



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (Disciples of Christ)
 202 E 12th Avenue, Emporia, KS 66801 620-342-1582

NEWSLETTER - November 26, 2024

Philippians 2:5-11 (NIV)

⁵ In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: ⁶ Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; ⁷ rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death — even death on a cross! ⁹ Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

News and Upcoming Events:

We want to Thank the Elders for hosting the Thanksgiving dinner on Sunday 24th. It was well prepared and delicious. And to membership fellowship for helping.

Here is an updated list of items that William Allen White Elementary is looking for this holiday season. They need pencils, Kleenex, Germ-X, and glue sticks. You can leave your items at the rear of the sanctuary

Every November, Disciples of Christ congregations receive a special offering dedicated to the Higher Education & Leadership Ministries (HELM) division of the General Church. The funds raised through this special offering go directly to the 15 colleges/universities and 7 seminaries/divinity houses connected to the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). This enables them to offer scholarships and expand programs. At this special time of year when we celebrate, with thanks, God's gifts in our lives, let's consider making a gift to bless the lives of students at our Disciples-related institutions of higher learning. (Due to my tardiness in publicizing this Special Offering, we will receive it on December 1st and 8th.)

- Jean Miller for Outreach Ministry



Mark Your Calendars!

The next Disciples Women Fellowship meeting will be held December 11 at noon at the home of Janet Lostutter 410 Arundel St, Emporia, KS. This will be our annual Christmas luncheon. The menu will consist of a selection of breakfast casseroles, cheesy potatoes and fruit. If you want to bring additional muffins or dessert that would be great but not necessary.

Again, this year we are also raising money to "Send a Girl to school" through Heifer International. DWF is earning money to reach our goal of the remaining \$175.00 which will be added to our donation and help from outreach if available to reach the total amount due. Please send any donations to the church with DWF in the memo section.

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**Calendar items**

- November 26 - 4:00 pm - Advent Study Begins
- November 28 - Thanksgiving Day
- December 1 - Advent Begins
- December 3 - 4:00 pm - Advent Study
- December 4 - 3:00 pm - Homestead
- December 9 - 4:00 pm - Elders' Meeting
- December 10 - 4:00 pm - Advent Study

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Our Family:

Prayer List:

- JoAnn Rincon**, Friend of Marilyn Dalton.
- Marla Darby**, Frind of Jean Miller & Anita Imhoff
- Mildred Steeves**
- Lynn Cress**
- Jeanice Miller**

- Birthdays: November 30 - Bill Hopkins
 November 30 - David Harding
 December 2 - Chad Kurzen
 December 4 - Lea Beers
 December 5 - Kate Wiggins
 December 8 - Rachael LeClear



Upcoming Serving Schedule:

December 1: Message: Rev Dr. A'kena LongBenton, Guest Minister
Elder - Janece Bacon; Worship Leader - Janet Lostutter
Children's Message - Marlene Hanson
December 8: Message: Unknown
Elder - Judy Moore; Worship Leader - Janece Bacon
Children's Message - Nancy LeClear

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**Attendance and Giving Record:**

November 17: SS - 8; Worship in person/at home - 43  
Offering - \$ 1,405.00  
November 24: SS - 12; Worship in person/at home - 33  
Offering - \$ 995.00

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Serving the Community:

Clothes Closet/Household Hut is open every week: Fridays 3:00 - 6:00 pm; Saturdays 9:00 am -12:00 pm. 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 on the last Monday of each month from 9:00 - 11:00 am, unless all bags are given out before 11:00 am. On November 25th we gave out 26 bags and 6 dozen eggs.

December 30th 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.**

**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:

Church Office Hours: Tuesday-Thursday 8:00 am - 11:00 am

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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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