



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (Disciples of Christ)
202 E 12th Avenue, Emporia, KS 66801 620-342-1582

NEWSLETTER - April 30, 2024

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**From the Pastor . . .**

Pastor Leslie Dotson submitted her resignation as Pastor of Emporia First Christian effective at the end of this week. The resignation was accepted at the Annual Congregational Meeting held April 28. We wish Pastor Les the very best as she leaves our church family, and our prayers are with her as she moves forward.

From Pastor Les in her letter to the congregation:

“I believe we’ve kept together during our good and trying time as God lead us together. I believe we learned a lot as we were challenged humans and friends.

I believe you are good people and your faith will lead you through the challenges of life.

Blessings to all of you.

Pastor Les”

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News and Upcoming Events:

Emporia Church Women United May Friendship Celebration - Friday, May 3rd at the Emporia Presbyterian Church, West Campus. Breakfast is at 8:30 am (\$5 charge), with program following at 10:00 am. All women are invited and encouraged to attend and enjoy fellowship with women from other area churches.

Disciple Women's' Fellowship (DWF) - May 8, 1:30 pm in the Parlor

Lesson - Janet Lostutter; Hostess - Torchy Duncan

Plans will be made for the June salad luncheon. We would love to have you join us on the 8th!

Note: DWF will not meet in July. Janet Lostutter

You are warmly invited by the family of Mikinzi Simmons to celebrate her graduation from Emporia High School! Join us at Champion's Landing at 1801 Rural Street. It is a come and go event on Saturday, May 11th from 2 pm to 4 pm. Desserts will be provided!

Graduate Recognition: Graduation is always an exciting time! Do you have a child, grandchild, or relative that is graduating from kindergarten, middle school, high school, technical college, or college? If so, please call the church office or e-mail us at fccoffices@yahoo.com to let us

know! We need student's name, parent's, and grandparent's names, where graduating from, and what grade. If high school or college, plans after graduation. We will honor our graduates on May 19th during our worship service.

PENTECOST SPECIAL OFFERING – May 12 and 19

The Pentecost Offering, the last of the special offerings for the 2023-2024 Church Year, will be received on May 12 and 19.

The Pentecost Offering supports Disciples new church development. Planning, nurturing, and sustaining new congregations is a part of the Disciples vision. This offering supports the specialized ministry of new church development through both regional and general programs. Gifts for this offering are divided equally between the region in which they're given and the New Church Ministry.

Please consider prayerfully what you can contribute to this important ministry.

Jean Miller, for Outreach Ministry

Calendar items

- April 30 - 1:30-3:00 pm "The Chosen" video & discussion session
- May 1 - 3:00 pm - Worship at Homestead Assisted Living Facility by the Elders
- May 3 - 8:30 am - Church Women United May Friendship Day
Emporia Presbyterian Church, West Campus
- May 6 - 4:00 pm - Elders' Meeting
- May 7 - 1:30-3:00 pm "The Chosen" video & discussion session
- May 8 - 1:30 pm - Disciple Women's Fellowship in the Parlor
- 4:00 pm - Stewardship Ministry Team Meeting
- May 12 - Newsletter Deadline
- May 14 - 1:30-3:00 pm "The Chosen" video & discussion session
- May 15 - 6:00 pm - Board Meeting
- May 19 - Graduate Recognition during 10:40 am Worship
- May 21 - 1:30-3:00 pm "The Chosen" video & discussion session

Our Family:

Prayer List:

Mildred Steeves

Family of Sharon Ball

Jeanice Miller

Jacob Ramirez, Son of Sonya Ihde

Hunter McCoy, Chad & Laurie Kurzen's nephew; Jaiden & Kinzie Kurzen's cousin

JoAnn Rincon, Friend of Marilyn Dalton;

Birthdays: May 4 - Shelby Fuller
May 6 - Maddie Roth
May 7 - Joan Shumate
May 8 - Michelle Harding
May 8 - Jan Jones
May 9 - Kennedy Dragonas
May 10 - Lincoln Roth
May 15 - Jami LeClear

Upcoming Serving Schedule:

May 5: Message - Marie Harding
Elder - Nancy LeClear; Worship Leader - Marlene Hanson
Children's Message - Judy Moore
May 12: Message - Jean Miller
Elder - Marlene Hanson; Worship Leader - Judy Moore
Children's Message - Judy Moore

Attendance and Giving Record:

April 21: SS - 9; Worship in person/at home - 41
Offering \$825
April 28: SS - 7; Worship in person/at home - 34
Offering \$975

Serving the Community:

Clothes Closet/Household Hut is open every week: 3:00-6:00 pm Friday; 9:00 am-12 noon Saturday

We welcome everyone to come shop and find good bargains. Proceeds are used to help fund the Food Pantry. (Volunteers are always needed - sign-up sheet by the office)

Food Pantry is open the last Monday of each month from 9:00-11:00 am, unless all bags are given out before 11. **On April 29, 32 bags of food were given out.**

May 27 is the next Food Pantry distribution.

Scout Troop 157 meets at the Church every Monday at 7:00 pm

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**Food Pantry items we are encouraged to donate to put in the bags for distribution:**

16 oz jar peanut butter; 15 oz can fruit; 15 oz can vegetables; 5 oz cans tuna and chicken; Ramen noodles; Mac N Cheese; Soup; Pork N Beans; Instant Oatmeal packets; saltine crackers; toilet paper. **Thank you for your donations, whether food items or money donations.**

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Join together Sunday mornings for:

Worship at 10:40 am

All are Welcome to come worship and share in communion

A nursery is provided for preschool aged children

If you cannot be here in person, watch on Facebook at First Christian Church—

Disciples of Christ of Emporia, KS

Be sure and leave a comment so we know you are with us.

Sunday School at 9:30 am - children and adults

Children: Infant - Pre-K; and Love Station for Kindergarten-6th grade

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**Contact Information:**

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"The mission of First Christian Church is to inspire each other to reach out to the unchurched and to serve and share with our community by proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

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