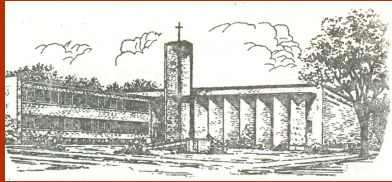




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## Reflection

Dear Friends,

I hope you will join me in giving thanks for the work of the Transition Team: Barb Gimple, Marie Harding, Marlene Hanson, Carl Headrick, Janet Lostutter, Jean Miller, and Judy Moore. The congregation identified the Transition Team last October when you submitted names of the three people who you trust the most in the congregation. Janet joined the team as the moderator last year and Marlene joined the team in July as she became the moderator for this year.

The Transition Team has diligently accomplished their task of making recommendations to the congregation, meeting bi-weekly initially and weekly for the past many months. They invested a lot of time wrestling with difficult questions and exploring a variety of possibilities.

Their work is now complete as they have presented their recommendations to the congregation. They met for the final time on Monday, August 7, to wrap up their work and to offer reflections on their work on behalf on the congregation.

Thank you Barb, Marie, Marlene, Carl, Janet, Jean, and Judy for your time and hard work.

Peace,  
Dale

**Join us for Worship**  
**In Person Worship**

We are meeting at the church for worship at 10:40 a.m. on Sunday mornings! We are using pre-packaged communion. We hope to see you Sunday!

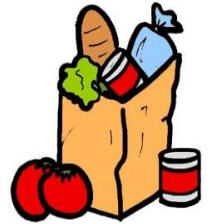
**At Home Worship on Facebook/Vimeo**



Find us on Facebook at **First Christian Church—Disciples of Christ of Emporia, KS.** to join us for worship at 10:40 a.m. on Sundays. Leave a comment on our worship service to let us know you are with us! Find us on Vimeo at **First Christian Church— Emporia.**



During the month of August, the food pantry helped **72 families** with food, plus **various other items**, including **11 doz. eggs.**



Our pantry continues to be a lifeline for those in our community.

During this time, we have implemented a no contact method for providing food to the community and have reduced our food pantry hours to Mondays from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

*Church Family Prayer List*

**Sharon Ball & Family**

Mark Davis, **Marilyn Dalton's** Cousin

**Joy Frevert's** Friend

**Dick Hubert**

Paul Martinez, Friend of the **Arnett's**

Hunter McCoy, **Chad & Laurie Kurzen's** Nephew,

**Jaiden & Kinzie Kurzen's** Cousin

Jennifer & Michael

Jacob Ramirez Son of Sonya Ihde

JoAnn Rincon, Friend of **Marilyn Dalton**

**Dee Thompson**

~The church as we go through the transition process with Pastor Dale Matherly~

**Upcoming Serving Schedule**

**August 13th, 2023**

**Elder**~ Janece Bacon

**Worship Leader**~ Diana Solis

**August 20th, 2023**

**Elder**~ Judy Moore

**Worship Leader**~ Janece Bacon

**Attendance and Giving Record**

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July 30th, 2023 ~ 38 AH & IP Worship

August 6th, 2023 ~ 38 AH & IP Worship

**GIVING RECORD**

July 30th, 2023 ~ Offering \$1,440.00

August 6th, 2023 ~ Offering \$1,180.00/ Building \$5.00



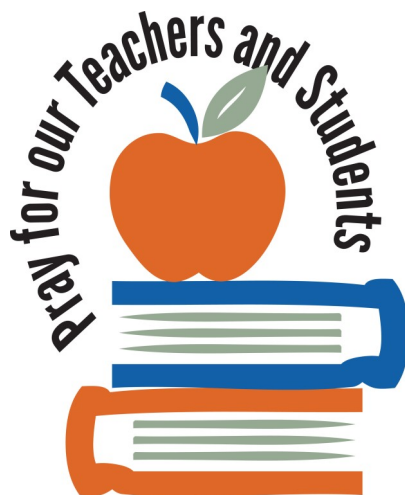
# Birthdays and Anniversaries

## AUGUST Anniversaries

31 Dave & Carolyn Meierhoff

## AUGUST Birthdays

- 10 Owen Hopkins
- 12 Dee Holmes
- 14 Wade Miller
- 16 Carol Hopkins
- 20 Ed Dalton
- 23 Doris Baird
- 23 Nicole Dalton
- 26 Marilyn Dalton
- 27 Carl Richardson
- 29 Owen Hines



## Mark The Dates

Sundays at 9:30am— Sunday School

Sundays at 10:40 am—Worship Service  
via In Person & Facebook Live

Mondays from 9:00—11:00 am—Food Pantry

Mondays at 7:00 pm—Boy Scouts

Fridays from 3:00—6:00 pm—Clothes Closet & Household Hut

Saturdays from 9:00 am—12:00 pm—Clothes Closet & Household Hut

Aug. 9, 2023 1:30pm—DWF Organizational Meeting (Handout Lesson Plans)

