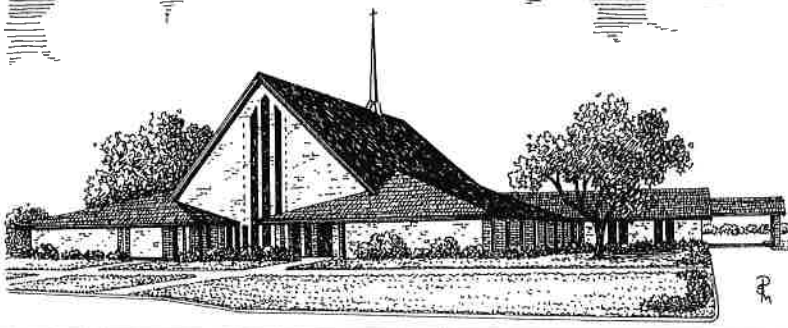




ForeThoughts

August 2017



First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

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I am so excited to be here with you. What a wonderful welcome! If you treat everyone who comes to visit us on Sunday mornings, like you have greeted me, we will run out of room in the Sanctuary. I am looking forward to getting to know each and every one of you. In the meantime, I am really appreciating the nametags! There is such an energizing spirit in this congregation. Soon, I will be working with our committees to plan for the Fall and Advent seasons. I know we are going to have fun aiming at the moon together!

Laurie

Many of you will remember church members, Bob and Wilma Brown. They are both now in a nursing home and their daughter, Cindy, said they would love to receive cards or notes from their friends here. Their address is:

Bob & Wilma Brown
110 S. Hess Ave.
Hesston, KS 67062

Mike and Sandy Womeldorff would like to announce the birth of a new grandson, Wyatt Allen, born to Mark and Katie (Bame) Womeldorff on July 14, 2017 in Olathe, Kansas.



**American
RedCross**

**Blood Drive
Aug. 22 & 23**

Give the Gift of Life! The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at First Christian Church on Tuesday, August 22, from noon to 6 pm and on Wednesday, August 23, from 8 am – noon. Please take the time to schedule an appointment to donate. Call 1-800-REDCROSS (1-800-733-2767), or visit redcrossblood.org to make an appointment or for more information.

Many time slots are still available, but the sooner you schedule, the more likely you will get the time slot you prefer. And don't forget that you can speed up the donation process by using Rapid Pass the day of your appointment. If you require assistance in scheduling an appointment, please call Dean Cramer at 778-6483.



Sunbeams Preschool Open House

Sunbeams Preschool will have an open house on Monday, August 28 from 5 pm – 8 pm. The first day of school will be Wednesday, August 30. There is still room for a few more students. For more information, or to enroll, please contact the church office.



Dear Christian Friends,

As you probably realize our choir needs members. I would like to see our choir grow in member numbers and continue the quality for which it has been known. On questionnaires posed on our church surveys, members have always listed the chancel choir as one of the positive points of our church.

I am confident that God loves to hear us making music, singing, and lifting our voices in joyful noise. Music is mentioned many times in the Bible. Jesus considered singing very important. One of the last things He did with his disciples was to participate in a Last Supper and before leaving the upper room they sang a hymn together. How can we give less than our innate ability to lift our voices in joyful song to our God in worship?

I ask that you give prayerful consideration to the possibility of joining your chancel choir and lift your voice in joyful song to our God. Rehearsals begin on Wednesday, August 23, 2017 at 6:45 pm in the Christian Church Choir Room.

In Christ's Service,

Warren Townsend
Choir Director
620-423-3994 or cell: 620-778-3754

Disciple Women's August 2017 Project... Vacation

It's "pay back" time. We, the Service Committee, are giving you a whole month off to express our gratitude to all of you dedicated followers of God for the wonderful response to our DW projects this year.

You have warmed our hearts with your generosity. God bless you all abundantly for the great love you have shown.

But! Look for us in September.

P.S. First Christian Church gave \$624.67 to Hannah's Promise Baby Bottle Project. **AMAZING!** So far, \$7,000 has been received from the surrounding area.

