



March 8, 2021

SPECIAL POINTS
OF INTEREST
Results of Special
Congregational Meeting
DWF
Thank you!
New Sound Equipment

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Reflections

Just as a reminder, we have started meeting in person for our worship services. We will continue to send out our At Home worship service through e-mail, as well as streaming our service on Facebook Live. Since we do not have a new minister yet, our services will be conducted by two elders and a worship leader. Until we have a new minister, Jim McCollough will be bringing the message to us each Sunday via YouTube. Please keep reading for a short biography.



Jim McCollough is a native of northwest Missouri, and graduated from one of our Disciples of Christ colleges, Culver Stockton in Canton Missouri. Upon graduation, Jim entered seminary, and in 1976, graduated with the Master of Divinity degree from St. Paul's School of Theology in Kansas City. In 1993, Jim completed his Doctor of Ministry degree with San Francisco Theological Seminary. He has served churches in Indiana, Missouri and held a 20 year pastorate with the First Christian Church of Topeka. He has been active in ministry in the region of Kansas having served in various capacities, including Moderator. Jim retired from active ministry in 2010, and for two years was Minister of Stewardship Education for the Christian Church in Kansas. He also served as the Executive Director of the Topeka Center for Peace and Justice, a position he held for 10 years. Jim is currently serving as part-time pastor at First Christian Church, Holton, Kansas and at the Topeka Church of the Brethren. He and wife Charlotte are the parents of two adult sons, Dwight and Andrew, daughter-in-law Vicki, two granddaughters and one very energetic and inquisitive 5 year old great grandson.

On a personal note: "I have a passion for the parish! I look forward to sharing the good news of the Gospel as long as I am able, and as long as God continues to lead me to opportunities! I am pleased to bring the message to First Christian Church of Emporia!

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 **51 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

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Feb. 28, 2021 At Home/In Person Worship 67+

Mar. 7, 2021 At Home/In Person Worship 42+

GIVING RECORD

Feb. 28, 2021 ~ Offering \$2,380.00 / Building \$100.00

Mar. 7, 2021 ~ Offering \$1,345.00 / Building \$0.00

Week of Compassion Special Offering ~ \$170.00



March Anniversaries

22 Glenn & Dorothy Boyce

March Birthdays

10 Sarah Roth
 11 Robert Chatham
 11 Imegene Marsh
 21 Nikki Simmons
 21 Mikinzi Simmons
 29 Dorothy Matile
 31 Mary Volland

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 8, 2021 9:00—11:00 am—Food Pantry

Tues. March 9, 2021 10:00 am—Lenten Study Series—Morning

Tues. March 9, 2021 6:30 pm—Lenten Study Series—Evening

Wed. March 10, 2021 1:30 pm—DWF Group

Wed. March 10, 2021 5:30 pm—Stewardship Ministry

Thur. March 11, 2021 4:00 pm—Elders’ Study

Thur. March 11, 2021 6:30 pm—Youth Mission Club

Sun. March 14, 2021—Daylight Saving Time starts

Mon. March 15, 2021 9:00—11:00 am—Food Pantry

Tues. Mar. 16, 2021 10:00 am—Lenten Study Series—Morning

Tues. Mar. 16, 2021 6:30 pm—Lenten Study Series—Evening

Wed. March 17, 2021—St. Patrick’s Day

Wed. March 17, 2021 5:00 pm—Worship Ministry

Wed. March 17, 2021 6:15 pm—Board Meeting

Thur. March 18, 2021 5:00 pm—Christian Education

Mon. March 22, 2021—Newsletter Deadline

Upcoming Serving Schedule



March 14, 2021—4th Sunday in Lent

Presiding Elder ~ George Arnett
Communion Elder ~ Nancy LeClear
Worship Leader ~ Janet Lostutter
Children’s Message ~ Marie Harding

March 21, 2021—5th Sunday in Lent

Presiding Elder ~ Marie Harding
Communion Elder~Marlene Hanson
Worship Leader ~ Judy Moore
Children’s Message ~ Barb Gimple

March 28, 2021—Palm Sunday

Presiding Elder ~ Cameron Moore
Communion Elder ~ Marie Harding
Worship Leader ~ Nancy LeClear
Children’s Message ~ Jaylene Arnett

Thoughts to Ponder

- Be the exception.
- Stack every bit of criticism between two layers of praise.
- I threw in the towel. God threw it back and said, “Wipe your face, you’re almost there.”
- Sunny spirits make even the darkest skies shine.
- It’s hard to get in shape spiritually when you only work out on Sundays.

Lectionary Schedule**March 14—April 18, 2021****March 14, 2021—4th Sunday in****Lent**

Numbers 21:4-9

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

Ephesians 2:1-10

John 3:14-21

March 21, 2021—5th Sunday in**Lent**

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalm 51:1-12 or Psalm 119:9-16

Hebrews 5:5-10

John 12:20-33

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

**Results of Special
Congregational Meeting**

- 1) To suspend certain portions of the constitution to vote by mail, and
- 2) To give authority to the Trustees to sell the South parking lot.

Both items passed overwhelmingly.

Janet Lostutter

Moderator



Please join us this Wednesday, March 10 at 1:30 p.m. in the church parlor for Disciples Women Fellowship DWF. Please wear your mask, and social distancing will be observed. We are so excited to be able to meet in person and look forward to seeing you.

Thank you!

What an incredible worship we had on February 28. Fifty-two people came for in-person worship and thirteen were watching live on Facebook! Thank you for such a wonderful send off to retirement that I will always remember! I have enjoyed reading your cards and will always keep them close to remember you and the nearly four years we spent growing together in our love of God. May God richly bless you as you continue to reach out in service and love of neighbor and all of God's beautiful world.



With thanks and blessings,
Pastor Lorraine



New Sound Equipment

As most of you know, we are installing new sound equipment in the sanctuary. It has been a work in progress as all of the components have not arrived at the same time and the install is not complete. Until everything is installed and the bugs worked out there may be a few glitches. We are sorry these problems cause interruptions in the worship service. Things should be cleared up soon so we can all hear and enjoy the services. Thank you for your patience and understanding.



SOUND SYSTEM

Worship Committee

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
March 22 & April 5, 2021**



March 2021

7	8	9	10	11	12	13
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:40am Worship Service 12pm Diaconate Meeting 	<p>Newsletter Deadline</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am Food Pantry 7pm Boy Scouts - Offsite 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10am Lenten Study Series - Morning 6:30pm Lenten Study Series - Evening 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30am NE KS Clergy-Topeka 1:30pm DWF Group 5:30pm Stewardship Ministry Meets 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4pm Elders' Study 6:30pm Youth Mission Club 		
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Psalm of the Day

¹ The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork. ² Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge. ³ There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard; ⁴ yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun, ⁵ which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy. ⁶ Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hid from its heat. ⁷ The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple; ⁸ the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes; ⁹ the fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether. ¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honey-comb. ¹¹ Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward. ¹² But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults. ¹³ Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression. ¹⁴ Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.