



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Disciples of Christ

Welcoming All. Encountering Christ. Celebrating Community.

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STATEMENT OF MISSION

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is called to witness to all humankind with a spiritual vitality that embraces inclusiveness and Christ-like justice. Therefore, we seek to be a community that **reaches in** to one another, **reaches up** to God, and **reaches out** to the world with the love of

JUNE 2024

FCC SUMMER PICNIC
SUNDAY, JUNE 30—12 NOON



Hamburgers—Hot dogs!

Meat, buns, and ice cream furnished!

**You bring the side dishes
ALL are welcome.**

Come and Get it, All You Can Eat!

A WORD FROM LAURIE....



Summer has finally arrived! Maybe the winds will calm down. There is nothing better than barbequing in the backyard, sitting outside and watching the sun set. And not worrying about dressing up for church! Plus, our kids get to go to camp! I love it when they come back all excited about “being church”.

Our worship theme for the first part of summer is Quest: The Awakened Traveler. It should be fun. I know Pam and the worship team are excited to set the stage for our travels. And Linda Uthoff and the Discipleship team are planning another week of music and theatre. This year’s theme is Light of the World and camp will be June 18—23. If you can help with snacks or whatever, let Linda know.

In Regional responsibilities, I have my last committee meeting in Salina on the first of the month as the chair of Clergy Credentials and Accountability. We will be touching base with our Commissioned Ministers, encouraging them in their roles as pastors.

Thank you for just being YOU! Every visitor comments about what a welcoming congregation we are, and it is because of you. Thank you! It is such a joy to be alongside you in ministry!

See you at the Table!

Laurie

JUNE WORSHIP MESSAGES

June 2	1 Samuel 3.1-10	<i>Job Description— Prophet</i>
June 9	1 Samuel 8.4-11	<i>He Had a Son named Saul</i>
June 16	Mark 4.26-34	<i>Tell Me the Stories</i>
June 23	<i>Light of the World - Musical Theatre Praise Camp</i>	
June 30	Mark 5.21-43	<i>Waiting Around for a Miracle (Standing Bear Intertribal Drum Group will perform)</i>

PENTECOST SUNDAY



The message of the joy of Pentecost expressed in both word and song!



COORDINATING COUNCIL

Happy June and Summertime! The Coordinating Council and Ministry Teams met on May 19 and will meet again on June 23. Thanks to all who made May Worship season special, from Graduate Sunday, Mother's Day to Pentecost, and Memorial Weekend Sunday service. In the academic world, the summer is a time for renewal, special programs, and projects. I urge you to take time for a renewal of the Spirit of Christ and God. We will have a church congregation meeting and potluck on June 30. Please remember the continuing church and community needs with your gifts during the summer.

*Peace and Love,
Grant Chapman, Coordinating Council Chair*



WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR DAVE & DEBI ROGERS

This month let's celebrate Debi and Dave Rogers. Dave was born and raised in Manhattan. He studied computers, music and business at K-State. He started by pumping gas but now is a partner at Burnett Automotive. Dave has private and commercial fixed-wing, and private rotary-wing pilot licenses. He owns an M600 plane with two partners. He also owns and flies an auto gyro named Sugarscoot!!

Debi grew up in SD, ND, KS and MO. She graduated from high school in Clinton MO. She has a degree in Bakery Science and an MBA and PhD in Cereal Chemistry. Most of her career she taught science at the American Institute of Baking, and online at the KSU Department of Grain Science. She retired in 2019.

Dave and Debi met at a KSU square dance club—The K-Lares. They married in 1979. They have 2 children and 5 grandchildren. The family is complete with 2 miniature Schnauzers who walk Debi every morning.

Dave and Debi are invaluable to FCC. They are very active on numerous committees and are always eager to help when needed. They love to travel and entertain. Dave loves to golf and Debi loves to read. Fun fact: they just bought a B and B in Boise, Idaho and can hook you up if you're traveling to that area. (It's just for an investment... they aren't planning on moving there.)



Thank you, Rogers family, for all that you do.

Submitted by Pam Crawford



PRIMARY ELECTION

- July 16:** Last day to register
- July 17:** Advance Voting begins - by mail and in person
- July 30:** Last day to request an Advance Voting by Mail Ballot
- Aug 5:** Advance Voting closes (12:00 noon)
- Aug 6:** **Primary Election day 7am - 7pm**

GENERAL ELECTION

- Oct 16:** Advance Voting begins – by mail and in person
- Oct 29:** Last day to request an Advance Voting by Mail Ballot
- Nov 4:** Advance Voting closes (12:00 noon)
- Nov 5:** **General Election day 7am - 7pm**

OUTREACH

Serving Lunch to our BE ABLE Neighbors



On May 3 our church hosted a cookout at the BE ABLE facility; helping serve lunch to those in the community who depend on the services of the BE ABLE organization. A big thanks to Ann Foster, Mark Maxwell, Linda Uthoff, Linda Gallagher, Rev. Laurie Lewis, Pam and Robert Russell, and Heather and Ron Thomas, and everyone that provided donations. While at their facility, we had a chance to tour their garden, new laundry facilities and their creative art/music area. It was a beautiful day for a cookout and a great time to interact with staff and neighbors.

Based on positive comments from this last cookout and the great support we received, we plan to make this an every other month event (on the off months with TEFAP Tuesday). Our next cookout is tentatively planned in the month of July. We plan to continue using SignUpGenius to sign-up volunteers and solicit food donations.



