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Reflection

The other day, Nugget and I were leaving Walmart with a cart full of groceries, that almost exceeded my grocery budget, when a woman with 2 young children chased me down and asked for food because her family was in need. I explained to her that I was sorry, but I didn't have any cash on me. When I found out she had transportation, I encouraged her to come to our Food Pantry the next morning.

Rising gas prices. The housing crises. A minimum wage that hasn't been increased in 13 years. These are all factors leading to an increase in homelessness, as well as our churches and food pantries being hit extra hard as more and more people find themselves falling on hard times. I know those of us sitting in the pews are hurting as well.

I share my experience at WalMart with you as reminder for us to always be kind, as we don't know the battles another person is fighting; and also, to let you know there are ways you can help. As food pantries across the nation are being hit extra hard right now, you are invited to give financially to our Food Pantry or to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. You can also volunteer in our Clothes Closet and Household Hut (there is a sign-up sheet outside the office) as the money raised there, supports our Food Pantry. Most of all, may we pray for one another and love one another as God first loved us.

Shalom,
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.

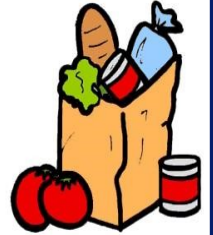
Our protocol has been updated and masks are optional for worship and all church activities. Masks are available should anyone need one. Please continue to social distance and use hand sanitizer.

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 **172 families** with food, plus **various other items**, including **32 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

- Jaylene Arnett**
- Sharon Ball's Brother**
- Sharon Ball's Grandson**
- Lea Beers**
- Marilyn Dalton**
- Wanda Davis**
- Bonnie & Joe Denson**
- Brooke Franklin
- Kourtney Hopkins**
- Jenny Wells Best Friend's Family.
- Novella Merry**
- Jeanice Miller**
- Jacob Ramirez Son of Sonya Ihde
- Dee Thompson**
- Brooklyn Quick, **Jeanice Miller's** Great-Granddaughter

~People of Ukraine~

~People of Uvalde~

Upcoming Serving Schedule

June 5th, 2022

Elder~ Marlene Hanson
Worship Leader~ Marie Harding
Young Disciples~ Judy Moore

June 12th, 2022

Elder~ Marie Harding
Worship Leader~ Barb Gimple
Young Disciples~ Barb Gimple

Attendance and Giving Record

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May 22nd, 2022 ~ SS 15/ 48 AH & IP Worship
May 29th, 2022 ~ SS 13/ 31 AH & IP Worship

GIVING RECORD

May 22nd 2022 ~Offering \$615.00
May 29th, 2022~Offering \$1.395.00/ Outreach \$50.00



Birthdays and Anniversaries



JUNE Anniversaries

- 17 Joe & Bonnie Denson
- 17 Kenny & Jeanice Miller
- 21 Carl & Lana Richardson
- 29 John & Marie Harding
- 30 Joe & Dana Witten



JUNE Birthdays

- 02 Katelyn Hess
- 03 Kurt Steinkuhler
- 04 Gary Lukert
- 04 Harold Stevenson
- 05 Elizabeth Ketchum
- 10 Jeffry Cole
- 10 Bonnie Denson
- 11 Tony Miller
- 13 Jim Tilton
- 14 Sarah Richardson
- 20 Mary Ann Law
- 22 Carol Rohling
- 28 Jake Dalton

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 31, 2022 10:00am— Romans Study

Tue. June 7, 2022 10:00am— Worship Ministry Meets

Wed. Jun 8, 2022 11:30am— Which Way Wednesday

Wed. June 8, 2022 4:00pm— Stewardship Ministry Meets

Mon. June 13, 2022— Newsletter Deadline

Tue. June 14, 2022 6:00pm— Christian Ed. Meeting

Wed. June 15, 2022 6:00pm— Board Meeting



We encourage you all to wear red on June 5, 2022 for Pentecost Sunday.

Thank you to everyone so much for the wonderful adoption party. I know Nugget felt the love, and so did I. I am so grateful for the ways you have walked with us this past year. When we were driving home Nugget said, “Thank you, church...my presents.” We will have a great time looking through all the books he received and say a prayer of thanks for each one of you.

Blessings,
Pastor Tara

Lectionary Schedule
June 5th, 2022—June 26th, 2022

June 5th, 2022

Acts 2:1-21
 Romans 8:14-17
 John 14:8-17, (25-27)

