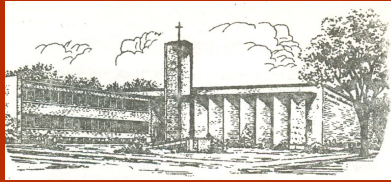


SPECIAL POINTS
OF INTEREST
Annual Congregational
Meeting
Maundy Thursday
Easter Sunday
Easter Special Offering
Thank You!
Palm Sunday

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Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

*¹ O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever! ² Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."
¹⁹ Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD. ²⁰ This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it. ²¹ I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. ²² The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. ²³ This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. ²⁴ This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. ²⁵ Save us, we beseech you, O LORD! O LORD, we beseech you, give us success! ²⁶ Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD. We bless you from the house of the LORD. ²⁷ The LORD is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar. ²⁸ You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you. ²⁹ O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.*

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 March, the food pantry has helped **90 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.



Our church family prayer list:

Lonnie Atchison (*cancer*); **Lea Beers** (*medical*); **Wanda Davis** (*hip rehab*); **Joe Denson** (*medical*); **Brooke Franklin** (*cancer*); **Bob Hush** (*medical*); **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*); **Lougene Marsh** (*medical*); **Steve Martin** (*stem cell cancer treatment*); and **Jeanice Miller** (*back pain*).



Attendance and Giving Record

ATTENDANCE & GIVING RECORD

Mar. 14, 2021 At Home/In Person Worship 45+
Mar. 21, 2021 At Home/In Person Worship 40+

GIVING RECORD

Mar. 14, 2021 ~ Offering \$1,355.00 / Building \$0.00
 Mar. 21, 2021 ~ Offering \$685.00 / Building \$0.00



March Anniversaries

22 Glenn & Dorothy Boyce

March Birthdays

29 Dorothy Matile

31 Mary Volland

April Birthdays

07 Briana Becker

08 Debbie Davis

08 Porter Garnett

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 In Person, Facebook Live & E-mail

Mon. March 22, 2021 9:00—11:00 am—Food Pantry

Tues. Mar. 23, 2021 10:00 am—Lenten Study Series—Morning

Tues. Mar. 23, 2021 6:30 pm—Lenten Study Series—Evening

Thur. March 25, 2021 6:30 pm—Youth Mission Club

Sun. March 28, 2021—Palm Sunday

Sun. March 28, 2021—Easter Special Offering

Mon. March 29, 2021 9:00—11:00 am—Food Pantry

Tues. Mar. 30, 2021 10:00 am—Lenten Study Series—Morning

Tues. Mar. 30, 2021 6:30 pm—Lenten Study Series—Evening

Thur. April 1, 2021 7:00 pm—Maundy Thursday Service

Sun. April 4, 2021—Easter Sunday

Sun. April 4, 2021—Easter Special Offering

Sun. April 4, 2021 12:00 pm—Diaconate Meeting

Mon. April 5, 2021—Newsletter Deadline

Mon. April 5, 2021 9:00—11:00 am—Food Pantry

Upcoming Serving Schedule



March 28, 2021—Palm Sunday

Presiding Elder ~ Cameron Moore

Communion Elder ~ Marie Harding

Worship Leader ~ Nancy LeClear

Children’s Message ~ Jaylene Arnett

April 4, 2021—Easter Sunday

Presiding Elder ~ Jean Miller

Communion Elder~Cameron Moore

Worship Leader ~ Jaylene Arnett

Children’s Message ~ Judy Moore

April 11, 2021—2nd Sunday of Easter

Presiding Elder ~ Nancy LeClear

Communion Elder ~ Judy Moore

Worship Leader ~ Jean Miller

Children’s Message~Cameron Moore

Thoughts to Ponder

- The best things in life aren’t things.
- Let all that you do be done in love.
- The one who kneels to the Lord can stand up to anything.
- Life is good because God is great!
- The only person you can change is yourself.
- The will of God will never take you to where the grace of God will not protect you.
- The quieter you become, the more you can hear.

