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Reflection

Happy New Year! It is hard to believe we are in the second week of 2022! Before you know it, we will be preparing for Lent and Easter. Before we do, I am curious as to what your spiritual resolutions are. Spend more time in prayer and study? Look for different ways to be the hands and feet of Christ? Learn a new spiritual discipline?

As I mentioned in Noontime Prayers last week, I'm not big on New Year's Resolutions as I feel we should always be changing and transforming. If I do have a resolution, it is to work on something internally, and the same is true with lent. However, this new year is a good time to reset. To think about the upcoming year and what possibilities the Divine has in store for us.

As we reset, what is an area of your spiritual life you are interested in strengthening? How is God transforming you and your life? I would love to hear from you.

In the meantime, may we encourage one another in our spiritual lives through love and kindness!

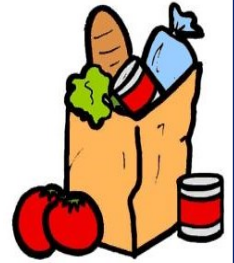
Happy New Year!
Pastor Tara

Join us for At Home Worship

At Home Worship on Facebook

Find us on Facebook at **First Christina Church (Disciples of Christ) of Emporia, KS** to join us for worship at 10:40 a.m. on Sundays!

During the month of January, the food pantry helped **39 families** with food, plus **various other items**, including **27 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

Joy Frevert

Karen Garnett

Joe Lozier

Jeanice Miller

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

Granddaughter

Richard & Joann Rincon

Curtis Rhoades

Upcoming Serving Schedule

January 16th, 2022

Elder~ Marie Harding

Worship Leader~ Barb Gimple

Young Disciples~ Barb Gimple

January 23rd, 2022

Elder~ Cameron Moore

Worship Leader~ Jaylene Arnett

Young Disciples~ Nancy LeClear

Giving Record

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January 3, 2022 ~ Offering \$520.00/Building \$0.00

January 9, 2022~Offering \$1,023.00/Building \$0.00



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Anniversaries

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

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Birthdays

- 12 Suzanne West
- 15 Treva Stuck
- 21 Brenda Hall
- 22 Charles Wilhite
- 26 Curtis Rhoades

Lets celebrate with a card shower for Curtis Rhoades.

He will be 103 on January 26th. Cards can be sent to
727 Arundel,
Emporia KS
66801.



Mark The Dates

Until further notice, the method of meeting will be by Zoom.

Sundays at 10:40 am—Worship Service via Facebook Live

Mondays from 9:00—11:00 am—Food Pantry
(Mask Required)

Mondays at 7:00 pm—Boy Scouts

Tuesdays at 12:15 pm— Noontime Prayers

Thursdays at 7:00 pm— Facebook Storytime

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

Wed. Jan. 12, 2022 1:30pm— DWF Group

Wed. Jan. 12, 2022 2:45pm— Christian Ed. Meeting


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

Thurs. Jan. 13, 2022 4:00pm— Elders’ Meeting/Study

Mon. Jan. 17, 2022—Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Wed. Jan. 19, 2022 6:00pm— Board Meeting

Mon. Jan. 24, 2022— Newsletter Deadline



The First Christian Church will be preparing evening meals for families in the Family Promise program from Sunday January 30th through Saturday February 5th. If you would like to be a part of this ministry by helping prepare the meals, please contact either Judy Moore or Lisa Rickabaugh.

Thank you for your help.



