

April

April 5, 2021

SPECIAL POINTS
OF INTEREST
Acts Bible Study
Annual Congregational
Meeting
CIS Supply Drive

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Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

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."
¹⁴ The LORD is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation. ¹⁵ There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the LORD does valiantly; ¹⁶ the right hand of the LORD is exalted; the right hand of the LORD does valiantly." ¹⁷ I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD. ¹⁸ The LORD has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death. 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.

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!

During the month of March, the food pantry has helped **112 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. 28, 2021 At Home/In Person Worship 46+

Apr. 4, 2021 At Home/In Person Worship 54+

GIVING RECORD

Mar. 28, 2021 ~ Offering \$1,795.00 / Building \$100.00

Apr. 4, 2021 ~ Offering \$1,750.00 / Building \$0.00

Easter Special Offering ~ \$370.00



April Anniversaries

- 16 Reese & Breann Johnson
- 17 Nik & Sarah Roth

April Birthdays

- 07 Briana Becker
- 08 Debbie Davis
- 08 Porter Garnett
- 13 Dina Breckenridge
- 15 Gavin LeClear
- 18 Diana Solis

Upcoming Serving Schedule



April 11, 2021—2nd Sunday of Easter

- Presiding Elder** ~ Nancy LeClear
- Communion Elder** ~ Judy Moore
- Worship Leader** ~ Jean Miller
- Children’s Message** ~ Cameron Moore

April 18, 2021—3rd Sunday of Easter

- Presiding Elder** ~ Jaylene Arnett
- Communion Elder** ~ Janece Bacon
- Worship Leader** ~ Marlene Hanson
- Children’s Message** ~ Nancy LeClear

April 25, 2021—4th Sunday of Easter

- Presiding Elder** ~ Judy Moore
- Communion Elder** ~ Jaylene Arnett
- Worship Leader** ~ Nancy LeClear
- Children’s Message** ~ Joy Frevert

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

Tues. April 6, 2021 10:00 am—Lenten Study Series—Morning

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

Thur. April 8, 2021 6:30 pm—Youth Mission Club

Sun. April 11, 2021 4:00 pm—Christian Education

Mon. April 12, 2021 9:00—11:00 am—Food Pantry

Tues. April 13, 2021 10:00 am—Acts Bible Study

Wed. April 14, 2021 1:30 pm—DWF Group

Mon. April 19, 2021—Newsletter Deadline

Mon. April 19, 2021 9:00—11:00 am—Food Pantry

Tues. April 20, 2021 10:00 am—Acts Bible Study

Wed. April 21, 2021 6:15 pm—Board Meeting

Thur. April 22, 2021 4:00 pm—Elders’ Meeting

Thur. April 22, 2021 6:30 pm—Youth Mission Club



Thoughts to Ponder

- Time flies. Make sure God is your pilot!
- To have more, desire less.
- When we have nothing left but God, we discover God is enough.
- Truth fears no questions.
- When you have exhausted all possibilities, remember this: you haven’t.
- When you pray, rather let your heart be without words than your words without heart.

Lectionary Schedule

April 11—May 16, 2021

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

May 9, 2021—6th Sunday of Easter

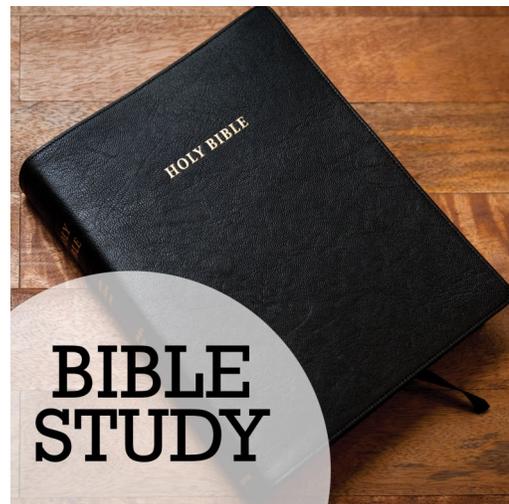
Acts 10:44-48
 Psalm 98
 1 John 5:1-6
 John 15:9-17

May 16, 2021—7th Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
 Psalm 1
 1 John 5:9-13
 John 17:6-19

Acts Bible Study

The Acts Bible Study will resume Tuesday, April 13th at 10:00 a.m. This group will be meeting both in the church parlor and via Zoom. Jean Miller will be facilitating this group. We look forward to seeing everyone again to continue our study in the book of Acts.



