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Reflection

Change. That word. That dreaded “C” word. Change is hard, isn’t it? Even for children. Children need a schedule, consistency; and the older we get, the more we need it as well. Is that why the older we get, the more resistant we are to change? Change isn’t necessarily a bad thing. Our lives change when we move, get a job, have a child, get married, have grandchildren, etc. I think the reason why change is so scary is because it moves us out of our comfort zones and forces us to be active, not static.

Here at First Christian Church, we are in a time of change and transition. Again. I know this faith family has had its fair share of changes and transitions over the past several years. As I mentioned in the sermon on resurrection a few weeks ago, things must die in order for new life to take place. Resurrection is on the horizon for FCC. What does that resurrection look like? We don’t know yet, but I hope you will join with our Divine Creator and the leadership of the church to say farewell to those things that need to die, as you welcome resurrection into the life of FCC Emporia.

Please join me in prayer for the FCC Search Committee and the leaders of our church as they work with God during this time of change.

Grace and Peace,
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.

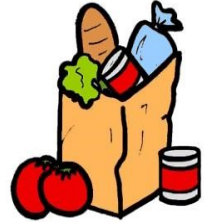
Our protocol has been updated and masks are optional for worship and all church activities. Masks are available should anyone need one. Please continue to social distance and use hand sanitizer.

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 July, the food pantry helped **122 families** with food, plus **various other items**, including **10 doz. Eggs**, and **30 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.

Church Family Prayer List

Sharon Ball's Nephew & Brother

Briana Becker

Bob Brewer

Wanda Davis

Bonnie & Joe Denson

Joy Frevert's Friend

Novella Merry

Jeanice Miller

Jacob Ramirez Son of Sonya Ihde

Dee Thompson & Bill Simpson

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 31st, 2022

Elder~ Marie Harding

Worship Leader~ Judy Moore

Young Disciples~ Marlene Hanson

August 7th, 2022

Elder~ Marlene Hanson

Worship Leader~ Nancy LeClear

Young Disciples~ Tara Thompson

Attendance and Giving Record

ATTENDANCE & GIVING RECORD

July 17th, 2022 ~ SS 13/32 AH & IP Worship

July 24th, 2022 ~ SS 11/42 AH & IP Worship

GIVING RECORD

July 17th, 2022 ~Offering \$2,395.00.00/ Building \$0.00

July 24th, 2022~Offering \$410.00/ Building \$30.00



Birthdays and Anniversaries



AUGUST Anniversaries

- 07 George & Jaylene Arnett
- 07 Alan & Betty Richardson
- 31 Dave & Carolyn Meierhoff



AUGUST Birthdays

- 05 Carl Headrick
- 05 Lana Richardson
- 07 Jean Miller
- 07 Kinslee Ann Pederson
- 08 Jayden 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

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

Thurs. July 28, 2022 11:30am— Which Way Wednesday

Tue. Aug. 2, 2022—Primary Election

Tue. Aug. 2, 2022 10:00am—Worship Ministry Meets

Mon. Aug. 8, 2022—Newsletter Deadline

Wed. Aug. 10, 2022 12:00pm— DWF Group (Salad Luncheon)

From Your Pastoral Search Committee

- The search committee was appointed at the July 20 Board meeting.
- We met last week and Rev. Dr. Larry Ross, Interim Co-Regional Minister Christian Church (DOC) in Kansas joined us via Zoom.
- Rev Ross provided us with very valuable information as we start this process.
- We will try to keep the congregation informed as much as possible, but much of our task involves confidentiality so we are restricted in what we can share.
- If you have questions or suggestions, please contact any one of us.
- Prayers for the committee and the search process are greatly appreciated.

Committee members are: Marilyn Dalton, Joy Frevert, Barb Gimple, Marie Harding (Chair), Carl Headrick, Diana Solis (Secretary), and Janis Thogmartin. (Contact information is in the church directory.)

