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First Christian Church News

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Reflection

HEAR YE! HEAR YE!

We appreciate very much your attendance and participation at the Town Hall Meeting on March 12. There was much meaningful and important discussion on several topics, but it leaned heavily to talk of our building—its use, current expense, and the necessity and expense of upcoming maintenance issues.

There are other equally important questions which must be considered as we move forward in our transition period. To that end, we have scheduled a **second Town Hall meeting on April 2, at 3:00 p.m., in the Church Parlor.**

Your transition team feels that now it is time to consider questions regarding our congregation and its best, most faithful way to move forward. The team has been wrestling with these questions for nearly five months, but we cannot make decisions for the whole congregation. That is why we feel it is important for as many members as possible to attend this second Town Hall Meeting.

Barb Gimple, Marie Harding, Carl Headrick, Janet Lostutter, Jean Miller, 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!

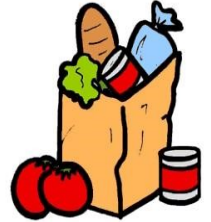
At Home Worship on Facebook/Vimeo



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.**



During the month of March, the food pantry helped **136 families** with food, plus **various other items**, including **4 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

March 26th, 2023

Elder~ Janece Bacon

Worship Leader~ Judy Moore

April 2nd, 2023

Elder~ Marie Harding

Worship Leader~ Marlene Hanson

Attendance and Giving Record

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March 12th, 2023 ~ SS 15/48 AH & IP Worship

March 19th, 2023 ~ SS 9/36 AH & IP Worship

GIVING RECORD

March 12th, 2023 ~ Offering \$850.00

March 19th, 2023 ~ Offering \$2,310.00



Birthdays and Anniversaries

MARCH Birthdays

- 30 Adam Hines
- 31 Mary Volland



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

March 24, 2023 12:15pm—LCMA Lenten Soup Luncheon (Emporia Presbyterian Church)

March 27, 2023 11:00am—Lenten Study (Dying Well)

March 31, 2023 12:15pm—LCMA Lenten Soup Luncheon (St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church)

April 2, 2023 3:00pm—Town Hall Meeting

April 3rd, 2023—Newsletter Deadline

April 3rd, 2023—Lenten Study (Forgiveness)