Lectionary Schedule**March 28—May 2, 2021****March 28, 2021—Palm Sunday**

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Mark 11:1-11 or John 12:12-16

April 4, 2021—Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 25:6-9

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

or Acts 10:34-43

John 20:1-18 or Mark 16:1-8

April 11, 2021—2nd Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:32-35

Psalm 133

1 John 1:1-2:2

John 20:19-31

April 18, 2021—3rd Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:12-19

Psalm 4

1 John 3:1-7

Luke 24:36b-48

April 25, 2021—4th Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:5-12

Psalm 23

1 John 3:16-24

John 10:11-18

May 2, 2021—5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:26-40

Psalm 22:25-31

1 John 4:7-21

John 15:1-8



This year's annual congregational meeting will be taking place on April 25, 2021.




Maundy Thursday

On Maundy Thursday, the central focus is on the Lord's table as we recall Christ's institution of the Lord's supper and remember the events that transpired leading to Christ's betrayal, denial, and death. The distinguishing feature of this service is the symbolic extinguishing of lighted candles, signifying the approach of Jesus' death. We invite you to join us either in person or on Facebook Live as we remember this time leading up to our Lord's crucifixion and the hope of his resurrection on April 1st at 7:00 p.m.



Easter
SUNDAY

Easter Sunday Service

Easter is almost here, and we would love to have you join us in celebration of our Savior's resurrection! For this year's Easter Service, you can join us in person at the church, or you can celebrate with us through Facebook Live on Sunday April 4th at 10:40 a.m.



Easter Offering

a special day offering of Disciples Mission Fund
March 28 and April 4, 2021

Thank You Barb & Glenn!

A big thank you goes out to Barb and Glenn Gimple for their extra time and effort in working with Larry Heilman of Heilman Consulting getting the sound system up to date and running smoothly for in person worship and for Facebook Live. Many hours have been spent and all efforts are greatly appreciated.

Thanks also to those who contributed to make this happen!



Palm
SUNDAY

Palm Sunday Service

We will begin our commemoration of Holy Week with our Palm Sunday service, which will take place this Sunday, March 28th at 10:40 a.m. During this time, we remember Christ's journey into Jerusalem with high spirits, and with a more contemplative attitude reserved as attention is centered on Christ's passion.

First Christian Church



“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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**Next Newsletter Deadline
April 5 & April 19, 2021**



March—April 2021

21 • 10:40am Worship Service	22 Newsletter Deadline • 9am Food Pantry • 7pm Boy Scouts - Offsite	23 • 10am Lenten Study Series - Morning • 6:30pm Lenten Study Series - Evening	24	25 • 6:30pm Youth Mission Club	26	27
28 Easter Special Offering Palm Sunday • 10:40am Worship Service	29 • 9am Food Pantry • 7pm Boy Scouts - Offsite	30 • 10am Lenten Study Series - Morning • 6:30pm Lenten Study Series - Evening	31	Apr 1 Maundy Thursday • 7pm Maundy Thursday Service	2	3
4 Easter Special Offering Easter Sunday • 10:40am Worship Service • 12pm Diaconate Meeting	5 Newsletter Deadline Easter Monday • 9am Food Pantry • 7pm Boy Scouts - Offsite	6 • 10am Lenten Study Series - Morning • 6:30pm Lenten Study Series - Evening	7 • 10:30am Lyon Co. Ministerial Alliance	8 • 4pm Elders' Study • 6:30pm Youth Mission Club	9	10

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. 1-2.

Why We Are Disciples

- The central place we, Disciples, give to the Lord's Supper, and our insistence that, since it is Christ's table, it is not up to us to decide who is welcome at it;
- How this church, in the words of one of its historians, is "an experiment in liberty," bound not by hierarchy or creed, but by a covenant of mutual accountability and the simple confession that Jesus is the Christ;
- The place of honor that lay leaders have among Disciples, and the importance we give to scripture, but also human intelligence, when attempting to discern God's will;
- Our practice of believer's baptism which empathizes the decision of discipleship each person must make for herself, coupled with the affirmation that persons baptized in other ways in other churches are also members of Christ's one body;
- How, at our best, we strive to be bold in our proclamation that God was in Christ, acting to reconcile people to God and to one another (2 Cor. 5:16-20), yet humble in our recognition that we are not the only Christians or God's only people.