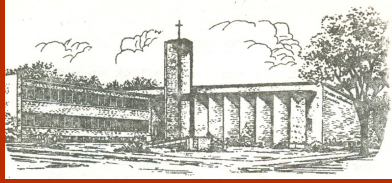




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Reflection

NOTICE

A special congregational meeting has been called for Sunday, September 17, 2023 immediately following worship for the purpose of voting on the recommendation of the Search Committee to call the Rev. Leslie Ann Dotson as part-time Senior Minister of Emporia First Christian Church.

An amendment to the Constitution provides for “active members” to attend and vote at congregational meetings in person as well as via technology. To attend via technology an “active member” must register to do so by contacting the church office before noon on Thursday, September 14. Arrangements will then be made and those who registered will be notified.

“Active members” shall be defined as members who attended worship, gave financially, or participated in at least one church activity during the previous calendar year.” This amendment to the constitution was approved at a special congregational meeting on August 6, 2023.

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From the Search Committee . . .

On September 10, immediately following worship, we will have a potluck dinner for a meet and greet with the Rev. Leslie Ann Dotson, the recommended part-time Senior Minister. Everyone is invited to bring a dish and your own table service. Come and take part in this chance to meet Pastor Les.

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Reminder to all Board members:

The September Board meeting will be held at 6:00 pm on September 13. Note the change of date for September only.

Marlene Hanson, Moderator

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!

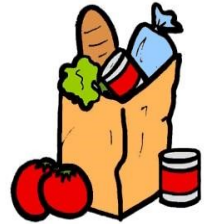
At Home Worship on Facebook/Vimeo



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 **72 families** with food, plus **various other items**, including **6 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

September 10th, 2023

Elder~ Jaylene Arnett

Worship Leader~ Marlene Hanson

September 17th, 2023

Elder~ Judy Moore

Worship Leader~ Jean Miller

Attendance and Giving Record

ATTENDANCE & GIVING RECORD

August 27th, 2023 ~ SS 13/36 AH & IP Worship

September 3rd, 2023 ~ SS 10/35 AH & IP Worship

GIVING RECORD

August 27th, 2023 ~ Offering \$1,300.00

September 3rd, 2023 ~ Offering \$2,725.00



Birthdays and Anniversaries

SEPTEMBER Anniversaries

- 13 Steve & kat Dorcas
- 14 Chad & Laurie Kurzen
- 30 Lane & Shelby Fuller

SEPTEMBER Birthdays

- 06 Kinzie Kurzen
- 06 Janece Bacon
- 06 Scott Thomas
- 07 Braxton Pauls
- 09 Janelle Norton
- 15 Glenn Gimple
- 17 Blaze Witten
- 18 Nancy LeClear
- 19 Karen Monroe
- 23 Joe Denson
- 24 Glenn Boyce
- 26 Jeanice Miller
- 27 Stella Fuller
- 27 Justin Wilson
- 29 Ann McNeese Brown

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. 10, 2023—Potluck Dinner
(Following Worship)

Sept. 11, 2023 4:00pm—Elders’ Meeting/Study

Sept. 12, 2023 10:00am—Peter Bible Study

Sept. 13, 2023 1:30pm—DWF Group

Sept. 13, 2023 4:00pm—Stewardship Meeting

Sept. 13, 2023 6:00pm—Board Meeting

Sept. 17, 2023—Special Congregational Meeting
(Following Worship)

Sept. 18, 2023—Newsletter Deadline

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



Lectionary Schedule September 10th, 2023— October 1st, 2023

September 10th, 2023

Exodus 12:1-14
Romans 13:8-14
Matthew 18:15-20
Psalm 149

September 17th, 2023

Exodus 14:19-31
Romans 14:1-12
Matthew 18:21-35
Psalm 114

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




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

A FRAGILE STONE PETER: JESUS' FRIEND STUDY OPPORTUNITY

An Adult Bible Study will begin Tuesday, September 12, at 10 a.m. in Church Parlor entitled A Fragile Stone Peter: Jesus' Friend. Peter and Jesus had a special friendship. In this 8 week study video narrator Michael Card reveals the intricacies of their friendship by traveling to Israel to walk us through places where Jesus and Peter interacted. Peter's life serves as a model for Christian discipleship, offering hope that we likewise can be changed as Jesus calls us to follow him. The story of Peter is the story of Jesus. Student study books are available at no cost. Jaylene Arnett will lead the study. Sign up sheet is on table outside church office.

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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

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

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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

September 18th, 2023 & October 2nd, 2023



September 10th-18th, 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

SEPTEMBER

Sunday **10**

Potluck Dinner
Following Worship

Monday **11**

4:00pm ~ Elders'
Meeting/Study

Tuesday **12**

10:00am~ Peter
Bible Study

Wednesday **13**

1:30pm ~ DWF Group
6:00pm ~ Board
Meeting
4:00pm ~
Stewardship Meeting

Sunday **17**

Special
Congregational
Meeting Following
Worship

Monday **18**

Newsletter
Deadline

Prayer of Remembrance For 9/11

This date, 9-11, carries a heavy burden of memory.

This day does not pass in the calendar without our remembering. We remember images of death and destruction. Images that human eyes were never meant to see. We remember words our ears were never meant to hear, the tender last words of husbands and wives who would never embrace again.

We imagine the feeling of emptiness in the arms of children who at the end of the day could not find mom or dad for their welcome home hug. We remember our own feelings of emptiness as our sense of security, as our own confidence in the predictable order of life and work was radically shaken.

This date, 9-11, carries a heavy burden of memory.

We remember the heroism of the many that lost their lives in saving others. We remember all those who suffered and died, we grieve for them still, friends and strangers alike, along with their families and friends.

This date, 9-11, carries a heavy burden of memory.

And it is right that it should not pass from our memory. But today and in this prayer, along with our remembrance of profound loss, it also seems right that we give voice to our deep longing for peace, and with this prayer, commit ourselves to those actions that will draw us closer to our most ancient and most holy desire, peace among all God's children.

Dona nobis pacem.

Lord, grant us peace. Amen.