June 12th, 2022

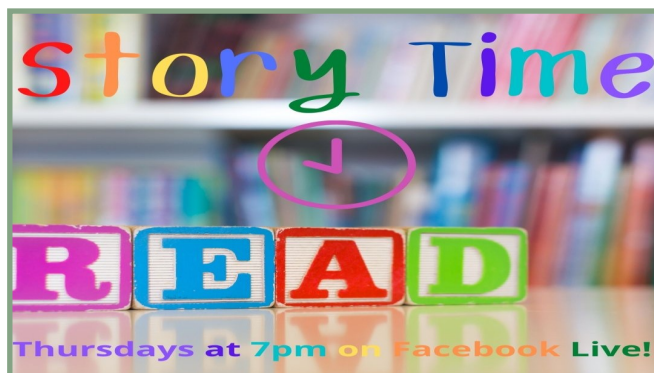
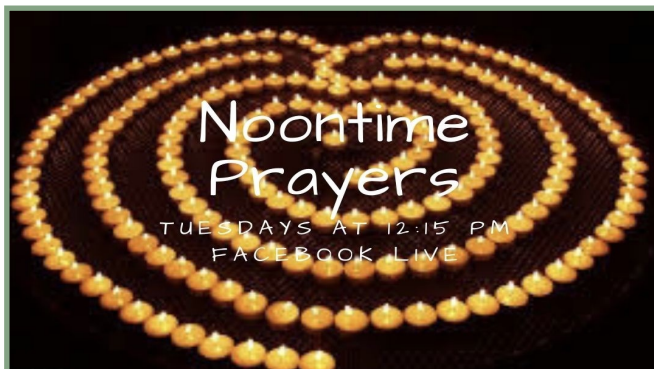
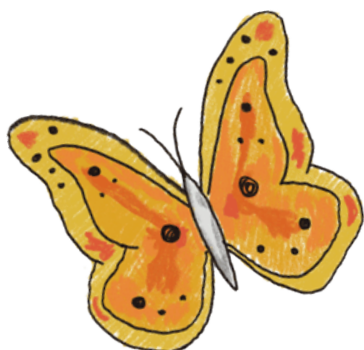
Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31
 Psalm 8
 John 16:12-15
 Romans 5:1-5

June 19th, 2022

1 Kings 19:1-4, (5-7), 8-15a
 Galatians 3:23-29
 Luke 8:26-39
 Psalm 22:19-28

June 26th, 2022

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14
 Galatians 5:1, 13-25
 Luke 9:51-62
 Psalm 16



Family Promise of the Flint Hills is in need of some items for their amazing new space! Please check out their Amazon wish list and other needs. This organization does amazing things for our community! If you need help getting items to Family Promise, just let us know!

With us moving into the apartments, we will need help furnishing them with the following items:

- Bunk beds or twin beds
- Twin bed sheets and blankets
- Couches
- Loveseats
- Recliners/chairs
- Small Dining Tables with chairs
- Cleaning supplies
- Size 5 & 6 diapers
- Conditioner (no shampoo)
- Women's deodorant

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Food Pantry

202 E. 12th Ave.
Mondays, 9-11am
Masks are encouraged!!

Helping families in our community!

202 E. 12th Ave.

Clothes Closet and Household Hut

FRIDAYS, 3-6PM
SATURDAYS, 9AM-12NOON
FACE MASKS ARE ENCOURAGED!



This series will begin on June 12th!

Imagine a World with More

A video and six week preaching resource for the church to imagine more
www.disciples.org

JUNE 2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 	16	17	18	19
20	21	22 	23	24	25	26
27	28	29 	30			

WHICH WAY WEDNESDAYS

June 8th- Emporia Zoo and El Lortito

June 15th- THE ALLEY IN WICHITA

June 22nd- POTTERY PAINTING AND GRAVEL CITY ROASTERS

June 29th- MADIN EVENT AND WAHLBURGERS- KC

As uplifted in Pastor Tara’s article on the front page, times are incredibly hard for everyone with rising prices at the gas pump and in the stores. We are seeing how this is affecting our country. We want to help as many people as possible, but we also want to stay safe as possible. Since our doors are unlocked on Sundays, we encourage people to be mindful and keep your bags with you while in the building or locked up. If you know of someone who is in need of help, please send them to Pastor Tara and she will work with them on getting the help they need.

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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

June 27, 2022 & July 11, 2022



June 7—June 15, 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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10:00am~ Worship Ministry Meets	11:30am~ Which Way Wednesday 4:00pm~ Stewardship Ministry Meets	Newsletter Deadline
<u>Tuesday</u> 14	<u>Wednesday</u> 15	
6:00pm~ Christian Ed. Meeting	6:00pm~ Board Meeting	

Pentecost Offering

An Increasing Discomfort with Church

Christie had launched TCG nearly two years earlier out of profound discomfort with what she saw as inappropriate coziness between American faith communities and middle-class values.

“A lot of people living at or below the poverty line don’t feel welcome in American churches,” Christie says. She heard from lower-income people an awkwardness and even “shame in their inability to afford participation.”

Building Church Around Community Need

In a neighborhood with a poverty rate of 30 percent (twice the state’s average), TCG launched a no-barrier food pantry and a clothing closet designed for low-income and unsheltered people. TCG didn’t require IDs or proof of address for participation, making access easier for visitors.

“A big part of our heart from day one was to wrap around and support the reunification efforts of separated families,” Christie says, “and to do that in a loving and trauma-informed space.”

When the landlord called to challenge their operation in her building, Christie knew the congregation was not going to abandon the call they felt to welcome people unconditionally. She called Rev. Phil to pray with her. He prayed. But he also introduced her to Disciples who could help.

Not Navigating Alone

However, as they navigate these new challenges, the people of TCG aren’t doing so on their own. NCM and local DoC churches have stepped up.

Through Leadership Academy, which is the ministry’s annual educational opportunity for pastors and core teams of both established and newly planted churches, Christie has been able to share her knowledge about trauma-informed ministry. Through relationships with local pastors, she has found peer support.

You Can Help

Gifts made to the Pentecost Offering support New Church Ministry and innovative new church development, like The Connecting Grounds. This Special Day Offering will be received in most congregations on May 29 and June 5. For additional information and resources that you can share with church members, visit pentecost-offering.com

