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Reflection

Lent is right around the corner. It is hard to believe, isn't it? Weren't we just singing Christmas carols and preparing to welcome Christ into our midst? Here is your friendly reminder that if you have not packed away your Christmas decorations, now might be a good time to do so.

In all seriousness, Lent is a time in which we prepare our spirits to take that journey to the cross with Jesus. I am looking forward to leading a Lenten study on Thursdays at 10 am and 6 pm at the church during Lent beginning March 3rd and running through April 7th. If you would like to sign up, please do so by calling the church office. For our Lenten Study this year, we will be using the study *Witness at the Cross* by A.J. Levine. Here is a little insight into the study:

Experience Holy Friday from the perspective of those who watched Jesus die: Mary his mother; the Beloved Disciple from the Gospel of John; Mary Magdalene and the other women from Galilee; the two men, usually identified as thieves, crucified with Jesus; the centurion and the soldiers; Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus. Jews and Romans, friends and strangers, the powerful and the powerless, the hopeful and the despairing.

The story of Jesus's death is not something we just read: we think about it, and we experience it; we hear the taunts of the soldiers, the priests, and the passersby even as we hear the famous "seven last words" from the cross.

In Witness at the Cross, Amy-Jill Levine shows how the people at the cross each have distinct roles to play. Each Evangelist presents a distinct picture of the death of Jesus. Each portrays different individuals and groups of people at the cross, each offers different images and dialogues, and so from each, we learn how those meanings and messages cross the centuries to any who would come to the cross today.

Each Gospel has its own story to tell, all the witnesses have their own memories, and every reader comes away with a new insight. The witnesses at the Crucifixion watch Jesus die, and we watch with them, and we watch them. And we come away transformed.

We hope you will join us.

Lenten 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. 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!



Upcoming Serving Schedule

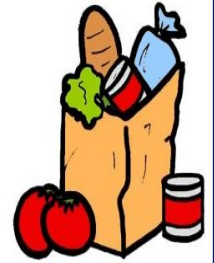
February 13th 2022

Elder~ Jaylene Arnett
Worship Leader~ Judy Moore
Young Disciples~ Marie Harding

February 20th, 2022

Elder~ Nancy LeClear
Worship Leader~ Janece Bacon
Young Disciples~ Tara Thompson

During the month of February, the food pantry helped **69 families** with food, plus **various other items**, including **49 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
- Guy Bacon**
- Rick Clements Family - Pastor Tara's Family
- Wanda Davis**
- Bonnie & Joe Denson**
- Brooke Franklin
- Joy Frevert**
- Karen Garnett**
- Joe Lozier
- Rev. Steve Martin
- Jeanice Miller**
- Brooklyn Quick- **Jeanice Miller's** Great-Granddaughter
- Mary Vannocker

Giving Record

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January 30, 2022 ~ Offering \$2,160.00/Building \$0.00
February 06, 2022~Offering \$978.00/Special Offering \$60.00



FEBRUARY Birthdays

- 10 Kat Dorcas
- 10 Steve Dorcas
- 15 Margie Coffman
- 16 Maggie Wiggins
- 16 Royal Garnett
- 21 Guy Bacon

YOUTH SPRING RETREAT

Come out to Tawakoni for the KCYF Spring Retreat, March 4-6, 2022, starting Friday at 7 p.m. through Sunday at 10 a.m. Our theme is "Coming Into Focus."

If you would like to register please contact the church office.

2022 Summer Camp Schedule (Register before April 30th)

Event	Grades	Date	Fee	Early Bird Fee
Discovery Camp	K-1	June 1-2	\$193	\$154
Primary Camp	2-3	June 1-3	\$252	\$212
Junior Camp	4-5	June 20-23	\$370	\$330
Chi-Rho Camp	6-7	June 6-11	\$429	\$389
Pre-High Camp	8	June 6-11	\$429	\$389
CYF Conference	9-12	July 11-16	\$429	\$389
Grand Camp I	All Ages	June 3-5	\$212/Adult \$125/Child	N/A
Grand Camp II	All Ages	June 24-26	\$212/Adult \$125/Child	N/A
KCYF Mission Week	8-12	June 11-18	\$429	N/A

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 (masks required)

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

Wed. Feb. 9, 2022 10:00am— NE KS Clergy— Topeka

Wed. Feb. 9, 2022 1:30pm— DWF Group (In-Person)

Wed. Feb. 9, 2022 4:00pm— Stewardship Ministry Meets (In-Person)

Thurs. Feb. 10, 2022 4:00pm— Elders’ Meeting/Study (In-Person)

Mon. Feb. 14, 2022— Valentine’s Day

Tues. Feb 15, 2022 3:30pm— Christian Ed. Meeting

Wed. Feb. 16, 2022 6:00pm— Board Meeting

Mon. Feb. 21, 2022— Newsletter Deadline



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

Food Pantry

Helping families in our community!



First Christian Church
202 E. 12th Ave.

