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# First Christian Church News

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### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Donations
- New Minister
- DWF News
- Clothes Closet & Household Hut
- Graduation Time

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### Psalm 98

<sup>1</sup> O sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things. His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory.

<sup>2</sup> The LORD has made known his victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.

<sup>3</sup> He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

<sup>4</sup> Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

<sup>5</sup> Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody.

<sup>6</sup> With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD.

<sup>7</sup> Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it.

<sup>8</sup> Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy

<sup>9</sup> at the presence of the LORD, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

## 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](mailto:fccoffices@yahoo.com) to let us know!

During the month of April, the food pantry helped **105 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*);  
**Steve Martin** (*stem cell cancer treatment*);  
**Jeanice Miller** (*back pain*); and **Indie Vannocker** (*medical*).



## **Attendance and Giving Record**

### ATTENDANCE & GIVING RECORD

Apr. 25, 2021 At Home/In Person Worship 45+

May 2, 2021 At Home/In Person Worship 38+

### GIVING RECORD

Apr. 25, 2021 ~ Offering \$1,246.00 / Building \$12.00

May 2, 2021 ~ Offering \$1,355.00 / Building \$0.00



**May Anniversaries**

- 17 Jeffry & Vicki Cole
- 24 Kurt & Sheila Steinkuhler

**May Birthdays**

- 04 Shelby Fuller
- 06 Maddie Roth
- 07 Joan Shumate
- 08 Michelle Harding
- 08 Jan Jones
- 10 Lincoln Roth
- 10 Jay Schaefer
- 11 Cindy Kuhn
- 15 Jami LeClear
- 17 William Calvert

**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

Mondays from 9:00—11:00 am—Food Pantry

Mondays at 7:00 pm—Boy Scouts

Fridays from 3:00—6:00 pm—Clothes Closet & Household Hut

Saturdays from 9:00 am—12:00 pm—Clothes Closet & Household Hut

Tues. May 4, 2021 10:00 am—Acts Bible Study

Sun. May 9, 2021—Mother’s Day

Tues. May 11, 2021 10:00 am—Acts Bible Study

Wed. May 12, 2021 1:30 pm—DWF Group

Wed. May 12, 2021 5:30 pm—Stewardship Ministry Meets

Thur. May 13, 2021 6:30 pm—Youth Mission Club

Sun. May 16, 2021—Pentecost Special Offering

Sun. May 16, 2021—Graduate Recognition

Mon. May 17, 2021—Newsletter Deadline

Tues. May 18, 2021 10:00 am—Acts Bible Study

Wed. May 19, 2021 6:15 pm—Board Meeting

**Upcoming Serving Schedule**



**May 9, 2021—6th Sunday of Easter**  
**Presiding Elder** ~ George Arnett  
**Communion Elder**~Marlene Hanson  
**Worship Leader** ~ Diana Solis  
**Children’s Message** ~ Laurie Kurzen

**May 16, 2021—7th Sunday of Easter**  
**Presiding Elder** ~ Cameron Moore  
**Communion Elder** ~ Marie Harding  
**Worship Leader** ~ Janece Bacon  
**Children’s Message**~Marlene Hanson

**May 23, 2021—Day of Pentecost**  
**Presiding Elder** ~ Marie Harding  
**Communion Elder**~Cameron Moore  
**Worship Leader** ~ Janet Lostutter  
**Children’s Message** ~ Marie Harding

**Thoughts to Ponder**

- We are each a masterpiece, a piece of the master.
- If it costs you your peace, it’s too expensive.
- If you judge people, you have no time to love them.
- Instead of showing someone the gate, try mending the fence.
- Human spirit fails unless the Holy Spirit fills
- It’s not happy people who are thankful, it’s thankful people who are happy.

