



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (Disciples of Christ)
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NEWSLETTER - May 14, 2024

Double Celebration Sunday, May 19!

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Pentecost Sunday!



A tradition here at Emporia First Christian is to **wear red** in celebration of when Peter preached the Gospel message on the day of Pentecost, and 3000 believers were added to the number! See page 2 for more information on Pentecost and words from our General Minister and President of Disciples of Christ.

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Congratulations to our graduates!



Graduate recognition, during worship.



Christian Education Ministry Team will honor the graduates and their families. The list of graduates is on page 3.

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You are invited for cookies and punch in the Parlor after worship!

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News and Upcoming Events:

A heartfelt thank you to the Emporia Altrusa Club for the donation of \$500 to our Food Pantry! This is the second time the Club members have included our Food Pantry in their outreach program. Their support is a wonderful boost to the community service provided by our Food Pantry, and is very much appreciated.

Our deepest sympathies to Carol Rhodes and all the family of Curtis Rhoades who passed on Thursday, May 9, at the age of 105. Our sympathies also to Imegene Marsh, special friend of Curtis. For many years Curtis shared his beautiful tenor voice in the church choir. He was a true gentleman who will be missed by all.

Church Women United Coffee – Friday, May 17, 9:00 am, Amanda's Bakery, 702 Commercial
CWU coffees are held on the 3rd Friday of each month at 9:00 am at Amanda's Bakery & Café at 702 Commercial Street. The coffees are a time for fellowship with ladies of area churches. Our church representatives on the CWU Board are Judy Moore and Jean Miller. Contact either of them if you have questions about Church Women United.

Pentecost Special Offering - May 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

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Some thoughts on Pentecost by the Rev. Teresa "Terri" Hord Owens, the General Minister and President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

"As we approach the celebration of Pentecost, we are reminded that the Church grew with fire and passion, preaching Jesus crucified, Jesus risen, and Jesus let loose in the world. Peter preached this Gospel message on the day of Pentecost, and 3000 believers were added to the number!

As Disciples we are deeply tied to these spiritual roots, these essentials. We proclaim Jesus as Son of the living God, and we proclaim him to be Lord and Savior of the world. We know that Jesus is at the head of our table of communion, inviting all of us to share. We also know that we are baptized into new life with Jesus when we receive the gift of baptism.

And as you mark the day of Pentecost, I pray that you will catch the vision borne of abiding in Christ. Catch the passion of the renewal that happens when we share the good news of Christ's love with all of those around us, by not only loving them, but helping them and serving them as Christ loved us, holding close this good news as our foundation, and sharing God's love with our neighbors."

Congratulations to our Graduates and their families:

Nicole Dalton graduates from Emporia High School and will attend Emporia State University majoring in Speech Language Pathology. She is the daughter of Jake & Jennifer Dalton and the granddaughter of Ed & Marilyn Dalton and Joe & Mary Ellen Lozier.

Kinzie Kurzen graduates from Olpe High School and will attend Emporia State University majoring in Elementary Education. She is the daughter of Chad & Laurie Kurzen and the granddaughter of Dave & Carolyn Meierhoff and Fred & Linda Kurzen

Juliana Martinez graduates from Emporia High School and plans to pursue a career in nursing. She is the daughter of Joseph & Chantel Aguilar and the granddaughter of Ron & Sonya Ihde and Bernardo & Pamela Aguilar.

Mikinzi Simmons graduates from Emporia High School and will attend Emporia State University majoring in Elementary Education. She is the daughter of Kent & Nikki Simmons and the granddaughter of Carl & Rita Headrick, Gerald & Diane Sanders, Gwen Simmons and the late Galen Simmons.

Jack Dalton graduates from Emporia Middle School and will be a freshman at Emporia High School. He is the son of Jake & Jennifer Dalton and the granddaughter of Ed & Marilyn Dalton and Joe & Mary Ellen Lozier.

Brayden Dill graduates from Burlington Middle School and will be a freshman at Burlington High School. He is the son of Lisa Rickabaugh and the grandson of Sandra Rickabaugh.

Gavin LeClear graduates from Emporia Middle School and will be a freshman at Emporia High School. He is the son of Jami LeClear and the grandson of Nancy & Michael LeClear.

Jarlyth Aguilar graduates from Walnut Grade School and will be 6th Grade at Emporia Middle School. He is the son of Joseph & Chantel Aguilar and the grandson of Ron & Sonya Ihde and Bernardo & Pamela Aguilar.

Jake Ball graduates from Northern Heights High School in Welding Program. He is the son of late Matthew Ball and the grandson of Sharon Ball.

Tionna German graduates from Washington University with Masters of Science in Occupational Therapy Degree and continues with Field Work to become Occupational Therapist. She is the daughter of Darren & Amy German and the granddaughter of George & Jaylene Arnett and Helen German.

Kenya German graduates from Topeka High School Graduate and will attend Washburn Tech in Automotive Collision Repair. She is the daughter of Darren & Amy German and the granddaughter of George & Jaylene Arnett, Helen German and Crystal Richard.

Will Arnett graduates from Northmont High School and Miami Valley Career Technology Center with career plans in Technology Field. He is the son of Nathan Arnett and the grandson of George & Jaylene Arnett.

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**Calendar items**

- May 14 - 1:30-3:00 pm "The Chosen" video & discussion session
- May 15 - 6:00 pm - Board Meeting
- May 17 - 9:00 am - CWU Coffee, Amanda's Bakery/Café, 702 Commercial
- May 19 - Pentecost Sunday and Pentecost special offering
  - Graduate Recognition during 10:40 am Worship
- May 21 - 1:30-3:00 pm "The Chosen" video & discussion session (last session)
- May 26 - 2:00 pm Presbyterian Manor Worship, Elders
  - Newsletter Deadline
- May 27 - Memorial Day
  - 9:00-11:00 am - Food Pantry distribution

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Our Family:

Prayer List:

Family of Curtis Rhoades

Mildred Steeves

Several of Sharon Ball's family members

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 15 - Jami LeClear
 May 25 - Robert (Bob) Hush
 May 28 - Larry Gamblian
 June 4 - Gary Lukert
 June 4 - Harold Stevenson

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**Upcoming Serving Schedule:**

- May 19: Message - Jaylene Arnett  
 Elder - Janece Bacon; Worship Leader - Judy Moore  
 Children's Message - Marie Harding
- May 26: Message - TBA  
 Elder - Judy Moore; Worship Leader - Janet Lostutter  
 Children's Message - Marlene Hanson

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Attendance and Giving Record:

- May 5: SS - 4; Worship in person/at home - 30
 Offering \$1,285; Pentecost Special Offering \$50
- May 12: SS - 5; Worship in person/at home - 40
 Offering \$1,920, Pentecost Special Offering \$15

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. **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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"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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