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Reflection

Open Yourself to God - Henri J M Nouwen

To pray means to open your hands before God. It means slowly relaxing the tension that squeezes your hands together and accepting your existence with an increasing readiness, not as a possession to defend, but as a gift to receive. Above all, prayer is a way of life that allows you to find stillness in the midst of the world where you open your hands to God's promises and find hope for yourself, your neighbor, and your world. In prayer, you encounter God not only in the small voice and the soft breeze, but also in the midst of the turmoil of the world, in the distress and joy of your neighbor, and in the loneliness of your own heart.

Prayer leads you to see new paths and to hear new melodies in the air. Prayer is the breath of your life that gives you freedom to go and to stay where you wish, to find the many signs that point out the way to a new land. Praying is not simply some necessary compartment in the daily schedule of a Christian or a source of support in a time of need, nor is it restricted to Sunday mornings or mealtimes. Praying is living. It is eating and drinking, acting and resting, teaching and learning, playing and working. Praying pervades every aspect of our lives. It is the unceasing recognition that God is wherever we are, always inviting us to come closer and to celebrate the divine gift of being alive.

In the end, a life of prayer is a life with open hands—a life where we need not be ashamed of our weaknesses but realize that it is more perfect for us to be led by the Other than to try to hold everything in our own hands.

I hope you will join us on Facebook every Tuesday at 12:15 pm as we pray together, and learn about different prayer practices and spiritual disciplines.

Grace and Peace,
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.

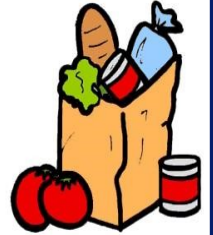
Our protocol has been updated and masks are optional for worship and all church activities. Masks are available should anyone need one. Please continue to social distance and use hand sanitizer.

We have resumed singing during worship. We will continue to use prepackaged communion. We hope to see you Sunday!

At Home Worship on Facebook/Vimeo

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! Find us on Vimeo at **First Christian Church— Emporia.**

During the month of May, the food pantry helped **63 families** with food, plus **various other items**, including **24 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

- Lea Beers**
- Wanda Davis**
- Bonnie & Joe Denson**
- Brittany, **Dee Thompson & Bill Simpson's** Granddaughter
- Brooke Franklin
- Novella Merry**
- Jeanice Miller**
- Jacob Ramirez Son of Sonya Ihde
- Tony Rhodes Friend of **Dee Thompson**
- David Smith, **Jeanice Miller's** Cousin
- Janis Thogmartin**
- Scott Thomas**
- Dee Thompson**
- Brooklyn Quick, **Jeanice Miller's** Great-Granddaughter

~People of Ukraine~

Upcoming Serving Schedule

May 8th, 2022

- Elder**~ Judy Moore
- Worship Leader**~ Judy Moore
- Young Disciples**~ Jaylene Arnett

May 15th, 2022

- Elder**~ Janece Bacon
- Worship Leader**~ Judy Moore
- Young Disciples**~ Laurie Kurzen

Attendance and Giving Record

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- April 24th, 2022 ~ SS 27/53 AH & IP Worship
- May 1st, 2022 ~ SS 20/43 AH & IP Worship

GIVING RECORD

- April 24th 2022 ~Offering \$2,320.00/Spec Offering 50.00
- May 1st, 2022~Offering \$980.00



Birthdays and Anniversaries

May ANNIVERSARIES

17 Jeff & Vicki Cole
24 Kurt & Shelia Steinkuhler

May BIRTHDAYS

04 Shelby Fuller
06 Maddie Roth
07 Joan Shumate
08 Michelle Harding
08 Jan Jones
09 Kennedy Dragonas
10 Lincoln Roth
10 Jay Schaefer
11 Cindy Kuhn
15 Jamie LeClear
17 William Calvert

May Friendship Day is May 6th, 2022

Emporia Church Women United
Sacred Heart Catholic Church
Parish Hall (101 Exchange)
8:30 Breakfast for \$5.00,
Program follows "Agree to Differ"

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 (masks optional) & Facebook Live
- 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

