



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (Disciples of Christ)
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NEWSLETTER - July 9, 2024

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1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was with God in the beginning. 3 Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. 4 In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome^[a] it.

6 There was a man sent from God whose name was John. 7 He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. 8 He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

9 The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world.

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News and Upcoming Events:

THANK YOU to Rev. Travis Smith-McKee for sharing his message Sunday morning, his fellowship with us during lunch, and for leading the discussion after dinner and engaging those who attended. Travis is Associate Regional Minister for Congregational Transformation and will continue to work with us throughout our search for a minister and as we move forward.

From the Moderator:

Welcome to the new fiscal year (July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025)! Attached to this newsletter is the Leadership list for FY 2024-2025 which includes the chairpersons of our 7 active ministry teams. Each and every member/participant is welcome and encouraged to be a part of one or more of the ministry teams. What is your area of interest in ministry? If you aren't sure, simply call, email or text one or more of the ministry chairs and find out what they are doing. Be a part of what is happening and will be happening during this fiscal year! Let's work and minister together through change and do it positively.

- Marie Harding, Moderator

1 Corinthians 12:4-6

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.

Mark Your Calendars!

Welcome Pastor Jim Zier!

Come join us for the next few months and meet Pastor Jim Zier (called PJ by most of the churches he's served). He will be our minister for the next several weeks during this transitional period. He lives in Wichita and has served at several churches as an interim. He has been recommended to us by Regional Staff (and personally by two of my cousins who attend one of the churches he has served). He is aware of some of our needs and looks forward to helping us through this period. Let's roll out the welcome mat and make him feel welcome.

- Barb Gimple, Worship Chair

On July 27th Reed and Pat Hartford will be celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary at the church from 2-4 pm. Join them along with their children Will Hartford, Jimmy Hartford and Bethany Hartford to celebrate this wonderful milestone.

Reminder - **Children's Sunday School** is taking a break for the summer. Fall Kick off will be August 18 for all classes.

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**Calendar items**

- July 10 - 4:00 pm Stewardship
  - July 16 - 5:00 pm Christian Ed
  - July 17 - 6:00 pm Board Meeting
  - July 19 - 9:00 am CWU Coffee
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**Our Family:**

Prayer List:

- Mildred Steeves**
- Jacob Ramirez**, Son of Sonya Ihde
- JoAnn Rincon**, Friend of Marilyn Dalton.
- Tim Frevert**, brother-in-law of Joy Frevert

Birthdays: July 9 - Hazelyn Blades

Anniversaries: July 13 - Jake & Jennifer Dalton

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**Upcoming Serving Schedule:**

July 14: Message: Pastor Jim Zier, Guest Minister  
Elder - Nancy LeClear; Worship Leader - Marlene Hanson  
Children's Message - Jaylene Arnett  
July 21: Message: Pastor Jim Zier, Guest Minister  
Elder - Jaylene Arnett; Worship Leader - Jean Miller  
Children's Message - Marlene Hanson

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Attendance and Giving Record:

June 30: SS - 2; Worship in person/at home - 36
Offering - \$ 1,520.00
July 7: SS - 5; Worship in person/at home - 36
Offering - \$ 1,430.00

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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 to 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 June 24<sup>th</sup> we gave out 26 bags and 6 dozen eggs.

**July 29<sup>th</sup> 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.**

Join us on 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

REMINDER: You can always watch the services on Facebook, even if you are on vacation!

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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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