DW Executive Board Meeting Aug. 1 at 9:30 am
DW Nursing Home Party Aug. 3 at 2:30 pm



Thank You!

I cannot possibly say thank you enough for all the thoughtful things you have done to make me feel at home. First there were the

prayers. I could feel myself surrounded by your prayers as I travelled. It was such a surprise to show up in Parsons and have the Search Committee waiting at my new home to welcome me. Then they showed me the freezer stuffed full of great things to eat – everything I've tasted is amazing! Then, there are flowers blooming in the planter; someone brought in a microwave, another a card table with chairs; another, an inflatable mattress. What a generous and thoughtful congregation – thank you! Laurie

Dear First Christian Church Family,
Thank you so much for your support of Safe Haven Outreach Mission and all that God is doing here in the lives of our residents.
In His Service,
Melissa Brown

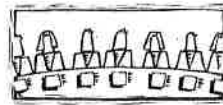
Disciple Women,
Thank you for the lovely inspirational cutting boards that were given to Janie Barcus, President and Elaine Harris, Secretary Treasurer at the July Coffee. It was a pleasure to serve you and we look forward to serving in the coming years.
Janie and Elaine



Our September Newsletter Deadline is Thursday, August 24. If you have any articles or news you would like to put in, please email or give to the office by noon that day. Thanks!

Help us save postage! If you would like to receive this newsletter via e-mail – please call or email the church office at fcc_main@sbcglobal.net or 620-421-4790. Thank you!

Have we have missed your birthday? We have been trying to complete our birthday lists, so please let the office know when your birthday is. NO, you don't have to list the year, if you don't wish to, but it would be nice to acknowledge your special day



BOARD MEETING

Our next board meeting will be Tuesday, August 22nd at 7:00 pm. Please have all agenda items in to the office by Friday, August 18th.



Attendance & Financial Report June 2017

Average: 57	Total: \$9,311.00
June 4	66 \$5,764.53
June 11	50 \$ 960.01
June 18	50 \$1,758.30
June 25	60 \$ 987.00

Budget: \$196,159.00

(Monthly \$16,346.59; weekly \$3,772.00)

Stewardship – careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one's care.

The whole is greater ...

Composer Iannis Xenakis said, "The collision of hail or rain with hard surfaces, or the song of cicadas in a summer field. These sonic events are made out of thousands of isolated sounds; this multitude of sounds, seen as totality, is a new sonic event."

What would one cicada sound like, or a lone hailstone hitting the ground? Would we even hear that? How about one raindrop, one low rumble of thunder? But put those individual sounds together in groups and they're powerful. What can one coin in an offering plate accomplish? Or one volunteer from an entire congregation? What if John the Baptist's lone voice had never been joined by the disciples, and all the Christians after them, sharing the Gospel? One voice alone isn't inconsequential, just as one coin, one volunteer, one raindrop isn't anything. But if each felt inconsequential and stopped contributing its "sound," soon there would be nothing. Conversely, when many individuals stay in the game, soon they find they aren't alone at all. God brings their contributions together, creating a whole new "sonic event"!



Mats for the homeless

Mary Shue is asking for used plastic sacks so she can crochet them into mats for the homeless in our area. You can drop off in the office. It takes approximately 500-600 bags to make one mat. Thanks for your help!



ALL Elders and Deacons are asked to meet in the parlor at 9:00 am for prayer.

If you are unable to serve on your scheduled Sunday, please exchange with someone and inform your team captain and the church office. (421-4790 or fcc_church@sbcglobal.net)

Sunday, August 6

Elder/Sacraments: Marian Johnson
Elder/Offering: Dean Cramer
Deacons: Marlene Wegner, Sandy Womeldorff, Elaine Hudson, Dori Howerter
Worship Leader: Lori Ray
Nursing Home Devotions: Steve Fincher, Marian Johnson (Presby.Manor 2:30 pm)
Sound Board: David Austin
Narthex Kids: Jared Hawks

