



First Christian Church News

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Reflection

We are officially in the month of November. The Halloween decorations and costumes are packed away for another year, and there is this pull to start decorating for Christmas. I feel we have a tendency to jump from Halloween to Christmas, and forget all about the importance of Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving doesn't deserve to get lost in the mix, as I feel it is too important to look over.

During this month of thankfulness, I encourage all of us to truly live as thankful people. Last month during Noontime Prayers I discussed journaling, November is a great time to start a gratitude journal-something we can continue throughout the year. Each night at supper, we can share with our family something we are thankful for as we thank God for the many blessings bestowed upon us.

I think it is easy for us to focus on the negatives on our lives, so I challenge all of us to turn the negative into a positive. Instead of complaining about the dishes we have to clean, we can thank God for the food on our plates. Instead of complaining about all the laundry to do, we can thank God for the clothes on our back.

Will you join me in a month of thankfulness?

Thanksgiving Blessings,
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!

During the month of November, the food pantry helped **45 families** with food, plus **various other items**, including **43 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
- Albreta Brinkman**
- Wanda Davis**
- Bonnie & Joe Denson**
- Brooke Franklin
- Larry & Ellen Gilbert- **Janis Thogmartin's** brother and sister-in-law
- Karla- the **Hardings'** daughter-in-law's mother
- Joe Lozier
- Joyce Madore
- Don McDiffet
- Jean Miller's** brother-in-law
- Jeanice Miller**
- Brooklyn Quick- **Jeanice Miller's** Great-Granddaughter
- Rosetta Family- **Janet Lostutter's** cousin's family
- Emma Stewart- **Tara Thompson's** cousin

Upcoming Serving Schedule

November 7th, 2021

Elder~ Jaylene Arnett
Worship Leader~ Judy Moore
Young Disciples~ Marlene Hanson

November 14th, 2021

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

Attendance and Giving Record

ATTENDANCE & GIVING RECORD

October 24, 2021 ~ SS 24/AH & IP Worship 45+
October 31, 2021 ~ SS 24 /AH & IP Worship 45+

GIVING RECORD

October 24, 2021 ~Offering \$1,425.00/Building \$0.00
October 31,2021 ~Offering \$1,685.00/Building \$0.00



- 01 Jaylene Arnett
- 02 Glenn Greenlee
- 02 Brooklynn Pederson
- 03 Vicki Thornton
- 04 George Arnett
- 04 Carol Rhoades
- 04 Landon Fuller
- 07 Susan Webb
- 08 Adam Harding
- 08 Jerry Marshall
- 10 Vicki Cole
- 13 Shirley Ayers
- 14 Carol Meierhoff
- 14 David Meierhoff
- 15 Anita Imhoff
- 16 Jacque Umholtz

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. Nov 2, 2021— Election Day

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

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

Sun. Nov 7, 2021— Daylight Saving Time

Wed. Nov 10, 2021 10:00am— NE KS Clergy-Topeka

Wed. Nov 10, 2021 1:30pm— DWF Group

Wed. Nov 10, 2021 4:00pm— Stewardship Ministry Meets

Thurs. Nov 11, 2021— Veterans Day (Office Closed)

Thurs. Nov 11, 2021 6:15pm— Youth mission Club

Mon. Nov 15, 2021— Newsletter Deadline

Tue. Nov 16, 2021 3:30pm— Christian Ed. Meeting (Zoom)

Wed. Nov 17, 2021 5:00pm- Elders Meeting

Wed. Nov. 17, 2021 6:00pm- Board Meeting

Children and Youth Sunday School Classes

<p>Nursery (Infant-age 2) 9:30-10:25am Church-Nursery Teachers: Michaela and Rachel (nursery attendants)</p>	<p>Pre-school (PreK-Kindergarten) 9:30-10:25am Church-Nursery Teachers: Rita Headrick or Sonya Hilde</p>
<p>Love Station (Grades 1-5) 9:30-10:25am 2nd room on south side of top floor Teachers: Lisa Rickabaugh or Nik Roth</p>	<p>Youth Class (Grades 6-10) 9:30-10:25am basement behind stage Teacher: Pastor Tara Thompson</p>

According to Church Covid Policy all persons over 2 will wear masks.

World Community Day
November 5th, 2021
"New Places, New Faces at the Table"



What: Church Women United
Where: Emporia Presbyterian West Campus
1702 W. 15th
When: November 5, 2021
Fellowship Time: 9:30am
Service: 10am

