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# First Christian Church News

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### Reflection

I am currently (re) reading the book, *The Road to Daybreak: A Spiritual Journey* by Henri J.M. Nouwen. I always learn so much about spirituality and our connectedness with the divine from Nouwen's works. Several weeks ago I was looking at my bookshelf and this particular book jumped out at me, so I thought I should read it again. This book is about the struggle to say *yes* to Jesus' invitation *come, follow me*.

What has Christ been calling you to do? Have you answered that call with a quick and exuberant *YES*? Or has the *yes* answer come after much kicking and screaming? Often when God calls, we think it can't be us He wants; we think we aren't qualified or equipped for that certain calling. However, you are exactly who God needs. As Mordecai said to Esther in our scripture reading several weeks ago, *Maybe God put you here for exactly this moment, for just such a time as this*.

God has placed you in this exact moment, in this exact place, for such a time as this. How will YOU respond the next time God comes calling?

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.

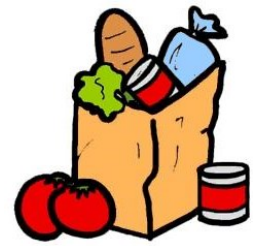
Our protocol has been updated and masks are required for worship and all church activities. Masks are available should anyone need one. Please continue to social distance and use hand sanitizer.

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!

During the month of October, the food pantry helped **69 families** with food, plus **various other items**, including **61 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.

**Church Family Prayer List**

Lonnie Atchison

Sharon Ball's sisters & brother

**Wanda Davis**

Brooke Franklin

Karla- the **Hardings'** daughter-in-law's mother

Joe Lozier

Joyce Madore

Mark- **Anita Imhoff's** nephew

Don McDiffet

**Jean Miller's** brother-in-law

**Jeanice Miller**

Emma Stewart- **Tara Thompson's** cousin

Rev. Leonard Wagoner

~ Our sympathy to **Bill Simpson** and his family on the passing of his mother ~

**Upcoming Serving Schedule**

**October 24th, 2021**

**Elder**~ Judy Moore

**Worship Leader**~ Jaylene Arnett

**Young Disciples**~ Jaylene Arnett

**October 31st, 2021**

**Elder**~ Janece Bacon

**Worship Leader**~ Jean Miller

**Young Disciples**~ Laurie Kurzen

**Attendance and Giving Record**

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October 10, 2021 ~ SS 25/AH & IP Worship 51+

October 17, 2021 ~ SS 28/AH & IP Worship 50+

**GIVING RECORD**

October 10, 2021 ~Offering \$488.00/Building \$0.00

October 17,2021 ~Offering \$1,155.00/Building \$20.00

# BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

## OCTOBER Anniversaries

- 26 Carl & Rita Headrick
- 28 Tyler & Shelby Pedersen

## OCTOBER Birthdays

- 20 Karen Garnett
- 24 Steve Coffman
- 25 Tara Thompson



- 01 Jaylene Arnett
- 02 Glenn Greenlee
- 02 Brooklynn Pedersen



### 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

Tue. Oct 19, 2021 3:30pm— Christian Ed. Meeting

Tues. Oct 19, 2021 5:15pm— Trustees Meeting

Wed. Oct 20, 2021 5:15pm— Diaconate Meeting (prior to board meeting)

Wed. Oct 20, 2021 6:15pm— Board Meeting

Thurs. Oct 28, 2021 4:00pm- Elders' Meeting

Thurs. Oct 28, 2021 6:30pm— Youth Mission Club

Sun. Oct 31, 2021— Halloween

Mon. Nov 1, 2021— Newsletter Deadline

Tue. Nov 2, 2021— Election Day

Tue. Nov 2, 2021 10:00am— Worship Ministry Meets

Wed. Nov 3, 2021 10:30am— Lyon Co. Ministerial Alliance

T-shirts are at the church!  
Please pay for your church t-shirt in the church office if you haven't already done so!

- Kids:** \$12
- S-XL:**\$14
- 2XL and UP:** \$16

### Electronic Sign Fundraiser

We want to let you know of the good things going on at First Christian Church by doing that through an electronic sign.

We have started this fundraiser for the electronic sign, so if you would like to donate please make a notation on your check that it is for the "electronic sign."

