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(Disciples of Christ) Emporia, KS

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

Thank You
Sunday School At Home
Christian Movie Group

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Reflections

Before COVID hit back in March, we were studying Robert Schnase’s book, *Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations* (2018). His ideas for the section “Go and Do” (pp. 122-123) help us to think outside the box when considering “Risk-Taking Mission and Service.”

In this section, Schnase reminds us that “Risk-taking witness is a tool God uses to change lives, communities, and nations.” He invites us to consider how we can make space for others to join us in our mission to the community.

Schnase encourages churches that practice Risk-Taking Mission to:

- Make space for people who do not attend church to make a difference in the lives of others by inviting them to help.
- Use on-line meetings and studies to cut down the obstacle of distance.
- Shoot videos and photos to share on social media, at worship, and at other gatherings.
- Use digital platforms for project management and training.
- Continue annual and ongoing projects that truly make a difference.
- Become involved in bearing witness to wider social change with an eye for protecting the most vulnerable.
- Advocate for policies that improve the lives and conditions of those who struggle at the margins of society.
- Mobilize against racism, injustice, and abuse, and work and pray for peace.
- Stay informed about issues that affect people and encourage civic and political participation.

How exciting it is that we already embrace several of these ideas. We are on our way to increasing our commitment to God through service. In our current climate, we might ask ourselves questions of how we can become more involved in bringing hope and help to our community and beyond.

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 worshiping 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!

In the month of September, the food pantry has helped **94 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

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Sept. 27, 2020 At Home/In Person Worship 47+
Oct. 4, 2020 At Home/In Person Worship 44+

GIVING RECORD

Sept. 27, 2020 ~ Offering \$1,285.00/Building \$100.00
 Oct. 4, 2020 ~ Offering \$1,995.00/Building \$0.00



October Anniversaries

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

October Birthdays

- 05 Julia Giger
- 11 Bill Simpson
- 15 Torchy Duncan
- 17 Eleanor Edgins
- 17 Mildred Steeves
- 17 Jennifer Dalton
- 20 Karen Garnett
- 24 Steve Coffman
- 29 Mary Ginavan



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

Tues. Oct. 6, 2020 10:00 am—Acts Bible Study

Thur. Oct. 8, 2020 4:00 pm—Elders’ Study

Sun. Oct. 11, 2020 3:00 pm—Christian Movie Group

Mon. Oct 12, 2020 9:00—11:00 am—Food Pantry

Tues. Oct. 13, 2020 10:00 am—Acts Bible Study

Wed. Oct. 14, 2020 1:30 pm—DWF Group

Wed. Oct. 14, 2020 6:15 pm—Stewardship Ministry Meets

Thur. Oct. 15, 2020 5:00 pm—Christian Education

Mon. Oct. 19, 2020—Newsletter Deadline

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

Upcoming Serving Schedule



October 11, 2020—19th Sunday after Pentecost

- Elder** ~ Marie Harding
- Worship Leader** ~ Diana Solis
- Children’s Message** ~ Nancy LeClear

October 18, 2020—20th Sunday after Pentecost

- Elder** ~ Cameron Moore
- Worship Leader** ~ Janece Bacon
- Children’s Message** ~ Marlene Hanson

October 25, 2020—21st Sunday after Pentecost

- Elder** ~ Judy Moore
- Worship Leader** ~ Barb Gimple
- Children’s Message** ~ Laurie Kurzen



Thoughts to Ponder

- God’s grace is the only stain remover.
- There are fewer traffic jams on the high road.
- What if tomorrow you woke up with only the things you thanked God for today?
- What we know is less than what we are.
- Snap judgments have a way of becoming unfastened.
- Speak not of the debts of others unless you mean to pay them.

Lectionary Schedule**Oct. 11—Nov. 15, 2020****October 11, 2020—19th Sunday
after Pentecost**

Exodus 32:1-14

Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23

Philippians 4:1-9

Matthew 22:1-14

**October 18, 2020—20th Sunday
after Pentecost**

Exodus 33:12-23

Psalm 99

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Matthew 22:15-22

**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



THANK
you.

Thank you to everyone who made donations toward our postage stamps at the church! These are helping us to continue mailing our At Home Worship service to those who do not have access to e-mail or a computer to watch our Facebook Live service. This helps more of us worship together as a community from many different places throughout this time.

