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# First Christian Church News

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## Reflection

Dear FCC Emporia Family,

I am writing to inform you of my resignation as Senior Minister of First Christian Church Emporia, effective August 28, 2022.

Ecclesiastes 3:1 tells us, *For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.* During this past season of my life and the life of the church, we have shared in ministry together. While this season has been short, I am grateful for the ways in which we have shared in ministry together. It has been an honor to pray with you at the hospital, at the bedside of those who were called home to be with God; and to journey with you through the ups and downs of life. In the past year, we have laughed and cried together. Together, we have learned more about the grace and love of our God.

I am extremely grateful for the ways you have welcomed me and Ian into your homes and your lives, and for your love and support during our adoption process.

I will forever be grateful by this call, and the many ways we have been called to ministry together through this season. I am grateful for our shared experiences that have shaped my personal faith journey. I have learned so much about myself and the Kin-dom of God through my time at FCC Emporia.

God is always creating and preparing us for something new. In this spirit, I have accepted the call from God to serve as Associate Minister of First Christian Church in Sedalia, Missouri. For personal reasons, it is very important for Ian and I to be closer to home. This is a move that is best for myself and my family.

As God is calling me to something new, I know God is also calling this community of faith to something new. For over 100 years, this community of faith has answered God's call to *love one another*. Your response to this call has extended not only to the Emporia community, but to the whole Kin-dom of God. I know that this community will continue to answer that call in new ways as God leads you forward into the future.

Change and transitions are never easy, and I know this congregation has had its fair share. However, there is one thing that never changes, and that is God's love for each and every one of us; and God travels with us no matter where we are. Through Jesus, we are one body, no matter where the call of God leads us. And the spirit travels in front of us, behind us, beside us, and dwells with in us reminding we are not alone and we are loved more than we can ever imagine.

Over the next 2 months, I look forward to our time together as God closes one chapter and begins another for all of us. Thank you for the ways you have shown me what *being the church* looks like. Blessings to you as you continue to answer that call into the future.

Grace and Peace,  
Rev. Tara L. Thompson

**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.

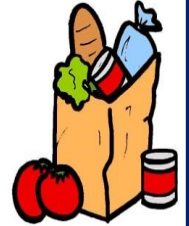
Please continue to social distance and use hand sanitizer.

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 July, the food pantry helped **58 families** with food, plus **various other items**, including **6 doz. Eggs**, and **26 Girl Scout Cookies**.



Our pantry continues to be a lifeline for those in our community.

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.



With an increase of food pantry needs it would be so helpful if we could have toilet paper donations. We would really appreciate it.

*Church Family Prayer List*

**Sharon Ball's Nephew**

**Briana Becker**

Bob Brewer

**Wanda Davis**

**Bonnie & Joe Denson**

**Novella Merry**

**Jeanice Miller**

Jacob Ramirez Son of Sonya Ihde

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

~People of Ukraine~

~People of Uvalde~

~FCC as we search for a new minister~

**Upcoming Serving Schedule**

**July 17th, 2022**

**Elder**~ Jaylene Arnett

**Worship Leader**~ Jean Miller

**Young Disciples**~ Jaylene Arnett

**July 24th, 2022**

**Elder**~ Marlene Hanson

**Worship Leader**~ Janet Lostutter

**Young Disciples**~ Nancy LeClear

**Attendance and Giving Record**

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July 3rd, 2022 ~ SS 16/39 AH & IP Worship

July 10th, 2022 ~ SS 10/38 AH & IP Worship

**GIVING RECORD**

July 3rd, 2022 ~Offering \$1,601.00.00/ Building \$0.00

July 10th, 2022~Offering \$975.00/ Building \$0.00



**JULY**  
Anniversaries

13 Jake & Jennifer Dalton

**JULY**  
Birthdays

- 18 Sarah Wyrick
- 21 Adrian Ingles
- 24 Joy Frevert
- 26 Jared Johnson
- 26 Brayden Dill
- 28 Dorothy Boyce



**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

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

Wed. July 13, 2022 1:00pm— Which Way Wednesday (Bowling Alley)

Wed. July 13th, 2022 4:00pm— Stewardship Ministry Meets

Thurs. July 14, 2022 4:00pm—Elders’ Meeting/Study

Tue. July 19, 2022 6:00pm— Christian Ed. Meeting

Wed. July 20, 2022— Which Way Wednesday

Wed. July 20, 2022 6:00pm— Board Meeting

Mon. July 25, 2022— Newsletter Deadline

Wed. July 27, 2022— Which Way Wednesday



FCC will be providing the evening meals from July 17th-23rd. If you would like to help with this ministry by preparing meals please contact Judy Moore or the church office.