Aug. 9, 2023 4:00pm—Stewardship Meeting

Aug. 14, 2023 2:00pm—Christian Ed. Meeting

Aug. 14, 2023 4:00pm—Elders’ Meeting/Study

Aug. 16, 2023 6:00pm—Board Meeting

Aug. 20, 2023 9:30am—School Promotion

Aug. 21, 2023—Newsletter Deadline



# Lectionary Schedule August 13, 2023— September 3rd, 2023

## August 13th, 2023

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28  
Romans 10:5-15  
Matthew 14:22-23  
Psalm 105: 1-6, 16-22, 45b

## August 20th, 2023

Genesis 45:1-15  
Isaiah 56:1, 6-8  
Matthew: 15: (10-20), 21-28  
Psalm 133

## August 27th, 2023

Exodus 1:8-2:10  
Isaiah 51:1-6  
Matthew 16:13-20  
Psalm 124

## September 3rd, 2023

Exodus 3:1-15  
Jeremiah 15:15-21  
Matthew 16:21-28  
Psalm 26:1-8




# FOOD PANTRY

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
202 E. 12TH AVE.

**Mondays, 9-11am**

*Helping families in our community!*




# CLOTHES CLOSET & HOUSEHOLD HUT

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
202 E. 12TH AVE.

**Fridays, 3-6pm**  
**Saturdays, 9am-12pm**





# SUNDAY SCHOOL FALL KICK OFF ON AUGUST 20TH!

Some Sunday School Classes that have been on break this summer will begin again on August 20 at 9:30 a.m.. This includes Pre-School Class, Love Station Class for Kindergarten through Grade 6, and Kumjoinus Adult Class. Miracles Adult Class continues.

Sunday School Promotion will happen August 20 during Worship Service.

We welcome the kick off of these learning opportunities.



## Results of the Special Congregational Meeting held August 6, 2023:

The revisions to the Constitution were approved as presented: definition of active members; quorum change for congregational meetings; and that congregational meetings can be held in person, by mail, or electronically.

The revised recommendation of the Transition Team to create a plan which would set criteria and steps necessary for closure at some point in the future, passed, but some on the Transition Team felt it was too close a vote to have support of the congregation and a motion to set aside the vote was approved.

Marlene Hanson, Moderator

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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.”*

### Office Hours

Monday- 8:00-12:00

Tuesday- 8:00-12:00

Wednesday- 8:00-12:00

Thursday- 8:00-12:00

Friday- 8:00-12:00



### Next Newsletter Deadline

August 21st, 2023 & September 4th, 2023



August 9th—August 21st, 2023

## Weekly Events

Sundays at 9:30am~ Sunday School

Sundays at 10:40am~ Worship Service

Monday's from 9:00am-11:00am~ Food Pantry

Mondays at 7:00pm~ Boy Scouts

Fridays from 3:00pm-6:00pm~ Clothes Closet & Household Hut

Saturdays from 9:00am-12:00pm~ Clothes Closet & Household Hut

*Even through troubled waters  
God is with you*

# AUGUST

Wednesday **9**

1:30pm ~ DWF Group (Organizational Mtg.)

4:00pm ~ Stewardship Meeting

Monday **14**

2:00pm ~ Christian Ed. Meeting

4:00pm ~ Elders' Meeting/Study

Wednesday **16**

6:00pm ~ Board Meeting

Sunday **20**

9:30am ~ Sunday School Promotion

Monday **21**

Newsletter Deadline

As you continue to reflect on and practice forgiveness, I encourage you to join with me in praying this prayer from Bishop Desmond Tutu:

I want to be willing to forgive  
But I dare not ask for the will to forgive  
in case you give it to me  
and I am not yet ready  
I am not yet ready for my heart to soften  
I am not yet ready to be vulnerable again  
Not yet ready to see that there is humanity in my tormentor's eyes  
Or that the one who hurt me may also have cried  
I am not yet ready for the journey  
I am not yet interested in the path  
I am at the prayer before the prayer of forgiveness  
Grant me the will to want to forgive  
Grant it to me not yet but soon

Can I even form the words  
Forgive me?  
Dare I even look?

Do I dare to see the hurt I have caused?  
I can glimpse all the shattered pieces of that fragile thing  
That soul trying to rise on the broken wings of hope  
But only out of the corner of my eye  
I am afraid of it  
And if I am afraid to see  
How can I not be afraid to say  
Forgive me?

Is there a place where we can meet?  
You and me  
The place in the middle  
The no man's land  
Where we straddle the lines  
Where you are right  
And I am right too  
And both of us are wrong and wronged  
Can we meet there?  
And look for the place where the path begins  
The path that ends when we forgive  
Amen.