Clothes Closet and Household Hut

FRIDAYS, 3-6PM
SATURDAYS, 9AM-12NOON
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Lectionary Schedule February 13—March 6th, 2022

February 13, 2022

Jeremiah 17:5-10
1 Corinthians 15:12-20
Luke 6:17-26
Psalm 1

February 20, 2022

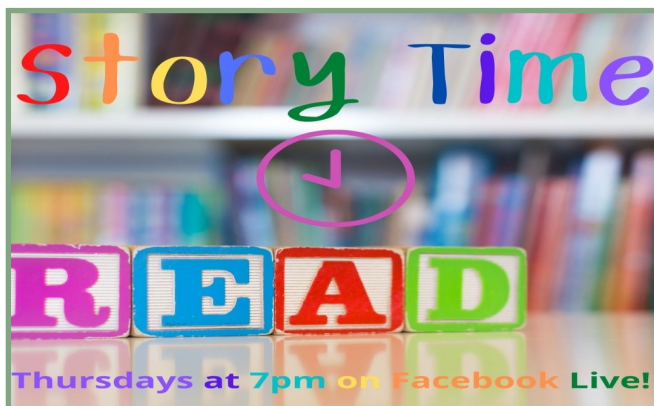
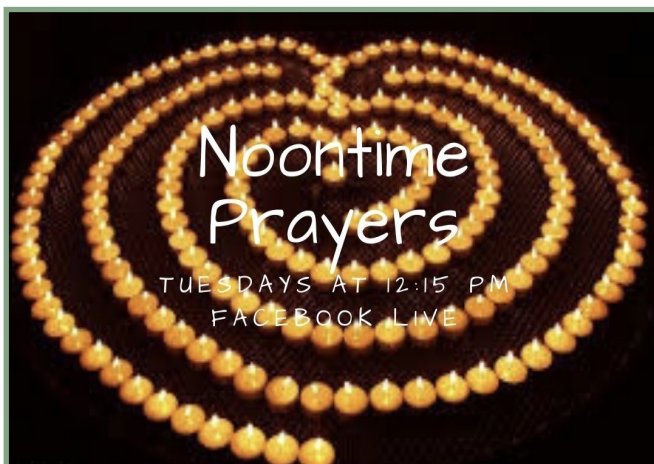
Genesis 45:3-11, 15
1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50
Luke 6:27-38
Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40

February 27, 2022

Exodus 34:29-35
2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2
Luke 9:28-36, (37-43a)
Psalm 99

March 6th, 2022

Deuteronomy 26:1-11
Romans 10:8b-13
Luke 4:1-13
Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16



Curtis Rhoades celebrating his 103 birthday!

2022 KDW SPIRIT FEST

Disciples Women are invited to attend one of three Spirit Fest opportunities this spring. The Bible study will be based on “Micah for You”, written by Stephen Um. Copies of the book will be available for purchase at Spirit Fest. Amazon also has the Kindle version of the book available.

Rev. Angéle Saunders Johnson, Executive Director of Disciples Women, will provide the keynote address. Angéle previously served as the Minister of Discipleship and Outreach for Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church in Memphis, Tennessee. Her prior experience includes faith-based community organizing, executive pastoral leadership, and serving as Director of Christian Education for New Covenant Christian Church in Nashville, Tennessee.

She will join us by recorded message at Belmont Boulevard Christian Church, Salina, on April 2, and Emporia FCC on April 9 before joining us in person at the April 30 event at Riverside Christian Church in Wichita.

As we have done in the past, our Blessing Box monies will be dedicated during our morning worship. Checks for Blessing Box offering should be made out to Christian Church in Kansas.

If you would like to register please contact the church office.

Stewardship Moment:

Some questions you might be asking right now:

“Why are you asking us to:

- fill out pledges for 2022-2023 fiscal year,
- also give to upgrade our sign out front to an electronic sign,
- and give to the food pantry (which is a vital need in our community)?

Isn't all that included in our regular offering?”

The answer: No!

- Those special ministry requests are called “above and beyond giving”.
- They are in addition to your regular giving to the “Operating Fund”.
- They are special ministry opportunities for any and all to participate in giving, and they are much-needed ministries.

Your regular offerings go to support the budget which is approved annually by you, the congregation.

- The budget provides for ministries through:
- Worship; Christian Education; Outreach; Facilities; Personnel; Communications; Office; Membership/Fellowship; Evangelism; and Stewardship.
- These ministries make up the “Operating Fund” which is funded by your regular offerings.

Please give to those extra ministries which give you joy. AND

Please give generously to support the general ministries of our church through your regular offerings –your pledges.

If you have questions at any time about extra ministries, the budget, or the Operating Fund, please don't hesitate to contact either of us by phone or email.

Remember, Commitment Sunday is February 27. Please return your pledge by then.

Thank you again for your support of the church through your time, talent & treasure.

Emporia FCC Remaining Faithful, Hopeful, and Loving
Marie Harding & Diana Solis, Stewardship Co-chair

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- 8:00-1:00**
Wednesday- 8:00-12:00 **Thursday- 8:00-11:30**
Friday- 8:00-12:00

Next Newsletter Deadline

February 21, 2022 & March 7, 2022



February 9—February 21, 2022

Weekly Events

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Week of Compassion is the relief, refugee, and development mission fund of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Your gifts to Week of Compassion bring hope out of despair, find blessings amid devastation, and help transform loss into new life. Your contributions bring tangible relief and change the course of lives. When you give, you help rebuild communities recovering from disaster. You also empower farmers to grow new kinds of crops in a changing climate; you support refugees; you empower youth through education, and empower women through vocational opportunities. In so many different ways, your gifts of love have the power to transform lives. Love is shelter. Love is a listening ear. Love is community. Love is a hopeful future. Love is a path forward. When all else seems lost, love remains.