**Lectionary Schedule
November 7th—November
28th, 2021**

November 7th, 2021

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

November 14th, 2021

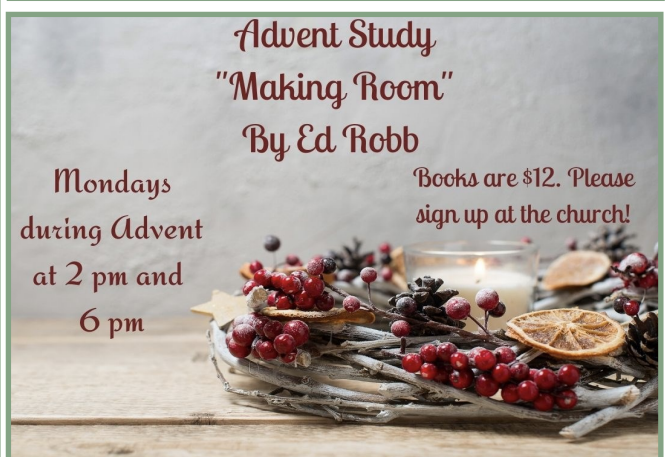
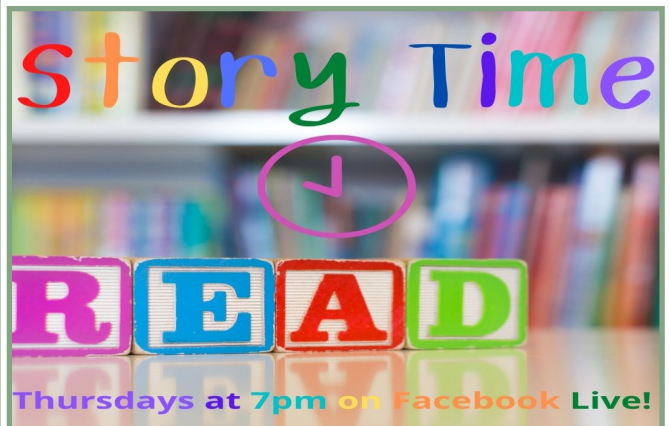
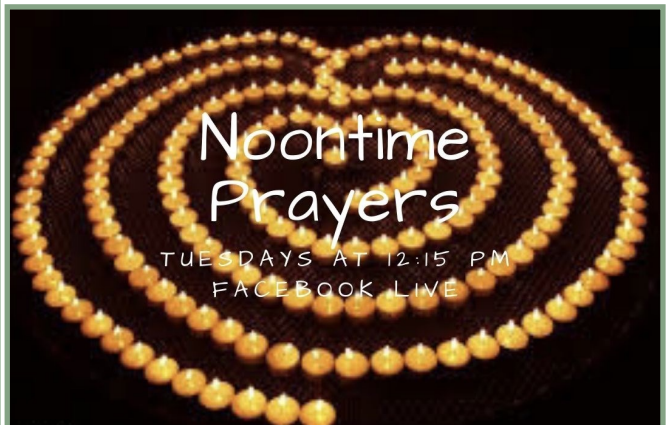
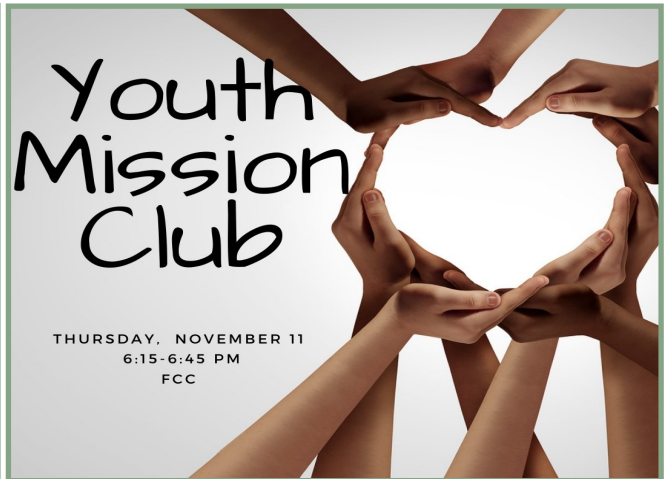
1 Samuel 1:4-20
1 Samuel 2:1-10
Hebrews 10: 11-25
Mark 13:1-8

November 21st, 2021

1 Samuel 1:4-20
Psalm 132:1-12
Revelation 1:4b-8
John 18:33-37

November 28th, 2021

Jeremiah 33:14-16
Psalm 25:1-10
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
Luke 21:25-36





First Christian Church
202 E. 12th Ave.

**Clothes Closet
and
Household
Hut**

FRIDAYS, 3-6PM
SATURDAYS, 9AM-12NOON
FACE MASKS REQUIRED!



Food Pantry

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
202 E. 12th Ave.
Mondays, 9-11am
FACE MASKS REQUIRED!

Helping families in our community!



DWF News

DWF is meeting once again in person on Wednesday, November 10th . If you would prefer to join us on Zoom instead, please let the office know so that we can send you an invitation. Janet Lostutter will be in charge of the lesson. There will be no refreshments served. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

Poinsettias for Christmas

Advent will be here soon and that calls for poinsettias to help decorate our sanctuary. If you'd like to purchase a poinsettia in memory of, or in honor of, a loved one, call the office to sign up. There will also be a sign-up sheet in the parlor on Sunday mornings. Cost will be \$6.



Thank you so much for all the cards and well wishes during Pastors Appreciation Month and my birthday. I am very grateful! -Pastor Tara



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!



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 15 & November 29, 2021



November 2-November 17, 2021

Weekly Events

Sundays at 9:30am~ Sunday School

Sundays at 10:40am~ Worship Service

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Disciples of Christ Ministries Spotlight

The Thanksgiving Offering benefits the Colleges, Universities, Seminaries, and Divinity Houses affiliated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Higher education has been an important focus for Disciples since the very beginning of the movement. Throughout our history, Disciples have founded institutions of higher learning to educate students and form leaders to make a difference in the world. The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is still committed to higher education. Your gift to the Thanksgiving Offering helps support the education of thousands of students at our fifteen colleges and universities as well as our seven seminaries and divinity houses.

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