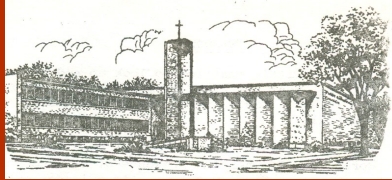




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Reflection

Friendship's Road

Friendship is a chain of gold,
 Shaped in god's all perfect mold,
 Each link a smile, a laugh a tear,
 A grip of the hand, a word of cheer,
 As steadfast as the ages roll,
 Blinding chosen soul to soul,
 No matter how far, or heavy the load,
 Sweet is the journey on friendship's road.

To A Friend Amy Lowell

I ask but one thing of you, only one,
 That always you will be my dream of you;
 That never shall I wake to find untrue
 All this I have believed and rested on,
 Forever vanished, like a vision gone
 Out into the night. Alas, how few
 There are who strike in us a chord we knew
 Existed, but so seldom heard its tone
 We tremble at the half-forgotten sound.
 The world is full of rude awakenings
 And heaven-born castles shattered to the ground,
 Yet still our human longing vainly clings
 To a belief in beauty through all wrongs.
 O stay your hand, and leave my heart its songs!

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!

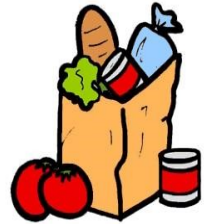
At Home Worship on Facebook/Vimeo



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 **108 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

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

December 3rd, 2023

Elder~ Judy Moore

Worship Leader~ Judy Moore

December 10th, 2023

Elder~ Marlene Hanson

Worship Leader~ Barb Gimple

Attendance and Giving Record

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November 19th, 2023 ~ SS 10/51 AH & IP Worship

GIVING RECORD

Nov. 19th, 2023 ~ Offering \$780.00/ Building \$8.00/
 Special Offering \$5.00



Birthdays and Anniversaries

DECEMBER Birthdays

- 01 Cameron Moore
- 02 Reese Johnson
- 02 Chad Kurzen
- 04 Lea Beers
- 05 Kate Wiggins
- 08 Rachel LeClear
- 12 Mike LeClear
- 15 Debbie Hubert
- 17 Justin Richardson
- 20 Lisa Rickabaugh
- 25 Barb Gimple



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

Dec. 3, 2023—Advent Family Celebration
(Following Worship)

Dec. 3, 2023—Pastor Les Installation Service

Dec. 7, 2023 8:30am—Advent Study

Dec. 11, 2023—Newsletter Deadline

Dec. 11, 2023 2:00pm—Christian Ed. Meeting

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

Dec. 13, 2023 11:30am—DWF Soup Luncheon

Dec. 13, 2023 4:00PM—Stewardship Meeting

Dec. 14, 2023 8:30am—Advent Study

Dec. 17, 2023—Church Christmas Program

Lectionary Schedule December 3rd, 2023— December 24th, 2023

December 3rd, 2023

Isaiah 64:1-9

1 Corinthians 1³:3-9

Mark 13:24-37

Psalms 80:1-7, 17-19

December 10th, 2023

Isaiah 40:1-11

2 Peter 3:8-15a

Mark 1:1-8

Psalms 85:1-2, 8-13

December 17th, 2023

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

John 1:6-8, 19-28

Psalms 126

December 24th, 2023

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

Romans 16:25-27

Luke 1:26-38

Psalms 89:1-4, 19-26




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

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

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



WEEK BY WEEK* DURING ADVENT WE INVITE YOU TO BRING ITEMS FOR OUR FOOD PANTRY!

DECEMBER 3

* Peanut Butter

DECEMBER 10

* Canned Fruit

DECEMBER 17

* Canned Vegetables

DECEMBER 24

* Saltine Cracker

Advent Family Celebration

Sunday, December 3rd
Following Worship

First Christian Church

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Pastor Les Dotson

Phone: 918-850-7006

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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

December 11th, 2023 & December 25th, 2023



December 3- December 13th, 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

DECEMBER

Sunday **3**

Advent Family Celebration
(Following Worship)

Pastor Les
Installation Service

Thursday **7**

8:30am~ Advent Study

Monday **11**

Newsletter Deadline
2:00pm ~ Christian Ed. Meeting
4:00pm ~ Elders' Meeting/Study

Wednesday **13**

11:30am ~ DWF Soup Luncheon

4:00pm~ Stewardship Meeting

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.