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Reflection

Dear Friends,

Forgiveness is not simply forgetting. Maybe you've heard before that to forgive means that you have to forget what someone has done to harm you. I've never encountered anyone that is able to forget such harm...even the most forgiving individuals that I've ever met.

The encouragement to forget is about trying to find the path to move forward. The impulse to embrace this idea is significant. Moving forward is important. But the way to move forward is not to imagine nothing ever happened but rather acknowledge the wrong, or the injury, and to deal with the hurt related to the act. These are the first two steps in the path of forgiveness that Bishop Desmond Tutu teaches: tell the story and name the hurt.

As you begin this forgiveness journey, you begin by telling the story of the harm to someone who can hold your confidence and you trust. The choosing of a trustworthy confidant empowers you to pull out the incident and begin to look at it in its fullness and to do so in an environment of safety. Forgiveness requires vulnerability. A trustworthy confidant helps you navigate this initial step and continue to go deeper by naming the hurt as well. Then you come to the opportunity to forgive.

I shared with you the past two Sundays this quote about the nature of forgiveness: "Forgiveness is letting go of the idea of a perfect past." This quote reminds us that forgiveness is a step that moves us forward and not backwards. When we can let go of the idea of "fixing" our past, then we can begin to imagine our future. So, forgiveness brings freedom.

What will you choose to do? We'll explore forgiveness further this Sunday and the next as we look at steps three and four in Tutu's 4-step journey of forgives.

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!

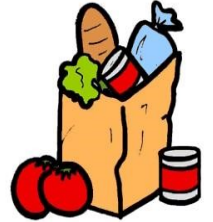
At Home Worship on Facebook/Vimeo



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 May, the food pantry helped **72 families** with food, plus **various other items**, including **8 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

~ Robert Hossfeld's funeral will be held on Saturday, May 6th at First Christian Church at 10:30am ~

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

Upcoming Serving Schedule

May 7th, 2023

Elder~ Marie Harding

Worship Leader~ Jean Miller

May 14th, 2023

Elder~ Nancy LeClear

Worship Leader~ Diana Solis

Attendance and Giving Record

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April 23rd, 2023 ~ SS 17/45 AH & IP Worship

April 30th, 2023 ~ SS 14/44 AH & IP Worship

GIVING RECORD

April 23rd, 2023 ~ Offering \$1,025.00

April 30th, 2023 ~ Offering \$1,525.00



MAY Anniversaries

17 Jeffrey & Vicki Cole

MAY Birthdays

04 Shelby Fuller
 06 Maddie Roth
 07 Joan Shumate
 08 Michelle Harding
 09 Kennedy Dragonas
 10 Lincoln Roth
 10 Jay Schaefer
 11 Cindy Kuhn
 15 Jami 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 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 6, 2023—Clothes Closet & Household Hut will be closed due to a funeral taking place at that time

May 6, 2023 10:30am—Hossfeld Funeral

May 8, 2023 5:15pm—Christian Ed. Meeting

May 9, 2023 10:00am—John Study

May 10, 2023 1:30pm—DWF Group

May 10, 2023 4:00pm—Stewardship Meeting

May 14, 2023—Mother’s Day

May 15, 2023—Newsletter Deadline

May 16, 2023 10:00am— John Study

May 17, 2023 6:00pm—Board Meeting

Lectionary Schedule May 7th, 2023— May 28th, 2023

May 7th, 2023

Acts 7:55-60

1 Peter 2:2-10

John 14:1-4

Psalms 31:1-5, 15-16

May 14th, 2023

Acts 17:22-31

1 Peter 3:13-22

John 14:15-21

Psalms 66:8-20

May 21st, 2023

Acts 1:6-14

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

John 17:1-11

Psalms 68:1-10, 32-35

May 28th, 2023

Numbers 11:24-30

Acts 2:1-21

John 7:37-39

Psalms 104:24-34, 35b




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	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!



WEDNESDAY
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WE WILL BE
GLAD
TO SEE YOU!

DWF MEETING
IN PERSON
MAY 10TH
1:30 PM

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)

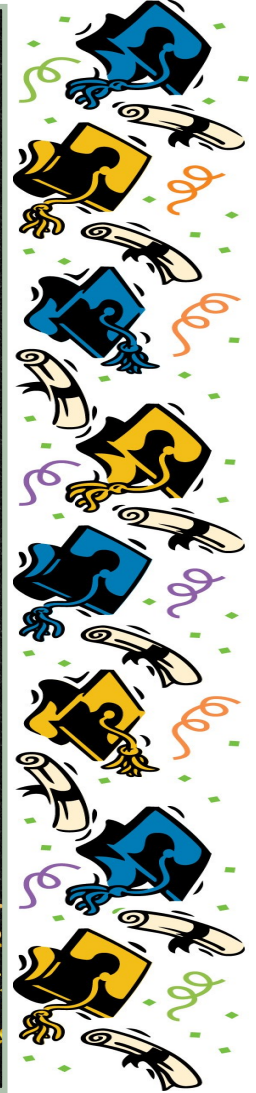
- 9:30am-10:25am
- Basement Behind Stage



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 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

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 620-342-1582 Church Office
 Web Page: www.fcemporioa.org
 Email Office: fcocoffices@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 15th, 2023 & May 29th, 2023



May 8th—May 16th, 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

Monday 8 5:15pm ~ Christian Ed. Meeting	Tuesday 9 10:00am ~ John Study	Wednesday 10 1:30pm ~ DWF Group 4:00pm ~ Stewardship Meeting
Sunday 14 Mother's Day	Monday 15 Newsletter Deadline	Tuesday 16 10:00am ~ John Study

2023 PENTECOST OFFERING
 MAY 21 AND 28

God IS DOING A new THING

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

Follow Me

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

YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR neighbor AS YOUR SELF

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

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

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

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

GOD HAS TOLD YOU WHAT IS GOOD! DO JUSTICE. LOVE HUMBLY WITH GOD. +Micah 6:8

AND WALK KINDNESS.

NEW CHURCH MINISTRY
newchurchministry.org

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).