



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (Disciples of Christ)
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NEWSLETTER - December 10, 2024

Eye for Eye

³⁸ "You have heard that it was said, 'Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.' ³⁹ But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also. ⁴⁰ And if anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, hand over your coat as well. ⁴¹ If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles. ⁴² Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you.

Love for Enemies

⁴³ "You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' ⁴⁴ But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵ that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. ⁴⁶ If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? ⁴⁷ And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? ⁴⁸ Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

- **Matthew 5:38-48 (NIV)**

News and Upcoming Events:

Christmas Eve Services are at 8:00 pm. Candlelight services with special music.

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.

My family and I wish to thank our church family for the outpouring of love and concern you have shown us during the illness and passing of our son and brother, Wade. Your cards, calls, presence at the memorial service, welcoming spirit to all those who were there, delicious dinner following the service, and continued loving care and support will never be forgotten.

- Jean Miller, Grant Miller and Family, Valerie Arment and Family

Christmas Offering

One of the Special Day Offerings, the Christmas Offering, is fast approaching. Disciple congregations across the nation will be receiving this offering on December 15 and 22. This offering differs from the other special offerings we receive throughout the year; in that it remains within the Kansas Region. We do not make regular payments to support the Regional Church, so this offering is an important part of its income. As our congregation goes through a period of transition during the next 6 months, we will be relying more heavily than usual on the resources available to us through the Regional Staff. I realize December is a month overflowing with expenses, but I hope you will prayerfully consider making an "over and above" gift to this Special Day Offering.

- Jean Miller, Outreach Chair



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.

The Sunday School Christmas Program will be on December 22nd at 9:30 am in the Church Parlor.

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### Calendar items

- December 10 - 4:00 pm - Advent Study
  - December 11 - 12:00 pm - DWF Meeting (details above)
  - December 17 - 4:00 pm - Advent Study
  - December 18 - 6:00 pm - Board Meeting
  - December 20 - 9:00 am - CWU Coffee
  - December 22 - 9:30 am - Christmas Program
  - December 22 - 2:00 pm - Presbyterian Worship
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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: December 12 - Michael LeClear  
December 15 - Debbie Hubert  
December 17 - Justin Richardson  
December 20 - Lisa Rickabaugh  
December 25 - Barb Gimple



**Upcoming Serving Schedule:**

December 15: Message Rev. Fred Craig, Guest Minister  
Elder - Marlene Hanson; Worship Leader - Jean Miller  
Children's Message - Jaylene Arnett  
December 22: Message Rev. Fred Craig, Guest Minister  
Elder - Nancy LeClear; Worship Leader - Marlene Hanson  
Children's Message - Marie Harding

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Attendance and Giving Record:

December 1: SS - 11; Worship in person/at home - 50
Offering - \$ 1,580.00
December 8: SS - 11; Worship in person/at home - 39
Offering - \$ 1,430.00
Thanksgiving Fund - \$15.00

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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.

**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.**

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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:

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

Church Address: 202 E 12th Avenue, Emporia, KS 66801

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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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