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Reflection

Autum Walk

Kay Evans

I want to gather
Natures trinkets—
Teasel, milkweed pods,
Gourds, nuts, leaves.
Gathering fulfills my need
to nest,
To be ready for winter.
I carry my basket,
Walk that yard, fields, and
woods
Finding treasures,
Enjoying chattering birds.
Atop a large burr oak
A squirrel joins the chorus,
My creek babbling
Notes of harmony as it
ripples.
The sky is a clear azure lake
With foamy white caps.
By late afternoon the wind
Holds a hint of what's to
come.

Leaves flutter to the
ground,
Crisp, in glorious circus
Colors, a parade of shapes
And sizes, falling, floating
Wherever the erratic wind
Takes them.
Some stubborn trees
Will not give up their
Splendor, waiting for
November rains to soak
And soften them.
The sun, beginning to set,
Is beauty ever changing:
Purple, reds, oranges,
Never to be painted truly.
I carry my full basket,
Satisfied, and reluctantly
Go home.

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!

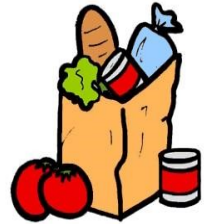
At Home Worship on Facebook/Vimeo



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 November, the food pantry helped **72 families** with food, plus **various other items**, including **10 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

- 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

November 19th, 2023

Elder~ Janece Bacon
Worship Leader~ Jean Miller

November 26th, 2023

Elder~ Jaylene Arnett
Worship Leader~ Marlene Hanson

Attendance and Giving Record

ATTENDANCE & GIVING RECORD

November 5th, 2023 ~ SS 10/51 AH & IP Worship
November 12th, 2023 ~ SS 18/46 AH & IP Worship

GIVING RECORD

Nov. 5th, 2023 ~ Offering \$1,960.00
Nov. 12th, 2023 ~ Offering \$1,295.00/
 Special Offering \$50.00



Birthdays and Anniversaries



NOVEMBER Birthdays

23	Marie Harding
23	Laurie Kurzen
25	Dana Witten
30	David Harding
30	William Hopkins

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

Nov. 15, 2023 6:00pm—Board Meeting

Nov. 19, 2023—Church Thanksgiving Dinner (Following Worship)

Nov. 23, 2023—Thanksgiving Day (Office Closed)

Nov. 24, 2023—Office Closed

Nov. 27, 2023—Newsletter Deadline

Nov. 28, 2023 8:30am—Advent Study



Lectionary Schedule November 19th, 2023— December 10th, 2023

November 19th, 2023

Judges 4:1-7
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Matthew 25:14-30
Psalm 123

November 26th, 2023

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
Ephesians 1:15-23
Matthew 25:31-46
Psalm 100

December 3rd, 2023

Isaiah 64:1-9
1 Corinthians 13:1-9
Mark 13:24-37
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

December 10th, 2023

Isaiah 40:1-11
2 Peter 3:8-15a
Mark 1:1-8
Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13




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



Please join us for a

Thanksgiving

DINNER



OCTOBER | 19th | Following
Worship

The Elders' will be providing turkey, dressing, potatoes, gravy, and rolls.

Please bring table service, side dish, or dessert to share!

ADVENT

ADVENT IS COMING

Advent seasons is December 3rd. Advent is a time of preparations for the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ at Christmas. It is a time of expectant waiting, hopeful anticipation and joyful preparation for God coming into our lives and hearts in all moments, all places, all times: past, present, and future. Advent lasts 4 weeks before Christmas Day.

Advent Devotional Booklets will be available on December 3rd to use for personal devotion time during advent.

ADVENT CELEBRATION

Everyone is invited to Advent Celebration on December 3rd in Fellowship Hall following worship. We are having a Soup Lunch. Soup will be provided. Bring a dessert. We will enjoy Advent activities after lunch. They will include Advent bingo, an Advent craft activity, and more. The theme of the celebration is Hope which is the first Sunday of Advent. Plan to attend.

ADVENT STUDY

Advent study theme will be "Wrestling With God." Classes will be held on Tuesday, November 28th; Thursday, December 7th; and Thursday, December 14th. We will meet together at 8:30am until 10:00am. We hope to see you there.



POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS

As Advent approaches you have the opportunity to purchase poinsettias to honor and remember loved ones to adorn our sanctuary for the season.

The cost will be \$6.00.

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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

November 27th, 2023 & December 11th, 2023



November 15- November 27, 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

Wednesday 15	Sunday 19	Thursday 23
6:00pm ~ Board Meeting	Church Thanksgiving Dinner (Following Worship)	Thanksgiving Day (Office Closed)
Friday 24	Monday 27	
Office Closed	Newsletter Deadline	

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.