## Lectionary Schedule July 17th, 2022—August 7th, 2022

### July 17th, 2022

Amos 8:1-12  
Colossians 1:15-28  
Luke 10:38-42  
Psalm 15

### July 24th, 2022

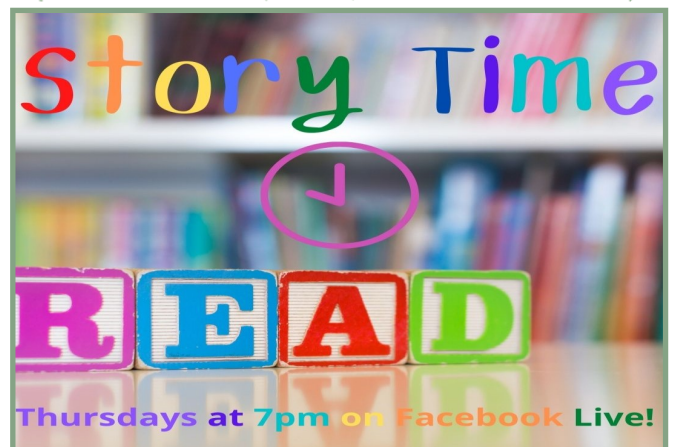
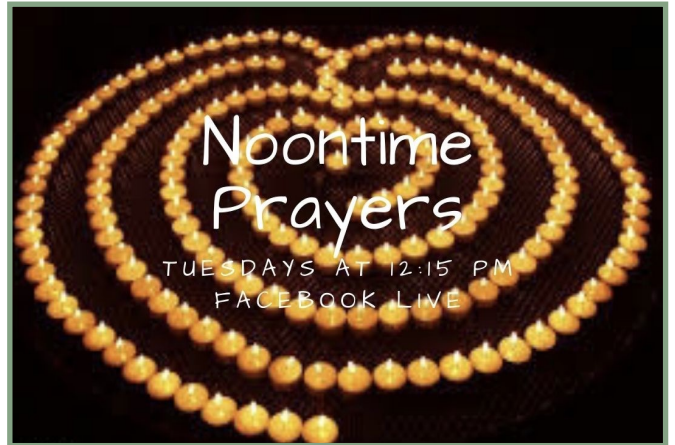
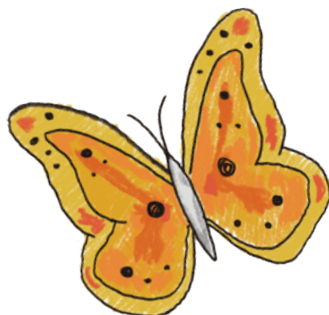
Hosea 1:2-10  
Colossians 2:6-15, (16-19)  
Luke 11:1-13  
Psalm 138

### July 31st, 2022

Hosea 11:1-11  
Colossians 3:1-11  
Luke 12:13-21  
Psalm 49:1-12

### August 7th, 2022

Isaiah 1:1, 10:20  
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16  
Luke 12:32-40  
Psalm 33:12-22



JULY 2022							
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	
				1	2	3	<b>Which Way Wednesdays</b>  JULY 6TH- BREAK FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY  JULY 13TH- PICNIC IN THE PARK AND GAMES  JULY 20TH- CHICKEN N PICKLE IN WAICHTA  JULY 27TH- END OF SUMMER PARTY AT THE CHURCH
4	5	6 	7	8	9	10	
11	12	13 	14	15	16	17	
18	19	20 Chicken N Pickle	21	22	23	24	
25	26	27 The End	28	29	30	31	



**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!



### Did you know?

Did you know that just by using your Dillons Plus Card you are giving money to support our Food Pantry through the Dillons Community Rewards Program? If you have not registered your card for the Dillons Community Rewards Program, please contact Pastor Tara and she can help you get it set up!



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

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!

## First Christian Church

Tara Thompson,  
Senior Minister

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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

July 25, 2022 & August 8, 2022



July 13—July 27, 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

## JULY

Wednesday **13**

Which Way Wednesday

4:00pm~ Stewardship Ministry Meets

Thursday **14**

4:00pm~ Elders' Meeting/Study

Tuesday **19**

6:00pm~ Christian Ed. Meeting

Wednesday **20**

Which Way Wednesday

6:00pm~ Board Meeting

Monday **25**

Newsletter Deadline

Wednesday **27**

Which Way Wednesday

## The Four Priorities of the Church

At the 2001 General Assembly, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) adopted the 2020 Vision, which contained four priorities that guided the Church through the first two decades of the 21st century and continue to be priorities beyond 2020.

The Four Priorities were:

- **Becoming a Pro-reconciling/Anti-racist church**
- **Formation of 1,000 new congregations by 2020**
- **Transformation of 1,000 current congregations by 2020**
- **Leadership development necessary to realize these new and renewed congregations**