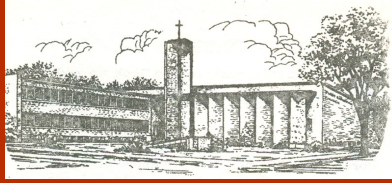




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Reflection

Welcome 2024!

I cannot wait for this month. We are working with other organizations to get events to work and to happen.

On Tuesday 1/23/24 I will visit a new doctor; then go to Phillips Theological Seminary in Tulsa. I will study with 20 other people and will be home on Thursday.

We ministers, are called to use our hands. How will the church use our hands?

Amen

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

Upcoming Serving Schedule

January 14th, 2023

Elder~ Marlene Hanson

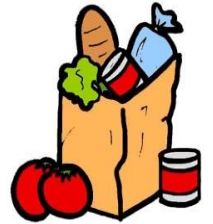
Worship Leader~ Diana Solis

January 21st, 2023

Elder~ Nancy LeClear

Worship Leader~ Janece Bacon

During the month of January the food pantry helped **36 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

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

Attendance and Giving Record

ATTENDANCE & GIVING RECORD

December 17, 2023 ~ 49 AH & IP Worship

December 24th, 2023 ~ SS 8/33 AH & IP Worship

December 31st, 2023 ~ SS 8/34 AH & IP Worship

January 7th, 2024 ~ SS 12/32 AH & IP Worship

GIVING RECORD

Dec. 17, 2023 ~ Offering \$8,855.00

Dec. 24, 2023 ~ Offering \$575.00/ Build. \$2.00/
 Spec. Off \$60.00

Dec. 31, 2023 ~ Offering \$930.00/ Spec. Offering \$50.00

Jan. 7th, 2024 ~ Offering \$1,860.00/ Building \$2.00



Birthdays and Anniversaries

celebrate
JANUARY
Anniversaries

16 David & Kaari Harding
19 Jesse & Diana Solis
28 Larry & Glenna Gamblian

celebrate
JANUARY
Birthdays

21 Brenda Hall
26 Curtis Rhoades
27 Ginger Blades
29 Joe Witten
31 Tim Norton

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

Jan. 15, 2024—Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Jan. 17, 2024 6:00pm—Board Meeting

Mon. 22, 2024—Newsletter Deadline

Crosswinds Therapeutic Preschool are moving into their new facility during the month of January. You may see boxes and other items belonging to them being carried out as the month progresses. Their space here at the church will be vacated as of January 31, 2024.

We will miss the activity of the preschoolers, the staff, and the children on the playground. We have been pleased to be a part of this aspect of Crosswinds’ mission in the Emporia community and we wish them well as they continue in their new facility.

Carl Richardson, Facilities/Trustee – Marie Harding, Trustee

**Lectionary Schedule
January 14th, 2024—
February 4th, 2024**

January 14th, 2024

1 Samuel 3:10, (11-20)
1 Corinthians 6:12-20
John 1:43-51
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

January 21st, 2024

Jonah 3:1-5, 10
1 Corinthians 7:29-31
Mark 1:14-20
Psalm 62:5-12

January 28th, 2024

Deuteronomy 18:15-20
1 Corinthians 8:1-13
Mark 1:21-28
Psalm 111

February 4th, 2024

Isaiah 40:21-31
1 Corinthians 9:16-23
Mark 1:29-39
Psalm 147:1-11, 20c



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



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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 |
| | Mac N Cheese | Packets |
| | | Saltine Crackers |

Thank you for your help!



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

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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

January 22nd, 2023 & February 5th, 2023



January 15th– January 22ns, 2024

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

JANUARY

Monday **15**

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Wednesday **17**

6:00pm ~ Board Meeting

Monday **22**

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.