- Tue. May 3, 2022 10:00am— Roman’s Study
- Tue. May 3, 2022 2:00pm— PRC
- Thurs. May 4, 2022 10:00am— Worship Ministry Meets
- Sun. May 8, 2022—Mother’s Day
- Tue. May 10, 2022 10:00am—Roman’s Study
- Wed. May 11, 2022 10:00am—NE KS Clergy
- Wed. May 11, 2022 1:00pm—DWF Group
- Thurs. May 12, 2022 4:00pm—Elders Meeting/Study
- Mon. May 16, 2022—Newsletter Deadline
- Tue. May 17, 2022 10:00am— Roman’s Study
- Tue. May 17, 2022 6:00pm— Christian Ed. Meeting



**Lectionary Schedule
May 8th, 2022—May 15th,
2022**

May 8th, 2022

Acts 9:36-43
Revelation 7:9-17
John 10:22-30
Psalm 23

May 15th, 2022

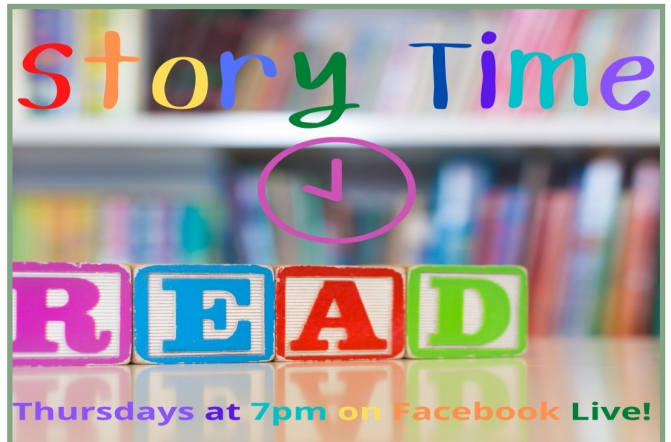
Acts 11:1-8
Revelation 21:1-6
John 13:31-35
Psalm 148

May 22nd, 2022

Acts 16:9-15
Revelation 21:10
John 14:23-29
Psalm 67

May 29th, 2022

Acts 16:16-34
Revelation 22:12-14
John 17:20-26
Psalm 97



Children and Youth Sunday School Classes

<p>Nursery (Infant-age 2) 9:30-10:25am Church-Nursery Teachers: Michaela and Rachel (nursery attendants)</p>	<p>Pre-school (PreK-Kindergarten) 9:30-10:25am Church-Nursery Teachers: Rita Heedrick or Sonya Hilde</p>
<p>Love Station (Grades 1-5) 9:30-10:25am 2nd room on south side of top floor Teachers: Lisa Rickabaugh or Nik Both</p>	<p>Youth Class (Grades 6-10) 9:30-10:25am Basement behind stage Teacher: Pastor Tara Thompson</p>

According to Church Covid Policy all persons over 2 will wear masks.



Notes From The Board



- Worship is making plans for Pentecost, June 5th.
- Work on our sound system continues. Thank you for your patience as we work on getting the kinks out.
- We will begin passing the trays for offering and communion on Sunday, May 1st.
- Scott Thomas will have surgery, and arrangements have been made for custodial work during his recovery. Please keep him in your prayers.

It's Graduation Time

Graduation is always an exciting time! Do you have a child, grandchild, or relative that is graduating from kindergarten, middle school, high school, technical college, or college? If so, please call church office or e-mail us at fccoffices@yahoo.com to let us know! We need their name, parent's and grandparent's names, where graduating from, and what grade. If high school or college, plans after graduation.

We will honor our graduates on May 15th during our worship service.



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"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."

Office Hours

Monday- 8:00-12:00

Tuesday- 8:00-12:00

Wednesday- 8:00-12:00

Thursday- 8:00-12:00

Friday- 8:00-12:00

Next Newsletter Deadline

May 16, 2022 & May 30, 2022



April 20—May 4, 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

Fridays from 3:00pm-6:00pm~ Clothes Closet & Household Hut

Saturdays from 9:00am- 12:00pm~ Clothes Closet & Household Hut

Wednesday 4	Sunday 8	Tuesday 10
10:00am~ Worship Ministry Meets 10:15am~ Lyon Co. Ministerial Alliance	Mother's Day	10:00am~ Roman's Study
Wednesday 11	Thursday 12	Monday 16
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Our Calling

Manifesting God-Given Unity

Our Mission

The mission of the Christian Unity and Interfaith Ministry (CUIM) is to embody the Disciples vision of unity and collaborate with ecumenical and interfaith partners to create a more just and peaceful world.

Our Missional Marks

Full visible unity of God's one Church to the world

A just and peaceful world for all people and creation

One human community with shared gifts to one another