



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (Disciples of Christ)
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NEWSLETTER - October 1, 2024

Psalm 139:1-10

¹ You have searched me, Lord, and you know me. ² You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. ³ You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. ⁴ Before a word is on my tongue you, Lord, know it completely. ⁵ You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me. ⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain. ⁷ Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? ⁸ If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. ⁹ If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, ¹⁰ even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.

News and Upcoming Events:

As we prepare to downsize and eventually move, it is important to note that everything in this church building belongs to the church. There will be many items we will not be able to take with us, but we will give our church members and active participants an opportunity to bid on them through a sealed bid silent auction. This will allow members an equal opportunity to purchase items they may want. If there are items you are interested in purchasing, please notify Carl Richardson or John Harding. If it is something we do not feel we want to keep for the church, we will place it up for auction. We will have our first sealed bid auction in the near future.

- Carl Richardson, Trustee Chair

Mildred Steeves, faithful member of our congregation, will be 100 years old on October 17. Her family would like to have a card shower for her. It would mean a lot to Mildred to hear from her friends in Emporia. Her address is:

Mildred Steeves
 Martin Creek Place
 4950 SW Huntoon St, Apt 109
 Topeka, KS 66604

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 next Disciples Women Fellowship DWF will be held on Wednesday October 9th at 1:30 in the church parlor. The lesson will be chapter two May Justice Roll presented by Janet Lostutter and the hostess will be Darlene Barr.

"But let Justice Roll down like water and righteousness like and every flowing stream".

- Amos 5:24

"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**

- October 1 - 2:00 pm - The Chosen Study (week 5)
- October 2 - 3:00 pm - Homestead
- October 7 - 10:00 am - Curtis Rhoades Visitation  
11:00 am - Curtis Rhoads Memorial Service
- October 8 - 2:00 pm - The Chosen Study (week 6)
- October 9 - 1:30 pm - DWF Meeting  
4:00 pm - Stewardship
- October 14 - 4:00 pm - Elders' Meeting

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**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: October 1 - Richard Becker



- October 5 - Julia Giger
- October 10 - Brilee Blades
- October 13 - Matt Wiggins

**Upcoming Serving Schedule:**

- October 6: Message: Kirby Gould, Guest Minister  
Elder - Sharon Ball; Worship Leader - Jean Miller  
Children's Message - Jaylene Arnett
- October 13: Message: Tom Stanley, Guest Minister  
Elder - Jaylene Arnett; Worship Leader - Marlene Hanson  
Children's Message - Marie Harding

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**Attendance and Giving Record:**

- September 22: SS - 15; Worship in person/at home - 40  
Offering - \$ 875.00
  - September 29: SS - 7; Worship in person/at home - 49  
Offering - \$ 985.00
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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. On September 30 we gave out 34 bags.

**October 28<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.**

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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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**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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