

Reflection

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Thank you for your energetic participation in our Appreciative Inquiry Summit as a part of our Sunday worship on January 22 and 29. We identified four areas of possible innovation and development connected to core values of connection, compassion, and spiritual growth. Initial conversation around these four areas began on Sunday, January 29. Now, we need to take these further to explore their full potential and possibilities.

Here are the four areas of focus and their upcoming meetings next week to continue the conversation and possible development:

- Jesus feeds us; we feed others through an expanded food pantry. February 13, 11 a.m. in the Church Library.
- We experience the presence of Jesus through our connections with one another. How might connecting with Emporia State University students open opportunities for more connection with Jesus and one another? February 16, 10 a.m. in the Kumjoinus Classroom.
- Building relationships across boundaries increases our connection and God’s reign on earth. February 15, 10 a.m. in the Kumjoinus Classroom.
- We will use our building as an asset to do ministry. How best can we do that? February 13, 10 a.m. in the Church Parlor.

The Transition Team invites you to attend any of these meetings.

Peace be with you,
Dale Matherly

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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!

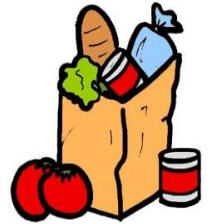
At Home Worship on Facebook/Vimeo



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.**



During the month of February, the food pantry helped **60 families** with food, plus **various other items**, including **3 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

Mark Davis, **Marilyn Dalton's** Cousin

Joy Frevert's Friend

Dick Hubert

Marla, Friend of **Anita's**

Max- **Janece Bacon's** Brother

Jennifer & Michael

Jeanice Miller, Kenny Miller

Jacob Ramirez Son of Sonya Ihde

JoAnn Rincon, Friend of **Marilyn Dalton**

Dee Thompson & Bill Simpson

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

~The church as we go through the transition process

with Pastor Dale Matherly~

Upcoming Serving Schedule

February 12th, 2023

Elder~ Marlene Hanson

Worship Leader~ Diana Solis

February 19th, 2023

Elder~ Nancy LeClear

Worship Leader~ Janece Bacon

Attendance and Giving Record

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January 29th, 2023 ~ SS 11/31 AH & IP Worship

February 5th, 2023 ~ SS 11/44 AH & IP Worship

GIVING RECORD

Jan. 29th, 2023 ~ Offering \$2,495.00.00/ Build. \$2,000.00

Feb. 5th, 2023 ~ Offering \$1,585.00



Birthdays and Anniversaries

FEBRUARY Birthdays

- 10 Kat Dorcas
- 10 Steve Dorcas
- 16 Maggie Wiggins
- 21 Guy Bacon
- 27 Shelby Pedersen



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

Feb. 8, 2023 1:30pm—DWF Group

Feb. 8 2023 4:00pm—Stewardship Meeting

Feb. 11, 2023—Boy Scouts Pancake Breakfast

Feb. 12 2023—Valentine Lunch (Following Worship)

Feb. 13 2023 10:00am—Building Options Group Meeting

Feb. 13, 2023 11:00am—Expansion of the Food Pantry Meeting

Feb. 13 2023 5:15pm—Christian Ed. Meeting

Feb. 14 2023—Valentine’s Day

Feb. 15, 2023 10:00am—Building Relationships Across Boundaries Meeting

Feb. 16, 2023 10:00am—ESU Student Ministry Exploration Meeting

Feb. 20 2023—Newsletter Deadline

Feb. 20 2023—President’s Day

Feb. 22 2023 11:00am—Ash Wednesday (Come & Go)

Lectionary Schedule February 12th, 2023— March 5th, 2023

February 12th, 2023

Deuteronomy 30:15-20
1 Corinthians 3:1-9
Matthew 5:21-37
Psalm 119:1-8

February 19th, 2023

Exodus 24:12-18
2 Peter 1:16-21
Matthew 17:1-9
Psalm 2

February 26th, 2023

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7
Romans 5:12-19
Matthew 4:1-11
Psalm 32

March 5th, 2023

Genesis 12:1-4a
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17
John 3:1-17
Psalm 121



WEDNESDAY
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WE WILL BE
GLAD
TO SEE YOU!

DWF MEETING
IN PERSON
FEBRUARY 8TH
1:30 PM



ASH
WEDNESDAY
COME & GO

February 22, 2023
11:00am - 1:00pm
First Christian Church



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!

CHILDREN & YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

NURSERY (Infant-Age 2)

- 9:30am-10:25am
- Church Nursery

PRE-SCHOOL (PreK-Kindergarten)

- 9:30am-10:25am
- Church Nursery

LOVE STATION (Grades 1-5)

- 9:30am-10:25am
- 2nd Room on South Side of Top Floor

YOUTH CLASS (Grades 6-10)

- 9:30am-10:25am
- Basement Behind Stage

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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

February 20th, 2023 & March 6th, 2023



January 9—January 23rd, 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

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

FEBRUARY

Wednesday **8**

1:30pm ~ DWF Group

4:00pm ~ Stewardship Meeting

Sunday **12**

Valentine Lunch (Following Worship)

Monday **13**

5:15pm ~ Christian Ed. Meeting

Tuesday **14**

Valentine's Day

Monday **20**

Newsletter Deadline

President's Day

Wednesday **22**

11:00am ~ Ash Wednesday (Come & Go)



Week of Compassion is the relief, refugee, and development mission fund of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada. For nearly 80 years, Week of Compassion has pursued its mission, working with partners to alleviate suffering throughout the world, toward the vision of a world where God's people transform suffering into hope.