Congregational Meeting



Annual Congregational Meeting

This year's annual congregational meeting will be taking place on April 25, 2021 in person in the sanctuary following the worship service. At that time we will go over the budget and the list of nominated officers. We ask that all members attend.

Supply Drive

Communities in Schools is hosting a supply drive to collect supplies that will be used to support students at Emporia High School, Logan Avenue Elementary, Walnut Elementary, and William Allen White Elementary. They are currently looking for volunteers to help the day of, as well as help in spreading word about the event. They are hoping to have volunteers organized by Friday, April 16th. If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information, you can contact Jessica Peña at Jessica.Pena@cismidamerica.org or by phone at 302-540-5530.

Celebrate 25 years of being #AllInForKids! Join us for

25 Drive



9:30 am - 12:30 pm
Saturday, April 24th

William Allen White Library
1 Kellogg Circle
Emporia, KS 66801



High Priority Items:

- clothing/underwear
- shoes & socks
- dish/laundry soap
- water bottles
- shelf stable foods & snacks
- hygiene items
- ear buds

For more info:

[@cismidamerica](https://www.cismidamerica.org)
[cismidamerica.org](https://www.cismidamerica.org)



CDC recommended precautions, sanitation and distancing will be in place. Please do not attend event if you are feeling sick or have been exposed to someone who is experiencing symptoms.

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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Office Hours

8 a.m. until Noon, Monday through Friday.



**Next Newsletter Deadline
April 19 & May 3, 2021**



April 2021

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 • 6:30pm Youth Mission Club	9	10
11 • 10:40am Worship Service • 4pm Christian Ed.	12 • 9am Food Pantry • 7pm Boy Scouts	13 • 10am Acts Bible Study	14 • 9:30am NE KS Clergy-Topeka • 1:30pm DWF Group	15 Tax Day	16	17
18 • 10:40am Worship Service	19 Newsletter Deadline • 9am Food Pantry • 7pm Boy Scouts	20 • 10am Acts Bible Study	21 • 6:15pm Board Meeting	22 • 4pm Elders' Meeting • 6:30pm Youth Mission Club	23	24

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. 3-4.

A Stable but Dynamic Identity

In 1909, participants in the Disciples International Convention celebrated the centennial of Campbell's pronouncement by specifying, in their own era, "the chief things for which this movement stands."

- We stand for the unity of the church and for "the manifestation of the spirit of unity by cooperation with other followers of Christ, who stand not with us in all things, but who hold to Christ as their head."
- We stand for the rejection of creeds as the basis of Christian unity and fellowship. More positively, we affirm the Good Confession made by Peter— "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God" (Mt. 16:16, RSV)—as the foundation on which Jesus will build his church, and the Bible as the only authoritative rule of faith and practice.
- We stand for "Christian liberty," for freedom from ecclesiastical coercion "that has sought to make [people] think alike and worship alike, mistaking uniformity for unity."
- We stand for the organization of the church into congregations that have the right of self-governance "in all matters that pertain to their local welfare," but also for "the fellowship of all these churches together in the common work of advancing the kingdom of God."
- We stand for the centrality of baptism and the Lord's Supper in the life of the church and for the restoration of their scriptural meaning and practice—including baptism that involves "the burial in water of a penitent believer" who signifies a willingness to walk in obedience to Christ, weekly celebration of the holy meal, and a table open to "all who believe in and love our Lord Jesus Christ."
- We stand for evangelization through the simple preaching of the gospel, avoiding methods that "dishonor God's character."