Sunday, August 13

Elder/Sacraments: Lori Ray
Elder/Offering: Steve Fincher
Deacons: John Mulberry, Jean Reeves, Peggy Cramer, Sharon Ryan
Worship Leader: Valerie McElroy
Sound Board: Jared Hawks
Narthex Kids: Barbara Robbins

Sunday, August 20

Elder/Sacraments: Janie Barcus
Elder/Offering: Don Barcus
Deacons: Barbara Robbins, Elaine Harris, Valerie McElroy, Jeanette Horton
Worship Leader: Dori Howerter
Sound Board: Lori Ford
Narthex Kids: Janie Barcus
Home Communion – Sherrie Coltrain, Anne Maloney, Steve Fincher
Board Prayer (August 22): Marian Johnson

Sunday, August 27

Elder/Sacraments: Jewell Reed
Elder/Offering: Marian Johnson
Deacons: Jerry Janssen, Marlene Wegner, Sandy Womeldorff
Worship Leader: Ruby Johns
Sound Board: Lori Ray
Narthex Kids: Jared Hawks

Funeral visitation: Sherrie Coltrain, Lori Ray



01 Mary Shue
03 Claude Brownell
04 Bert Sparks
05 Aaron Shouse
05 Janet Flores,
05 Betty Thomas
06 Dean Cramer
09 Peggy Cramer
09 Vicki Roberts
10 Janie Barcus
10 Elaine Harris
12 Hailey Bush
12 Kyla Daetwiler
12 Abbie Ford
13 Kerri Beardmore
14 Cheryl Brees

15 Janet Rexwinkle
15 Barbara Wills
16 Janel Baker,
16 Connie Blackburn
17 Judy Barney
17 Michael Bolt
22 Anne Maloney
22 John Kelley
23 JoAnn Mattox
24 Jean Boss,
24 Jerry Janssen
24 David Lindeman
26 Helen Janssen
27 Francis Whinery
29 Shelley Angle
29 Iona Shipps
30 Laurie Lewis



Surrounding in prayer

Our nation's leaders and military
 Church Ministers & Staff
 Regional Church Staff
 Andrew Shipps (Iona's grandson)

Care Homes/Homebound

Eunice Blaich	Doris Brenner
Jimmy Dodds	June Dodds
Doris Drummond	Naida Harper
Rutheen Hammack	Bill Hogelin
Crystal Jump	Ivan & Lydia Lorimor
Londa Metcalf	June Miller
Betty Olmsted	Bertha Proffitt
Jack & Lacreata Stice	Martha Tredway
Frances Whinery	

Health Concerns:

Mary Baker	Bob Brown
Jack Brown	Bob Baldwin
Bob Burnett	Jean Boss
Erlene Cares	Sharon Dillinger
Doris Drummond	Dorothy Feagan
Carol Fincher	Jerry Henry
Bill Hogelin	Ivan & Lydia Lorimor
Gay McKinney	Nancy Miller
Ralph & Dicy Janssen	Rev. Steve Martin
Betty Thomas	Mike Womeldorff
Barbara Wills	Betty Willis
LaVeta Wass	Frances Whinery
Dick Ryan	Sharon Ryan
Wyatt Warstler	Anne Wilkinson
Lee Wegner	

Our friends with continuing concerns:

Sam Blubaugh (Betty Thomas' friend)
 Roger Banks (Warren Townsend's friend)
 Charlotte Brown
 Rick Bussinger
 Karla Carl
 Jenny Clemons (Joyce Austin's friend)
 Debbie DePew
 Kevin Mosier (Barbara Mosier's son)
 Doris Stice (Sherrie Coltrain's friend)
 Carole Veenis (Dori Howerter's friend)
 McKenzie Wegner
 Roger Wegner
 Kenton Kersting (Barbara Robbin's friend)
 Kara Woolfolk (Fern Woolfolk's granddaughter)
 David Yeardon (Warren Townsend's family member)
 JoAnn Couch
 Karen Townsend (Warren Townsend's sister-in-law)
 Malissa Forbes
 Bill Hood (Marian Johnson's brother)
 Reno Beach (Ruth Hutley's friend)
 Andrew Campbell (Wegner's friend)
 Dick Holroyd (Brad Bayless friend & neighbor)



ELDERS PRAYER LIST

As part of their commitment to pray for each member of FCC, the Elders are remembering these members and their families in prayer during each week (and invite you to join them.)