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

July 31st, 2022

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

August 7th, 2022

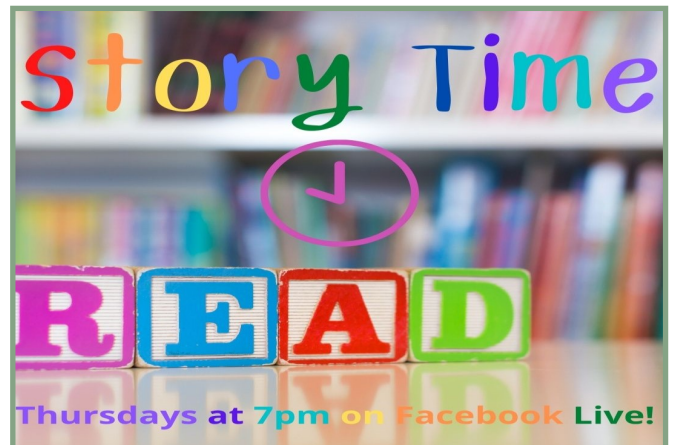
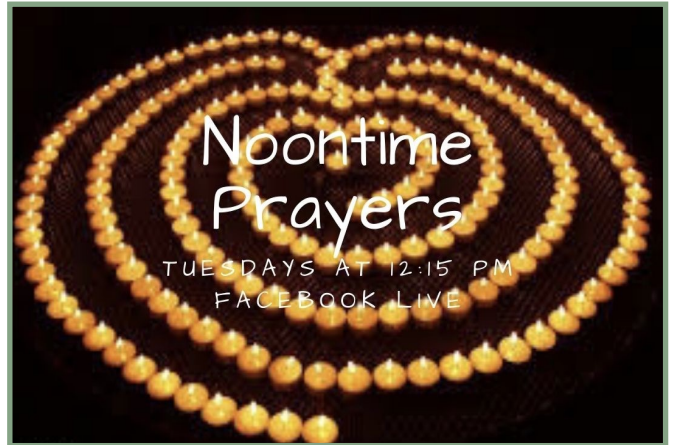
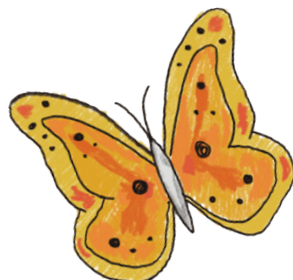
Isaiah 1:1, 10:20
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16
Luke 12:32-40
Psalm 33:12-22

August 14th, 2022

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

August 21st, 2022

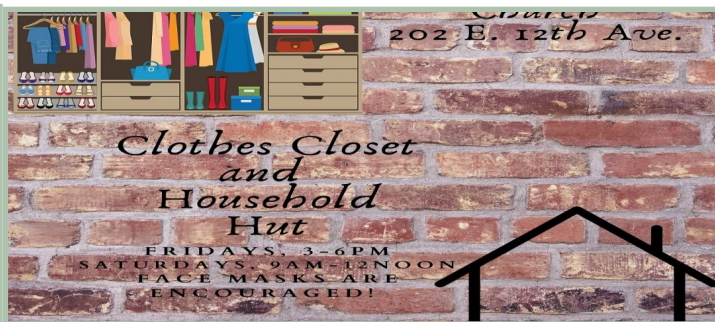
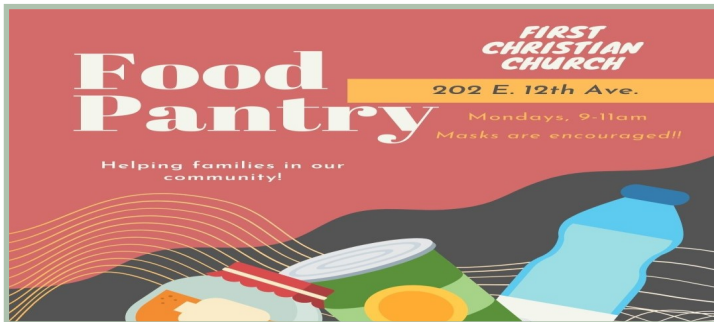
Jeremiah 1:4-10
Hebrews 12:18-29
Luke 13:10-17
Psalm 103:1-8



