



November 16, 2020

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

Poinsettias
Thanksgiving Food Pantry

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First Christian Church News

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Suspension of All In-Person Church Meetings, Worship, and Other Gatherings

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Emporia, KS
November 13, 2020

Dear Congregation,

Because of the rise in COVID cases in Lyon County, all in-person church meetings, worship, and other gatherings are immediately suspended until further notice. More specifically:

- No gatherings or outside groups are to use the building other than Cross-winds.
- No funerals/memorial services/celebrations of life, funeral luncheons, take-out meals, drive-thru meals, weddings, anniversaries, birthday parties, fellowship dinners, or family gatherings.
- **All meetings** will take place via Zoom.

Worship on Sunday Mornings is limited to 10 or less essential worship leaders and necessary personnel to conduct the service until further notice.

All other individuals please continue to shelter in place.

Worship will continue its broadcast from the Sanctuary each Sunday morning at 10:40 am via Facebook LIVE.

We are pleased to inform you that **The Food Pantry** will continue to safely provide food on Mondays (9:00 -11:00 am) on an outside table for drive-thru service.

We are glad to accept your continued donations of toilet paper or monetary gifts for this essential ministry to the hungry.

Stay safe,

The Coronavirus Task Force

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| John Harding | Alan Richardson |
| Marie Harding | Carl Richardson |
| Nancy LeClear | Scott Thomas |
| Janet Lostutter (ex-officio) | Pastor Lorraine (ex-officio) |

Join us for Worship

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 November, the food pantry has helped **72 families** with food, plus **various other items**.



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

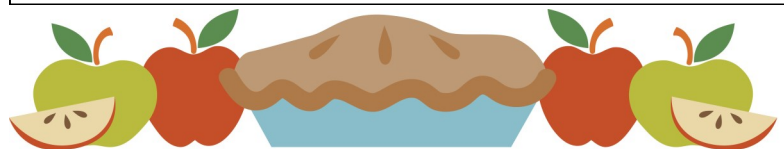
During this time, we have implemented a no contact method for providing food to the community and have reduced our food pantry hours to Mondays from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.



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*).



Worship
with us
from
HOME



Attendance and Giving Record

ATTENDANCE & GIVING RECORD

Nov. 8, 2020 At Home Worship 34+
Nov. 15, 2020 At Home Worship 45+

GIVING RECORD

Nov. 8/15, 2020 ~ Offering \$2,091.60/Building \$72.00



November Birthdays

- 16 Jacque Umholtz
- 19 Karen Monroe
- 21 Shirley Pearson
- 23 Marie Harding
- 23 Laurie Kurzen
- 25 Dana Witten
- 28 Richard Headrick
- 30 David Harding
- 30 William Hopkins



December Birthdays

- 01 Cameron Moore
- 02 Reese Johnson
- 02 Chad Kurzen
- 05 Kate Wiggins
- 08 Rachael LeClear



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 via Facebook Live & E-mail

Mon. Nov. 16, 2020 9:00—11:00 am—Food Pantry

Wed. Nov. 18, 2020 5:00 pm—Worship Ministry Meets

Wed. Nov. 18, 2020 6:15 pm—Board Meeting

Thur. Nov. 19, 2020 5:00 pm—Christian Education

Sun. Nov. 22, 2020—Thanksgiving Special Offering

Mon. Nov. 23, 2020 9:00 am—11:00 am—Food Pantry

Thur. Nov. 26, 2020—Thanksgiving Day

Mon. Nov. 30, 2020—Newsletter Deadline

Mon. Nov. 30, 2020 9:00 am—11:00 am—Food Pantry

Tues. Dec. 1, 2020 10:00 am—Advent Bible Study—Morning

Tues. Dec. 1, 2020 6:30 pm—Advent Bible Study—Evening

Thur. Dec. 3, 2020 4:00 pm—Leadership Team Meets

Sun. Dec. 6, 2020 12:00 pm—Diaconate Meeting

Mon. Dec. 7, 2020 9:00 am—11:00 am—Food Pantry



Upcoming Serving Schedule



November 22, 2020—25th Sunday after Pentecost

- Elder** ~ Marie Harding
- Worship Leader** ~ Nancy LeClear
- Children’s Message** ~ Cameron Moore

November 29, 2020—1st Sunday of Advent

- Elder** ~ Cameron Moore
- Worship Leader** ~ Marlene Hanson
- Children’s Message** ~ Jaylene Arnett

December 6, 2020—2nd Sunday of Advent

- Elder** ~ Judy Moore
- Worship Leader** ~ Marie Harding
- Children’s Message** ~ Nancy LeClear

Thoughts to Ponder

- Give God your prayers, not your advice.
- When God ordains, he sustains.
- Prayer is God’s free Wi-Fi.
- If you pause to think, you’ll have cause to thank.
- Little sins add us to big trouble.
- If you’re the smartest person in the church, you’re in the wrong church.
- When troubles seem too big to bear, just fold your hands and say a prayer.

