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Reflection

Merry Christmas! As we journey through these 12 days of Christmas, with the Feast of the Epiphany being next week, I would like to share with you one of my favorite poems about the Christmastide.

The Work of Christmas Howard Thurman

*When the song of the angels is stilled,
 when the star in the sky is gone,
 when the kings and princes are home,
 when the shepherds are back with their flocks,
 the work of Christmas begins:
 to find the lost,
 to heal the broken,
 to feed the hungry,
 to release the prisoner,
 to rebuild the nations,
 to bring peace among the people,
 to make music in the heart.*

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,
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.

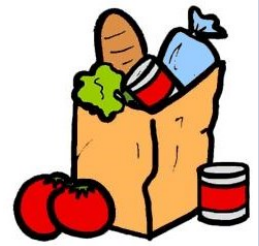
Our protocol has been updated and masks are required for worship and all church activities. Masks are available should anyone need one. Please continue to social distance and use hand sanitizer.

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 December, the food pantry helped **104 families** with food, plus **various other items**, including **92 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

Betty Anderson- **Jean Miller's** neighbor

Lonnie Atchison

Wanda Davis

Bonnie & Joe Denson

Brooke Franklin

Joe Lozier

Jeanice Miller

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

Richard & Joann Rincon

Curtis Rhoades

Upcoming Serving Schedule

January 2nd, 2022

Elder~ Nancy LeClear

Worship Leader~ Marlene Hanson

Young Disciples~ Jaylene Arnett

January 9th, 2022

Elder~ Marlene Hanson

Worship Leader~ Janece Bacon

Young Disciples~ Laurie Kurzen

Attendance and Giving Record

ATTENDANCE & GIVING RECORD

December 19, 2021 ~ SS 40 /AH & IP Worship 63+

December 24, 2021 ~ AH & IP Worship 75+

December 26, 2021 ~ SS 15 /AH & IP Worship 44+

GIVING RECORD

December 19, 2021 ~ Offering \$1,015.00/Building \$0.00

December 26, 2021 ~Offering \$2,170.00/Building \$0.00



JANUARY
Anniversaries

- 16 David & Kaari Harding
- 19 Jesse & Diana Solis
- 28 Larry & Glenna Gamblian

JANUARY
Birthdays

- 01 Bonnie Schaefer
- 03 Heather Mitchell
- 04 Steven Dale Sage
- 10 Nancy Mayer
- 12 Suzanne West



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

Fri. Dec. 31, 2021— New Year’s Eve (Office Closed)

Sat. Jan. 1, 2022— New Year’s Day

Tue. Jan. 4, 2022 10:00am— Worship Ministry Meets

Wed. Jan. 5, 2022 10:15am— Lyon Co. Ministerial Alliance

Mon. Jan. 10, 2022— Newsletter Deadline

Wed. Jan. 12, 2022 10:00am— NE KS Clergy-Topeka

Wed. Jan. 12, 2022 1:30am— DWF Group

Wed. Jan. 12, 2022 4:00pm— Stewardship Ministry Meets

Message From Pastor Tara

I will be on vacation from December 26th– January 1st. There will NOT be Noontime Prayers , or Facebook Storytime that week as well. If you have pastoral needs during this time, please do not hesitate to reach out to your elder.

Lectionary Schedule January 2nd—January 23rd, 2022

January 2nd, 2022

Jeremiah 31:7-14
Psalm 147:12-20
Ephesians 1:3-14
John 1:(1-9), 10-18

January 9th, 2022

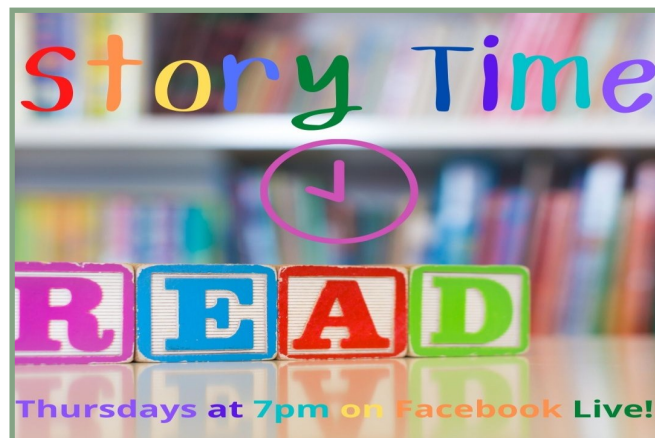
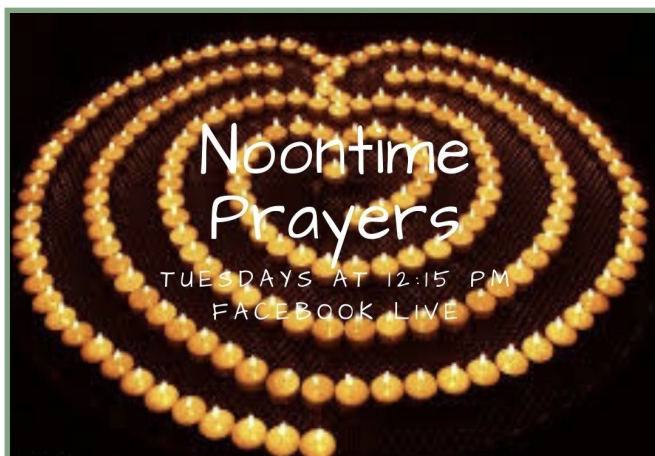
Isaiah 43:1-7
Psalm 29
Acts 8:14-17
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

January 16th, 2022

Isaiah 62:1-5
1 Corinthians 12:1-11
John 2:1-11
Psalm 36:5-10

January 23rd, 2022

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10
1 Corinthians 12:12-31a
Luke 4:14-21
Psalm 19





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!

Masks REQUIRED!
Masks are available outside the Parlor.

MASK UP!



Let's keep health and safety a top priority.

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



Wow! A big thank you to ValuNet for providing more than 900 pounds of non-perishable food items to our pantry. This generous donation will not only bolster our pantry, but also help with preparing meals for families in Family Promise.

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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Next Newsletter Deadline

January 10, 2022 & January 24, 2022



December 31, 2021—January 12, 2022

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

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DECEMBER

Friday 31

New Year's Eve
Office Closed

Wednesday 05

10:15am~Lyon Co.
Ministerial Alliance

JANUARY

Saturday 01

New Year's Day

2022!

Monday 10

Newsletter
Deadline

Tuesday 04

10:00am~ Worship
Ministry Meets

Wednesday 12

10:00am~ NE KS
Clergy-Topeka
1:30pm~ DWF Group
4:00pm~
Stewardship Ministry
Meets

Our Mission, Vision and Confession

Our Identity

We are Disciples of Christ, a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world.

As part of the one body of Christ, we welcome all to the Lord's Table as God has welcomed us.

Our Vision

To be a faithful, growing church, that demonstrates true community, deep Christian spirituality and a passion for justice.

– *Micah 6:8*

Our Mission

To be and to share the Good News of Jesus Christ, witnessing, loving and serving from our doorsteps “to the ends of the earth.”

– *Acts 1:8*

Our Confession

As members of the Christian Church,

We confess that Jesus is the Christ,

the Son of the living God,

and proclaim him Lord and Savior of the world.