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Reflection

Dear Friends,

The Transition Team has been diligently working to identify goals, work, and challenges that are before the congregation. Their work has been steeped in prayer and scripture reflections and study of written resources. They workshopped and refined our initial conversation at our Thanksgiving Luncheon. Currently, they are workshopping and planning a whole congregation conversation about the core values and dreams of the congregation that we anticipate having in January.

I, along with members of the Transition Team, have received some questions about when they would present a plan and options that the congregation can decide upon. We hear the sense of urgency in your questions. The response that you've heard has been that the Transition Team is not presenting options nor a plan, but instead will create opportunities for the whole congregation to articulate a plan in response to this question - "Who does God call First Christian Church to be and what does God call First Christian Church to do?" It is a big question and takes some time to answer. Consideration of the question requires time and participation from the whole body. The Transition Team cannot give you a purpose or options of purpose - those would be their preferences. I cannot give you a purpose because that would be mine and not your's. Instead, we listen to God who gives you purpose.

We'll continue to keep you updated. If you'd like to have a conversation about this process, please reach out to one of the Transition Team members or myself.

Peace be with you,
Dale

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

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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.**



Upcoming Serving Schedule

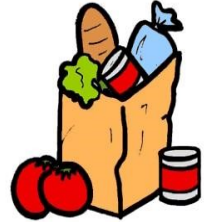
December 18th, 2022

Elder~ Marlene Hanson
Worship Leader~ Marie Harding
Young Disciples~ Nancy LeClear

December 25th, 2022

Elder~ Nancy LeClear
Worship Leader~ Marlene Hanson
Young Disciples~ Judy Moore

During the month of December, the food pantry helped **70 families** with food, plus **various other items**, including **6 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

Joy Frevert's Friend

Dick Hubert

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 Matherly~

Attendance and Giving Record

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December 4th, 2022 ~ SS 17/38 AH & IP Worship

December 11th, 2022 ~ SS 12/49 AH & IP Worship

GIVING RECORD

December 4th, 2022 ~ Offering \$3,890.00

December 11th, 2022~ Offering \$2,411.00/
 Spec. Offering \$110.00





Birthdays and Anniversaries

DECEMBER Birthdays

- 15 Debbie Hubert
- 17 Justin Richardson
- 20 Lisa Rickabaugh
- 25 Barbara Gimple
- 30 Traeger Garnett



TO FULFILL WHAT THE LORD HAD SPOKEN BY THE PROPHET.
Matthew 1:22, ESV

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

Dec. 14, 2022 10:00am—Advent Study

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

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

Dec. 18, 2022 9:30am—Sunday School Christmas Celebration

Dec. 21, 2022 10:00am—Advent Study

Dec. 23, 2022—Clothes Closet & Household Hut ~ Closed

Dec. 24, 2022—Christmas Eve

Dec. 24, 2022—Clothes Closet & Household Hut ~ Closed

Dec. 24, 2022 8:00pm—Christmas Eve Worship

Dec. 25, 2022—Christmas Day

Dec. 25, 2022 10:00am—Ecumenical Christmas Day Worship



Lectionary Schedule December 18th, 2022— January 8th, 2023

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

January 1st, 2023

Ecclesiastes 3:1-13

Revelation 21:1-6a

Matthew 25:31-46

Psalm 8

January 8th, 2023

Isaiah 42:1-9

Acts 10:34-43

Matthew 3:13-17

Psalm 29



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

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!

Christmas Eve Worship

Dec. 24, 2022 8:00pm

Ecumenical Christmas Day Worship

Dec. 25, 2022 10:00am




Notes From The Board

~ Upcoming Events:

- Nov. 30 – Dec. 21, Wednesdays at 10:00 am: Advent Study led by Pastor Dale Matherly
- Dec. 14, Wednesday at noon in Parlor: DWF soup luncheon
- Dec. 18, Sunday at 9:30 am: Sunday School Christmas Program in parlor, all ages participating
- Dec. 24, Saturday at 8:00 pm: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service followed by cookies & wassail
- Dec. 25, Sunday at 10:00 am: Ecumenical Christmas worship with St. Andrews Episcopal and St. Mark’s Lutheran, hosted by our church; offering to be taken to benefit Bloom House

~ Advent Devotionals are available in the Parlor

~ Facilities asked all dress according to the weather; thermostats will be kept at moderate temperatures

~ New nursery attendant is Emma Harding, an ESU student

~ Decided to cancel the second phone line, keeping the main line of 620-342-1582

~ Next Board meeting is January 18, 2023 (no meeting in December)



First Christian Church

202 East 12th Avenue

620-342-1582 Church Office

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Email Office: fccoffices@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

December 26th, 2022 & January 9th, 2023



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



December 14—December 26, 2022

DECEMBER		
Wednesday 14 10:00am ~ Advent Study 12:00pm ~ DWF Soup Luncheon 4:00pm ~ Stewardship Meeting	Sunday 18 9:30am ~ Sunday School Christmas Celebration	Wednesday 21 10:00am ~ Advent Study
Saturday 24 Christmas Eve 8:00pm ~ Christmas Eve Worship	Sunday 25 Christmas Day 10:00am ~ Ecumenical Christmas Day Worship	Monday 26 Christmas Day Substitute (Office Closed) Newsletter Deadline



Christmas Offering

Received in many congregations on Dec. 11 & 18, 2022
Our gifts support the work of regional ministries this Christmas. Your regional ministry works to:

- Connect congregations to each other
 - Foster faith development
 - Gather Disciples in camps, conferences, and assemblies
 - Nurture the development of a new generation of pastors
 - Assist churches in calling new ministers
 - Interpret the global mission of the Church
 - Represent the Church in ecumenical gatherings
 - Counsel and pray with those who are troubled of spirit
 - Lead the Church to address racism
 - Inspire leaders to experiment and create
 - Witness to the power of God to make things new
- The Christmas Special Day offering supports all of these and many other ministries of our regions.**