



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (Disciples of Christ)
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NEWSLETTER - September 17, 2024

Matthew 26:27-29

²⁷Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. ²⁸This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. ²⁹I tell you, I will not drink from this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

1 Corinthians 13:1-3

¹ If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. ² If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³ If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing

News and Upcoming Events:

POTLUCK DINNER to honor and thank Pastor Jim Zier for being with us the last 3 months. Sunday, **September 29**, immediately after worship in Fellowship Hall. Bring your own table service and any kind of dish to add to the table of everyone's favorite dishes. Drinks will be provided. Come share this time of fellowship with Pastor Jim, Ardice, and each other on Pastor Jim's last Sunday with us.



AND THEY'RE OFF!

William Allen White students started another school year on August 14. Due to the generosity of our church-that's you people-we were able to deliver a great number of supplies to help the teachers in their efforts to provide a good environment for learning. Thanks to all of you who contributed to this neighborhood outreach. We will continue to accept supplies and snacks throughout the school year and deliver them to the school periodically.

- Jean Miller, Outreach Chair

REPAIRERS OF THE BREACH

"You shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of the streets to live in."
- Isaiah 58:12

Every day, Disciples answer the call to be a **movement for wholeness in a fragmented world**. One way we do this is through the Reconciliation Ministry of the Disciples Mission Fund. For more than 40 years, Disciples have had a visible ministry to address racism and other forms of discrimination in society. This ministry is funded primarily through a special offering each Fall. Last year our Food Pantry received a generous donation from Reconciliation funds. This year's Reconciliation Offering will be received on September 29 and October 6. Please consider supporting this important ministry.

- Jean Miller, for Outreach Ministry



Mark Your Calendars!

"The Chosen" Season Two Study

Tuesday, September 3, 2:00-3:30 p.m. in multi-Purpose Room is the place for "The Chosen" Season Two Study. It is an 8-week study. There is a Study Guide for each participant to help understand each episode of "The Chosen". The cost will be \$8.25. There will be a signup sheet by the church office. Come experience Biblical Characters in a new way through video and discussion. "The Chosen" is not a biblical story as revealed in the Scriptures, but it is a story which contains the Scriptures and provides us with a possibility of how things may have taken place. It is a wonderful way to capture the heart, the emotions, and the essence of the characters in the Scriptures.

We will watch one episode each session and then discuss the video. If you want to watch the videos before or after the sessions, there are two free websites available. There is a study guide that will help you understand how the Scriptures are woven into the story in the episode. It provides a summary of the main characters in each episode, a summary of the content of the episode, and the Scriptures referred to in the episode.

The sessions will be 1 hour and 30 minutes on Tuesdays beginning September 3 at 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. The sessions will be September 3 through October 22.

- Jaylene Arnett, Christian Education Ministry

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### Calendar items

- September 17 - 2:00 pm - The Chosen Study (week 3)
- September 18 - 6:00 pm - Board Meeting
- September 20 - 9:00 am - CWU Coffee
- September 22 - 2:00 pm - Presbyterian Worship
- September 24 - 2:00 pm - The Chosen Study (week 4)
- September 29 - 11:45 am - Potluck Dinner for Pastor Jim
- September 30 - 9:00 am - Food Pantry

**Our Family:**

**Prayer List:**

- Jacob Ramirez**, Son of Sonya Ihde
- JoAnn Rincon**, Friend of Marilyn Dalton.
- Tim Frevert**, Brother-in-law of Joy Frevert
- Marla Darby**, Frind of Jean Miller & Anita Imhoff

**Birthdays:** September 18 - Nancy LeClear



- September 23 - Joe Denson
- September 23 - Joel Obando
- September 24 - Glenn Boyce
- September 27 - Justin Wilson
- September 28 - Stella Fuller (2)
- September 30 - David Rohling

- Anniversaries:** September 23 - Kent & Nikki Simmons  
 September 30 - Lane & Shelby Fuller

**Upcoming Serving Schedule:**

- September 22: Message: Pastor Jim Zier, Guest Minister  
 Elder - Judy Moore; Worship Leader - Janece Bacon  
 Children's Message - Marlene Hanson
- September 29: Message: Pastor Jim Zier, Guest Minister  
 Elder - Jean Miller; Worship Leader - Janet Lostutter  
 Children's Message - Nancy LeClear

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Attendance and Giving Record:

- September 8: SS - 8; Worship in person/at home - 40
 Offering - \$ 1,315.00
- September 15: SS - 14; Worship in person/at home - 46
 Offering - \$ 1,614.00
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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 11:00 am.

October 28th 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 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 and Children Welcome

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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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