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Reflection

Five hundred twenty five thousand six hundred minutes Five hundred twenty five thousand moments so dear Five hundred twenty five thousand six hundred minutes How do you measure? Measure a year?

*In daylights,
In sunsets,
In midnights,
In cups of coffee,
In inches, in miles, in laughter, in strife*

In five hundred twenty five thousand six hundred minutes How do you measure a year in a life?

How about love?

These are lyrics from the hit song, *Seasons of Love*, from the Broadway musical, *Rent*. As I close out my ministry with you, here at FCC Emporia, I can't help but think about this song in relation to 14 months of shared ministry together. When God called me to serve with you here at FCC Emporia over a year ago, I never imagined the life-giving ministry he would call us to. So, for my last newsletter article, and in the spirit of the song *Seasons of Love*, I would like to add my own spin on it.

Six hundred thirteen thousand two hundred minutes. Six hundred thirteen thousand two hundred minutes so dear.

Six hundred thirteen thousand two hundred minutes. How do you measure? Measure ministry?

*In prayers,
In tears,
In meals,
In cups of coffee,
In worship, in meetings, in discernment, in laughter.*

Six hundred thirteen thousand two hundred minutes. How do you measure a shared ministry together?

How about love?

Dear FCC Emporia family, thank you for inviting Ian and me into your homes, your lives, and your hearts these past 14 months. I am so grateful for the ministry we have shared together, and how it has shaped me. Most of all, I am grateful for the love we have shared. Thank you.

Love and Blessings,
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.

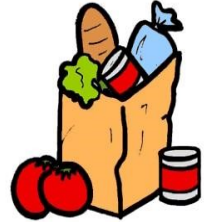
Please continue to social distance and use hand sanitizer.

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 August, the food pantry helped **138 families** with food, plus **various other items**, including **8 doz. Eggs**,



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

Janece Bacon's Brother

Sharon Ball's Family

Bob Brewer

Marilyn Dalton

Joy Frevert

Joy Frevert's Friend

Anita Imhoff

LeClear Family

Novella Merry

Jennifer & Michael

Jeanice Miller

Jacob Ramirez Son of **Sonya Ihde**

Dee Thompson & Bill Simpson

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

~Our sympathy to Sharon Ball on the passing of her sister, Bee Ward, in Springfield Missouri~

~Our sympathy to the LeClear family on the passing of Michael's father~

~FCC as we search for a new minister~

Upcoming Serving Schedule

August 28th, 2022

Elder~ Jaylene Arnett

Worship Leader~ Sharon Ball

Young Disciples~ Judy Moore

September 4th, 2022

Elder~ Nancy LeClear

Worship Leader~ Nancy LeClear

Young Disciples~ Jaylene Arnett

Attendance and Giving Record

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August 14th, 2022 ~ SS 15/45 AH & IP Worship

August 21st, 2022 ~ SS 16/51 AH & IP Worship

GIVING RECORD

Aug. 14th, 2022 ~ Offering \$2,025.00/ Building \$30.00

August 21st, 2022~ Offering \$970.00/ Building \$10.00/

Special Offering \$20.00



Birthdays and Anniversaries

AUGUST Anniversaries

31 Dave & Carolyn Meierhoff

SEPTEMBER Anniversaries

02 Glenn & Barb Gimple

AUGUST Birthdays

26 Marilyn Dalton
 27 Carl Richardson
 27 Ian Thompson
 29 Owen Hines

SEPTEMBER Birthdays

01 Marlene Hanson
 01 Rita Headrick
 03 Dick Hubert
 04 Jack Dalton
 05 Jaiden Kurzen

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

Sun. Aug. 28, 2022—Potluck for Pastor Tara’s Last Sunday (Following Church)

Mon. Sept. 5, 2022—Labor Day

Mon. Sept. 5, 2022—Newsletter Deadline

Tue. Sept. 6, 2022 10:00am—Worship Ministry Meets



Notes From The Board

- Rev. Tom Stanley, Co-Regional Minister of Kansas, will preach on September 4th.
- Thank you to Sharon Ball for playing the piano for the care home worship services.
- We continue to search for a nursery attendant, or two!
- Monthly outreach giving will go to Samaritan’s Purse to aid in the Kentucky flood relief efforts.
- The Board approved updates to the following policies: Facilities, Pastoral Relations Committee, Personnel, Conservation/Management of Church Funds, Endowments, Memorials, Social Media, Handling Church Funds, and the DWF Bereavement Meal. These are available in the church office.