Food Pantry Needs

- 16 oz Jar Peanut Butter _____
- 15 oz Can Fruits _____
- 15 oz Can Vegetables _____
- Saltine Crackers _____
- Ramen Noodles _____
- Toilet Paper _____
- 5 oz Can Tuna & Chicken _____
- Mac N Cheese _____
- Soup _____
- Pork N Beans _____
- Instant Oatmeal Packets _____

With the rising cost of food our food pantry needs some help. This is a list of the items in the bags we give out. Donations of any of these items would be very **helpful!** This is a **continuing need** and your help is greatly appreciated!



Notes From The Board

- The Board approved the Pastoral Search Committee which consists of: Marilyn Dalton, Joy Frevert, Barb Gimple, Marie Harding, Carl Headrick, Diana Solis, and Janis Thogmartin.
- Welcome to our new Organist, Cheryl Durler!
- Due to rising food prices, we are in need of donations to the Food Pantry. Please consider how you might help support this vital ministry within our community.

At the end of March of 2022 Ron and Sonya Ihde's son, Jacob Ramirez, was in a horrific motorcycle accident resulting in traumatic brain injury. Since then he has undergone numerous surgeries to repair the damage done in that accident. These last weeks Jacob has been receiving treatment at Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital in Lincoln, Nebraska where he has made remarkable progress, but at 24 years old Jacob still has a long road ahead of him for recovery. But now it is time for him to continue his recovery at home in Emporia. Jacob will be returning to Emporia on July 27th to be back home with Ron, Sonya and their middle school daughter, Faith, where Sonya will continue Jacob's care and treatment full time. Sonya has had to quit her job outside of the home in order to care for Jacob, and while she is grateful she is able to do so, it will still be a tremendous responsibility and burden on her.

This meal train is one way people in this community can be of an assistance to this sweet family during this challenging time of transition.

They have no food allergies and the meal provided will need to be enough to feed three adults. Because of Sonya's responsibility to Jacob there may not always be someone available to answer the door when you drop off your meal. Please just ring the doorbell and leave it by the front door and someone will get it shortly.

Please keep these things in mind:

6:30 p.m. is a great time for meal delivery, though that time can be moved if needed!

PLEASE send your food in disposable containers so that they do not have the added burden of cleaning and returning things to their original owners!!

If your meal is large enough to cover two days or more, then just sign up for two days back to back and when you deliver it the first night, just indicate that to them in some way.

Feel free to add on a breakfast or snack if you so desire, but that is in no way expected! The dinner itself will be so appreciated!

If cooking is not an option for you, then gift cards to local restaurants would be most appreciated as well!

Thank you for considering this opportunity to help these wonderful people!

Please scan QR Code to be taken to website to sign up for a meal or for more information.



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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

August 8, 2022 & August 22, 2022



Julv 28—August 10, 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

Thursday **28**

11:30am~ Which Way Wednesday

Monday **8**

Newsletter Deadline

AUGUST

Tuesday **2**

Primary Election

10:00am~ Worship Ministry Meets

Wednesday **10**

12:00pm~ DWF Group (Salad Luncheon)



Mission

To curate relevant, authentic and effective tools and resources for children, families, and church leaders within all covenanted ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

To bring together all generations in the worship, leadership, and work of God to create a strong foundation for children, families, and church.

To establish and maintain a network of mutually beneficial covenant relationships.

To respond through relationships, technology, advocacy, and other communication tools to the ever changing needs of children, families, and church leaders in our increasingly racially, culturally, sexually diverse congregations and communities.

To advocate for and nurture children, families, and church leaders in our congregations so that they are spiritually formed and biblically and theologically informed.