeting
7:00 p.m. ~ Boy Scouts

Tuesday, November 10

10:00 a.m. ~ "Fragile Stone" Bible Study
12:05 p.m. ~ Walk Aerobics

Wednesday, November 11

8:00 a.m. ~ Kindermusik
12:05 p.m. ~ Walk Aerobics
1:30 p.m. ~ DWF Day Group Meeting
3:00 p.m. ~ Sterling House

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NOVEMBER BIBLE READINGS

November 1

Ruth 1:1-18
Psalm 146
Hebrews 9:11-14
Mark 12:28-34

November 8

Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17
Psalm 127
Hebrews 9:24-28
Mark 12:38-44

November 15

1 Samuel 1:4-20
1 Samuel 2:1-10
Hebrews 10:11-25
Mark 13:1-8

November 22

2 Samuel 23:1-7
Psalm 132:1-18
Revelation 1:4b-8
John 18:33-37

November 29

Jeremiah 33:14-16
Psalm 25:1-10
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
Luke 21:25-36

NEW ADDRESS

Jeanne Canaday
has another **NEW**
address:



5231 NW Courtland Drive
Topeka, KS 66618-1209

DISCIPLES' KITCHEN REPORT



Disciples' Kitchen came into being approximately one year ago when the Administrative Council discussed the possibility of better using our kitchen both to raise money and to reach out to our community. Several people volunteered to look into this possibility, and Cindy asked me to chair the group.

It has been suggested that it is time to make a report to the congregation on the work of this group and the results of our efforts. Let me say at the outset that Disciples' Kitchen works cooperatively with various ministry teams, church officers, and other individuals within the church family in order to carry out its activities, and thus is only partially responsible for these results.

- Supported Capital Fund meals on February 2nd, March 1st and April 26th with proceeds of \$1600.
- Held Neighborhood Picnic at Eastside Memorial Park in April, with over 50 people in attendance, including a significant number of neighborhood residents.
- Assisted with May Capital Fund dinner with proceeds of about \$500.
- Planned and assisted with June 7th Congregational Birthday Party with net proceeds of over \$640.

- deposited in Capital Fund.
- Planned and assisted with July 5 Congregational Dinner with about \$400 deposited in Capital Fund.
- Held second Eastside Neighborhood Party in July with over 50 people attending, and again including a significant number of nearby residents. One new member gained from these efforts, and over 40 school supply packets distributed to neighborhood children.
- Determined need for a new dishwasher and garbage disposal in kitchen and obtained approval from trustees and Administrative Council to allow up to \$5,000 from memorial funds to complete this project.
- Planned and assisted with August 16 Congregational Dinner with about \$400 deposited in Capital Fund.
- Assisted in planning and sponsoring a booth at the Great American Market on September 12, with over \$1,100 deposited in the Capital Fund. Welcomed 12 members of Phi Delta Theta fraternity to a dinner for workers on Friday evening before the sale.
- Planned and served a Potato Bar prior to Calvary Echoes Concert on September 27 and deposited \$340 in the Capital Fund.



Celebrating 
An Anniversary This Month

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 15 LeRoy & Karen Garnett
- 16 Fred & Ilda Kline



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 01 Jaylene Arnett
- 02 Glenn Greenlee
- 03 Vicki Thornton
- 04 George Arnett
- 04 McKenna LeClear
- 04 Carol Rhoades
- 07 Brandon Adams
- 07 Jamie Osage
- 08 Rick Frevert
- 08 Adam Harding
- 08 Jerry Marshall
- 09 Brett Schaefer
- 10 Bill Coburn
- 10 Duane Ginavan
- 12 Bonnie Iverson
- 12 Jacquelyn Wamser
- 13 Shirley Ayers
- 14 Rayanna Breshears
- 14 Carolyn Meierhoff
- 14 David Meierhoff
- 15 Anita Imhoff
- 15 Vel Lukert

(Birthdays Continued)

- 16 Adam Ewy
- 16 Chuck Ewy
- 17 Jennifer Dalton
- 21 Randi Dalton
- 23 Marie Harding
- 23 Laurie Kurzen
- 24 Carolyn Kuhn
- 25 Dana Witten
- 28 Richard Headrick
- 30 David Harding
- 30 William Hopkins



NEWSLETTER DEADLINES!

