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Reflection

While we are all anticipating and preparing for Thanksgiving in our personal lives, whatever that might look like for you during this Pandemic, here at First Christian we are busy preparing for Advent. It is hard to believe that Advent begins in less than two weeks. This important time in our faith lives is a time in which we prepare for the birth of the Christ child in our midst. A time in which we hope and prepare for the light shining in the darkness, knowing that darkness can NOT and will NOT overcome it.

How are you preparing for Advent with your family? One tradition I am going to start this year with Nugget is an Advent Book Calendar. Instead of a traditional Advent Calendar where one might get a piece of chocolate every day, I am going to wrap his Christmas books and give him one per day throughout Advent as we prepare for Christ's birth as a family. How is your family waiting and preparing?

Here at First Christian Church in Emporia, KS, we have many ways in which you can prepare your spirits for the birth of Christ:

- * Join us for an Advent Family Celebration to kickoff Advent on Sunday, November 28th, at 4pm.
- * Our Advent Book Study, *Making Room* by Ed Robb, will meet every Monday during Advent at 2 pm and 6 pm. This study will be led by me.
- * The Lyon County Ministerial Association's Advent Devotional *Hope in These Times* will be available for you to take home and use during Advent.
- * Noontime Prayers and Facebook Storytime will both be focused on preparing for the birth of Christ.
- * Our Advent Sermon Series *Christmas at the Movies* will focus on a different Christmas movie every week and how it relates to the birth of Christ.

Join us as we prepare for Christ's birth during these uncertain times.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Tara Thompson

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 optional for worship and all church activities. Masks are available should anyone need one. Please continue to social distance and use hand sanitizer.

We have resumed singing during worship. We will 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 **46 families** with food, plus **various other items**, including **50 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 daughter, sisters & brother

Albreta Brinkman

Wanda Davis

Bonnie & Joe Denson

Brooke Franklin

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

Joe Lozier

Jeanice Miller

Brooklyn Quick- **Jeanice Miller's** Great-Granddaughter

Upcoming Serving Schedule

November 21th, 2021

Elder~ Marlene Hanson

Worship Leader~ Marie Harding

Young Disciples~ Nancy LeClear

November 28th, 2021

Elder~ Marie Harding

Worship Leader~ George Arnett

Young Disciples~ Judy Moore

Attendance and Giving Record

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November 07, 2021 ~ SS 25 /AH & IP Worship 51+

November 14, 2021 ~ SS 21 /AH & IP Worship 50 +

GIVING RECORD

November 07, 2021 ~Offering \$2,693.00/Building \$20.00

November 14, 2021 ~Offering \$ 1,445.00/Building \$0.00



- 19 Karen Monroe
- 21 Shirley Pearson
- 23 Marie Harding
- 23 Laurie Kurzen
- 25 Dana Witten
- 28 Richard Headrick
- 30 David Harding
- 30 William Hopkins

Let Us Give Thanks



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 optional)

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 recommended for CC&HH) & Household Hut

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

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

Mon. Nov. 22, 2021 7:00pm— Concert

Thurs. Nov. 25, 2021— Thanksgiving Day (Office Closed)

Fri. Nov. 26, 2021 Observance of Thanksgiving (Office Closed)

Sun. Nov. 28, 2021 4:00pm— Advent Family Celebration

Mon. Nov. 29, 2021 2:00pm— Advent Study

Mon. Nov. 29, 2021 6:00pm— Advent Study

Wed. Dec. 1, 2021 10:15am— Lyon Co. Ministerial Alliance



Message From Pastor Tara

I will be on vacation from November 22-November 27th. The office will also be closed on November 25th and 26th in observance of Thanksgiving. There will NOT be Noontime Prayers or Facebook Storytime during that week as well. If you have a pastoral need during this time, please do not hesitate to reach out to your Elder.

