

# First Christian Church News

(Disciples of Christ)

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## Reflection

What grand weeks we've had so far. I've been blessed by all of you and everything you do. This church and his people are always busy. This is true business with, blessing shared from God.

I know you are praying for all of us and our church. We are striving with exciting new concepts and are getting ready for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Prayers,  
Pastor Les

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**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!

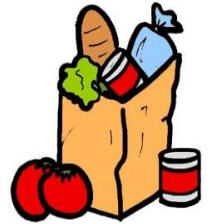
**At Home Worship on Facebook/Vimeo**



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.**

*Welcome*

During the month of October, the food pantry helped **114 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**

**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**

**Upcoming Serving Schedule**

**October 22nd, 2023**

**Elder**~ Janece Bacon

**Worship Leader**~ Nancy LeClear

**October 29th, 2023**

**Elder**~ Nancy LeClear

**Worship Leader**~ Diana Solis

**Attendance and Giving Record**

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October 8th, 2023 ~ SS 12/37 AH & IP Worship

October 15th, 2023 ~ SS 16/30 AH & IP Worship

**GIVING RECORD**

October 8th, 2023 ~ Offering \$880.00

October 15th, 2023 ~ Offering \$980.00



**OCTOBER**  
Anniversaries

- 26 Carl & Rita Headrick
- 28 Tyler & Shelby Pedersen

**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

Oct. 18, 2023 6:00pm—Board Meeting

Oct. 24, 2023 10:00am—Peter Bible Study

Oct. 30, 2023— Newsletter Deadline

Oct. 31, 2023—Halloween

Oct. 31, 2023 10:00am—Peter Bible Study



LAMENTATIONS 3:22. NRSV



# Lectionary Schedule October 22nd, 2023— November 12th, 2023

## October 22nd, 2023

Isaiah 45:1-7  
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10  
Matthew 22:15-22  
Psalm 99

## October 29th, 2023

Deuteronomy 34:1-12  
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8  
Matthew 22:34-46  
Psalm 1

## November 5th, 2023

Joshua 3:7-17  
Micha 3:5-12  
Matthew 23:1-12  
Psalm 43

## November 12th, 2023

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25  
Amos 5:18-24  
Matthew 25:1-3  
Psalm 78:1-7



**FOOD PANTRY**

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
202 E. 12TH AVE.

**Mondays, 9-11am**

*Helping families in our community!*

 A graphic for a food pantry. At the top, there's a collection of food items including loaves of bread, a carton of milk, a water bottle, a bottle of juice, and various vegetables like carrots and leafy greens. Below this is a yellow banner with the text 'FOOD PANTRY'. Underneath the banner is a green rounded rectangle containing the address 'FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH 202 E. 12TH AVE.'. Below that, the text 'Mondays, 9-11am' is written. At the bottom of the graphic, the phrase 'Helping families in our community!' is written in a cursive font.

**CLOTHES CLOSET & HOUSEHOLD HUT**

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
202 E. 12TH AVE.

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

 A graphic for a clothes closet and household hut. At the top, there's a decorative border of autumn leaves. Below this, there are illustrations of various clothing items: a purple skirt, a pink shirt, green shorts, and pink pants. In the center, there's a large orange banner with the text 'CLOTHES CLOSET & HOUSEHOLD HUT'. Below the banner, the address 'FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH 202 E. 12TH AVE.' is written. Underneath, the text 'Fridays, 3-6pm' and 'Saturdays, 9am-12pm' is written. At the bottom, there are more illustrations of clothing items: a pink dress, a yellow shirt, a blue vest, a blue shirt, and a blue hoodie. There are also illustrations of household items like a frying pan, a blender, and a kettle.



# fiftys

YOU'RE INVITED TO

*Carl & Rita's*

50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION  
SUNDAY OCTOBER 29<sup>TH</sup> - 2PM - 4PM  
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
202 E 12<sup>TH</sup> AVE - EMPORIA, KS  
SNACKS & DRINKS PROVIDED

Together they found friendship, built a beautiful marriage and raised a family. You are warmly invited by the children of Carl and Rita Headrick to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary!



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!*



## 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

October 3th, 2023 & November 13th, 2023



October 3rd- October 16th, 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



## 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.