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Reflections

“We’ve never done it that way before.” “We want change, but we don’t want anything to be different.” How many times have we heard those words in faith communities before? I recently attended a webinar with the New Church Ministry of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) entitled: A Dozen Hacks for Making Disciples in the Digital Age. During this webinar, we were given a list of do’s and don’ts: Don’t say “we’ve never done it this way.” DO have a spirit of curiosity. I’ll be honest, every church says they want to change.

However, I have NEVER experienced a church family with a spirit of openness and curiosity as FCC Emporia embodies. I told the Search Committee that I didn’t want to just come in and change things, however since I’ve shared in ministry with this beloved community, I have SEEN and FELT how you don’t want to do things the way we always have; and how you not only have a spirit of curiosity, but how you are filled with THE spirit.

The spirit is alive and moving here at First Church. I invite all of us to dream together with the Holy Spirit as to the ways God can work through us here in Emporia, and from our doorsteps to the ends of the earth. May we continue to have a spirit of curiosity and follow where God is leading us.

Shalom, Pastor 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 are required for worship and all church activities. 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!

Welcome new member, Tara Thompson, to our church!

Upcoming Serving Schedule

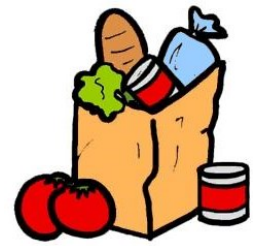
September 26th, 2021

Elder~ Nancy LeClear
Worship Leader~ Barb Gimple
Young Disciples~ Barb Gimple

October 3, 2021

Elder~ Marlene Hanson
Worship Leader~ Diana Solis
Young Disciples~ Tara Thompson

During the month of September, the food pantry helped **60 families** with food, plus **various other items**, including **49 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*); **Sharon Ball's Sister**; **Wanda Davis** (*hip rehab*); **Joe Denson** (*medical*); **Brooke Franklin** (*cancer*); **Joy Frevert's brother & family**; **Bill and Carol Hopkins**; **Karla (the Hardings' daughter-in-law's mother)**; **Joe Lozier** (*brain tumor, father of Jen Dalton*); **Steve Martin** (*stem cell cancer treatment*); **Don McDiffet**; **Jean Miller's brother-in-law**; **Jeanice Miller**; **Emma Stewart** (*Tara Thompson's cousin*) and **Joy Wonser**.



Our sympathy to family and friends of Dorothy Matile upon her passing.



Attendance and Giving Record

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September 12, 2021 ~ SS 4 /AH & IP Worship 58+
September 19, 2021 ~ SS 24 /AH & IP Worship 49+

GIVING RECORD

September 12, 2021 ~Offering \$1,625.00/Building \$10.00
September 19,2021 ~Offering \$870.00 /Building \$0.00

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

September Anniversaries

30 Lane & Shelby Fuller

OCTOBER Anniversaries

26 Carl & Rita Headrick

28 Tyler & Shelby Pederson

September Birthdays

- 23 Joe Denson
- 24 Glenn Boyce
- 24 Karen Shumate
- 26 Jeanice Miller
- 27 Justin Wilson
- 28 Alberta Brinkman
- 29 Ann McNeese Brown

OCTOBER Birthdays

- 01 Richard Becker
- 05 Julia Giger

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 9:30am— Sunday School

Sundays at 10:40 am—Worship Service via In Person & Facebook Live (masks required)

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

Mondays at 7:00 pm—Boy Scouts

Tuesdays at 12:15 pm— Noontime Prayers

Thursdays at 7:00 pm— Facebook Storytime

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

Saturdays from 9:00 am—12:00 pm—Clothes Closet (Masks required for CC&HH) & Household Hut

Thurs. Sept 23, 2021 4:00pm— Elders’ Meeting

Thurs. Sept. 23, 2021 6:15pm— Youth Mission Club

Sun. Oct. 3, 2021 12:00pm— Diaconate Meeting

Mon. Oct. 4, 2021— Newsletter Deadline

Tue. Oct. 5, 2021 10:00am— Worship Ministry meets

Wed. Oct. 6, 2021 10:30am— Lyon Co. Ministerial Alliance



First Christian Church will be getting t-shirts! You can order them by calling or emailing the church. There will also be an order form located on the table in the entryway. There are youth sizes as well as regular sizes.

FCC T-SHIRTS



S-XL:\$14, 2XL and UP: \$16

Stay up to date on what's happening at FCC through Remind. If you would like to receive updates via text, please let the office know!



