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# First Christian Church News

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## Reflection

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I want to thank you for your assistance in forming the Transition Team. I also want to thank the members of the Transition Team for saying yes to serving on the team. The members of the Transition Team are: Barb Gimple, Marie Harding, Carl Headrick, Janet Lostutter, Jean Miller, and Judy Moore.

I offer this summation of their job description for your information:

The Transition Team steers the interim ministry process. We develop the process through which the whole congregation can participate as fully as possible in healing, growing, and moving in good directions. Our decisions are process decisions—what kinds of events and activities, questionnaires and workshops, etc., will be most useful. The congregation or its governing body will continue to make policy decisions about the life of the congregation. We organize and facilitate the special activities such as workshops and gatherings for the interim process.

We guide the Congregation in asking good questions, particularly focused as:

- Our identity – Who are we as a Congregation?
- Our history, the highs and lows, how have we changed recently?
- Our context – Who is our neighbor?
- How do we describe our community and its greatest needs? How has our community changed in the last 20 years?
- In what ways are we currently serving our community?
- Our calling – What is God calling us to do? In light of who we are (our identity) and where we are planted (our context), what is God writing for this next chapter in our lives together?

We decide the best ways to conduct conversations and gather insights from the Congregation about the above questions and lead the Congregation through that process. We monitor the whole process. We look and listen. We encourage positive and constructive input from the Congregation and leaders.

Throughout this time, we will be working to communicate regularly about the process and offering opportunities for you to engage the questions that will guide the congregation's next steps. In all of this work, prayer needs to be central to our shared work - among the team and among the congregation. I encourage you to keep the team, the congregation, and myself in your prayers throughout this time and ask God to show all of us what our most faithful response is in all things.

Peace,  
Dale

**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!

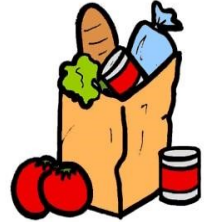
**At Home Worship on Facebook/Vimeo**



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.**



During the month of November, the food pantry helped **62 families** with food, plus **various other items**, including **5 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*

**Sharon Ball's Family**

Bob Brewer

**Joy Frevert's Friend**

Jennifer & Michael

**Jeanice Miller**

Jacob Ramirez Son of Sonya Ihde

**Dee Thompson & Bill Simpson**

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

~FCC as we search for a new minister~

**Upcoming Serving Schedule**

**November 6th, 2022**

**Elder**~ Cameron Moore

**Worship Leader**~ Diana Solis

**Young Disciples**~ Nancy LeClear

**November 13th, 2022**

**Elder**~ Judy Moore

**Worship Leader**~ Nancy LeClear

**Young Disciples**~ Marie Harding

**Attendance and Giving Record**

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October 23rd, 2022 ~ SS 18/36 AH & IP Worship

October 30th, 2022 ~ SS 10/39 AH & IP Worship

**GIVING RECORD**

October 23rd, 2022 ~ Offering \$1,880.00/Building  
 \$10.00

October 30th, 2022~ Offering \$1,460.00



# Birthdays and Anniversaries

## NOVEMBER Birthdays

- 01 Jaylene Arnett
- 02 Glenn Greenlee
- 02 Brooklynn Pedersen
- 03 Vicki Thornton
- 04 George Arnett
- 04 Landon Fuller
- 08 Adam Harding
- 08 Jerry Marshall
- 10 Vicki Cole
- 13 Shirley Ayers
- 14 Carolyn Meierhoff
- 14 David Meierhoff

IT'S UP TO YOU IN 2022  
A Call to Pray

WORLD COMMUNITY DAY



November 4, 2022  
9:30 Fellowship; 10:00 Service  
First United Methodist Church  
823 Merchant St.  
Sponsored By:  
Emporia Church Women United

## 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  
& Household Hut

Nov. 6, 2022—Daylight Saving Time Ends

Nov. 7, 2022 1:30pm—Worship Ministry Meets

Nov. 7, 2022 4:00pm—Elders' Meeting/Study

Nov. 8, 2022—Election Day

Nov. 9, 2022 1:30pm—DWF Group

Nov. 9, 2022 4:00pm—Stewardship Ministry Meets

Nov. 11, 2022—Veterans Day

Nov. 14, 2022—Newsletter Deadline

Nov. 16, 2022 6:00pm—Board Meeting



**Lectionary Schedule  
November 6th, 2022—  
November 27th, 2022**

**November 6th, 2022**

Haggai 1:15b-2:9  
2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17  
Luke 20:27-38  
Psalm 17:1-9

**November 13th, 2022**

Isaiah 65:17-25  
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13  
Luke 21:5-19  
Psalm 98

**November 20th, 2022**

Jeremiah 23:1-6  
Colossians 1:11-20  
Luke 23:33-43  
Psalm 46

**November 27th, 2022**

Isaiah 2:1-5  
Romans 13:11-14  
Matthew 24:36-44  
Psalm 122



**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!

**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>

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

**DWF MEETING  
 IN PERSON  
 NOVEMBER 9TH  
 1:30 PM**

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**



- It was the consensus of the Board that we leave masking as a personal choice and continue to have masks available.
- The Board approved a motion to have the organ tuned twice a year.
- Food Pantry – Groceries needed have been listed in the newsletter; food and monetary donations are encouraged in order to keep this Outreach ministry ongoing.
- Pastor Dale Matherly is getting to know the congregation and the community; he welcomes questions and conversations
  - \* Transition Team will be named soon, the purpose of which is to facilitate the work of the congregation during the interim period.
- Upcoming dates of interest:
  - \* Wednesday, November 9 at 1:30 in the Parlor is the next DWF meeting
  - \* Sunday, November 20 is Thanksgiving dinner to be hosted by the Elders
  - \* Wednesday, November 30 at 10:00 a.m. begins a 4-week Advent study session led by Pastor Dale Matherly
  - \* Wednesday, December 14 is DWF soup luncheon

## First Christian Church

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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

November 14th, 2022 & November 28th, 2022



November 6th—November 14th, 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

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*Even through troubled waters  
God is with you*

Isaiah 43:2

## NOVEMBER

Sunday

6

Daylight Saving Time Ends

Monday

7

1:30pm~ Worship Ministry Meets  
4:00pm~ Elders' Meeting/Study

Tuesday

8

Election Day

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1:30pm~ DWF Group  
4:00pm~ Stewardship Ministry Meets

Friday

11

Veterans Day

Monday

14

Newsletter Deadline

## SPIRITUALITY PRIORITY COMMITTEE



The Mission of the Spirituality Priority Committee is to deepen ministers' and congregational members' spirituality and rededication to God by:

- Developing enthusiasm for deepening our spiritual dimension
- Identifying and/or generating resources
- Setting goals and developing strategies for encouraging all ministers and members to deepen their spirituality
- Adding spiritual dimensions to regional meetings
- Holding spiritual retreats and publicizing other available events
- Developing Spirituality Workshops for the Regional Event as needed
- Communicating about Spirituality efforts and opportunities through the *Kansas Messenger* and [www.kansasdisciples.org](http://www.kansasdisciples.org).
- Proposing the Spirituality Priority budget