Mark your calendars! Here are the deadlines for upcoming newsletters *(note that some have different dates due to holiday/vacation schedules)*.

For December ~ turn in by November 11th **(early)**, fold on Wed. the 18th
For January ~ turn in by December 10th **(early)**, fold on Wednesday the 16th
Thanks! ~ Christy

NEWSLETTER ON LINE

If you would like to read the newsletter online, our Web Page is at www.fccemporium.org. Click on "News" and select the edition you'd like to read.



November 1, 2009

Candlelighter ~ Brianna Becker / Children's Message ~ Barb Gimple
Diaconate ~ Tim Norton, Janelle Norton, George Ford, Joan Shumate
Elder ~ Marlene Hanson
Greeters ~ (N) Robert & Janet Wells / (S) Joyce Cress & Lola Farr
Nursery ~ John Lexow / Organist ~ Sandy Heller / Worship Leader ~ Donna Breshears



November 8, 2009

Candlelighter ~ Parker Simmons / Children's Message ~ Marlene Hanson
Diaconate ~ Richard Becker, Joe Denson, Bonnie Denson, Marie Harding
Elder ~ LeRoy Garnett
Greeters ~ (N) Larry & Glenna Gamblian / (S) Marlene Hanson & Mary Morriss
Nursery ~ Betty Richardson / Organist - Sandy Heller / Worship Leader ~ Fred Miller

November 15, 2009

Candlelighter ~ Parker Simmons / Children's Message ~ Judy Moore
Diaconate ~ Carl Headrick, Rita Headrick, Nikki Simmons, Debbie Peck
Elder ~ Cameron Moore
Greeters ~ (N) Carl & Lana Richardson / (S) John & Cindy Lexow
Nursery ~ Judy Moore / Organist ~ Donna Breshears / Worship Leader ~ Robert Chatham

November 22, 2009

Candlelighter ~ Cindy Lexow / Children's Message ~ Tim Norton
Diaconate ~ Nancy LeClear, Guy Bacon, Janece Bacon, Jake Dalton
Elder ~ LeRoy Garnett
Greeters ~ (N) Richard Becker & Robert Chatham / (S) George & Ruth Ford
Nursery ~ Richard Becker / Organist ~ Sandy Heller / Worship Leader ~ Vicky Allen

November 29, 2009

Candlelighter ~ Debbie Peck / Children's Message ~ Sandy Heller
Diaconate ~ Carl Richardson, Lana Richardson, George Arnett, Joyce Cress
Elder ~ Cindy Lexow
Greeters ~ (N) Joe & Bonnie Dneson / (S) Alberta Brinkman & Norma Leonard
Nursery ~ Janelle Norton / Organist ~ Sandy Heller / Worship Leader ~ Cindy Lexow

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Thursday, November 12
 Directory Distributing Associates here through November 21st
 12:05 p.m. ~ Walk Aerobics
 3:00 p.m. ~ Broadview Towers
 5:15 p.m. ~ Chalice Chimers
 6:00 p.m. ~ Choir Practice
 7:00 p.m. ~ Ministry Leadership Team and Administrative Council Mtg.

