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Reflection

Hopefully the Thanksgiving leftovers have all been eaten or put to rest for another year. We can only eat turkey for so many days in a row, right? Now, the halls are being decked and the Christmas trees are being decorated. Advent and Christmas is my favorite time of year. I love watching Christmas movies, baking for friends and family, and the extra time spent with those close to me. What are your traditions?

On Sunday, we began Advent preparations with the Advent Family Celebration. It is an exciting and busy time of year, however, my prayer is that we don't get so busy with the preparations in our homes that we forget to make preparations in our hearts. My prayer is that we aren't so busy making room for food and gifts, that we don't make room for the greatest gift we will receive-Jesus Christ.

How are you making room for the Christ child to be born in your heart and in your life? May we all focus less on presents this season, and more on the presence this season brings us.

Advent 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.

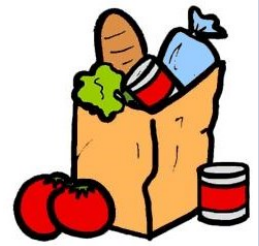
Our protocol has been updated and masks are optional for worship and all church activities. Masks are available should anyone need one. Please continue to social distance and use hand sanitizer.

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 **92 families** with food, plus **various other items**, including **90 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

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

December 5th, 2021

Elder~ Cameron Moore

Worship Leader~ Nancy LeClear

Young Disciples~ Barb Gimple

December 12, 2021

Elder~ Judy Moore

Worship Leader~ Cameron Moore

Young Disciples~ Marie Harding

Attendance and Giving Record

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November 21, 2021 ~ SS 24 /AH & IP Worship 49+

November 28, 2021 ~ SS 15 /AH & IP Worship 48+

GIVING RECORD

November 21, 2021 ~ Offering \$420.00/Building \$0.00

November 28, 2021 ~Offering \$1,380.00/Building \$0.00



December
BIRTHDAYS

- 01 Cameron Moore
- 02 Reese Johnson
- 02 Chad Kurzen
- 04 Lea Beers
- 05 Kate Wiggins
- 08 Rachel LeClear
- 12 Mike LeClear

Advent Study
"Making Room"
By Ed Robb

Mondays
during Advent
at 2 pm and
6 pm



Youth Mission Club

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8TH
ANGEL TREE SHOPPING

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

Sat. Dec. 4, 2021 3:00pm— Tony Parsons' Memorial

Sun. Dec. 5, 2021 4:00pm— Movie Afternoon— The Grinch

Mon. Dec. 6, 2021 11:00am— Worship Ministry Meets

Mon. Dec. 6, 2021 2:00pm— Advent Study

Mon. Dec. 6, 2021 6:00pm— Advent Study

Wed. Dec. 8, 2021 10:00am— NE KS Clergy-Topeka

Wed. Dec. 8, 2021 12:00pm— DWF Luncheon

Wed. Dec. 8, 2021 6:15pm— Youth Mission Club

Thurs. Dec. 9, 2021 4:00pm— Elders' Meeting/Study

Mon. Dec. 13, 2021— Newsletter Deadline

Mon. Dec. 13, 2021 2:00pm— Advent Study

Mon. Dec. 13, 2021 6:00pm— Advent Study

Tues. Dec. 14, 2021 3:30pm— Christian Ed. Meeting



Lectionary Schedule December 5th—December 26th, 2021

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

December 19th, 2021

Micah 5:2-5a

Hebrews 10:5-10

Luke 1:39-45

Psalm 80:1-7

December 26th, 2021

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

Colossians 3:12-17

Luke 2:41-52

Psalm 148



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!

**Christmas Eve
 Candlelight
 and
 Communion Service**
 8 pm
 First Christian Church

Christmas Sweater Sunday
 Sunday, December 26th
 Wear your favorite Christmas sweater to church
 the day after Christmas!



First Christian Church
202 E. 12th Ave.

Clothes Closet and Household Hut


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

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Food Pantry

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

Helping families in our community!




DWF Christmas Luncheon



DWF is meeting once again in person on Wednesday, December 8th. We will have a Christmas soup luncheon that will be filled with food, fun, and fellowship. A sign up link has been sent to your email if you like to sign up to bring anything or you can contact the church to sign up. We look forward to seeing everyone there.



Hope in These Times



Advent Devotional
Lyon County Ministerial Alliance

Lyon County Ministerial Alliance "Advent Devotional"

LCMA Advent devotionals are now available. You can pick a copy up at the church or have one sent to you electronically. If you would like one electronically you can either call or email the church.

FCC T-SHIRTS



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

FCC still has a XL t-shirt available! If you would like it please contact the church!

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



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
December 13 & December 27, 2021



December 1—December 14, 2021

Weekly Events

Sundays at 9:30am~ Sunday School

Sundays at 10:40am~ Worship Service

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

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Mission Statement

Following God's call, the National Benevolent Association exists to inspire and connect the people and ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), to accompany one another in the creation of communities of compassion and care, and to advocate for the well-being of humanity.

Vision Statement

Creating communities of compassion and care.

Core Values

The core values of the NBA, a general ministry of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), serve as the foundation of how we go about our work, organize ourselves and the communities we partner with, and how we measure our programs and initiatives. We live out these values in our daily interactions with one another and with the community members we accompany and advocate alongside. These values endure from season to season, situation to situation, and person to person. They guide our organizational culture as we live out faithful commitments to all of God's creation.