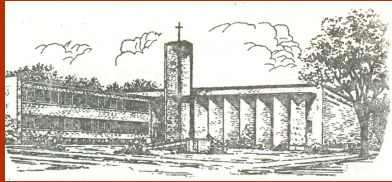




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Reflection

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Concerning Spiritual Gifts

12 Now about the gifts of the Spirit, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. ² You know that when you were pagans, somehow or other you were influenced and led astray to mute idols. ³ Therefore I want you to know that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus be cursed," and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴ There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. ⁵ There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. ⁶ There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in every-one it is the same God at work.

⁷ Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. ⁸ To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

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!

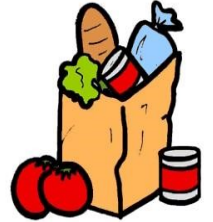
At Home Worship on Facebook/Vimeo



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 June, the food pantry helped **144 families** with food, plus **various other items**, including **21 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

Dick Hubert

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

Brooklyn Quick, **Jeanice Miller's** Great-Granddaughter

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

Upcoming Serving Schedule

July 2nd, 2023

Elder~ Judy Moore

Worship Leader~ Marlene Hanson

July 9th, 2023

Elder~ Jaylene Arnett

Worship Leader~ Barb Gimple

Attendance and Giving Record

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June 18th, 2023 ~ SS 4/33 AH & IP Worship

June 25th, 2023 ~ SS 6/40 AH & IP Worship

GIVING RECORD

June 18th, 2023 ~ Offering \$1,425.00/
 Spec. Offering \$110.00

June 25th, 2023 ~ Offering \$1,440.00



JUNE
Anniversaries

- 29 John & Marie Harding
- 30 Joe & Dana Witten

JUNE
Birthdays

- 28 Jake Dalton

JULY
Birthdays

- 01 John Harding
- 02 James Ayers
- 02 Allison Harding
- 02 Janet Lostutter
- 07 Alan Richardson
- 08 Judy Moore
- 09 Hazelyn Rose Blades



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

June 26, 2023—Newsletter Deadline

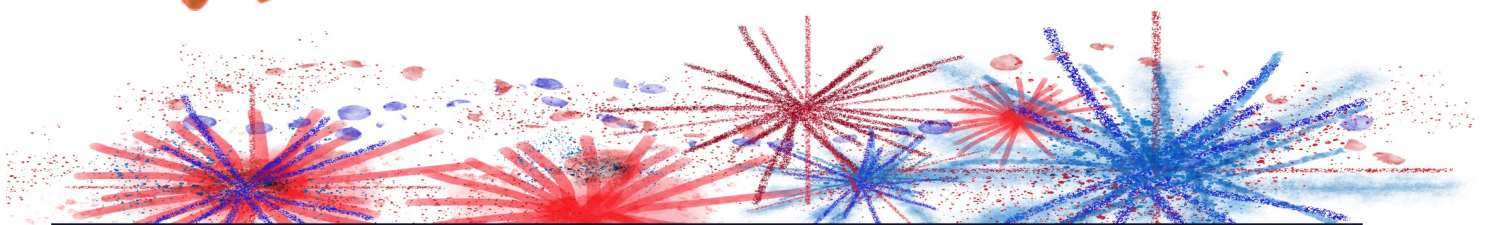
July 4, 2023—Independence Day

July 10, 2023—Newsletter Deadline

July 10, 2023 2:00pm—Christian Ed. Meeting

July 10, 2023 4:00pm—Elders' Meeting/Study

July 12, 2023 4:00pm—Stewardship Meeting



**Lectionary Schedule
July 2nd, 2023—
July 23rd, 2023**

July 2nd, 2023

Genesis 22:1-4
Jeremiah 28:5-9
Matthew 10:40-42
Psalm 13

July 9th, 2023

Zechariah 9:9-12
Romans 7:15-25a
Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30
Psalm 45:10-17

July 16th, 2023

Genesis 25:19-34
Romans 8:1-11
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
Psalm 119:105-112

July 23rd, 2023

Genesis 28:10-19a
Romans 8:12-25
Matthew 13:24-30,36-43
Psalm 86:11-77



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**

ATTENTION

Now that we are in the process of beginning to downsize and clean out the church building the congregation is invited to visit the church library between now and the end of July to take any of the available books for your own personal library. There are plenty of adult, young adult, and children's books to choose from. Please stop by and select the books you would like to have. Any questions please feel free to contact a member of the transition team.

From your Ministerial Search Committee - Marie Harding, Chair

On Tues, June 13 the team met with Tom Stanley, Regional Minister and Co-President of the Kansas Region of Disciples of Christ. The meeting was very informative and helpful and much appreciated. As Rev. Stanley receives candidate profiles, he will send us any profiles which fit the information in our congregation profile which we provided earlier. Due to confidentiality reasons, we are unable to inform you of specifics, so we ask your patience as we go through the search process.

Committee members: Marilyn Dalton, Joy Frevert, Barb Gimple, Marie Harding, Carl Headrick, Nancy LeClear, and Diana Solis. Janet Lostutter, Moderator, appointed Nancy LeClear as the elder on the committee due to the recent death of Janis Thogmartin.

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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

July 10th, 2023 & July 24th, 2023



July 4th—July 12th, 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*

JULY

Tuesday

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Independence Day

Monday

10

Newsletter Deadline
2:00pm~ Christian Ed. Meeting
4:00pm ~ Elders' Meeting

Wednesday

12

4:00pm~ Stewardship Meeting

As you continue to reflect on and practice forgiveness, I encourage you to join with me in praying this prayer from Bishop Desmond Tutu:

I want to be willing to forgive
But I dare not ask for the will to forgive
in case you give it to me
and I am not yet ready
I am not yet ready for my heart to soften
I am not yet ready to be vulnerable again
Not yet ready to see that there is humanity in my tormentor's eyes
Or that the one who hurt me may also have cried
I am not yet ready for the journey
I am not yet interested in the path
I am at the prayer before the prayer of forgiveness
Grant me the will to want to forgive
Grant it to me not yet but soon

Can I even form the words
Forgive me?
Dare I even look?
Do I dare to see the hurt I have caused?

I can glimpse all the shattered pieces of that fragile thing
That soul trying to rise on the broken wings of hope
But only out of the corner of my eye
I am afraid of it
And if I am afraid to see
How can I not be afraid to say
Forgive me?

Is there a place where we can meet?
You and me
The place in the middle
The no man's land
Where we straddle the lines
Where you are right
And I am right too
And both of us are wrong and wronged
Can we meet there?
And look for the place where the path begins
The path that ends when we forgive
Amen.