April 3rd, 2023 1:30pm—Worship Ministry Meets

April 3rd, 2023 4:00pm—Elders’ Meeting/Study



**Lectionary Schedule
March 26th, 2023—
April 16th, 2023**

March 26th, 2023

Ezekiel 37:1-14
Romans 8:6-11
John 11:1-45
Psalm 130

April 2nd, 2023

Isaiah 50:4-9a
Philippians 2:5-11
Matthew 27:11-54
Psalm 31:9-16

April 9th, 2023

Isaiah 25:6-9
1 Corinthians 5:6b-8
Luke 24:12-49
Psalm 114

April 16th, 2023

Acts 2:14a, 22-32
1 Peter 1:3-9
John 20:19-31
Psalm 16



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>



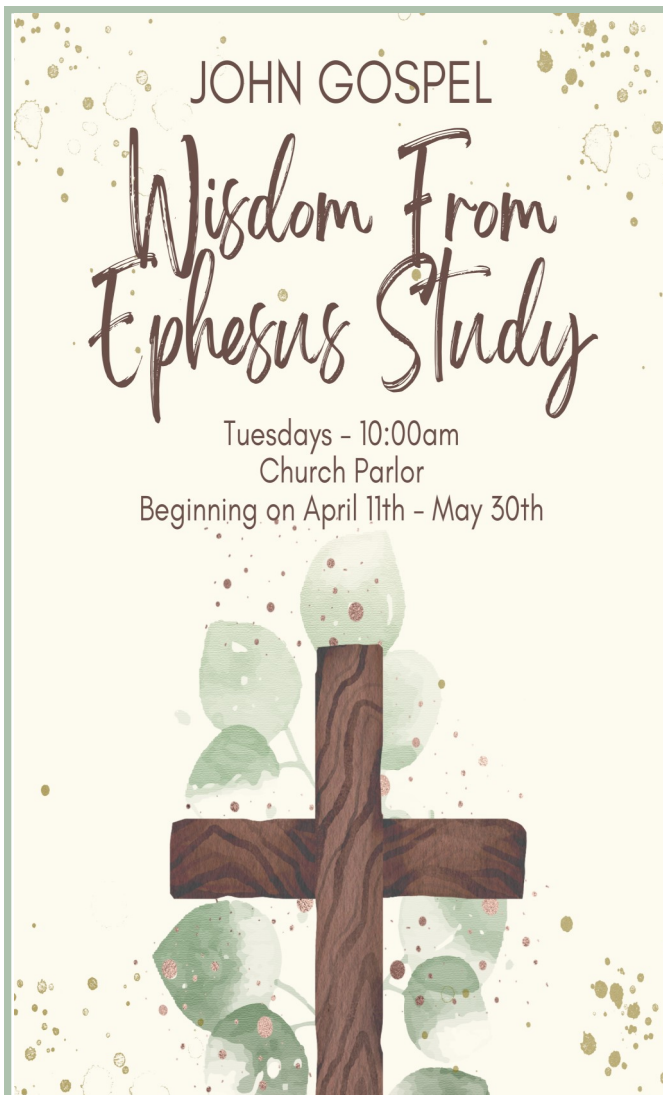
Notes From The Board

Upcoming events/items:

- Mondays, March 20, 27 & Apr 3 – Lenten Study – “Practicing Our Faith” – Parlor at 11:00 am
 - Sunday, April 2 – Town Hall meeting in the Parlor at 3:00 pm, led by Transition Team
 - Sunday, April 9 – Easter brunch in Parlor 9-10 am, come and go - Sunday School as usual
 - Tuesdays, April 11 through May 30 at 10:00 am in Parlor, Bible Study led by Jaylene Arnett
 - Saturday, April 22 – Disciple Women Spirit Fest in Topeka from 9-2, cost \$15 with registration
 - Sunday, April 30 – Annual Congregational Meeting
- ⇒ Fri, March 24 & 31 - Ministerial Alliance Friday Lenten soup luncheon and devotional
Check with the office for to see which churches are hosting these
- Approved the FY 2023-2024 Budget presented by Stewardship Ministry
 - Approved the Slate of Nominees for FY 2023-2024 presented by the Nominating Committee

Next scheduled Board meeting is April 19, 2023 at 6:00 pm in the Parlor

Marie Harding, Board Secretary



There will be eight lessons for us to explore the Gospel of John written by John the “beloved disciple” in Ephesus.

Although Ephesus is in ruins, through video we will see remnants of buildings and parks that existed when John was living there. As we pass through the ancient streets and ancient ruins of the city we will gain helpful insights into the life and times of our Savior. Temples. Libraries, Homes. City Centers. They all help us get a better picture of the people John pastored in Ephesus and the atmosphere out of which he penned John, the fourth of the New Testament Gospels. We will read the gospel anew and be engaged with it to get helpful insights into the life and times of our Savior.

* Study Guides will be provided for participants. Sign-up Sheet is available on table outside the Church Office.

* Study Leader: Jaylene Arnett

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

April 3rd, 2023 & April 17th, 2023



March 24th—April 3rd, 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

MARCH

APRIL

Friday **24**

12:15pm ~ LCMA
Lenten Soup Luncheon
(Emporia Presbyterian Church)

Monday **27**

11:00am ~ Lenten Study (Dying Well)

Friday **31**

12:15pm ~ LCMA
Lenten Soup Luncheon (St. Andrew's Episcopal Church)

Sunday **2**

3:00pm ~ Town Hall Meeting

Monday **3**

Newsletter Deadline

11:00am ~ Lenten Study (Keeping Sabbath)

4:00pm ~ Elders' Meeting/Study



INSTALLATION INVITATION

You are cordially invited to the installation of Rev. Tom Stanley as our Co-Regional Minister and President. Tom and Sandy make their home in Topeka and are members at First Christian Church of Topeka.

The installation will take place at the First Christian Church, McPherson on April 29, 2023, at 2 pm.

A live stream of the service will be available through the regional website, www.kansasdisciples.org, for those unable to attend in-person.

There will be a number of special guests and our preacher for the worship service will be the Rev. Dr. Terri Hord-Owens, General Minister and President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

A reception will follow the worship service.