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Reflections

As Robert Schnase completes his chapter on The Practice of Risk-Taking Mission and Service, in *Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations* (2018), he suggests ways to get started (pp. 123-125) that you will find listed below. He has many good suggestions that might spark another idea that FCC feels it can do. If one of the suggestions catches your interest, please don't wait for someone else to bring it up. Talk about your interest in a mission project. That's how new ways to help people are born!

- Study a language that will help you engage with people in your area. Do this with others from your faith community.
- Consider offering an ESL class.
- Offer classes to help people earn their GED at the church, library, or community center.
- Learn about asset-based community development, and use this concept to shape Risk-Taking Mission and Service.
- Spend time just being with people in the community. Allow relationships to develop naturally.
 - Make and share meals together.
 - Do Bible study or explore other topics together.
 - Work in a community garden together, and share the flowers and produce.
 - Trade lessons—teach each other how to cook or sew or make something that's special in your culture or family.
 - Watch sporting events, like the Superbowl, World Series, or World Cup together on TV.
 - Work on cars or bikes together, sharing tools and skills.
- Set aside feelings of blame or guilt. Open pathways for communication. Find ways to ease tension to lift the weightiness of differences in language, perspective, and life experience.
- Be OK with awkwardness.
- Support foster children and foster families . . . Host parties for foster kids. Support foster families with meals, supplies, and other needs.
- Launch a bookmobile to serve children in your area. Run it with volunteers. Stock it with donated books.
- Start a food truck ministry to serve hungry people in your community.
- Offer a mobile health clinic in a truck or a pop-up health clinic.
- Install showers in your facility for people who have no homes. Install washing machines and dryers for people who have no access to laundry facilities.
- Train people to serve as care ministers.
- Establish partnerships with a school. Work with the parents, teachers, and administrators to find out what they need & how best to provide it. Paint school rooms. Build a playground. Invite people to serve as tutors, readers, and mentors. Load backpacks with healthy food for children to take home for the weekend. Provide school supplies. Host room parties. Surprise teachers with gifts. Host a health fair for schoolchildren and their families, with free screenings. Distribute hygiene kits for kids and parents.
- Launch a peanut butter and jelly ministry in offices, shops, and other businesses where people pack lunches for the homeless during their lunch hours once each week.

Blessings along the Way,
Pastor Lorraine

Join us for Worship

In Person Worship

We are now meeting back at the church for worship at 10:40 a.m. on Sundays! We care about the safety of our congregation and have taken many precautions during this time. We are wearing masks, social distancing, using pre-packaged communion items, and using alternative methods for our music worship that do not include singing, so as to help ensure a safer environment for everyone joining us. We hope to see you there!

At Home Worship on Facebook

Find us on Facebook at **First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Emporia, KS** to join us for worship at 10:40 a.m. on Sundays. Leave a comment on our worship service to let us know you are with us!

At Home Worship via Email

You are encouraged to open your email at 10:40 a.m. to be part of our worshipping community. If you would like to be added to our e-mail worship service, send us an e-mail at fccoffices@yahoo.com to let us know!

So far in the month of October, the food pantry has helped **59 families** with food, plus **various other items**.



Our pantry continues to be a lifeline for those in our community.

During this time, we have implemented a no contact method for providing food to the community and have reduced our food pantry hours to Mondays from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.



Lonnie Atchison (*cancer*); **Lea Beers** (*medical*); **Wanda Davis** (*hip rehab*); **Brooke Franklin** (*cancer*); **Brad Jones** (*heart problems*); **Steve & Ramona Langley** (*brother-in-law and sister of Betty Richardson*); **Dr. Tim & Paula Lavin and family** (*medical*); **Joe Lozier** (*brain tumor, father of Jen Dalton*); **Steve Martin** (*stem cell cancer treatment*); and **Jeanice Miller** (*back pain*).



