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# First Christian Church News

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## Reflection

Dear Members and Friends of First Christian Church,

I am honored to serve as your Intentional Interim Minister beginning this past Sunday, October 2. My work here is to pastor the congregation and to do so in some specific ways around three questions:

1. Who are we as First Christian Church?
2. Who are our neighbors?
3. What is God uniquely calling First Christian Church to do?

We'll explore these question using five focal points:

1. Heritage - looks at our past, our identity, and what we want to carry forward into the future
2. Leadership - strengthens, support, and develops leadership within the congregation and beyond
3. Mission - develops a description of what we are called to do and how we will do that work
4. Connection - explores connections beyond the congregation to the community, the region, and beyond.
5. Future - synthesizing the interim work and developing next steps for the congregation's process.

This work excites me and energizes me. Also, it demands energy and focus to stay on track so that we accomplish together what you desire to happen in this interim period. In other words, we are not just holding space or biding time. We're working to respond to God's call on First Christian Church and each of our lives. This work very much involves all of you as a part of the congregation.

To that end, I'm asking for your help. We are forming a Transition Team, a steering committee, to help lead the work of the interim time.

We would like you to submit the names of three people in the congregation you trust the most. We will compile a list of names mentioned and use that to recruit members of the Team.

Please send those names to me at [baldpreacher@mac.com](mailto:baldpreacher@mac.com)

You can use that same email address to get a job description of the Transition Team and see what we're asking of those who will serve in this important role.

Thank you!  
Dale Matherly  
Intentional Interim Minister

**Join us for Worship**

**In Person Worship**

We are meeting at the church for worship at 10:40 a.m. on Sundays mornings! We have masks availed if needed. We are using pre-packaged 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.**



**Upcoming Serving Schedule**

**October 9th, 2022**

**Elder**~ Janece Bacon

**Worship Leader**~ Marlene Hanson

**Young Disciples**~ Judy Moore

**October 16th, 2022**

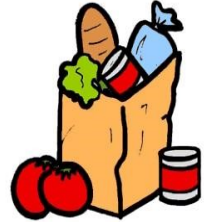
**Elder**~ Marie Harding

**Worship Leader**~ Jaylene Arnett

**Young Disciples**~ Marlene Hanson

**Presiding Elder:** Jean Miller

During the month of October, the food pantry helped **70 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*

**George Arnett**

**Sharon Ball's Family**

Bob Brewer

**Joy Frevert's Friend**

Friends and Family of Tammie McDiffett

**Anita Imhoff**

Jennifer & Michael

**Jeanice Miller**

Jacob Ramirez Son of Sonya Ihde

**Dee Thompson & Bill Simpson**

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

~Our sympathy to Karen Pauls & family on the passing of her husband ~

~FCC as we search for a new minister~

**Attendance and Giving Record**

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September 25th, 2022 ~ SS 14/40 AH & IP Worship

October 2nd, 2022 ~ SS 13/40 AH & IP Worship

**GIVING RECORD**

Sept. 25th, 2022 ~ Offering \$2,445.00/  
Memorial \$15.00

October 2nd, 2022~ Offering \$1,635.00



**Birthdays and Anniversaries**

**OCTOBER**  
Anniversaries

26 Carl & Rita Headrick  
28 Tyler & Shelby Pedersen

**OCTOBER**  
Birthdays

10 Brilee Blades  
15 Torchy Duncan  
17 Eleanor Edgins  
17 Mildred Steeves  
17 Jennifer Dalton



**Volunteers Needed!**

First Christian Church is looking for volunteers on Sundays to help run the sound and PowerPoint for the church service. Training is available.

Please call 620-342-1582 or email [fccoffices@yahoo.com](mailto:fccoffices@yahoo.com) if interested!

*-Thank You*

**Mark The Dates**

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

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

Oct. 4, 2022 10:00am—Romans Study

Oct. 9, 2022— Punch & Cookies following worship to welcome our new Interim Minister Rev. Dale Matherly.

