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Reflection

Dear Friends,

Scripture includes many, many stories of visions and dreams. In Acts 2, Luke recounts Peter’s Pentecost sermon quoting him, “your young shall see visions, and your old shall dream dreams” (Acts 2:17). These visions and dreams that Peter proclaims will come are a gift of God’s Spirit and, I believe, visions of God’s Garden of Love. They are visions of what God intends for all creation. In Genesis 28, Jacob dreams of a ladder that reminds him of the connection between God and creation. These stories in scripture remind us of the sacredness, the divine connection, of all things.

As we enter Advent and approach Christmas, I invite you to open your hearts and minds to these dreams. Then notice through these questions what God is doing. How is God reminding you of the sacredness of all things? How is God reminding you of the divine connection of time, people, space, and knowing? How is God being revealed to you in the coming of the Christ Child? What is God calling First Christian Church of Emporia to be and to do?

Peace be with you,
Dale

Join us for Worship
In Person Worship

We are meeting at the church for worship at 10:40 a.m. on Sunday mornings! We are using pre-packaged communion. We hope to see you Sunday!

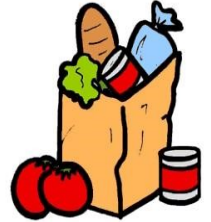
At Home Worship on Facebook/Vimeo



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 **160 families** with food, plus **various other items**, including **10 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

Max- Janece Bacon's Brother

Jennifer & Michael

Jeanice Miller, Kenny Miller

Jacob Ramirez Son of Sonya Ihde

Dee Thompson & Bill Simpson

Brooklyn Quick, Jeanice Miller's Great-Granddaughter

~The church as we go through the transition process

with Pastor Dale Mathererly~

Upcoming Serving Schedule

December 4th, 2022

Elder~ Janece Bacon

Worship Leader~ Sharon Ball

Young Disciples~ Jaylene Arnett

December 11th, 2022

Elder~ Marie Harding

Worship Leader~ Judy Moore

Young Disciples~ Nancy LeClear

Attendance and Giving Record

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November 20th, 2022 ~ SS 5/44 AH & IP Worship

November 27th, 2022 ~ SS 10/43 AH & IP Worship

GIVING RECORD

Nov. 20th, 2022 ~ Offering \$1,285.00/Building \$5.00/
 Special Offering \$70.00

Nov. 27th, 2022~ Offering \$1,242.00/Spec. Offering \$50.00



Birthdays and Anniversaries

DECEMBER Birthdays

- 01 Cameron Moore
- 02 Reese Johnson
- 02 Chad Kurzen
- 04 Lea Beers
- 05 Kate Wiggins
- 08 Rachel LeClear
- 12 Mike LeClear
- 15 Debbie Hubert

New Address

Novella Merry
 Good Samaritan Society-Wamego
 2011 Grandview Drive, Room 112
 Wamego, Ks 66547

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 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 & Household Hut

Nov. 30, 2022 10:00am—Advent Study

Dec. 5, 2022 11:00am—Worship Ministry Meeting

Dec, 5, 2022 4:00pm—Elders' Meeting/Study

Dec. 7, 2022 10:00am—Advent Study

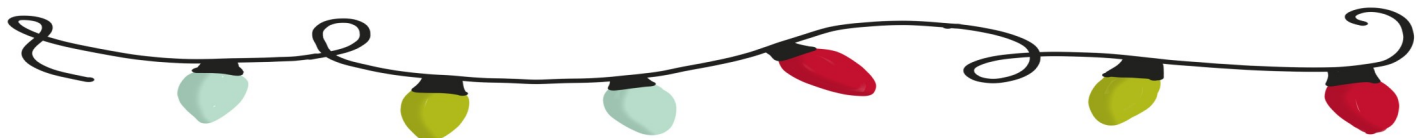
Dec. 12, 2022—Newsletter Deadline

Dec. 12, 2022 5:15pm—Christian Ed. Meeting

Dec. 14, 2022 10:00am—Advent Study

Dec. 14, 2022 12:00pm—DWF Soup Luncheon

Dec. 14, 2022 4:00pm—Stewardship Meeting



Lectionary Schedule December 4th, 2022— December 25th, 2022

December 4th, 2022

Isaiah 11:1-10
Romans 15,4-13
Matthew 3:1-12
Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

December 11th, 2022

Isiah 35:1-10
Luke 1:46b-55
Matthew 11:2-11
Psalm 146:5-10

December 18th, 2022

Isiah 7:10-16
Romans 1:1-7
Matthew 1:18-25
Psalm 80"1-7, 17-19

December 25th, 2022

Isiah 52:7-10
Hebrews 1:1-4, (5-12)
John 1:1-14
Psalm 98



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!

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!

WEDNESDAY
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WE WILL BE
 GLAD
 TO SEE YOU!

DWF MEETING
 IN PERSON
 DECEMBER 14TH
 12 PM
 SOUP LUNCHEON

DWF will have a Christmas soup luncheon on Wednesday, December 14th. A sign up link will be sent to your email if you would like to sign up to bring anything or you can contact the church office to sign up. There will be a food drive this year, so we encourage you to bring a canned food, or an item on our food pantry needs list. We encourage all women to attend to enjoy food and have fun, whether you bring something or not your fellowship is more important.

Transition Team

The Transition Team, under the leadership of Pastor Dale has been working identify goals for the interim time here at First Christian Church. You, the congregation, are an extremely important element in this process. We will continue to invite you to assist us by engaging in exercises that offer the opportunity to express concerns and suggestions. Your participation is essential during this transitional journey.

We want to thank those who were able to participate in the “Life in the Gap” exercise during our Thanksgiving Dinner. We identified concerns and aspirations and what it is like to live in the space between those. We discovered the primary need to clarify our purpose as a congregation. Two questions will assist us in articulating our purpose: Who are we? What is God calling us to be and to do?

Throughout this process we will continue to update you with information. We will be addressing this by email and in the newsletter. You may always contact one of us to discuss questions, concerns, or ideas. We are here to serve the members during this transition.

Your Transition Team members are:

Marie Harding; Carl Headrick; Judy Moore; Jean Miller; Barb Gimple; and Janet Lostutter

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

December 12th, 2022 & December 27th, 2022



November 30th—December 18, 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*

NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	
Wednesday 30 10:00am ~ Advent Study	Monday 5 11:00am ~ Worship Ministry Meeting 4:00pm ~ Elders' Meeting/Study	Wednesday 7 10:00am ~ Advent Study
Monday 12 Newsletter Deadline 5:15pm ~ Christian Ed. Meeting	Wednesday 14 10:00am ~ Advent Study 12:00pm ~ DWF Soup Luncheon 4:00pm ~ Stewardship Meeting	Sunday 18 9:30am ~ Sunday School Christmas Celebration

Advent & Christmas Activities

A season of expectant hope where together we can reflect on Jesus' birth.

First Sunday of Advent 11.27.2022, 10:40 A.M.

Advent Family Celebration 11.27.2022, 4:00 P.M.

Sunday School Christmas Celebration 12.18.2022 9:30 A.M.

Christmas Eve Worship 12.24.2022, 8 P.M.

Ecumenical Christmas Day Worship 12.25.2022
10:00 A.M. (Hosted by FCC)

Second Sunday of Christmas 01.01.2023 10:40A.M.



First Christian Church of Emporia