Attendance and Giving Record

ATTENDANCE & GIVING RECORD

Oct. 11, 2020 At Home/In Person Worship 41+
Oct. 18, 2020 At Home/In Person Worship 46+

GIVING RECORD

Oct. 11, 2020 ~ Offering \$1,560.00 / Building \$2.00
 Oct. 18, 2020 ~ Offering \$1,121.60 / Building \$72.00



October Anniversaries

- 26 Carl & Rita Headrick
- 28 Tyler & Shelby Pedersen

October Birthdays

- 20 Karen Garnett
- 24 Steve Coffman
- 29 Mary Ginavan



November Birthdays

- 01 Jaylene Arnett
- 02 Glenn Greenlee
- 03 Vicki Thornton
- 04 George Arnett
- 04 Carol Rhoades



Mark The Dates

Until further notice, the method of meeting (In Person, via Zoom, E-mail, etc.) will be determined on a meeting by meeting basis.

Sundays at 10:40 am—Worship Service— In Person, via Facebook Live, & E-mail

Mon. Oct. 19, 2020 9:00—11:00 am—Food Pantry

Tues. Oct. 20, 2020 10:00 am—Acts Bible Study

Wed. Oct. 21, 2020 5:00 pm—Worship Ministry Meets

Wed. Oct. 21, 2020 6:15 pm—Board Meeting

Thur. Oct. 22, 2020 4:00 pm—Elders’ Meeting

Thur. Oct. 22, 2020 6:30 pm—Youth Mission Club

Mon. Oct. 26, 2020 9:00—11:00 am—Food Pantry

Tues. Oct. 27, 2020 10:00 am—Acts Bible Study

Sun. Nov. 1, 2020—Daylight Saving Time ends

Sun. Nov. 1, 2020 12:00 pm—Diaconate Meeting

Mon. Nov. 2, 2020—Newsletter Deadline

Mon. Nov. 2, 2020 9:00—11:00 am—Food Pantry

Tues. Nov. 3, 2020—Election Day

Thur. Nov. 5, 2020 4:00 pm—Leadership Team Meets

Upcoming Serving Schedule



October 25, 2020—21st Sunday after Pentecost

Elder ~ Judy Moore

Worship Leader ~ Barb Gimple

Children’s Message ~ Laurie Kurzen

November 1, 2020—22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Elder ~ Jaylene Arnett

Worship Leader ~ Jean Miller

Children’s Message ~ Marie Harding

November 8, 2020—23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Elder ~ Nancy LeClear

Worship Leader ~ Judy Moore

Children’s Message ~ Barb Gimple



Thoughts to Ponder

- If you were arrested for being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you?
- If it doesn’t challenge you, it doesn’t change you.
- If Jesus can rise from the dead, you can get out of bed on Sunday morning.
- The smallest deed is greater than the biggest intention.

Lectionary Schedule

Oct. 25—Nov. 29, 2020

October 25, 2020—21st Sunday after Pentecost

Deuteronomy 34:1-12
 Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17
 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
 Matthew 22:34-46

November 1, 2020—22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Joshua 3:7-17
 Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37
 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13
 Matthew 23:1-12

November 8, 2020—23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25
 Psalm 78:1-7
 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
 Matthew 25:1-13

November 15, 2020—24th Sunday after Pentecost

Judges 4:1-7
 Psalm 123
 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
 Matthew 25:14-30

November 22, 2020—25th Sunday after Pentecost

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
 Psalm 100
 Ephesians 1:15-23
 Matthew 25:31-46

November 29, 2020—1st Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 64:1-9
 Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
 1 Corinthians 1:3-9
 Mark 13:24-37

Christian Movie Group

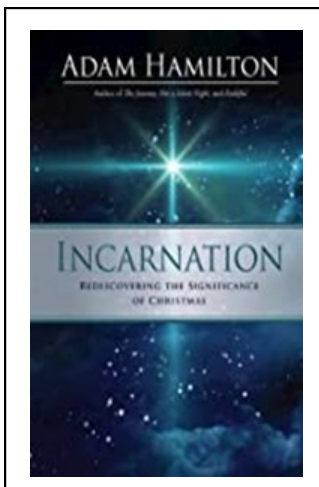
The Christian Movie Group invites you to join us on November 15th at 3:00 pm to watch the movie “90 Minutes in Heaven”. It will be shown both via Zoom and In Person at the church. We hope to see you there!



