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Reflection

Dear Friends,

Families all have their stories. Some are funny, some are painful; some we tell easily and frequently, some we never tell because they are too painful.

There's a story at the close of Genesis that captures all of these elements. It only makes sense when it is told and understood in relation to the whole cycle of stories involving Joseph in Genesis 37-50. The story of Joseph and his brothers comes to a head at the close here. The brothers are afraid now that Jacob, their father is dead, that Joseph will take the opportunity to execute his revenge. So they make up a story about how their father wanted Joseph to have mercy on them and they share it with him as if it is almost his father's dying wish. They recognize that Joseph is in a position of great power in Egypt. They know he could, without question, have them arrested, enslaved, or executed. The brothers' fear is not unreasonable.

It seems they are having trouble reading Joseph's reaction to their story because then they add that they are "the servants of the God of your father" (v. 17). Then they add that they are present as Joseph's slaves (v. 18). It seems they are doing everything they can to avoid retribution. Think for a moment about your own experiences of trying to lessen the response of someone you've wronged; maybe that will be a clue to understand the perspective in this story.

The practice of forgiveness requires serious engagement between victim and perpetrator. It requires the telling of the story, coming to terms with the wrong/sin, making decisions to restore or release a relationship, and finding a path towards peace, inward and outward.

Forgiveness is hard work. Where in your life do you need to work hard?

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!

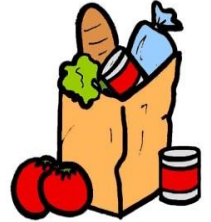
At Home Worship on Facebook/Vimeo



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 April, the food pantry helped **137 families** with food, plus **various other items**, including **5 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**
- Paul Martinez, Friend of the **Arnett's**
- 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

~ Wanda Davis's funeral will be held on Wednesday 04/19 at First Christian Church at 2:00pm, visitation will be held at 1:00pm ~

~The church as we go through the transition process with Pastor Dale Matherly~

Upcoming Serving Schedule

April 23rd, 2023
Elder~ Judy Moore
Worship Leader~ Janet Lostutter

April 30th, 2023
Elder~ Cameron Moore
Worship Leader~ Nancy LeClear

Attendance and Giving Record

ATTENDANCE & GIVING RECORD

April 9th, 2023 ~ SS 20/56 AH & IP Worship
April 16th, 2023 ~ SS 10/42 AH & IP Worship

GIVING RECORD

April 9th, 2023 ~ Offering \$2,551.00
April 16th, 2023 ~ Offering \$1,160/ Spec. Offering \$150.00

NOTICE OF ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING!

When: Sunday, April 30, 2023

*Immediately after worship
(approximately 11:30 or 11:45)*

Where: Sanctuary

Who: *Members of the church
All members are encouraged to attend.*

Non-member participants are welcome to attend,

BUT only members aged 14 and older are eligible to vote

Why *To elect officers of the Board, Trustees, Elders, Deacons
For FY 2023-2024 (July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024)*

*To approve FY 2023-2024 Budget recommended by the
Board at the March 15, 2023 Board meeting.
(July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024)*

Any other business needed or brought up at the meeting.

Each annual meeting of the Congregation is important and vital to the life of the Church. Your participation is encouraged and appreciated as we continue to minister in the Emporia community and to each other.

**Lectionary Schedule
April 23rd, 2023—
May 14th, 2023**

April 23rd, 2023

Acts 2:14a, 36-41
1 Peter 1:17-23
Luke 24:13-35
Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

April 30th, 2023

Acts 2:42-47
1 Peter 2:19-25
John 10:1-10
Psalm 23

May 7th, 2023

Acts 7:55-60
Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16
1 Peter 2:2-10
John 14:1-14

May 14th, 2023

Acts 17:22-31
Psalm 66:8-20
1 Peter 3:13-22
John 14:15-21



FOOD PANTRY

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
202 E. 12TH AVE.

Mondays, 9-11am

Helping families in our community!

CLOTHES CLOSET & HOUSEHOLD HUT

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
202 E. 12TH AVE.

**Fridays, 3-6pm
Saturdays, 9am-12pm**

*** CHRISTIAN CHURCH SUMMER CAMP ***

2023 SUMMER CHURCH CAMP REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

This summer's theme is how do we have FruitFULL faith. Campers will explore the fruit of the Spirit in everyday life. Camp is empowering for our youth to see how the Kingdom of God can be lived out.

CAMP SESSION	DATES	GRADES	PRICE
Discovery/Primary	July 5-7	K-3	\$301
Junior	June 19-23	4th-5th	\$475
Chi Rho	July 10-15	6th-7th	\$562
Pre High	July 10-15	8th	\$562
CYF	July 24-29	9th-12th	\$562
Grand Camp	July 7-9	All Ages	\$214 A. /\$160 C.

All camps are at Tawakoni and begin at 1:00pm of the first day of camp and end at 10:00am on the last day. Our church does pay part of registration costs. Online registration is www.tawakoni.org/2023-cck-camp-registration/

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202 E. 12th Ave. Emporia, KS 66835
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FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

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| 16 oz Jar Peanut Butter | Ramen Noodles | Soup |
| 15 oz Can Fruits | Toilet Paper | Pork N Beans |
| 15 oz Can Vegetables | 5 oz Can Tuna & Chicken | Instant Oatmeal Packets |
| | Mac N Cheese | Saltine Crackers |

Thank you for your help!



Birthdays and Anniversaries



April
BIRTHDAYS

- 20 Jim Siebert
- 22 Kohlby Ketchum
- 24 Kara Horton
- 24 Betty Richardson
- 25 Andy Kuhn



THANK YOU

- TO THE GIRL SCOUTS FOR THEIR COOKIE DONATION TO OUR FOOD PANTRY -



JOIN THE SALVATION ARMY
IN HONORING JIM PICKERT
WITH AN OPEN HOUSE
FOR HIS LONG SERVICE AS AN
ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER

1960 TO 2022

THURSDAY APRIL, 20

5:00 TO 6:30 PM

327 CONSTITUTION

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

5:30 PM



First Christian Church

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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

May 1st, 2023 & May 15th, 2023



April 19th—May 2nd, 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

MAY

Wednesday 19 6:00pm~ Board Meeting	Tuesday 25 10:00am ~ John Study	Sunday 30 12:00pm~ Annual Meeting
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APRIL

Monday 1 Newsletter Deadline 4:00pm~ Elders' Meeting/Study	Tuesday 2 10:00am ~ John Study
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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.