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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Protocol Update
- Welcoming Tara Thompson
- New Minister
- DWF News
- Clothes Closet & Household Hut
- Nursery News

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# First Christian Church News

## (Disciples of Christ) Emporia, KS

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### Psalm 48

<sup>1</sup> Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised in the city of our God. His holy mountain,  
<sup>2</sup> beautiful in elevation, is the joy of all the earth, Mount Zion, in the far north, the city of the great King.  
<sup>3</sup> Within its citadels God has shown himself a sure defense.  
<sup>4</sup> Then the kings assembled, they came on together.  
<sup>5</sup> As soon as they saw it, they were astounded; they were in panic, they took to flight,  
<sup>6</sup> trembling took hold of them there, pains as of a woman in labor,  
<sup>7</sup> as when an east wind shatters the ships of Tarshish.  
<sup>8</sup> As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the Lord of hosts, in the city of our God, which God establishes forever. Selah  
<sup>9</sup> We ponder your steadfast love, O God, in the midst of your temple.  
<sup>10</sup> Your name, O God, like your praise, reaches to the ends of the earth. Your right hand is filled with victory.  
<sup>11</sup> Let Mount Zion be glad, let the towns of Judah rejoice because of your judgments.  
<sup>12</sup> Walk about Zion, go all around it, count its towers,  
<sup>13</sup> consider well its ramparts; go through its citadels, that you may tell the next generation

## Join us for Worship

### **In Person Worship**

We are 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. Our protocol has been updated and masks for worship are now optional. Masks are available should anyone need one. Please continue to social distance and use hand sanitizer. We are enjoying singing during worship again! We continue to use prepackaged communion. We hope to see you Sunday!

### **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 June, the food pantry helped **51 families** with food, plus **various other items**, including **32 doz. eggs**.



Our pantry continues to be a lifeline for those in our community. (Mask are required)  
 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*); **Wanda Davis** (*hip rehab*); **Joe Denson** (*medical*); **Brooke Franklin** (*cancer*); **Dr. Tim & Paula Lavin and family** (*medical*); **Joe Lozier** (*brain tumor, father of Jen Dalton*); **Steve Martin** (*stem cell cancer treatment*); **Jeanice Miller**; and **Joy Wonser** (*surgery*).



## **Attendance and Giving Record**

### ATTENDANCE & GIVING RECORD

June 20, 2021 ~ At Home/In Person Worship 37+

June 27, 2021 ~ At Home/In Person Worship 36+

### GIVING RECORD

June 20, 2021 ~ Offering \$755.00/ Building \$0.00

June 27, 2021 ~ Offering 1,015.00 / Building \$5.00



**JUNE**  
Anniversaries

- 29 John & Marie Harding
- 30 Joe & Dana Witten

**JULY**  
Anniversaries

- 13 Jake & Jennifer Dalton

**JULY**  
Birthdays

- 01 John Harding
- 02 James Ayers
- 02 Allison Harding Jensen
- 02 Janet Lostutter
- 07 Alan Richardson
- 07 Seth Tilton
- 08 Judy Moore
- 13 Jill McGarth

**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 (mask optional)

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 (Masks required for CC&HH)

Sun. July, 4 2021— Independence day

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

Sun. July 4, 2021 12:00pm— Cookies for Tara

Wed. July 7, 2021 10:00am— DWF Clean up Kitchen

Wed. July 7, 2021 10:30am— Lyon Co Ministerial alliance

Thur. July 8, 2021 4:00pm— Elders Study

Thur. July 8, 2021 6:00pm— Christian Ed Meeting

Sun, July 11 2021— Pot lunch dinner in fellowship hall following church

Mon. July 12, 2021— Newsletter Deadline

Wed. July 14, 2021 12:00pm— DWF Group Luncheon

Wed. July 14, 2021 5:30 pm— Stewardship Minister Meeting

Sat. July 17, 2021— Thomas Family Reunion

**Upcoming Serving Schedule**

**July 4th, 2021**

**Communion Elder** ~ Marie Harding

**Worship Leader** ~ Marlene Hanson

**Children's Message** ~ Nancy LeClear

**July 11th, 2021**

**Communion Elder** ~ Cameron Moore

**Worship Leader** ~ Diana Solis

**Children's Message** ~ Marlene Hanson

**July 18th, 2021**

**Communion Elder** ~ Judy Moore

**Worship Leader** ~ Janece Bacon

**Children's Message** ~ Judy Moore

**Thoughts to Ponder**

- The teakettle sings even when it's up to its neck in hot water.
- Money will buy you a pretty good dog, but it won't buy the wag of his tail.
- A parent's priority is getting their child into heaven, not Harvard.
- Looking for a lifeguard? Ours walks on water.
- Kneel for the Lord. Stand for the flag.