**Sunday School
At Home**

We are starting our Sunday School At Home this Wednesday, October 7th for families with children. Remember to check your e-mail to participate in these family oriented lessons that will have different approaches, including Bible study, cooking, art, science, and games. There will also be short videos in some of the lessons. The lessons will take about 30 minutes to complete, and will be emailed out the first and third Wednesday of each month. We are looking forward to being able to continue with Sunday School at home!



Join our Christian Movie Group
Sunday, October 11th at 3pm on Zoom
(or hybrid from the Church Parlor)

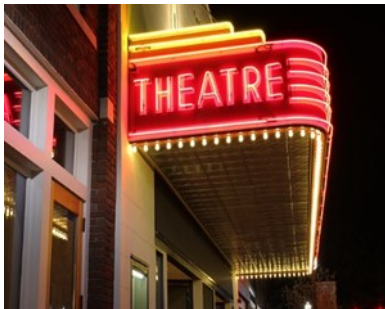
Do you enjoy a good Christian Movie?

There have been many films made through the years depicting the life of Jesus and inspiring us on our spiritual journeys.

Join our *Christian Movie Group* to watch Christian movies (**via Zoom** or hybrid from the Church Parlor)! The group will meet regularly (once or more a month—to be determined by the group) to watch and discuss a Christian movie. **An important component of the group will be the discussion following the movie**, so please allow 2 ½ to 3 hours per session (Sunday afternoons starting at 3pm).

This small group will want to continue to meet over weeks and perhaps months to be able to build relationships with friends in the group, and to grow in knowledge and understanding of Jesus Christ. As with any small group in the church, members and friends will be encouraged to join even after the group has started. All are welcome!

Below is a list of 6 possible movies to choose from for our first viewing.



FILMS

90 MINUTES IN HEAVEN
FACING THE GIANTS
GOD'S NOT DEAD
MIRACLES FROM HEAVEN
SOUL SURFER
WONDER

Do any of these films look interesting to you? If so, you may like to join this group. Please reply to this message or call the church office (620-342-1582) if you are interested. Dates and times will be determined by those who are interested.

Parental discretion and guidance to the sensitive nature of faith should be given for children and youth.

Join us on October 11, 2020 for a great Christian movie!
Come watch Christian movies with us!

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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Office Hours

8 a.m. until Noon, Monday through Friday.
Pastor Lorraine—8:00 am to 11:00 am, Tuesday through Friday. Afternoons by appointment.



Next Newsletter Deadline
Oct. 19, 2020 & Nov. 2, 2020



October 2020

4 Reconciliation Ministry Special Offering • 10:40am Worship Service • 12pm Diaconate Meeting	5 Newsletter Deadline • 9am Food Pantry • 7pm Boy Scouts - Offsite	6 • 10am Acts Bible Study	7 • 10:30am Lyon Co. Ministerial Alliance	8 • 4pm Elders' Study • 6:30pm Youth Mission Club	9	10
11 • 10:40am Worship Service • 3pm Christian Movie Group	12 Columbus Day Indigenous Peoples' Day • 9am Food Pantry • 7pm Boy Scouts - Offsite	13 • 10am Acts Bible Study	14 • 9:30am NE KS Clergy-Topeka • 1:30pm DWF Group • 6:15pm Stewardship Ministry Meets	15 • 5pm Christian Ed.	16	17
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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. 34-37

While Alexander Campbell, like others in his era, felt that after study, people of reason would come to a common understanding of the Bible, post modern Christians have come to realize how diverse the Bible is and that it is important to be read with diverse perspectives. Disciples, in covenant with each other, agree to stay at the table, read the Bible together through our diverse lenses, and seek understanding of it together. Kinnamon and Linn remind us that “Covenant and scripture are the foundation stones of our shared life.” We look to “scripture for guidance, embrace one another in covenant because we all belong to Christ.”

Kinnamon and Linn give five recommendations for the congregational practice of study together:

1. Hold on-line All Church Bible Studies a few times a year. Invite participants to read and reflect on selected texts and invite corporate discussion.
2. Train teachers to teach Bible study. Invite leaders to use resources such as *The New Interpreter's Bible One Volume Commentary* and to read books such as *Reading the New Testament for the First Time*, by Disciples scholar Ron Allen.
3. Ministers are urged to be teachers and trainers of teachers.
4. Use experience, reason, and tradition to dialogue with the Bible.
5. “Always set Bible study in the context of prayer . . . Prayer opens our spirits to God’s as we seek to know and follow God’s will, not just our own.”