Oct. 11, 2022 10:00am—Romans Study

Oct. 12, 2022 1:30pm—DWF Group

Oct. 12, 2022 4:00pm—Stewardship Ministry Meets

Oct. 12, 2022 5:15pm—Elders' Meeting/Study

Oct. 17, 2022—Newsletter Deadline

Oct. 18, 2022 10:00am—Romans Study



**Lectionary Schedule  
October 9th, 2022—  
October 30th, 2022**

**October 9th, 2022**

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7  
2 Timothy 2:8-15  
Luke 17:11-19  
Psalm 111

**October 16th, 2022**

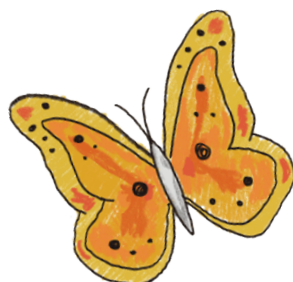
Jeremiah 31:27-34  
2 Timothy 3:14-4:5  
Luke 18:1-8  
Psalm 121

**October 23rd, 2022**

Joel 2:23-32  
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18  
Luke 18:9-14  
Psalm 84:1-7

**October 30th, 2022**

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4  
2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12  
Luke 19:1-10  
Psalm 32:1-7



**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
**Food Pantry**  
202 E. 12th Ave.  
Mondays, 9-11am  
Masks are encouraged!!

Helping families in our community!

**Clothes Closet and Household Hut**  
202 E. 12th Ave.

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

**CHILDREN & YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES**

<p><b>NURSERY</b> (Infant-Age 2)</p> <p>➤ 9:30am-10:25am</p> <p>➤ Church Nursery</p>	<p><b>PRE-SCHOOL</b> (PreK-Kindergarten)</p> <p>➤ 9:30am-10:25am</p> <p>➤ Church Nursery</p>
<p><b>LOVE STATION</b> (Grades 1-5)</p> <p>➤ 9:30am-10:25am</p> <p>➤ 2nd Room on South Side of Top Floor</p>	<p><b>YOUTH CLASS</b> (Grades 6-10)</p> <p>➤ 9:30am-10:25am</p> <p>➤ Basement Behind Stage</p>



### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Join us for Cookies and Punch  
to help welcome Interim  
Minister Rev. Dale Matherly

**OCTOBER 9, 2022**  
**| FOLLOWING WORSHIP |**  
**EVERYBODY'S WELCOME!**



**WEDNESDAY**  
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**WE WILL BE  
GLAD  
TO SEE YOU!**

**DWF MEETING  
IN PERSON  
OCTOBER 12TH  
1:30 PM**



### Notes From The Board

- The only action taken at the 9/21/22 Board meeting was that the Board voted to allow the church to be used as a polling place for the November 8 election.
- At the Special Board meeting on 9/25/22 at the recommendation of the Pastoral Search Committee, the Board voted to call the Rev. Dale Matherly as our Intentional Interim Minister beginning October 2, 2022.

### DONATE

- Landry Supplies
- Paper Products: paper towels, paper plates, eating utensils
- Toiletries
- Baby Products
- Student Back Packs
- Bath Towels and Wash Clothes
- Bed Pillows
- Cleaning Products
- New or Gently Used Furniture and Household Items

Family Promise of the Flint Hills is always 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!

## First Christian Church

202 East 12th Avenue

620-342-1582 Church Office

Web Page: [www.fcemporio.org](http://www.fcemporio.org)

Email Office: [fcocoffices@yahoo.com](mailto:fcocoffices@yahoo.com)



*“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

October 17th 2022 & October 31st, 2022



October 11—October 18th, 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

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

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

*Even through troubled waters  
God is with you*  
Isaiah 43:2

## OCTOBER

Tuesday <b>11</b> 10:00am~ Romans Study	Wednesday <b>12</b> 1:30pm~ DWF Meeting 4:00pm~ Stewardship Meeting 5:15pm~ Elders' Meeting/ Study
Monday <b>17</b> Newsletter Deadline	Tuesday <b>18</b> 10:00am~ Romans Study

## 'LET'S BEE CHURCH' – REGISTER FOR DISCIPLES WOMEN FALL RETREATS

Registration for the Fall Kansas Disciples Women retreat is now open. **Register for the midweek (Oct. 5-7) retreat online here** or **register for the weekend (Oct. 7-9) retreat here**. A downloadable copy of the registration form here to mail in your registration.

If you can't make it for the full retreat, a partial retreat registration is also available. The keynote speaker for retreat is the Rev. Christian Watkins, Executive Director/Campus Pastor at Ecumenical Campus Ministry, Kansas State University.

This year's theme is "Let's BEE Church and Make a Difference!" The Retreat Committee, chaired by Jeanette Hammond, North Heights CC, Wichita, has a full schedule of events planned. Workshops will get you thinking about how to BEE more aware of those around us and BEE the women we are called to be!