



May 17, 2023



# First Christian Church News

## (Disciples of Christ) Emporia, KS

VOLUME 72 NO. 9

MAY 17, 2023

### INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

Join Us For At Home Worship	2
Serving Schedule	2
Food Pantry	2
Prayer List	2
Giving	2
Birthdays and Anniversaries	3
Mark the Dates	3
Volunteers Needed	3
Food Pantry	4
Clothes Closet & Household Hut	4
Food Pantry Needs	5
SS Classes	5
It's Graduation Time	5
Church Contacts Information	6
Calendar	6
Pentecost offering	6

## Reflection

Dear Friends,

As relationships are central to our lives, how we treat one another is central to our living. We will inevitably hurt or wrong one another. While we are hard-wired to retaliate when hurt or wronged, Jesus calls us to a different path defined by forgiveness and reconciliation. So, paths to reconciliation are central to our living together.

Perhaps this exercise can further enlighten this teaching of Jesus as well as help us put it into practice: Call to mind a relationship that is important to you but that has suffered some damage. You don't need to figure out who was to blame for the hurt, but rather hold that person and relationship in prayer, to offer that broken relationship to God as an offering and as an arena of God's help and healing. Think about what action you can take to move that relationship to greater health. And pray that God would continue to use both God's law and God's gospel to heal and restore your relationship.

Our relationships are important to our own well-being and so they are important to God. How do you need to practice forgiveness and how do you need to be forgiven?

Peace,  
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!

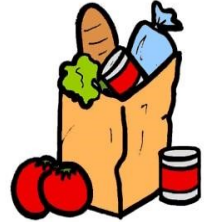
**At Home Worship on Facebook/Vimeo**



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 May, the food pantry helped **108 families** with food, plus **various other items**, including **13 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

~Our sympathy to Carl Richardson and family on the passing of his mother~

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

**Upcoming Serving Schedule**

**May 21st, 2023**

**Elder**~ Janece Bacon

**Worship Leader**~ Sharon Ball

**May 28th, 2023**

**Elder**~ Marie Harding

**Worship Leader**~ Janece Bacon

**Attendance and Giving Record**

**ATTENDANCE & GIVING RECORD**

May 7th, 2023 ~ SS 10/29 AH & IP Worship

May 14th, 2023 ~ SS 6/35 AH & IP Worship

**GIVING RECORD**

May 7th, 2023 ~ Offering \$1,750.00/ Spec. Offering \$65.00

May 14th, 2023 ~ Offering \$1,190.00



# Birthdays and Anniversaries

**MAY**  
Anniversaries

17 Jeffrey & Vicki Cole

**MAY**  
Birthdays

17 William Calvert  
 23 Brandon Hopkins  
 25 Robert Hush  
 27 Robert Wells  
 28 Larry Gamblian  
 28 Nathan LeClear

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!  
WE NEED YOUR HELP!

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](mailto: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

May 17, 2023 6:00pm—Board Meeting

May 21, 2023 12:00pm—Transition Team  
Congregational Conversation

May 23, 2023 10:00am—John Study

May 29, 2023—Newsletter Deadline

May 29, 2023—Memorial Day

May 30, 2023 10:00am—John Study



# Lectionary Schedule May 21st, 2023— June 11th, 2023

## May 21st, 2023

Acts 1:6-14  
1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11  
John 17:1-11  
Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

## May 28th, 2023


Numbers 11:24-30  
Acts 2:1-21  
John 7:37-39  
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

## June 4th, 2023

Genesis 1:1-2:4a  
2 Corinthians 13:11-13  
Matthew 28:16-20  
Psalm 8

## June 11th, 2023

Genesis 12:1-9  
Romans 4:13-25  
Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26  
Psalm 33:1-12

# 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**

First Christian Church.  
202 E. 12th Ave. Emporia, KS 66835  
620-342-1582

# FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

16 oz Jar Peanut Butter  
15 oz Can Fruits  
15 oz Can Vegetables

Ramen Noodles  
Toilet Paper  
5 oz Can Tuna & Chicken  
Mac N Cheese

Soup  
Pork N Beans  
Instant Oatmeal Packets  
Saltine Crackers

*Thank you for your help!*

## 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



**It's Graduation Time**

Graduation is always an exciting time! Do you have a child, grandchild, or relative that is graduating from kindergarten, middle school, high school, technical college, or college? If so, please call the church office or email us at [fccoffices@yahoo.com](mailto:fccoffices@yahoo.com) to let us know! We will need their name, parent's and grandparent's names, where they are graduating from, and what grade. If high school or college, plans after graduation. We will honor our graduates on May 21st during our worship service.

**CLASS OF 2023**



**First Christian Church**

202 East 12th Avenue  
 620-342-1582 Church Office  
 Web Page: [www.fcemporiam.org](http://www.fcemporiam.org)  
 Email Office: [fccoffices@yahoo.com](mailto: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**

May 29th, 2023 & June 12th, 2023



**May 17th—May 30th, 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**

<b>Wednesday 17</b> 6:00pm ~ Board Meeting	<b>Sunday 21</b> 12:00pm ~ Transition Team Congregational Conversation	<b>Tuesday 23</b> 10:00am ~ John Study
<b>Monday 29</b> Newsletter Deadline Memorial Day	<b>Tuesday 30</b> 10:00am ~ John Study	

**2023 PENTECOST OFFERING**  
 MAY 21 AND 28

*God IS DOING A new THING*

*Follow Me*

YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR neighbor AS YOUR SELF  
 +MICAH 6:8

DO TO OTHERS AS YOU WOULD HAVE THEM DO TO YOU  
 +LUKE 6:31

JESUS SAID TO THEM, GO INTO ALL THE world AND PROCLAIM THE good news TO THE WHOLE CREATION!  
 +MARK 16:15

EVERYTHING OLD HAS PASSED AWAY, SEE, EVERYTHING HAS BECOME NEW!  
 +2 CORINTHIANS 5:17

ALL WHO BELIEVED WERE TOGETHER + AND HAD ALL THINGS IN COMMON. THEY WOULD sell THEIR POSSESSIONS AND GOODS AND distribute THE PROCEEDS TO ALL AS ANY HAD need.  
 +ACTS 2:44-45

GOD SAW EVERYTHING THAT GOD HAD MADE AND INDEED, IT WAS VERY GOOD.  
 +GENESIS 1:31

REJOICE ALWAYS DO TO OTHERS AS YOU WOULD HAVE THEM DO TO YOU  
 +LUKE 6:31

WHAT IS GOOD DO JUSTICE. LOVE HUMBLY WITH GOD.  
 +MICAH 6:8

WHAT IS GOOD DO JUSTICE. LOVE HUMBLY WITH GOD.  
 +MICAH 6:8

THE 2023 PENTECOST OFFERING IS A SPECIAL OFFERING IN SUPPORT OF THE NEW CHURCH MOVEMENT IN YOUR REGION AND ACROSS THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST).

NEW CHURCH MINISTRY  
[www.newchurchministry.org](http://www.newchurchministry.org)