



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (Disciples of Christ)
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NEWSLETTER - October 15, 2024

Mark 4:27-28

²⁷ Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. ²⁸ All by itself the soil produces grain—first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head.

Isaiah 43:15-19

¹⁵ I am the Lord, your Holy One, Israel's Creator, your King." ¹⁶ This is what the Lord says— he who made a way through the sea, a path through the mighty waters, ¹⁷ who drew out the chariots and horses, the army and reinforcements together, and they lay there, never to rise again, extinguished, snuffed out like a wick: ¹⁸ "Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. ¹⁹ See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.

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 soon.

- Carl Richardson, Trustee Chair

Although our annual emphasis on Week of Compassion is in February, the recent destruction & human suffering caused by two hurricanes prompts me to send a special offering now. \$200 will be given from the discretionary portion of the budgeted Outreach funds, plus \$50 from DWF. If you wish to add to this offering, any gifts will be welcome. Please make your check payable to First Christian Church & write "Week of Compassion" on the memo line.

- Jean Miller for Outreach Ministry

Mildred Steeves, a 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

In Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to the family of Christine Kellum for the loss of her son, Troy Wright. Sympathy condolences can be sent to Christine at 3300 East 18th Avenue Emporia, Ks 66801



Mark Your Calendars!

The church is having a sealed bid silent auction on some items we no longer feel the church will need. The auction is only available to church members and active participants. If others are interested, they will have an opportunity to bid on remaining items for an auction to be held prior to our move. The sealed bid silent auction will run **from now through Sunday, October 27**. All items can be viewed in the library at the West end of the first floor. If interested in bidding on an item, please complete the silent auction bid sheet, place it in a sealed envelope, and drop it in the container on the round table in the library. At the end of the auction, the bids will be reviewed with the highest bid winning the item. You will be notified by email if you won the bid. In the case of a tie for the top bid, a coin toss will determine the winner. If you won the bid, you would need to pay the church before you remove the item from the premises. You should write "free will donation" on the bottom of your check. Please note that this will not be counted toward your donations for the church since you are receiving goods in return. It will also not be included in your annual giving statement from the church. You are responsible for having items moved off the premises on or before **Friday, November 15**.

- Carl Richardson, Trustee Chair

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**Calendar items**

- October 15 - 2:00 pm - The Chosen Study (week 7)
  - October 16 - 4:00 pm - Board Meeting
  - October 18 - 9:00 am - CWU Coffee
  - October 22 - 2:00 pm - The Chosen Study (week 8)
  - October 27 - 2:00 pm - Presbyterian Worship
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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 15 - Torchy Duncan  
 October 17 - Eleanor Edgins  
 October 17 - Mildred Steeves  
 October 17 - Jennifer Dalton  
 October 27 - Kaari Harding



- Anniversaries:** October 26 - Carl & Rita Headrick  
 October 28 Tyler & Shelby Pedersen

**Upcoming Serving Schedule:**

- October 20: Message: Joel Obando, Guest Minister  
 Elder - Janece Bacon; Worship Leader - Marie Harding  
 Children's Message - Judy Moore
- October 27: Message: Unknown, Guest Minister  
 Elder - Marlene Hanson; Worship Leader - Diana Solis  
 Children's Message - Marlene Hanson

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Attendance and Giving Record:

- October 6: SS - 11; Worship in person/at home - 40
 Offering - \$ 1,965.00
- October 13: SS - 9; Worship in person/at home - 37
 Offering - \$ 970.00 \$450.00 - Week of Compassion

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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 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 of 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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