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Reflection

Recently, one of my favorite television shows on Netflix (Sweet Magnolias) dropped their second season. It was a cold and snowy weekend, so I was able to binge watch the entire season pretty quickly. My best friend and goddaughter were doing the same thing as they were snowed in as well, and we were all brought to tears for different reasons.

My goddaughter and I were texting throughout the show, and FaceTiming. Almost every time we Face Timed, I was crying. Because I was ahead of them in episodes, my goddaughter Lily was afraid something really dramatic happened. Usually, it was a scene based on community. I didn't find myself crying at those emotionally charged scenes, but the scenes where God's love shone through a sense of community.

Koinonia, translated from the Greek word κοινωνία, means community. It is God's intent that we don't travel through life alone; which is why our faith community is so important to us in our spiritual walk. When I think about different hurdles I have jumped over in my life, I can't imagine doing so without my various faith communities. We learn so much about God through our community with one another. I hope you all will join us in practicing a community of love, welcome, and acceptance here at First Christian Church on Sundays and through our various ministry opportunities. I look forward to continuing our ministry of community and presence here at FCC.

Blessings,
Pastor Tara

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." Margaret Mead

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

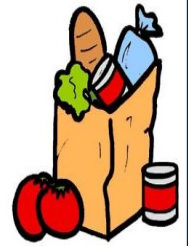
February 27th 2022

Elder~ Marlene Hanson
Worship Leader~ Marie Harding
Young Disciples~ Tara Thompson

March 6th, 2022

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

During the month of February, the food pantry helped **101 families** with food, plus **various other items**, including **68 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
- Guy Bacon**
- Rick Clements Family - Pastor Tara's Family
- Wanda Davis**
- Bonnie & Joe Denson**
- Brooke Franklin
- Joy Frevert**
- Karen Garnett**
- Joe Lozier
- Jeanice Miller**
- Brooklyn Quick- **Jeanice Miller's** Great-Granddaughter
- ~ Sympathy to Jill McGrath on the death of her step-father, Verland O'Neal ~

Attendance and Giving Record

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February 13, 2022 ~ SS 25/57 AH & IP Worship
February 20, 2022 ~ SS 25/48 AH & IP Worship

GIVING RECORD

February 13, 2022 ~ Offering \$2,765.00/Building \$0.00
February 20, 2022~Offering \$560.00/Building \$5.00/
 Special Offering \$151.00

**BIRTHDAYS
AND
ANNIVERSARIES**

MARCH
Anniversaries

- 01 Guy & Janece Bacon
- 03 Bill & Carol Hopkins
- 22 Glenn & Dorothy Boyce

FEBRUARY
Birthdays

- 27 Shelby Pedersen
- 28 Roycean Garnett

MARCH
Birthdays

- 02 Glenna Gamblian
- 02 Parker Simmons
- 06 Breann Johnson

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

Thur. Feb. 24, 2022 7:00pm— Nominating Meeting (Via Zoom)

Tue. March 1, 2022 10:00am— Worship Ministry Meets

Wed. March 2, 2022 7:00pm— Ash Wednesday Service

Thur. March 3, 2022 10:00am— Lenten Study

Mon. March 7, 2022— Newsletter Deadline

Tue. March 8, 2022 2:00pm— Christian Ed. Meeting

Stewardship Moment:

- Reminder - Pledge Drive Commitment Sunday - February 27
 - Have you completed your pledge card and returned it to the church?
 - If not, please do so as soon as possible, or bring it on Commitment Sunday
 - Pledges will be dedicated on February 27
 - Your pledges are needed so we can properly plan for FY2022-2023
 - We have ministries to continue and new ones to put in place
 - The Church needs YOU and your participation to carry out its ministries
 - Everyone is needed to carry out whatever God has in store for us here at Emporia First Christian Church!
 - Thank you for your ongoing support through prayer, time, talents, and resources. Emporia FCC Remaining Faithful, Hopeful and Loving!
- Marie Harding & Diana Solis, Stewardship Co-chair

Lectionary Schedule February 27—March 20th, 2022

February 27, 2022

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

March 6th, 2022

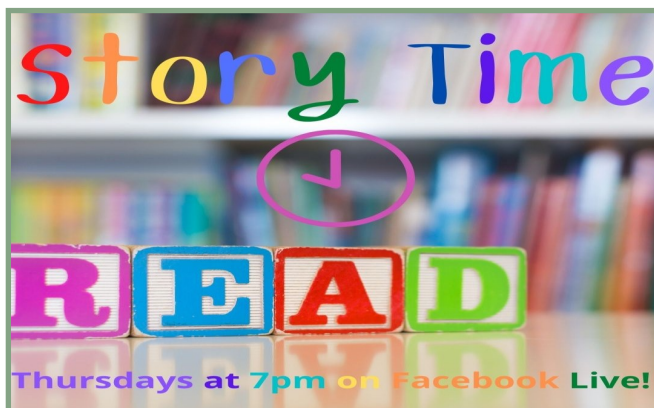
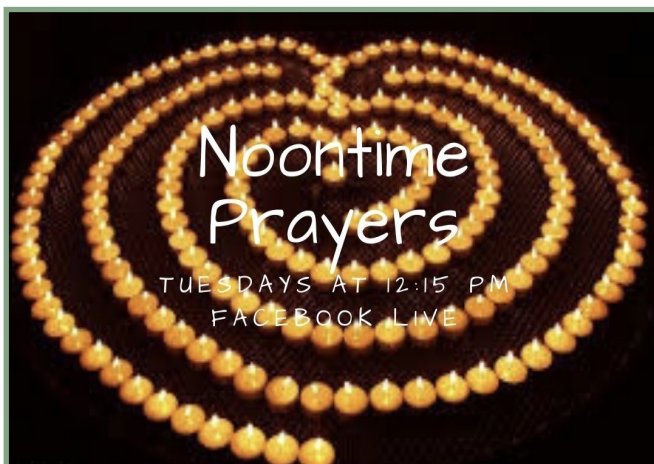
Deuteronomy 26:1-11
Romans 10:8b-13
Luke 4:1-13
Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

March 13, 2022

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18
Philippians 3:17-4:1
Luke 12:31-35
Psalm 27

March 20, 2022

Isaiah 55:1-9
1 Corinthians 10:1-13
Luke 13:1-9
Psalm 63:1-8



Pastor Tara and Kennedy will be gone over spring break (March 14th-19th). We will need help covering the office in the mornings. If you would like to help please reach out to the church office to sign up.



Notes From The Board

- Nominating is busy with their worshipful work of filling the ballot for the 2022-2023 church year.
- Commitment Sunday is Sunday, February 27th.
- Lenten Devotionals will be available to pick up on Monday, February 28th.
- The children's Sunday school class will be going on some fun field trips soon.
- Pastor Tara will be leading the Lenten Study on Thursdays (10 am) during Lent. Books are available in the office, and the cost is \$13.49. If you haven't signed up, we hope you will.
- The Trustees are working with ESU as they renew the parking lot lease.

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.

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

March 7, 2022 & March 21, 2022



February 24—March 9, 2022

Weekly Events

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DISCIPLES WOMEN

Disciples Women's Ministries empowers each woman to find her voice and live out her call. Kansas Disciples Women (KDW) provides leadership and resources for all local Christian Women's Fellowship and Disciples Women's Fellowship groups.

Fall Retreat

The Disciples Women Fall Retreat is offered in October at the regional campground, **Disciples Center at Tawakoni**, with a nationally known speaker. Both mid-week and weekend options are available. The retreats provide opportunities for workshops, service, fun and fellowship with women from across the region.