**Lectionary Schedule
January 16th—February 6th,
2022**

January 16th, 2022

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

January 23rd, 2022

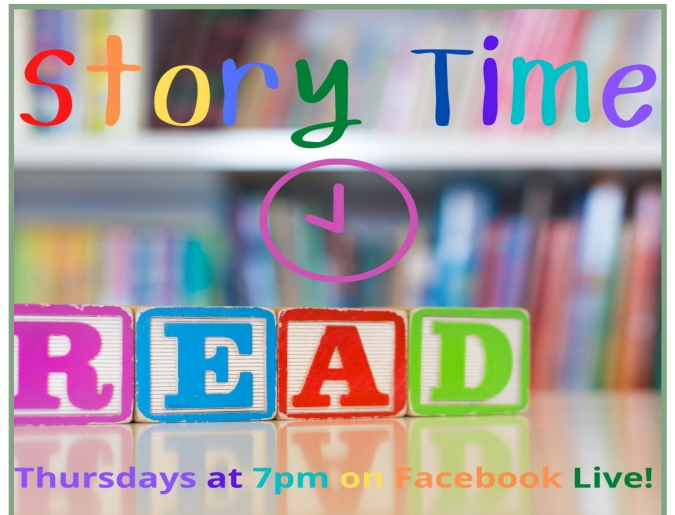
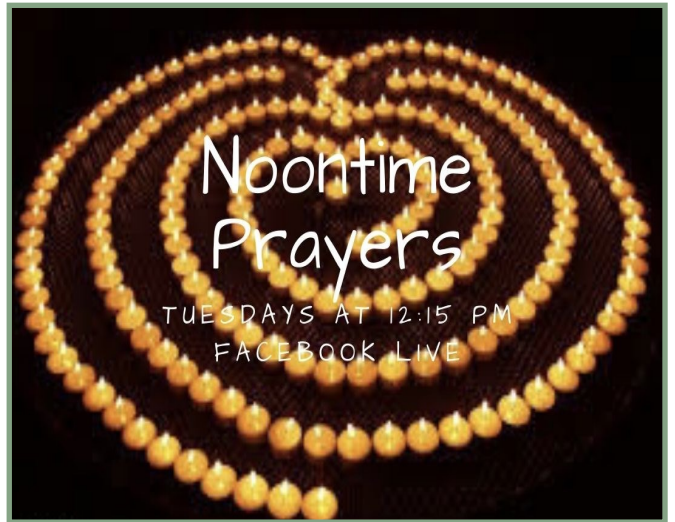
Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10
1 Corinthians 12:12-31a
Luke 4:14-21
Psalm 19

January 30th, 2022

Jeremiah 1:4-10
1 Corinthians 13:1-13
Luke 4:21-30
Psalm 71:1-6

February 6th, 2022

Isaiah 6:1-8, (9-13)
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Luke 5:1-11
Psalm 138





CLOTHES CLOSET & HOUSEHOLD HUT WILL BE CLOSED TEMPORARILY DUE TO THE INCREASING COVID CASES OVER THE LAST SEVERAL WEEKS

THANK YOU FOR HELPING KEEP OUR CHURCH FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SAFE AND HEALTHY



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Food Pantry

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

Helping families in our community!



DWF

DWF is meeting by Zoom on Wednesday, January 12th .
If you did not receive invite by email please let the church office know. We look forward to seeing everyone there.



Follow us on our Vimeo channel!

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH-EMPORIA

To help reach everyone during worship we will be sending out the weekly bulletin along with the link to Vimeo every weekend. The service will also be available on Facebook every Sunday morning at 10:40 a.m. If you have any questions please reach out to the church office.



Giving Statements for calendar year 2021 are now availed in the church office. If you are at the church over the next two weeks, please pick up your giving statement! Those not picked up by January 24th, will be mailed.

Lana Richardson
Treasurer

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

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Next Newsletter Deadline

January 24, 2022 & February 7, 2022



January 12—January 24, 2022

Weekly Events

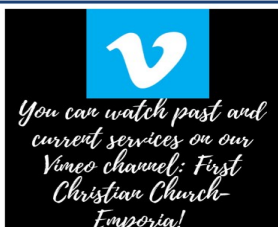
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Monday 17

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Wednesday 19

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Monday 24

Newsletter Deadline



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IN KANSAS
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Our Mission

From the wide-open prairies to the Flint Hills, from the small country churches to the big city, the Christian Church in Kansas (Disciples of Christ) is as varied as our topography. It has a rich history with eyes looking toward the future. As a region, we are working hard to understand what role the Regional Church plays in church life in this century and beyond.

Our current priority ministry is Mission. The Mission Priority Team is led by Aerii Smith, pastor of First Christian Church in Dighton and Utica.

Spirituality is also a priority. The Spirituality Priority Team is led by Danny Ginn, pastor of First Christian Church in Oxford, and staffed by Regional Minister Ken Marston.

The Christian Church in Kansas provides current and future church leaders opportunities to grow through leadership workshops, retreats, mission projects, and summer camping programs.

Organizations that aid in our mission include Phillips Theological Seminary in Tulsa, OK, Tennyson Center for Children in Denver, CO, and Kansas Christian Home in Newton, KS. Kansas Disciples consistently have responded with monetary support to Week of Compassion and with mission teams to areas throughout the world following natural disasters.

Our Region

The Christian Church in Kansas has 80 congregations in five districts: High Plains, Central, Northeast, Southeast and South Central that are served by a district minister. Each district plans events and workshops to help congregational leaders and bring a sense of unity across the entire region.

Our congregations are spread from Goodland to Baxter Springs, Ulysses to Atchison, and encompass nearly every county except Greater Kansas City metropolitan area. The faithfulness and generosity of Kansas Disciples consistently places the region in the top eight for Disciples Mission Fund giving.