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Lectionary Schedule September 26– October 17, 2021

September 26, 2021

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22
Psalm 124
James 5:13-20
Mark 9:38-50

October 3, 2021

Job 1:1,2:1-10
Psalm 26
Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12
Mark 10:2-16

October 10, 2021

Job 23:1-9, 16-17
Psalm 22:1-5
Hebrews 4:12-16
Mark 10:17-31

October 17, 2021

Job 38:1-7, (34-41)
Psalm 104:1-9,24,35c
Hebrews 5:1-10
Mark 10:35-45



FREE Drive-Thru BBQ

Thursday, October 7th
6-7 PM

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
202 E. 12th Ave.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Noontime Prayers

TUESDAYS AT 12:15 PM
FACEBOOK LIVE

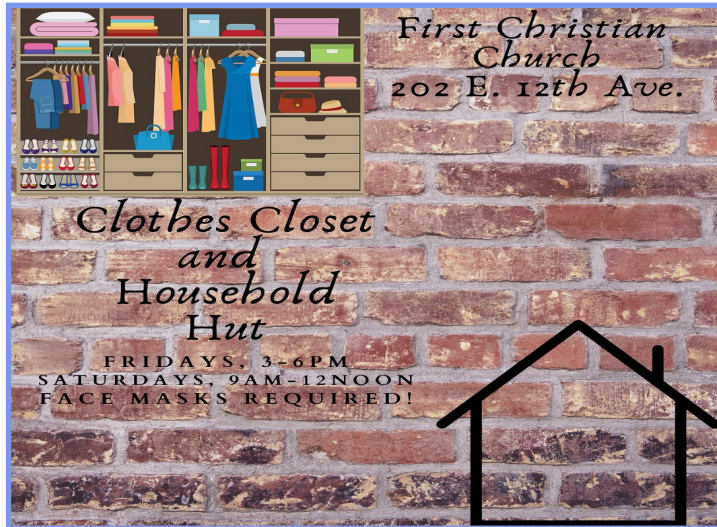
Story Time

READ

Thursdays at 7pm on Facebook Live!

Youth Mission Club

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD
6:15-6:45 PM
FCC



We want Emporia, Kansas, to know of the good things happening at First Christian Church. One way to do this is telling of our activities through an electronic sign in front of the church. We started a fund to raise money for this sign so if you would like to donate, please make a notation on your check that it is for the “electronic sign”. You can send your checks to the church or place in the offering plate at the back of the sanctuary. All donations are appreciated. Thanks for your help!



Tawakoni Gala Auction

VIRTUAL AUCTION: 9 AM — 9 PM on Friday, Nov 5

IN-PERSON AUCTION AT TAWAKONI: 10 AM — 3 PM on Saturday, Nov 6

COST: \$5 — Virtual Bidder Registration \$45 — In-person Dinner and Auction \$300 — Table of 8

REGISTER ONLINE: www.kansasdsciples.org

Rules for children in the worship service:

- One. If you find that you're sitting in front of a child and they can't see, lean to the side.
- Two. If the children seated behind you are rustling papers, hand them a crayon.
- Three. If there is a baby that is crying, offer to take the baby from their parent and walk to the back of the church and rock the child for a while. The parent really needs a break.
- Four. If the teenagers are whispering give them some Smarties. The rustling and crinkling will replace their whispering.
- Five. If an adult complains to an usher about the noisy children near them, offer to trade seats with that adult and then apologize to the parents of the children.
- Six. When a child is running around giving everyone high-fives during the time of passing the peace/greeting your neighbor make sure to give them an extra fun high-five, and then high-five the next five adults that you see.
- Seven. If a child has worn tap shoes to church and is dancing on the wood portion of the floor, slip the sheet music for "The Entertainer" to the pianist and roll with it.
- Eight. When the children can't hear because an adult around them won't take off their puffy jacket and it keeps squeaking and distracting the children, offer to help them off with their jacket and go hang it up for them where it goes.
- Nine. When the three-year-old insists on standing on the front pew turned backwards looking at the rest of the people, give the child a pair of very dark glasses. That will prevent the child from catching any adult's eye, which would lead to distracting them. This will protect the adults who as we know have very short attention spans and are easily distracted.
- Ten. When a child in front of you is very squirmy, and then they finally turn around and you realize suddenly, "Oh, it's Jesus!" take it in stride and play Got Your Nose till he turns around to the front again.

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“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.”

Office Hours

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
October 4 & October 18, 2021



September 19– October 6, 2021

Weekly Events

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SEPTEMBER

Monday **20**

Newsletter Deadline

Thursday **23**

4:00pm~ Elders Meeting
6:30pm~ Youth Mission Club

Monday **4**

Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday **5**

10:00am~ Worship Ministry Meets

OCTOBER

Sunday **3**

12:00pm~ Diaconate Meeting

Wednesday **6**

10:30am~ Lyon Co. Ministerial Alliance

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. 13-14

The Lord's Supper: One Table Many Guests

The Meaning of Covenant

Covenant is a key term in scripture that also has figured prominently in the ecclesiology of various Reformation churches. We think its potential significance for Disciples can be clarified by naming four things that covenant is not.

First, a covenant is not simply an agreement among humans. Covenant, as used in the scripture and the Reformed tradition, has both vertical and horizontal dimension because the God known to us in Jesus Christ is always a participant. That's why every serious church covenant emphasizes the authority of Christ, which strongly tempers freedom with responsibility. To put it another way, members of the covenant community are mutually countable to one another because they are commonly accountable to Jesus Christ. The Reformed tradition doesn't speak of covenant as subordination to a human authority or power but as authority-not obedience to a human authority, but accountability to one another because of shared obedience to Christ.