Church Directory

Our 2020-2021 Church Directory is now available! You can pick yours up on the green table in the entryway anytime or on the parlor tables on Sundays over the next few weeks.





Coming this Advent

Incarnation: Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas

4 Week Hybrid Study: In-person and via Zoom

Tuesdays, December 1, 8, 15, & 22

10:00 am or 6:30 pm

The season of Advent begins the fourth Sunday before Christmas and ends on Christmas Eve. Its name is

derived from the Latin *adventus*, which means “coming.” It is a time of preparation for Christmas, celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ.

This year, the Christian Education Ministry Team has chosen to use a brand-new study entitled, “**Incarnation: Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas**” by Adam Hamilton, as our congregational Advent study. Each session will include a short DVD session followed by discussion of the chapter. The user-friendly format allows for everyone to participate in their own way.

We will meet every Tuesday for 4 weeks beginning December 1 via Zoom and In-person (socially distanced in the Parlor). The class will be offered at 10:00 am and 6:30 pm. Everyone is invited to attend.

The study examines the names of Christ used by the gospel writers, exploring the historical and personal significance of his birth.

Books are \$13.99 and will be purchased through the office. They are also available on Kindle for \$9.99. Scholarships are available upon request.

Be sure to sign-up in the Parlor or church office by calling (620) 342-1582 or emailing (fccoffices@yahoo.com).



First Christian Church
Lorraine W. Bailey,
Transitional Minister



“The mission of First Christian Church is to inspire each other to reach out to the un-churched and to serve and share with our community by proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ.”

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8 a.m. until Noon, Monday through Friday.
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Next Newsletter Deadline
Nov. 2, 2020 & Nov. 16, 2020



October 2020

18 • 10:40am Worship Service	19 Newsletter Deadline • 9am Food Pantry • 7pm Boy Scouts - Offsite	20 • 10am Acts Bible Study	21 • 5pm Worship Ministry Meets • 6:15pm Board Meeting	22 • 4pm Elders' Meeting • 6:30pm Youth Mission Club	23	24
25 • 10:40am Worship Service	26 • 9am Food Pantry • 7pm Boy Scouts - Offsite	27 • 10am Acts Bible Study	28	29	30	31 Halloween

November 2020

SUN Nov 1 Daylight Saving Time ends • 10:40am Worship Service • 12pm Diaconate Meeting	MON 2 Newsletter Deadline • 9am Food Pantry • 7pm Boy Scouts - Offsite	TUE 3 Election Day (General Elections)	WED 4 • 10:30am Lyon Co. Ministerial Alliance	THU 5 • 4pm Leadership Team	FRI 6	SAT 7
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Spotlight on Disciples

Information for this article came from the book, *Disciples: Who We Are & What Holds Us Together* (2019) by Michael Kinnamon and Jan Linn, St. Louis: Christian Board of Publication, pp. 38-39

As Kinnamon and Linn begin a discussion on *The Lord's Supper: One Table, Many Guests*, they identify Communion as “something very basic about who we are as a community of faith.” The importance of gathering together around the table defines us as “one body, not one person,” and that communion completes our worship. Communion “reminds us that we are Christians whose mission is to witness to the power of God to reconcile all humanity to one another because we all belong to God.”

From the beginning, the sharing of Communion was envisioned as a great Christian witness. Both Barton W. Stone and the Campbells shared the common passion “for the unity of the one church of Christ on earth coming round the one table with one loaf.” Today, we recognize the Lord's Supper and baptism by immersion as “enduring and distinguishing practices of our denomination.”

“As the Vision Team statement declares, “As part of the one body of Christ, we welcome all to the Lord's Table as God has welcomed us.” Even though theological barriers between and within denominations divide the body of Christ, we find unity in the practice of gathering around the Lord's Table.