**Lectionary Schedule  
June 20—July 11, 2021**

**July 4, 2021**

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10  
Psalm 48  
2 Corinthians 12:2-10  
Mark 6:1-13

**July 11, 2021**

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19  
Psalm 24  
Ephesians 1:3-14  
Mark 6:14-29

**July 18th, 2021**

2 Samuel 7:1-14a  
Psalm 89:20-34  
Ephesians 2:11-22  
Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

**July 25, 2021**

2 Samuel 11:1-15  
Psalm 14  
Ephesians 3:14-21  
John 6:1-21

**August 01, 2021**

2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a  
Psalm 51:1-12  
Ephesians 4:1-16  
John 6:24-35



**Welcome Tara Thompson**

Our New Minister-Tara Thompson-is with us effective July 1, 2021. We are very excited she is our full-time minister. In her ministerial profile, she states “Every member of the congregation is important. I see part of my job is to recognize the treasures that God has planted inside of each person and to empower people to use those gifts for the community of God”. She is eager to share in ministry with us. Tara has many strong leadership qualities. Pastoral care is in the forefront for her. One of her passions in ministry is to create a safe and loving place for all to worship. She believes worship should be an uplifting, encouraging, and yet thought provoking experience. Tara is very personable, warm, and engaging. Tara has a foster son, Sully, who will be 2 in August. Sully has lived with her since March 2020. When we asked Tara about what her hopes and expectations were of our congregation, she shared her philosophy that we are all the hands and feet of Christ. Tara believes strongly that everyone is welcome at the table and we have a shared ministry of serving with an open heart and open spirit. When we work together, the dreaming begins. We are ready to work with Tara to fulfill ministry dreams through Emporia First Christian Church starting July 1. Our first opportunity to worship together will be Sunday, July 4.

**Facts about Tara:**

- Tara grew up in Springfield Missouri in Brentwood Christian Church. Her grandparents were founders of the church.
- She was Children’s and Youth Minister at Brentwood Christian Church from 2004 to 2007.
- She earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology from Missouri State University.
- She received her Master of Divinity Degree from Phillips Theological Seminary and was ordained July 25, 2010.
- Tara has been Senior Pastor at Belmont Boulevard Christian Church in Salina Kansas since January 2012 (9 years).

**Our New Minister**

Sunday July 4th will be an exciting day for the First Christian Church Disciples of Christ in Emporia. Tara Thompson will take her place within our congregation as our new full time minister. We hope that you will plan to join us and welcome Tara. If you know someone who has not been to church for awhile, call them up and invite them to join us. A reception will be held after service for a chance to say hello and welcome Tara.

Janet Lostutter  
Moderator



### DWF News

A clean up day for the fellowship kitchen is being held on July 7th at 10:00am. The fellowship kitchen has not been used for a year due to the pandemic. We are going to make sure everything is cleaned up properly and ready to go for upcoming events.



### DWF News

DWF will be having a salad luncheon for Tara on July 14th. Everyone is encouraged to bring a salad of their choice and/or a dessert.



### Clothes Closet & Household Hut

Our Clothes Closet and Household Hut has officially reopened. Its hours of operation are Fridays from 3:00 to 6:00 pm and Saturdays from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. We always need 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. (Mask are required)



Household Hut

### Nursery News

The nursery will re-open starting July 4th. We have a sign-up sheet on the table in the hallway. Please consider volunteering to help. We need two people each week.



A BIG THANK YOU!

Thanks to Rita, Carl, Nikki, Marie, and Jaylene for the work in cleaning, painting, and organizing the nursery for re-opening and also for painting and organizing the Pastor's office.



## 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  
June 28 & July 12, 2021**



### June 29 – July 17 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
27 10:40am Worship Service	28 Newsletter Deadline 9am Food Pantry 7pm Boy Scouts	29	30	Jul 1	2 3pm Clothes Closet & Household Hut	3 9am Clothes Closet & Household Hut
4 Independence Day 10:40am Worship Service 12pm Diaconate Meeting 12pm Cookies for Tara	5 Independence Day observed 9am Food Pantry 7pm Boy Scouts	6	7 10:30am Lyon Co. Ministerial Alliance	8 4pm Elders' Study 6pm Christian Ed Mtg	9 3pm Clothes Closet & Household Hut	10 9am Clothes Closet & Household Hut
11 10:40am Worship Service	12 Newsletter Deadline 9am Food Pantry 7pm Boy Scouts	13	14 9:30am NE KS Clergy-Topoka 12pm DWF Group Luncheon 5:30pm Stewardship Ministry Meets	15	16 3pm Clothes Closet & Household Hut	17 Thomas Family Reunion 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. 88-89.

## Congregation: Church but Not the Whole Church

### Called Out, Called Together

The signs we are seeing lead us to believe Disciples across our church are realizing that our future depends on adapting to rapidly changing circumstances as the one church founders believe we were. While they were hardly perfect or right in their understanding the Bible, their vision of being church represented a fresh call to Christians to be the body of Christ they were intended to be by forsaking all that stood in the way of this call. To continue their work will require a similar courage and boldness, and we believe twenty-first-century Disciples are showing signs of being up to the task, not least because we know today at the congregational level as never before that being church, the ecclesia, the “called out,” also means being “called together.” This seems to us to capture Campbell’s view that a congregations the tangible expression of those who are being shaped into a peculiar people. Christians are still trying to learn how to live in the world, but not be of it, by first learning how to live with each other in harmony and peace.