



First Christian Church News

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Reflection

Dear Friends,

What are you taking up for Lent?

“Wait a minute!”, you’re saying to yourself right now. “Aren’t you supposed to ask, ‘What are you giving up for Lent?’” Well, yes, that is the usual question that people associate with the Lenten season. And, it fits this stretch of 40 days (excluding Sundays) between Ash Wednesday and Easter. Sacrifice, self-denial, and repentance as turning in a new direction all emphasize this idea of giving up something for Lent. I wonder, though, does giving up chocolate or soda or coffee really make a difference in our faith journeys?

Lent is not just a season of saying, “No!” Lent primarily is a season of saying “Yes!” In the early church, it was the time for final preparations for baptism as new believers would die to their old way of life and rise from the waters of baptism to a new life. Early baptismal fonts sometimes were even shaped as sarcophagi to emphasize this element - dying to our old lives, and rising to our new lives. So the “No” of Lent is ultimately about saying “Yes” to God. We say “No” so that we can offer a bigger “Yes” to God. If we are just giving up something for Lent and not thinking about the bigger “Yes” to God, then our no doesn’t really mean anything. So as you prepare for this Lenten season and you prepare to give something up, why are you choosing to do that practice? What are you saying “No” to in order to offer that bigger “Yes” to God?

So I’ll ask again. What are you taking up for Lent?

Peace,
Dale

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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!

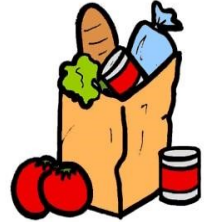
At Home Worship on Facebook/Vimeo



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 **95 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

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

Joy Frevert's Friend

Glenn Gimple

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 26th, 2023

Elder~ Judy Moore

Worship Leader~ Marie Harding

March 5th, 2023

Elder~ Cameron Moore

Worship Leader~ Nancy LeClear

Attendance and Giving Record

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February 12th, 2023 ~ SS 16/44 AH & IP Worship

February 19th, 2023 ~ SS 14/34 AH & IP Worship

GIVING RECORD

Feb. 12th, 2023 ~ Offering \$926.00.00/ Build. \$5.00/
 Special Offering \$100.00

Feb. 19th, 2023 ~ Offering \$1,890.00/ Building \$40.00



Birthdays and Anniversaries

MARCH Anniversaries

- 01 Guy & Janece Bacon
- 03 Bill & Carol Hopkins
- 22 Glenn & Dorothy Boyce

FEBRUARY Birthdays

- 27 Shelby Pedersen

MARCH Birthdays

- 02 Glenna Gamblian
- 02 Parker Simmons
- 06 Breann Johnson

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

Feb. 27 2023 11:00am—Lenten Study (Hospitality)

March 6 2023—Newsletter Deadline

March 6 2023 11:00am—Lenten Study
(Keeping Sabbath)

March 6 2023 1:30pm—Worship Ministry Meets

March 6 2023 4:00pm—Elders’ Meeting/Study

March 8 2023 1:30pm—DWF Group

March 8 2023 4:00pm—Stewardship Meeting



Lectionary Schedule February 26th, 2023— March 19th, 2023

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

March 12th, 2023

Exodus 17:1-7
Romans 5:1-11
John 4:5-42
Psalm 95

March 19th, 2023

1 Samuel 16:1-13
Ephesians 5:8-14
John 9:1-41
Psalm 23



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

Helping families in our community!

First Christian Church
 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>

WEDNESDAY
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WE WILL BE
GLAD
TO SEE YOU!

DWF MEETING
IN PERSON
MARCH 8TH
1:30 PM



ASH
WEDNESDAY
COME & GO

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



LENTEN STUDY

Practicing Our Faith
FCC Emporia Lenten Study
Mondays, 11:00am
February 27th - April 3rd, 2023

Please join us for our Lenten Study that begins February 27th. A signup sheet is available on the table next to the church office.

- February 27th ~Hospitality
- March 6th ~ Keeping Sabbath
- March 13th~ Honoring the Body
- March 20th ~ Saying Yes, Saying No
- March 27th ~ Dying Well
- April 3rd ~ Forgiveness

Lenten Sermon Series - The Last Week

Join us next Sunday, Feb. 26, as we celebrate Palm Sunday. We begin our Lenten Sermon Series walking through the story of Jesus in Jerusalem from Palm Sunday to the crucifixion as the Gospel of Mark tells the story.

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!

First Christian Church

202 East 12th Avenue

620-342-1582 Church Office

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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

March 6th, 2023 & March 20th, 2023



February 22nd—March 8th, 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

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

FEBRUARY

MARCH

Wednesday **22**

11:00am - 1:00am ~
Ash Wednesday
(Come & Go)

Monday **27**

11:00am ~ Lenten
Study (Hospitality)

Monday **6**

Newsletter Deadline
11:00am ~ Lenten
Study (Keeping
Sabbath)
1:30pm ~ Worship
Meets
4:00pm ~ Elders'
Meeting/Study

Wednesday **8**

1:30pm ~ DWF
Group

4:00pm ~
Stewardship
Ministry Meets



'RISE UP ANEW' WOC OFFERING

It is about so much more than dollars and cents. *Week of Compassion* is where Disciples respond to the challenges and the blessings they see and experience in the world. *Week of Compassion* is a full-body-of-Christ response.

As our General Minister and President, Rev. Terri Hord Owens has often said, “When *Week of Compassion* is there, the whole church is there”—to bring immediate relief and long-term recovery after disasters; equip churches and leaders for disaster preparedness; respond to assist refugees; and support global development projects that empower communities.

In the midst of pain that seems too great and challenges that seem too many, God’s great faithfulness remains, and we rise up anew, again and again, to give, serve, and live with compassionate generosity. With the **RISE UP ANEW** *Week of Compassion* offering Feb. 19 and 26 you can provide ongoing support and partnership, throughout the year, throughout the world.