

First Christian Church News

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Reflection

ATTENTION all members!

Notice of Special Meeting of the Congregation on
Sunday, August 6, 2023
11:45 am, immediately following worship

Purpose:

To receive and vote on the recommendations of the Constitution Revision Committee, and,

To receive and vote on the recommendations of the Transition Team for the next steps in the life of the Church.

The Constitution states: "Only the business for which the special meeting was announced may be transacted at the special meeting."

On a table in the Parlor are copies of the proposed revisions to the Constitution as well as copies of the recommendation of the Transition Team for the next steps in the life of the church.

Any Questions about the revisions to the Constitution should be directed to Lana Richardson or Joy Frevert.

Any Questions about the recommendation of the Transition Team should be directed to one of the Team members: Barb Gimple, Marlene Hanson, Marie Harding, Carl Headrick, Janet Lostutter, Jean Miller, and Judy Moore

More information and background will be provided at the Special Congregational meeting on August 6. This is a very important meeting in the life of the church and **all members** are encouraged to attend.

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!

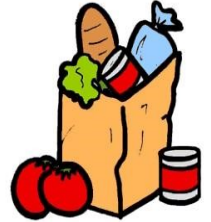
At Home Worship on Facebook/Vimeo



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 July, the food pantry helped **180 families** with food, plus **various other items**, including **20 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

July 30th, 2023

Elder~ Marlene Hanson

Worship Leader~ Marie Harding

August 6th, 2023

Elder~ Marlene Hanson

Worship Leader~ Nancy LeClear

Attendance and Giving Record

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July 16th, 2023 ~ SS 3/38 AH & IP Worship

July 23rd, 2023 ~ SS 2/37 AH & IP Worship

GIVING RECORD

July 16th, 2023 ~ Offering \$2,005.00

July 23rd, 2023 ~ Offering \$ 655.00



AUGUST
Anniversaries

07 George & Jaylene Arnett
 07 Alan & Betty Richardson
 31 Dave & Carolyn Meierhoff

JULY
Birthdays

28 Dorothy Boyce

AUGUST
Birthdays

05 Carl Headrick
 05 Lana Richardson
 07 Jean Miller
 07 Kinslee Ann Pederson
 08 Jayden Johnson

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

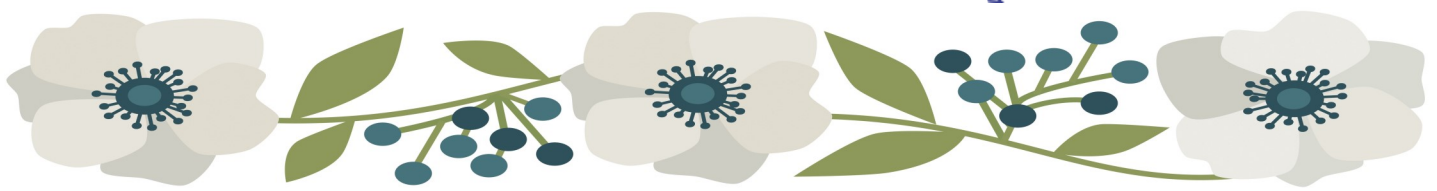
Fridays from 3:00—6:00 pm—Clothes Closet & Household Hut

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

Aug. 7, 2023—Newsletter Deadline

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

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



Lectionary Schedule July 30th, 2023— August 20th, 2023

July 30th, 2023

Genesis 29:15-28
Romans 8:26-39
Matthew 13:31-33,44-52
Psalm 128

August 6th, 2023

Genesis 32:22-31
Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14:13-21
Psalm 17:1-7,15

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




FOOD PANTRY

**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
202 E. 12TH AVE.**

Mondays, 9-11am

Helping families in our community!



CLOTHES CLOSET & HOUSEHOLDHUT

**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.

WEDNESDAY
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WE WILL BE
GLAD
TO SEE YOU!

DWF MEETING IN
PERSON
AUGUST 9TH
1:30 PM
IN THE PARLOR
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

First Christian Church.
202 E. 12th Ave. Emporia, KS 66835
620-342-1582

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

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|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 16 oz Jar Peanut Butter | Ramen Noodles | Soup |
| 15 oz Can Fruits | Toilet Paper | Pork N Beans |
| 15 oz Can Vegetables | 5 oz Can Tuna & Chicken | Instant Oatmeal Packets |
| | Mac N Cheese | Saltine Crackers |

Thank you for your help!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!
WE NEED YOUR HELP!

First Christian Church is looking for volunteers on Sundays to help run the sound and PowerPoint for the church service; Training is available.

Please call 620-342-1582 or email fccoffices@yahoo.com if interested!

THANK YOU

First Christian Church

202 East 12th Avenue

620-342-1582 Church Office

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Email Office: fccoffices@yahoo.com

“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 7th, 2023 & August 21st, 2023



August 7th—August 9th, 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

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*Even through troubled waters
God is with you*
Isaiah 43:2

AUGUST

Monday **7**

Newsletter
Deadline

Wednesday **9**

1:30pm ~ DWF
Organizational
Meeting (Handout
Lesson Plans)

4:00pm~
Stewardship
Meeting

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.