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Reflections

Over the last 18 months our lives have changed in many different ways during the Pandemic. As things began to shut down: schools closed and teachers taught students virtually, parents learned to work from home while also schooling their children, churches learned (quickly) how to become the beloved community while not being together. We have missed that in-person connection. I know we were all happy when we were able to be together, in person, again though we still need to be careful and conscientious regarding others' health. It is in this vein, the Kansas Region of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is hosting Disciples Connect and Equip on Saturday, August 14 at Camp Tawakoni.

Disciples Connect and Equip will be an opportunity for Kansas Disciples to reconnect by covenant in order to build a future together. At DCE, we will worship and learn and play together as the beloved community we are called to be. We will have the opportunity to hear from our General Minister and President, Rev. Terri Owens, and Erin Wathen from Week of Compassion. During closing worship, we will have the opportunity to celebrate and honor Rev. Steve Martin and his ministry as he enters retirement. It will be a wonderful day of connection, community, and celebration. The cost is \$10 and registrations need to be in by July 31st. Contact the camp office at 316-775-1222 or email reservations@kansasdiscalples.org to make arrangements.

I hope to see you at Disciples Connect and Equip (and on Sundays)!

Grace and Peace,
Tara

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!

During the month of June, the food pantry helped **48 families** with food, plus **various other items**, including **35 doz. eggs.**



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*); **Sam Brock**; **Robert Chatham** (*health*); **Wanda Davis** (*hip rehab*); **Joe Denison** (*medical*); **Brooke Franklin** (*cancer*); **Diane Keylon**; **Dr. Tim & Paula Lavin and family** (*medical*); **Joe Lozier** (*brain tumor, father of Jen Dalton*); **Steve Martin** (*stem cell cancer treatment*); **Don McDiffet, Jeanice Miller**; and **Karen Peterson** (*health*)



Upcoming Serving Schedule

August 1st, 2021

Communion Elder~ Nancy LeClear
Worship Leader~ Marie Harding
Young Disciples~ Marie Harding

August 8th, 2021

Communion Elder~ Marlene Hanson
Worship Leader~ Jean Miller
Young Disciples~ Tara Thompson

Attendance and Giving Record

ATTENDANCE & GIVING RECORD

July 18, 2021 ~ At Home/In Person Worship 56+
July 25, 2021 ~ At Home/In Person Worship 49+

GIVING RECORD

July 18, 2021 ~ Offering \$1,047.00/ Building \$0.00
July 25, 2021 ~ Offering \$1,310.00 / Building \$0.00

Birthdays & Anniversaries

August ANNIVERSARIES

- 07 George & Jaylene Arnett
- 07 Alan & Betty Richardson
- 31 Dave & Carolyn Meierhoff

JULY Birthdays

- 26 Brayden Dill
- 28 Dorothy Boyce
- 28 Melissa Tilton
- 30 Lorraine Bailey

August BIRTHDAYS

- 05 Carl Headrick
- 05 Matthew Lexow
- 05 Lana Richardson
- 07 Jean Miller
- 08 Jayden Johnson
- 10 Owen Tyler Hopkins
- 12 Dee Holmes
- 14 Wade Miller

Celebrate Dorothy Boyce's 90th birthday by sending her a card!

Send birthday cards to Presbyterian Manor
2300 Industrial Road,
Emporia KS, 66801.



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 (masks 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. Aug. 1, 2021— Parent Meeting Following Church Service

Tue. Aug. 3, 2021 10:00— Worship Ministry Meets

Sun. Aug. 8, 2021— Installation Service for Tara

Sun. Aug. 8, 2021— Reception Following Service

Mon. Aug. 9, 2021— Newsletter Deadline

Wed. Aug. 11, 2021 1:30— DWF Group

Thurs. Aug. 12, 2021 4:00— Elders' Study

Thoughts to Ponder

- If you're serious about changing your life, you'll find a way. If you're not, you'll find an excuse
- Good preparation for tomorrow includes good use of today.
- FAITH: Forsaking All I Trust Him
- A negative mind will never give you a positive life.
- In high tide or low tide, God is always by your side.



**Lectionary Schedule
July 18th—August 08, 2021**

August 01, 2021

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

August 08, 2021

2 Samuel 18:5-9,15,31-33
Psalm 130
Ephesians 4:25-5:2
John 6:35, 41-51

August 15, 2021

1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14
Psalm 111
Ephesians 5:15-20
John 6:51-58

August 22, 2021

1 Kings 8:(1,6,10-11),22-30,41-43
Psalm 84
Ephesians 6:10-20
John 6:56-69



Please plan to join us on Sunday, August 8th for Worship as we celebrate the Installation of Tara Thompson as our full time minister at First Christian Church Emporia, Kansas. Worship begins at 10:40 AM. The Rev. Steve Martin from Disciples of Christ Kansas Regional Office will be here to officiate the Installation Service. A reception will be held in the Parlor at the conclusion of worship service.



Make sure you follow us on our **NEW Instagram Page- @fccemporia**

You can scan the QR code below with your phone and it will take you straight to our Instagram page!



Due to technical difficulties our current Facebook page will be shutting down this week. We already have a new page for you to follow so you don't miss out! Give us a like on our new **Facebook Page: First Christian Church— Disciples of**

Christ of Emporia, KS. You can scan the QR code below with your phone and it will take you straight to our Facebook page!



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. (Masks are required)



Household Hut

A parents meeting will be held on Sunday August 1st, after church. We will be discussing children's & youth programming for the upcoming school year.



Emporia First Christian Church would like to invite all kids to bring their backpacks with supplies to the church on August 22nd for special back to school blessings.



Jean Miller will be teaching again starting August 22nd. They will be using the book, "We Make the Road by Walking," by Brian McLaren as a book study. The book follows the lectionary. We need to know how many books to purchase, so if you are interested there is a sign-up sheet on the table in the entryway.



First Christian Church is looking for volunteers on Sunday to help run the sound and PowerPoint for the church service. Training is available. Please call 620-342-1582 or email fccoffices@yahoo.com if interested!



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
August 9 & August 23 2021**



July 25– August 14 2021

25	26	27	28	29	30	31
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:40am Worship Service 	<p>Newsletter Deadline</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am Food Pantry 7pm Boy Scouts 				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3pm Clothes Closet & Household Hut 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am Clothes Closet & Household Hut
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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. 62

Unity: One Church and One World

Unity is Urgent

Beyond the linking of unity and freedom, leaders in our tradition have often made several claims, the first being that unity is urgent. Every student of Disciples history must surely have worked to undermine sectarian complacency in the body of Christ. The unity of Christians is not simply one item on a list of ecclesiastical priorities; it is the heart of the gospel, to be pursued and proclaimed with passionate urgency. Barton Stone: “If we oppose the union of believers, we oppose directly the will of God, the prayer of Jesus, the spirit of piety, and the salvation of the world.” Thomas Campbell: Division among Christ’s followers is “anti-Christian,” “antisciptural,” and “antinatural.” It has “rent and ruined the Church of God.” “In a word, it is productive of confusion and every evil work.” Peter Ainslie: “the greatest necessity of modern times is the unity of the Church of Christ. No other issue exceeds it in importance.”