

# First Christian Church News

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## Reflection

Dear Friends,

This note will be my last one here in the newsletter as I complete my time as your Intentional Interim Minister on Sunday, October 1, 2023. If there is a conversation we have unfinished, or one that you would like to have before October 1, please contact me to schedule a time for coffee or lunch.

I offer you two reminders here. First, continue to ask what is your congregation's most faithful response to God's call. The congregation's faithfulness to God's call to ministry can take many forms. Sometimes this call will make you uncomfortable. It is okay to be uncomfortable; in order to grow deeper faith, you have to get uncomfortable. As part of your faithful response, please remember that God calls you to go meet people where they are and do ministry with them there.

Second, I hope you will remember the responsive benediction that I have taught you:

I am a child of God!  
I am a child of God!!  
I am a child of God!!!  
Holy made, divinely inspired.  
I am a child of God!

Thank you for the opportunity to work alongside you during this time. May God bless you and keep you.

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!

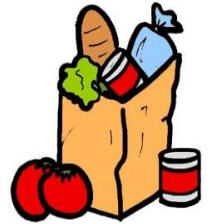
**At Home Worship on Facebook/Vimeo**



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 September , the food pantry helped **139 families** with food, plus **various other items**, including **15 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**

**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**

**September 24th, 2023**

**Elder**~ Janece Bacon

**Worship Leader**~ Barb Gimple

**October 1st, 2023**

**Elder**~ Marlene Hanson

**Worship Leader**~ Anita Imhoff

**Attendance and Giving Record**

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September 10th, 2023 ~ SS 10/39 AH & IP Worship

September 17th, 2023 ~ SS 12/31 AH & IP Worship

**GIVING RECORD**

September 10th, 2023 ~ Offering \$295.00

September 17th, 2023 ~ Offering \$1,240.00



# Birthdays and Anniversaries

## SEPTEMBER Anniversaries

30 Lane & Shelby Fuller

## SEPTEMBER Birthdays

- 23 Joe Denson
- 24 Glenn Boyce
- 26 Jeanice Miller
- 28 Stella Fuller
- 27 Justin Wilson
- 29 Ann McNeese Brown

## OCTOBER Birthdays

01 Richard Becker

### 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

Sept. 19, 2023 10:00am—Peter Bible Study

Sept. 26, 2023 10:00am—Peter Bible Study

Oct. 1, 2023—Pastor Dale’s Last Sunday,  
Reception Immediately Following Worship

Oct. 2, 2023—Newsletter Deadline

### From the Moderator. . . .

At the special congregational meeting on Sunday, September 17, the members voted unanimously to call the Rev. Leslie Ann Dotson (Pastor Les) as part-time Senior Minister of Emporia First Christian Church. She will begin her ministry with us on Monday, October 2 and is anxious to get to know everyone and to work and worship together. Her first Sunday will be October 8.

Also, Pastor Dale Matherly will be with us the next 2 weeks, with his last Sunday being October 1. After worship on Sunday October 1st, we will have a punch and cookie reception so every one can express appreciation to Pastor Dale with thoughts and cards as he moves on.

Please note these dates on your calendars:

- Sunday October 1, farewell reception for Pastor Dale
- Sunday, October 8, Pastor Les’s first Sunday in worship.

Marlene Hanson, Moderator

# Lectionary Schedule September 24th, 2023— October 15th, 2023

## September 24th, 2023

Exodus 16:2-15  
Jonah 3:10-4:11  
Matthew 20:1-6  
Psalm 145:1-8

## October 1st, 2023

Exodus 17:1-7  
Philippians 2:1-13  
Matthew 21:23-32  
Psalm 25:1-9

## October 8th, 2023

Isaiah 5:1-7  
Philippians 3:4b-14  
Matthew 21:33-46  
Psalm 19

## October 15th, 2023

Isaiah 25:1-9  
Philippians 4:1-9  
Matthew 22:1-4  
Psalm 23




## 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**



### Did You Know?!

Did you know we have an Endowment Fund at the Christian Church Foundation?! By giving to our endowment fund, you are contributing to the ministries of FCC Emporia for years to come.

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

# FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

- |                         |                         |                         |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 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](mailto:fccoffices@yahoo.com) if interested!

**THANK YOU**

## CHILDREN & YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

INFANT ~ PRE-K

- 9:30am-10:25am
- Church Nursery

LOVE STATION (Kindergarten ~ 6th Grade)

- 9:30am-10:25am
- 2nd Room on South Side of Top Floor

## First Christian Church

202 East 12th Avenue

620-342-1582 Church Office

Web Page: [www.fcemporiam.org](http://www.fcemporiam.org)

Email Office: [fccoffices@yahoo.com](mailto: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

October 2nd, 2023 & October 16th, 2023



September 19th- October 3rd, 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*

Isaiah 43:2

# SEPTEMBER OCTOBER

Tuesday **19**

10:00am~ Peter Bible Study

Tuesday **26**

10:00am~ Peter Bible Study

Sunday **1**

Pastor Dale's Last Sunday, Reception Immediately Following Worship

Monday **2**

Pastor Leslie Dotson's Start Date  
Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday **3**

10:00am~ Peter Bible Study

## Today's Prayer:

Dear God,

Thank you for this new day and all of the blessings it brings. We ask for your guidance and presence as we go about our daily tasks and responsibilities. Please give us the strength and resilience to face whatever challenges may come our way, and help us to be a source of love and support for those around us.

We pray for your protection and care for all those in need, and for your wisdom and discernment to guide us in making good choices. We trust in your love and care for us, and we pray for your continued presence in our lives.

Amen.