



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (Disciples of Christ)  
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NEWSLETTER - May 28, 2024

Our thanks to Rev. Bill Worcester for being our guest Minister on Sunday, May 26, and sharing his message, "A Lesson in Prayer."

Following his theme, here are some additional thoughts on prayer:

Prayer should be: humble, bold, in faith, sincere, simple, persistent, definite, and in accord with God's will.

Some things to pray for: Ourselves, one another, pastors, those who are hurting, those who are joyful, the church, church leaders, our community, and so many more.

Luke 11:9-10

"So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened."

News and Upcoming Events:

Guest Minister: Rev. Rob Scofield will be our guest Minister for the next few weeks. Rev Scofield is a retired Minister and lives in Topeka. We look forward to his messages and worshipping together.

Sunday School Changes

Beginning June 2, Love Station Sunday School for Kindergarten through 6th Grade and Pre-School Sunday School will not meet again until August 18 for Fall Kickoff. Both are taking a break for Summer. There will be a Nursery for children during Worship Service.

Welcome to Shelby Fuller, our new staff member: The Board voted to hire Shelby Fuller as our part-time secretary. At this time, Shelby will be in the office Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings, but that is subject to change as she needs. Shelby is very active in the life of the church by helping in the nursery/preschool area. Several years ago she was a Chi Rho sponsor along with Shelby Pedersen. Shelby and her husband, Lane, have two children, Landon and Stella whom you see and enjoy during children's messages. We are very pleased to have Shelby join our staff.

**Disciples Women's Fellowship (DWF)** will have its final meeting of the current church year on Wednesday, **June 12th at 12 noon** in the church parlor. A salad luncheon/potluck will be held. Those wishing to attend are encouraged to bring their choice of a salad, desert, fruit, cheese and cracker or other snack food. Table setting and drinks will be furnished.

**Our special guest and program presenter will be Carla Fessler, Interim Director of the Emporia Senior Center.**

We encourage all women to attend and bring a friend and your delicious potluck dish!

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**Calendar items**

- June 5 - 3:00 Homestead Assisted Living worship, Elders
- June 9 - Newsletter deadline
- June 10 - 4:00 pm Elders' meeting  
5:00 pm Christian Education Meeting
- June 12 - 12:00 noon Disciple Women's Fellowship (DWF) Salad Luncheon in the Parlor  
4:00 pm Stewardship Meeting

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**Our Family:**

Prayer List:

**Mildred Steeves**

Several of Sharon Ball's family members who have serious health issues

**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 28 - Larry Gamblian  
June 4 - Gary Lukert  
June 4 - Harold Stevenson  
June 10 - Bonnie Denson

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**Upcoming Serving Schedule:**

- June 2: Message: Rev. Rob Scofield, Guest Minister  
Elder - Jaylene Arnett; Worship Leader - Janece Bacon  
Children's Message - Jaylene Arnett
- June 9: Message: Rev Rob Scofield, Guest Minister  
Elder - Nancy LeClear; Worship Leader - Diana Solis  
Children's Message - Marlene Hanson

**Attendance and Giving Record:**

May 19: SS - 8 ; Worship in person/at home - 41  
Offering \$785.00; Pentecost Special Offering \$15

May 26: SS - 6 ; Worship in person/at home - 42  
Offering \$1,340.00, Pentecost Special Offering \$40

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**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 May 27, 17 bags of food were given out**

**June 24 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 - Adults only

No Children's classes June 2 through August 11; Fall Kickoff will be August 18

**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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