**Lectionary Schedule
August 28th, 2022—
September 18th, 2022**

August 28th, 2022

Jeremiah 2:4-13
Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16
Luke 14:1, 7-14
Psalm 112

September 4th, 2022

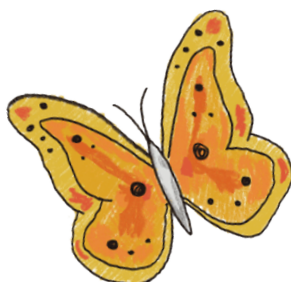
Jeremiah 18:1-11
Philemon 1:1-21
Luke 14:25-33
Psalm 1

September 11th, 2022

Jeremiah 4:11-12
1 Timothy 1:12-17
Luke 15:1-10
Psalm 51:1-10

September 18, 2022

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1
1 Timothy 2:1-7
Luke 16:1-13
Psalm 113



We invite everyone to the Potluck Dinner. It will be held in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, August 27th following church. We will say our goodbyes to Pastor Tara and Ian. Please bring a covered dish, table service, and enjoy the festivities.



Romans: The Letter that Changed The World Bible Study

Romans is the 6th book in the New Testament. It was scratched on parchment during the first century AD by a Jewish convert to Christianity named Paul. This letter, which was directed to Christians who lived in the capital city of Rome, Italy, contained teachings and doctrines that would change the world. It was countercultural and revolutionary in a day when Rome ruled its citizens-both in Italy and throughout the Empire-with an iron fist. Romans is one of the most fascinating letters ever written.

You are invited to participate in the last 6 sessions of the Bible Study titled Romans: The Letter that Changed The World starting Tuesday, September 20, at 10:00 a.m. in Church Parlor. The first 6 sessions were held in April and May, but new persons are encouraged to join for the last 6 session. The sessions include bible study and a video segment plus sharing and prayer. Each study presents another new perspective on Paul's words, how they would have been received in his day, and how they still are to be applied today in our lives.

Please sign up on the sign up sheet by the church office or contact the church office. Jean Miller and Jaylene Arnett will be leading the study. There is no cost for the study book.

From Your Pastoral Search Committee:

- We have met numerous times and have completed our Congregational Profile and sent it on August 16 to Tom Stanley, our new Co-Regional Minister.
- ◊ He will get the Profile circulated and will be sending us names of candidates.
- ◊ We are looking for a part-time Interim Minister
- We interviewed two candidates via Zoom but neither was a fit for our church. Those were the names given to us by the previous Interim and Co-Regional Minister, Larry Ross.
- All ministerial emphases are vital but as we look at candidate profiles, we've determined the top 4 ministerial emphasis desired in a candidate are:
 - ◊ 1st- Corporate Worship;
 - ◊ 2nd - Proclamation of the Word;
 - ◊ 3rd - Pastoral Care
 - ◊ 4th - Congregational Communications.
- Met on Sunday, Aug. 14, with Tom Stanley, Co-Regional Minister, who began his duties on August 6
- ◊ Excellent meeting with lots of information and direction
- We will meet soon to plan and carry out information provided by Tom Stanley and await names he will provide who are in Search & Call who might be a match for us.
- Watch future newsletters for updates.
- ◊ Confidentiality is utmost in this process, but we can provide updates on our activities, just not names and any information about potential candidates.
- ◊ Feel free to contact any of us if you have question, comments, etc.
- Your prayers are appreciated throughout this process.

Marie Harding, Chair

Team members: Diana Solis, Secretary; Marilyn Dalton; Joy Frevert; Barb Gimple; Marie Harding; Carl Headrick; and Janis Thogmartin.

One reason people resist change is because they focus on what they have to give up, instead of what they have to gain.

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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 22, 2022 & September 5th, 2022



August 28—September 8 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

AUGUST

SEPTEMBER

Sunday 28

Potluck Dinner for Pastor Tara's Last Sunday

Monday 5

Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday 6

10:00am~ Worship Ministry Meets

Thursday 8

4:00pm~ Elders' Meeting/Study



Meet Rev. Tom Stanley, our new Co-Regional Minister! He began his duties with the Kansas Regional office on August 6, 2022, met with our Search Committee on August 14, will take part in worship on August 28 which is Pastor Tara's last Sunday, and will be our guest minister on Sunday, September 4. As we say goodbye to Pastor Tara on August 28, you can meet and welcome Rev. Stanley to the Region! Mark your calendars for those 2 special days, and remember on August 28 we are having a potluck dinner after worship to celebrate Pastor Tara's ministry here and wish her well in her new ministry. Be sure and come on the 28th and bring a dish and your table service if you are able.