Friday, November 13
 12:05 p.m. ~ Walk Aerobics

Saturday, November 14
 7:00 a.m. ~ Rummage Sale

Sunday, November 15
 9:30 a.m. ~ Sunday School
 10:30 a.m. ~ Worship Service

Monday, November 16
NEWLETTER DEADLINE
 12:05 p.m. ~ Walk Aerobics
 7:00 p.m. ~ Boy Scouts

Tuesday, November 17
 10:00 a.m. ~ Fragile Stone Bible Study
 12:05 p.m. ~ Walk Aerobics

Wednesday, November 18
 8:00 a.m. ~ Kindermusik
 12:05 p.m. ~ Walk Aerobics
 5:30 p.m. ~ Sertoma Meeting
 6:30 p.m. ~ LCP PTO Meeting

Thursday, November 19
 12:05 p.m. ~ Walk Aerobics
 5:15 p.m. ~ Chalice Chimers
 6:00 p.m. ~ Choir Practice

Friday, November 20
 12:05 p.m. ~ Walk Aerobics

Sunday, November 22
 9:30 a.m. ~ Sunday School
 10:30 a.m. ~ Worship Service
 2:00 p.m. ~ Presbyterian Manor
 4:30 p.m. ~ Thanksgiving Meal with Church of the New Covenant

Monday, November 23
 12:05 p.m. ~ Walk Aerobics
 7:00 p.m. ~ Boy Scouts
 7:00 p.m. ~ Habitat for Humanity Mtg.

Tuesday, November 24
 12:05 p.m. ~ Walk Aerobics

Wednesday, November 25
 8:00 a.m. ~ Kindermusik
 12:00 p.m. ~ LCP Advisory Board Mtg.
 12:05 p.m. ~ Walk Aerobics

Thursday, November 26
THANKSGIVING DAY ~ Office Closed
ALL ACTIVITIES CANCELLED

Friday, November 27
THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY ~ Office Closed
 12:05 p.m. ~ **NO** Walk Aerobics

Sunday, November 29
 9:30 a.m. ~ Sunday School
 10:30 a.m. ~ Worship Service
"Hanging of the Greens Service"
 12:00 p.m. ~ Building Fund Dinner
 3:00 p.m. ~ Holiday Resort Service

Monday, November 30
 12:05 p.m. ~ Walk Aerobics

WELCOME!

We are pleased to welcome our newest member, **KATIE MOELLER**, freshman at ESU from Leavenworth, KS. We greet you, Katie, in the Name of the Lord and look forward to growing with you!



WEEK OF COMPASSION

Around the World, Around the Year: Where in the World Have We Responded This Week?

Disaster Responses: China-South China floods, India ~ flood relief & disaster risk reduction, Indonesia ~ West Sumatra earthquake, Sudan ~ southern Sudan crisis, DR Congo - emergency aid for Angolan refugees, Philippines - typhoon, U.S. ~ southeastern floods.

Week of Compassion is sharing resources and changing lives. Thank you for sharing your resources and helping to change lives.

Please pray for the people of the Philippines, Indonesia, Tonga and Samoa - for homes, personal possessions, places of worship, schools, public infrastructure lost.

Pray for those who have no food, water, or shelter that they will be able to get the basic necessities.

Pray for those who have lost loved ones.

Pray for those who have lost a sense of security that they may feel a sense of dignity restored as they find solutions for the future.

Pray that they will sense God's loving presence with them.



PANTRY NEWS

We have had several people take advantage of our pantry in the last month which means that we are doing our job being here! But it also means our supply is running low for the upcoming holidays. The need will be great so we would appreciate any items you can donate toward that need. We could currently use:

canned vegetables and fruits, canned soup and meats, "helpers", boxed mac & cheese, toilet paper, bags of spaghetti, macaroni & noodles, we have several peanut butters, but could use some jars of jelly.

Any items you donate are much appreciated and bless people in our community. Thanks for all you do! Cash can still be given to Christy in the office to purchase items.
 ~ Dorothy Boyce

OFFICE HELP

The holidays are nearly upon us and I have to use up my vacation! I will be out of the office the week of Thanksgiving (Nov. 23-27). We will only need help one day (Tuesday, November 24th) Pastor Bob's day off. If you are able to cover the phone in the office that day from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., please call me at 342-1582. If you can't be in the office but would be willing to receive calls for the church on your cell or home phone from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. through call forwarding, please let me know that as well.
 Thanks, Christy

