



#### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

Protocol Update  
New Minister  
DWF News  
Clothes Closet &  
Household Hut  
Marilyn Dalton's Retirement

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### *Psalm 138*

*<sup>1</sup> I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;*

*<sup>2</sup> I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness; for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.*

*<sup>3</sup> On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul.*

*<sup>4</sup> All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord, for they have heard the words of your mouth.*

*<sup>5</sup> They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord.*

*<sup>6</sup> For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly; but the haughty he perceives from far away.*

*<sup>7</sup> Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.*

*<sup>8</sup> The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.*

## 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 May, the food pantry helped **92 families** with food and **42 dozen eggs**, plus **various other items**.



Our pantry continues to be a lifeline for those in our community. (Masks 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*);  
**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**

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May 9-31, 2021 ~ At Home/In Person Worship 139+

### GIVING RECORD

May 9-31, 2021 ~ Offering \$4,561.00/ Building \$10.00

Pentecost Special Offering \$200.00

Plus Outreach \$100/ DWF \$100



**June Anniversaries**

- 17 Joe & Bonnie Denson
- 17 Kenny & Jeanice Miller
- 21 Carl & Lana Richardson
- 29 John & Marie Harding
- 30 Joe & Dana Witten

**June Birthdays**

- 02 Katelyn Hess
- 03 Kurt Steinkuhler
- 04 Gary Lukert
- 04 Harold Stevenson
- 05 Elizabeth Brown
- 07 Bob Colerick
- 10 Jeffery Cole
- 10 Bonnie Denson
- 11 Tony Milner
- 12 Ryan O’Grady
- 13 Jim Tilton
- 14 Sarah Richardson

**Upcoming Serving Schedule**

**June 6th, 2021**

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

**June 13th, 2021**

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

**June 20th, 2021**

- Presiding Elder** ~ George Arnett
- Communion Elder** ~ Nancy LeClear
- Worship Leader** ~ Jaylene Arnett
- 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 (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. June 6, 2021 12:00 pm—Diaconate Meeting

Wed. June 9, 2021 1:30 pm DWF Group

Wed. June 9, 2021 5:30 pm—Stewardship Ministry Meets

Thur. June 10, 2021 6:00 pm—Christian Ed Meeting

Sat. June 12, 2021 2:30 pm—Dalton Retirement Reception

Mon. June 14, 2021—Newsletter Deadline

Wed. June 16, 2021 6:15 pm—Board Meeting

Sun. June 20, 2021—Father’s Days

Thur. June 24, 2021 4:00 pm—Elders Meeting

**Thoughts to Ponder**

- I no longer clutch at things that are not mine
- Being “right” isn’t enough. We need to be wise, and loving, and patient.
- Let go of a small part of your righteousness, and in a few days, you will be at peace.
- God will comfort us. That is true, but God will, and already does comfort us through all those who accept us and are kind to us in all circumstances.

**Lectionary Schedule  
June 6—June 27, 2021**

**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

**June 20, 2021**

1 Samuel 17:(1a, 4-11, 19-23), 32-49  
Psalm 9:9-20  
Or  
1 Samuel 17:57-18:5, 18:10-16  
Psalm 133  
2 Corinthians 6:1-13  
Mark 4:35-41

**June 27, 2021**

2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27  
Psalm 130  
2 Corinthians 8:7-15  
Mark 5:21-43

**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 items, so that we are aware of the purpose of the donated items, as well as who brought them.

Janet Lostutter  
Moderator



**Our New Minister**

Tara Lyn Thompson has accepted our call to ministry, and she will join our congregation on July 4th 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, June 9th. Jean Miller will provide a devotion. 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 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

Marilyn Dalton is retiring after 48 years of teaching. Marilyn was teaching Kindergarten at William Allen White Elementary School. Marilyn taught through generations of families over the years. Marilyn even taught through the pandemic for the last 15 months. Congrats and thank you to Marilyn Dalton of 48 years serving our community!

### A lifetime of teaching

#### DALTON RETIRES AFTER 48 YEARS

By RYAN BROOKS  
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After 48 years of teaching at William Allen White Elementary School, Marilyn Dalton said goodbye to her last class of kindergartners Friday afternoon.

"I student taught at this building, actually," Dalton said. "My first job here was in second grade, but student teaching was in kindergarten and I was hooked."

A Madison native, Dalton grew up in a family that valued education. Her father was an educator who wrote a dissertation on kindergarten.

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Marilyn Dalton is retiring after 48 years in the classroom.



Dalton says kindergartners haven't changed much in 48 years of teaching.

Marilyn Dalton's retirement is Saturday, June 12, 2021. It will be held from 2:30pm-6:00pm (drop by anytime), and will be located at the East Side Memorial Park, at 9th and East Street. Please join as we honor and celebrate Marilyn Dalton!

## 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 14 & June 28, 2021**



### June 9– 19 2021

6	7	8	9	10	11	12
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10:40am Worship Service</li> <li>12pm Diaconate Meeting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9am Food Pantry</li> <li>7pm Boy Scouts</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:30am NE KS Clergy-Topeka</li> <li>1:30pm DWF Group</li> <li>5:30pm Stewardship Ministry Meets</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6pm Christian Ed Mtg</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3pm Clothes Closet &amp; Household Hut</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9am Clothes Closet &amp; Household Hut</li> <li>2:30pm Dalton Retirement Reception</li> </ul>
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### 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. 38-39.

## The Lord’s Supper: One table, Many Guests

### The Lord’s Supper as Identity-Giving

Being “people of the table” is more than a slogan for us, and the chalice is more than a denominational symbol. Both underscore the fact that the Lord’s Supper identifies something very basic about who we are as a community of faith. One, that we are a community of faith that is more than individuals gathered together. Part of what defines us as church is that we are one body, not one person. Coming around the table is tangible expression of this reality. Two, we are people for whom worships seems incomplete without Communion. That is because it reminds us that we are Christians whose mission is to witness to the power of God to reconcile all humanity to one another because we all belong to God.