*-Thank You*



**Lectionary Schedule  
October 24—November  
14th, 2021**

**October 24, 2021**

Job 42:1-6, 10-17  
Psalm 34:1-8, (19-22)  
Hebrews 7:23-28  
Mark 10:46-52

**October 31, 2021**

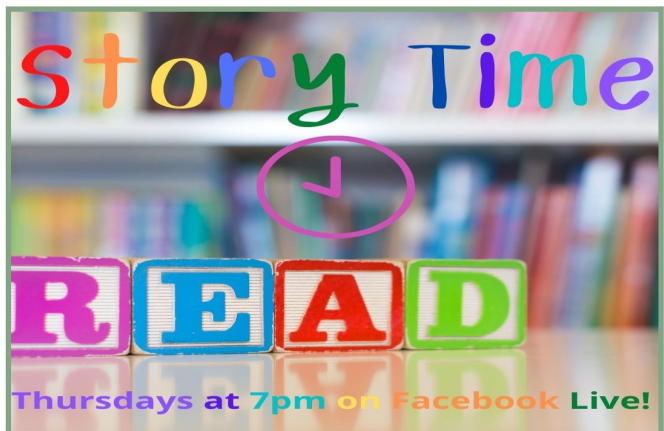
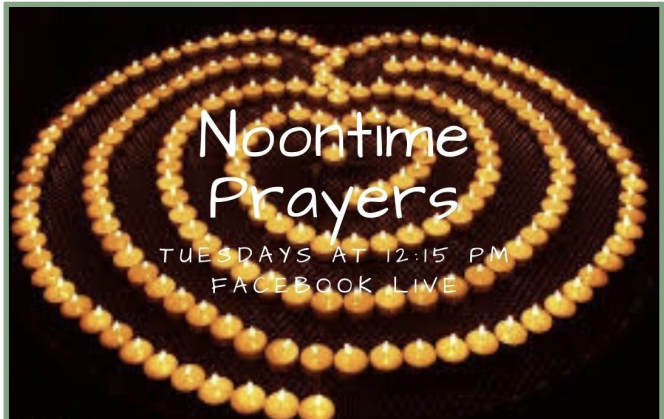
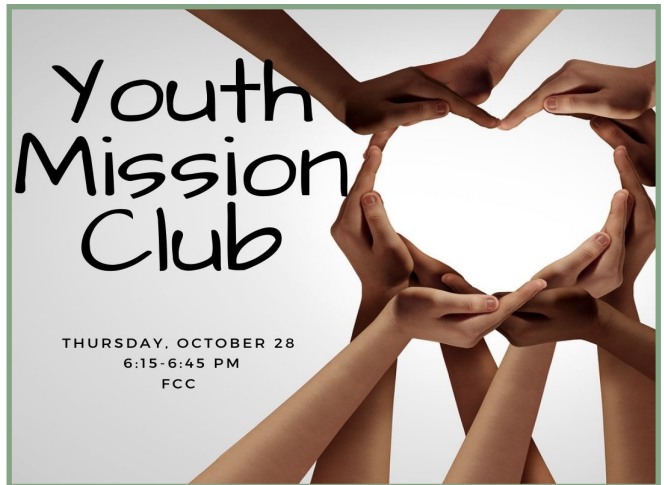
Ruth 1:1-18  
Psalm 146  
Hebrews 9:11-14  
Mark 12:28-34

**November 7th, 2021**

Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17  
Psalm 127  
Hebrews 9:24-28  
Mark 12:38-44

**November 14th, 2021**

1 Samuel 1:4-20  
Psalm 16  
Hebrews 10:11-14, (15-18), 19-25  
Mark 13:1-8



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!





Pastor Tara will be leading an Advent Study using the book "Making Room" by Ed Robb. If you are interested there is a sign-up sheet located on the table in the entryway. Please sign up before October 31st, 2021. Advent Study will be on the following days 11/29, 12/6, 12/13 and 12/20.



First Christian Church will be providing meals this week for Family Promise.

"The mission of Family Promise of the Flint Hills is to help families achieve self-sufficiency through volunteer-based mentoring. We strive to alleviate the trauma of homelessness and assist families in securing a stable home for their family. This is accomplished by providing a caring, dignified environment of overnight hospitality in church facilities, and by providing supportive services to help families become independent.

Family Promise of the Flint Hills serves families of all compositions. We welcome everyone in the community to be part of the solution to empower families experiencing homelessness and ultimately retain and regain the safety, security, and opportunity that comes with having a home."

**Outreach/Week of Compassion**

The next five Sundays Frist Christian will be joining Week of Compassion in continue working with partners and congregations-assessing damage, providing assistance, and planning for long-term recovery in areas affected by Hurricane Ida and the earthquake in Haiti.

The Week of Compassion invites you to pray, pay, and stay, showing the support and compassion of our wider church during this disasters. Your generosity will make a big difference for people facing unthinkable challenges and great suffering. We invite you to give extra during the next seven Sundays.

Please designate your special offering for Haiti and or Hurricane Ida.





**First Christian Church**  
**Tara Thompson,**  
**Senior Minister**



*“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**

**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**  
**November 1 & November 15, 2021**



**October 18– November 3, 2021**

**Weekly Events**

Sundays at 9:30am~ Sunday School

Sundays at 10:40am~ Worship Service

Monday's from 9:00am-11:00am~ Food Pantry

Mondays at 7:00pm~ Boy Scouts

Tuesday's at 12:15pm~ Facebook Live Noontime Prayer

Thursday's at 7:00pm~ Facebook Live Storytime

Fridays from 3:00pm-6:00pm~ Clothes Closet @ Household Hut

Saturdays from 9:00am-12:00pm~ Clothes Closet @ Household Hut

**OCTOBER**

**Monday 18**  
 Newsletter Deadline

**Thursday 28**  
 4:00pm~ Elders' Meeting  
 6:30pm~ Youth Mission Club

**Tuesday 19**  
 3:30pm~ Christian Ed. Meeting  
 5:15pm~ Trustees Meeting

**Sunday 31**  
  
 Halloween

**NOVEMBER**

**Wednesday 20**  
 5:15pm~ Diaconate Meeting  
 6:15pm~ Board Meeting

**Monday 1**  
 Newsletter Deadline

**Tuesday 2**  
 Election Day  
 10:00am~ Worship Ministry Meets

**Wednesday 3**  
 10:30am~ Lyon Co. Ministerial Alliance

**Disciples of Christ Ministries Spotlight**

**Reconciliation Ministry** is the church wide mission fund which supports programs and program partners that enable full human flourishing for everyone in every community. As followers of Christ, we believe every life is precious and valued in God's beloved community. Your generosity has supported our ability to provide grant awards to Bethany College's Equity Community Guide, Diversity Audit and the Region of Greater Kansas City's Becoming Beloved Community Program, as well as denominationally-sponsored educational events such as Facing Brokenness and Love is an Action Word webinars.