Lectionary Schedule November 21st—December 12th, 2021

November 21st, 2021

2 Samuel 23:1-7
Psalm 132:1-12, (13-18)
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

December 5th, 2021

Malachi 3:1-4
Luke 1:68-79
Philippians 1:3-11
Luke 3:1-6

December 12th, 2021

Zephaniah 3:14-20
Isaiah 12:2-6
Philippians 4:4-7
Luke 3:7-18



Christmas at the Movies

Movie Afternoon
Sunday, December 5th
4pm

Noontime Prayers

TUESDAYS AT 12:15 PM
FACEBOOK LIVE

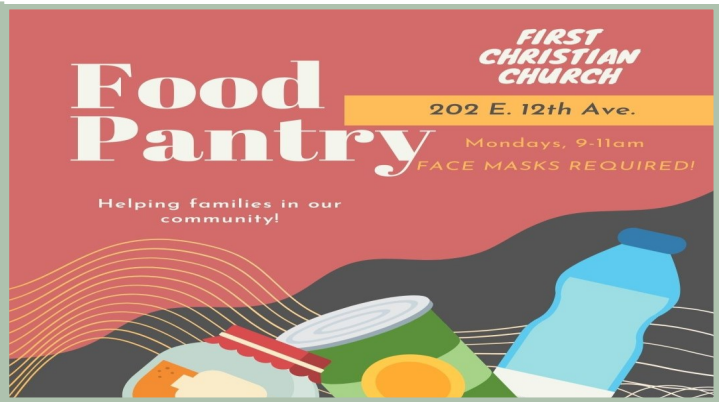
Story Time

READ

Thursdays at 7pm on Facebook Live!

Advent Study
"Making Room"
By Ed Robb

Mondays during Advent
at 2 pm and
6 pm



Advent Celebration

Everyone is invited on Sunday, November 28, at 4:00 to attend the Advent Celebration in Fellowship Hall. We will play Advent Bingo, have snacks, and make an Advent Craft. It will be fun for all ages. Plan to be 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.



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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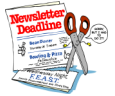


Office Hours

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 29 & December 13, 2021



November 17-November 29, 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

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NOVEMBER

Wednesday 17

5:00pm~ Elders Meeting

6:00pm~ Board Meeting

Monday 22

7:00pm~ Concert

Thursday 25

Thanksgiving Day (Office Closed)

Friday 26

Observance of Thanksgiving (Office Closed)

Sunday 28

4:00pm~ Advent Family Celebration

Monday 29

Newsletter Deadline
2:00pm~ Advent Study
6:00pm~ Advent Study

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.

The Colleges and Universities of the Christian Church provide quality education through classes offered by some of the nation's top undergraduate and graduate faculty. Many of the campuses are comprised of state-of-the-art facilities, offer diverse degree programs; include dynamic student life activities, offer exciting athletics programs, and much more. The Thanksgiving offering supports everything from scholarships, to religious life offices, to faculty growth and development. By giving to the Thanksgiving Offering you are helping our institutions invest in students as they prepare themselves to become leaders.

The Thanksgiving Offering also provides scholarship and support for our theological education institutions. Each of our seminaries and divinity houses is committed to educating and forming Christian leaders for church and society. Generations of pastors, community leaders, and agents of social transformation have been educated at our theological institutions. They have flourished and made a difference in the world, thanks to gifts from Disciples congregations and individuals throughout the ages. These institutions continue to prepare leaders for the present age and the age to come.

As we continue to struggle with effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, our higher education institutions are facing unprecedented challenges and they need our support now, more than ever. Even as they work diligently to ensure safe and healthy learning environments, the financial realities faced by many of our schools add additional stress to students, faculty, and staff.

Support for Disciples Mission Fund and gifts to the Thanksgiving Offering are a critical part of the ongoing collaborative work of church and higher education that is such a foundational part of the heritage of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

Please give generously to this offering. Your gift makes a difference in the lives of our students and it makes a difference in the world.

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