July 31 – August 5

Gordon & Kathy Adams	Mike & Tammy Alexander
Dale & Kay Alexander	Jason & Jessica Alexander
Rob & Shelley Angle	Nadine Allen

August 6 – August 12

John Arabia	Brent & Robyn Baker
Mary Lea Ashcraft	Mary Baker
David & Joyce Austin	Rodney & Susie Baker

August 13 – August 19

Sherri Baker	Judy Barney
Bob Baldwin	Brad Bayless
Monte & Luann Baldwin	Marsha Bayless

August 20– August 26

Patty Bayless	Gerald & Kerri Beardmore
WL & Shirley Beneke	Karen Bennett
Jessica Bernal	Eunice Blaich

August 27 - September 2

Mike & Maria Bolt	Jean Boss
Doug & Susan Boss	Corbett & Ashley Boss
Cheryl Brees	Doris Brenner



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sunday Worship Schedule 8:30 am - Elders meeting 9:30 am - Worship 10:30 am - Fellowship 11:00 am - Sunday School						
6 Nursing Home Devotions - 2:30 @ Presby. Manor	7 8 am - Staff Meeting noon - Preschool Board Meeting 1 - 4 Watercolor Class	8 9:30 am - DW Executive Board Meeting	9 8 am - 4:30 pm SECAP Teacher Training in FH 6:30 pm - Elder's Meeting	10 2:30 pm - DW Nursing Home Party 8 am - 4:30 pm SECAP Teacher Training in FH	11 7 am - 7 pm PALS Rummage Sale @ Wesley	12 7 am - noon PALS Rummage Sale @ Wesley
13 8 am - Staff Meeting 1 - 4 Watercolor Class	14 8 am - Staff Meeting 1 - 4 Watercolor Class	15 WIC	16 WIC	17	18	19
20 Home Communion	21 8 am - Staff Meeting	22 Red Cross Blood Drive Noon - 6 pm 7 PM BOARD MEETING	23 Red Cross Blood Drive 8 am - Noon 6:45 pm Choir Practice	24	25	26 90th birthday party for Iona Shippis 2 - 4 pm
27 <u>Preschool Open House</u> 5 - 8 pm	28	29	30 Sunbeams Preschool Starts! WIC 6:45 Choir	31 WIC		

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GLOW- IN-THE- DARK BOWLING



Make this fun summer game to play at the beach, a park or in your yard.

What you need:

- 10 empty plastic bottles (same size)
- 10 or more glow sticks
- Water (optional)
- Star stickers (optional)
- Hamster ball (or regular ball)
- Tape

What you do:

1. Place one or two activated glow sticks in each bottle. Fill bottles with water and decorate with star stickers, if desired. Screw on lids.
2. Put some glow sticks inside the hamster ball. Screw the halves together, and secure sides and lid with tape.
3. Challenge someone to a game of bowling. For the best glowing effect, play after dark.



Summer's gifts

Summer brings longer days, warmer nights and – for many people – time spent near water. Complete this puzzle to find out who's behind all those summertime joys.



Directions: Read Jeremiah 31:35 (NIV) below. Draw a around words describing God's actions. Draw an around words that describe day. Underline words that describe evening. Draw ~~~ under words that describe the ocean.

He who appoints the sun to shine by day,
 who decrees the moon and stars to shine by night,
 who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar ...



Directions: Circle the capital letters. Then write them from left to right on the lines below to reveal God's name in this Bible verse.

i t T w H s p j E k e m a b L f g O h b c R d
 e D q r s t c e a t o n a h f z z v u A w y L
 a v n M q z l s k y z G u w H h m o T k j k Y





Answer: The LORD Almighty