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Reflections

As a young girl attending church with my family every week, I remember my various Sunday school classes with fondness, as well as the teachers. There was my mother, of course, who taught mine and my brother's classes when we were in 1st grade. Then there was Mrs. Egge who allowed us to act out the different Bible stories, which helped us understand them a little more as we became a part of these stories. Then there were Neil and Greg who taught our youth Sunday school class. Every week they would talk to us about what was going on in our lives and we would read from the Bible. I know they think they "didn't do much" but the imprint they left on our hearts and in our lives is profound. Whenever I visit my home church, Neil always says to me with a laugh "How did so many of you become ministers with ME as your Sunday school teacher?" The answer is easy...Neil, and Greg, gave us space to learn about faith and what role it played in our lives.

You never know the impact you have on someone until years later. I am so grateful for my past Sunday school teachers, and those in our church who are gearing up for Sunday school, and Youth Mission Club, in just a few weeks. We hope you and your family will join us for Sunday school beginning on August 22nd. If you are wondering which class is right for you and/or your children I would be glad to point you in the right direction. I am looking forward to a great year of Sunday school as we travel together on this journey of faith.

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 recommended and preferred. Masks are available should anyone need one. Please continue to social distance and use hand sanitizer. Currently we are not singing. 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 **62 families** with food, plus **various other items**, including **25 1/2 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**; **Wanda Davis** (*hip rehab*); **Joe Denson** (*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*)



Attendance and Giving Record

ATTENDANCE & GIVING RECORD

August 01, 2021 ~ At Home/In Person Worship 61+
August 08, 2021 ~ At Home/In Person Worship 63+

GIVING RECORD

August 01, 2021 ~ Offering \$1,805.00/ Building \$25.00
August 08, 2021 ~ Offering \$1,738.00/ Building \$0.00

Welcome new member
 Ginger Blades and her
 daughter Hazel!

Welcome!



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



12 Dee Holmes
 14 Wade Miller
 15 Novella Merry
 16 Carol Hopkins
 20 Ed Dalton
 23 Doris Baird
 23 Nicole Dalton
 26 Marilyn Dalton
 27 Carl Richardson



Upcoming Serving Schedule

August 15th, 2021

Elder~ Jaylene Arnett
Worship Leader~ Judy Moore
Young Disciples~ Joy Frevert

August 22th, 2021

Elder~ Marie Harding
Worship Leader~ Janet Lostutter
Young Disciples~ Jaylene Arnett

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 recommended and preferred)

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)

Mon. Aug. 17, 2021 3:30— Christian Ed. Meeting

Wed. Aug. 18, 2021 6:15— Board Meeting

Sun. Aug. 22, 2021 9:30— Sunday School

Mon. Aug. 23, 2021— Newsletter Deadline

Thur. Aug. 26, 2021 4:00— Elders' Meeting

Thoughts to Ponder

- Sometimes we are like glow sticks— we must break before we can shine.
- Those who make the worst use of their time complain the most about its shortness.
- The journey might be difficult, but the arrival will be worthwhile.
- If you are headed in the wrong direction, God allows U-turns.
- Worry gives a little thing a big shadow.
- You've got to have a test to have a testimony.



Lectionary Schedule August 15– September 5, 2021

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

August 29, 2021

Song of Solomon 2:8-13
Psalm 45:1-2,6-9
James 1:17-27
Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

September 5, 2021

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23
Psalm 125
James 2:1-10,(11-13),14-17
Mark 7:24-37



Located in the Gazette

Rev. Tara Thompson, for coming to Emporia to pastor First Christian Church. You told our reporter that what drew you there was material service to the community. We need more religious organizations that focus in that direction.

Celebrate Novella Merry's 98th birthday on August 15th, by sending her a card!

Send birthday cards to
The Meadows
1201 Martindale St., Apt. E-4
Burlington, KS 66839



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

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

Food Pantry
 FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
 202 E. 12th Ave.
 Mondays, 9-11am
 FACE MASKS REQUIRED!
 Helping families in our community!

Sunday School Kickoff!!!
 SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES!
 BEGINNING AUGUST 22ND!

Outreach

School will soon be starting and First Christian will be helping William Allen White with special needs.

At this time we are collecting Kleenex. We will be collecting for the next several weeks. You can leave them on the back table in the sanctuary.



Emporia First Christian Church would like to invite all kids to bring their backpacks with supplies to worship 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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NEW Office Hours Starting Aug. 23rd.

Monday- 8:00-11:30

Tuesday- 7:30-12:00

Wednesday- 7:30-12:00

Thursday- 8:00-11:30

Friday- 8:00-12:00



Next Newsletter Deadline
August 23 & September 7 2021



August 8– August 28 2021

8 • 10:40am Worship Service • 11am Installation Service for Tara • 12pm Reception Following Church Ser	9 Newsletter Deadline • 9am Food Pantry • 7pm Boy Scouts	10	11 • 9:30am NE KS Clergy-Topeka • 1:30pm DWF Group	12	13 • 3pm Clothes Closet & Household Hut	14 • 9am Clothes Closet & Household Hut
15 • 10:40am Worship Service	16 • 9am Food Pantry • 7pm Boy Scouts	17 • 3:30pm Christian Ed. Meeting	18 • 6:15pm Board Meeting	19	20 • 3pm Clothes Closet & Household Hut	21 • 9am Clothes Closet & Household Hut
22 • 9:30am Sunday School • 10:40am Worship Service	23 Newsletter Deadline • 9am Food Pantry • 7pm Boy Scouts	24	25	26 • 4pm Elders' Meeting	27 • 3pm Clothes Closet & Household Hut	28 • 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. 1

Why We Are Disciples

There is so much we appreciate about this community called Disciples, including:

- The central place we, Disciples, give to the Lord’s Supper, and our insistence that, since it is Christ’s table, it is not up to us to decide who is welcome at it;
- How this church, in the words of one of its historians, is “an experiment in liberty,” bound not by hierarchy or creed, but by a covenant of mutual accountability and the simple confession that Jesus is the Christ;
- The place of honor that lay leaders have among Disciples, and the importance we give to scripture, but also human intelligence, when attempting to discern God’s will;
- How, at our best, we strive to be bold in our proclamation that God was in Christ, acting to reconcile people to God and to one another (2 Cor. 5:16-20), yet humble in our recognition that we are not the only Christians or God’s only people.