**Lectionary Schedule**

**May 9—June 13, 2021**

**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

**May 23, 2021—Day of**

**Pentecost**

Acts 2:1-21 or Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Romans 8:22-27 or Acts 2:1-21

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

**May 30, 2021—1st Sunday after**

**Pentecost**

Isaiah 6:1-8

Psalm 29

Romans 8:12-17

John 3:1-17

**June 6, 2021—2nd Sunday after**

**Pentecost**

1 Samuel 8:4-11, (12-15), 16-20,  
(11:14-15)

Psalm 138

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

Mark 3:20-35

**June 13, 2021—3rd Sunday after**

**Pentecost**

1 Samuel 15:34-16:13

Psalm 20

2 Corinthians 5:6-10, (11-13),  
14-17

Mark 4:26-34

**Donations to the Church**

We appreciate all items donated to the church. However, for the safety of our staff and congregation, we ask that you please let the office know if you leave any donations, so that we are aware of the purpose of the donation, as well as who brought it.

Janet Lostutter  
Moderator



**Our New Minister**

Tara Lyn Thompson has accepted our call to ministry, and she will join our congregation on July 1st of this year. We look forward to welcoming her and her foster son Sully to our congregation.



## DWF News



DWF is meeting once again in person next Wednesday, May 12th. If you would prefer to join us on Zoom instead, please let the office know so that we can send you an invitation. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

## Clothes Closet & Household Hut

Our Clothes Closet and Household Hut has officially reopened. Its hours of operation will be Fridays from 3:00 to 6:00 pm and Saturdays from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. We are always looking for volunteers, so if you are interested, there is a sign up sheet in the narthex where you can sign up for specific dates to volunteer.



**Household Hut**

## It's Graduation Time!!!!

Graduation announcements cards are being readied. Caps and gowns sized and ordered. Final exams are fast approaching. Parties are being planned. Diplomas are being printed. While things might still be a little different this year, graduation is always an exciting time! Do you have a child, grandchild, or relative that is graduating from kindergarten, middle school, high school, technical college, or college? If so, please e-mail us at [fccoffices@yahoo.com](mailto:fccoffices@yahoo.com) to let us know! We will honor our graduates on May 16th during our worship service.



## 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  
May 17 & May 28, 2021**



### May 2021

2 • 10:40am Worship Service • 12pm Diaconate Meeting	3 <b>Newsletter Deadline</b> • 9am Food Pantry • 7pm Boy Scouts	4 • 10am Acts Bible Study	5 <b>Cinco de Mayo</b> • 10:30am Lyon Co. Ministerial Alliance	6	7 • 3pm Clothes Closet & Household Hut	8 • 9am Clothes Closet & Household Hut
9 <b>Mother's Day</b> • 10:40am Worship Service	10 • 9am Food Pantry • 7pm Boy Scouts	11 • 10am Acts Bible Study	12 • 9:30am NE KS Clergy-Topeka • 1:30pm DWF Group • 5:30pm Stewardship Ministry Meets	13 • 6:30pm Youth Mission Club	14 • 3pm Clothes Closet & Household Hut	15 • 9am Clothes Closet & Household Hut
16 <b>Graduate Recognition</b> <b>Pentecost Special Offering</b> • 10:40am Worship Service	17 <b>Newsletter Deadline</b> <b>Tax Day</b> • 9am Food Pantry • 7pm Boy Scouts	18 • 10am Acts Bible Study	19 • 6:15pm Board Meeting	20	21 • 3pm Clothes Closet & Household Hut	22 • 9am Clothes Closet & Household Hut

### 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. 5.

#### Principles of Identity

- We hear a special calling to make visible the unity of all Christians, proclaiming that in our diversity we belong to one another because we commonly belong to Christ. We witness to the Gospel of God’s saving love for the world in Jesus Christ, while continuing to struggle with how God’s love may be known to others in different ways.
- We affirm the priesthood of all believers, rejoicing in the gifts of the Holy Spirit—which include the gift of leadership—that God has given for the common good.
- We celebrate the diversity of our common life, affirming our different histories, styles of worship, and forms of service.
- We give thanks that each congregation, where Christ is present through faith, is truly the church, affirming as well that God’s church and God’s mission stretch from our doorsteps to the ends of the earth.
- We anticipate God’s coming reign, seeking to serve the God—Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer—whose loving dominion has no end.