Lectionary Schedule**Nov. 22—Dec.27, 2020****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

December 6, 2020—2nd Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 40:1-11

Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

2 Peter 3:8-15a

Mark 1:1-8

December 13, 2020—3rd Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

Psalm 126 or Luke 1:46b-55

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

John 1:6-8, 19-28

December 20, 2020—4th Sunday of Advent

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

Luke 1:46b-55

or Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26

Romans 16:25-27

Luke 1:26-38

December 27, 2020—1st Sunday after Christmas Day

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

Psalm 148

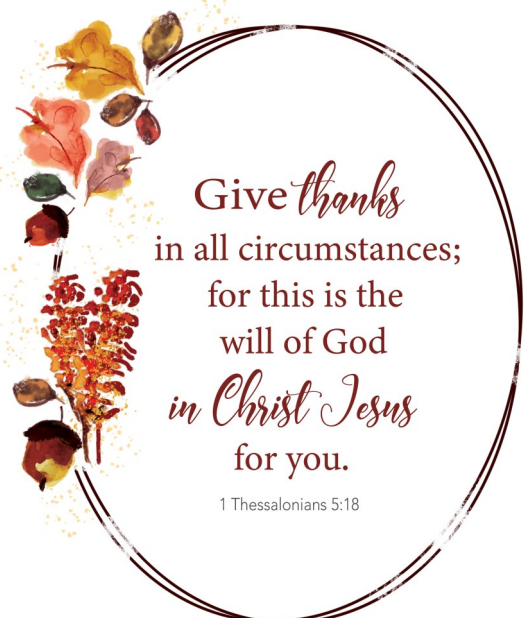
Galatians 4:4-7

Luke 2:22-40

Poinsettias

We will have poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary this Christmas season even though we won't be meeting in person. We will be on Facebook every Sunday and also on Christmas Eve, so it will be nice to have some semblance of normalcy as we view those broadcasts. If you would like to purchase a poinsettia in memory of or in honor of a loved one, send \$6 for each poinsettia to the office. Let Heather know who it honors and who is purchasing it. Thanks for helping to make the season a little brighter.

Barb and the Worship Committee



Thanksgiving Food Pantry

Thanksgiving is approaching quickly, and while it may be a little different this year, it is still a time of thankfulness for all that God has provided us with. We hope that everyone will still have the opportunity to celebrate Thanksgiving in some fashion this year. To help with this, we would like to put together special “Thanksgiving bags” to hand out during our food pantry hours next Monday; however, we will need donations to make this possible. If you can donate any items toward this, I’m sure it would be much appreciated by those in the community that visit our food pantry.

We are looking for items such as:

- cranberry sauce
- pumpkin
- yams
- Stove Top Stuffing
- green beans
- Instant mashed potatoes
- gravy mix
- mushroom soup
- rolls



We would also accept any other Thanksgiving items that could easily be fit into a grocery bag. We hope to put several items in each bag in order to provide families with a variety for their Thanksgiving dinners. If you can assist with this, please bring your donations to either the church office, or place them on the bench outside the church office before this Friday, November 20th. If you cannot bring any grocery items, monetary donations will be accepted also. Thank you in advance for your help in trying to give others a nice Thanksgiving celebration during this time.



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.
Pastor Lorraine—8:00 am to 11:00 am, Tuesday through Friday. Afternoons by appointment.



Next Newsletter Deadline
Nov. 30, 2020 & Dec. 14, 2020



November-December 2020

15 Thanksgiving Special Offering • 10:40am Worship Service • 3pm Christian Movie Group	16 Newsletter Deadline • 9am Food Pantry • 7pm Boy Scouts - Offsite	17	18 • 5pm Worship Ministry Meets • 6:15pm Board Meeting	19 • 5pm Christian Ed.	20	21
22 Thanksgiving Special Offering • 10:40am Worship Service	23 • 9am Food Pantry • 7pm Boy Scouts - Offsite	24	25	26 Thanksgiving Day	27 Black Friday Native American Heritage Day	28
29 • 10:40am Worship Service	30 Newsletter Deadline • 9am Food Pantry • 7pm Boy Scouts - Offsite	Dec 1 • 10am Advent Bible Study - Morning Gr • 6:30pm Advent Bible Study - Evening C	2 • 10:30am Lyon Co. Ministerial Alliance	3 • 4pm Leadership Team	4	5

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. 41-43.

Kinnamon and Linn continue to explore the meaning of the Lord’s Supper and church unity within the Disciples tradition.

Alexander Campbell insisted that any Christian can preside at the Lord’s Table. He wrote, “All Christians are members of the family or house of God,” and therefore “are called and constituted a royal and holy priesthood.” Kinnamon and Linn recognize this understanding of unity to be part of our Disciples identity. Serving at the table was born out of the virtue of belonging to Jesus Christ. Because we remember Jesus’ death on the cross, we have a oneness that Christians share.

Campbell also insisted that the observance of the Lord’s Supper at “every stated meeting” was essential. It was paramount for Campbell that the Lord’s Supper was the heart of Christian worship. “Disciples historian Mark Toulouse says Campbell believed Christian character was enhanced by the Holy Spirit working through the symbols of bread and wine.” Campbell believed that the taking of Communion left a “renewed and refreshed understanding of its importance” on each individual.

For Campbell and for us, our focus on the meaning of the Lord’s Supper brings us to experience more fully the presence of Christ and his sacrificial love that the bread and cup symbolize. In covenant with each other and with God, we value diversity in the interpretation of our founders regarding Communion and open-minded in the acceptance of practices across denominational lines.