HELPING WITH “TEFAP TUESDAY” AT THE FLINT HILLS BREADBASKET!



We will be asking for volunteers to help again at the Flint Hills Breadbasket food pantry on June 11 to prepare The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) food pallets for regional distribution. This job is critical for the Breadbasket food bank to ensure that food from TEFAP gets delivered to the surrounding communities.

Everyone who has participated in this event in the past has enjoyed the experience and the opportunity to work alongside fellow FCC brethren. As always, the staff at the Breadbasket are very thankful for our help. We continue to make this a regular volunteer event every other month. A Sign-up Genius email will be sent out in early May for sign-ups.

BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR NEW T-SHIRTS!

We have contacted a T-shirt vendor who will be preparing a new T-shirt design for our church. We plan to have these shirts available to wear for church events and volunteer activities. Once a design has been approved, we will begin soliciting orders from the congregation.

MUSICAL WORKSHOP

Light of the World Musical Theatre Praise Camp

June 18-21, 3-5:30 pm

\$20 fee per participant for T-shirt, Materials & expenses

For students completing 4th-8th grade

Performances:

June 21st at 5 pm

June 23rd at 10:30 am

3001 Grand Mere Parkway, MHK 66503

Contact Linda Uthoff for more information.

lindau3@yahoo.com

Registration information can be found at
fccmanhattan.org --> Happenings



DISCIPLES MEN FELLOWSHIP

THE BEATITUDES

- *Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.*
- *Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.*
- *Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.*
- *Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.*
- *Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.*
- *Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.*
- *Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.*
- *Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.*



Jesus was estimated to be approximately 30 years old when he gave the “Sermon on the Mount” on Mount Eremos. This is a small mountain in northern Israel near the town of Tabqha on the shore of the Sea of Galilee. The location is between Capernaum and Tabqha and overlooks the fields of Gennesaret. Today, the mountain is called The Mount of Beatitudes.

What are Beatitudes? The Beatitudes are eight statements attributed to Jesus Christ. Each of these statements contains a blessing for a particular group of people. The eight Beatitudes appear in the Gospel of Matthew verses 5:3 to 5:10. Four of the Beatitudes are also listed in the Gospel of Luke verse 6:22.

The word *Beatitude* comes from the Latin *beatus*, meaning, 'happy' or "fortunate." This current Beatitude definition has been attested in English since the 15th century and has long been associated specifically with the statements given by Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount.

In our Christian faith, the Beatitudes in the Bible are considered very important pieces of scripture for several reasons. First, they are direct statements attributed to Jesus, giving them spiritual weight. Secondly, they provide insight into how we as Christians are meant to act and what we can expect in life and the life to come.

When did you first learn of or about the Beatitudes? How do you compare the Beatitudes to the 10 Commandments?

Submitted by Robert Russell, Coordinator

Extracted from Bible Places.com and Study.com



KANSAS DISCIPLES MEN FALL RETREAT SEPTEMBER 26—27, 2024 DISCIPLES CENTER AT TAWAKONI

The Keynote speaker will be will be the Rev. Dr. Paxton Jones. Paxton served on the staff of the Christian Church in Kansas (Disciples of Christ) for 18 years, first as Deputy Regional Minister and Treasurer and then as Regional Minister and President for 10 years.

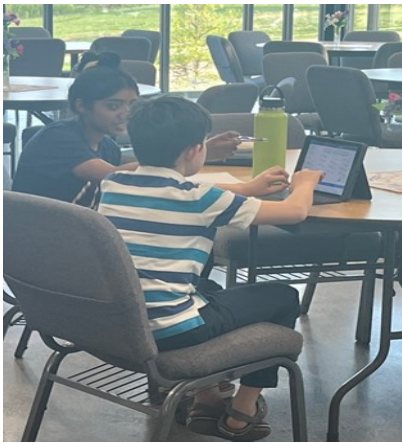
Robert Russell and David Woodmansee plan to attend and can answer any questions you might have.

ACTS OF KINDNESS

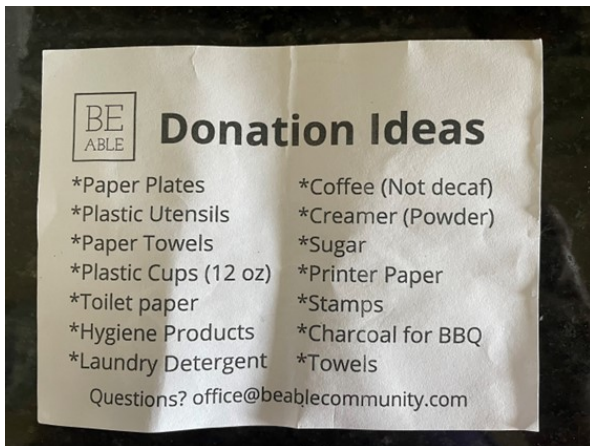


Honoring graduates

Loving One Another



Final tutoring session this school term.



Loving BE ABLE Community Center and the Flint Hills Breadbasket!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

CHRIS, ANGELA, AND JOSHUA PRESTON



Chris teaches math at Cloud Community College at their Geary County campus.

Angela works at Farm Bureau Financial Services.

Chris and Angela will have their 20th wedding anniversary in June this year.

Joshua is in Scouting America (that's the new name for Boy Scouts) and was previously a Cub Scout in the pack that met at the church. He's going into 6th grade.

The family enjoys board games, video games, brain teasers, puzzles, reading, easy hikes, movies, and going to the swimming pool. Joshua particularly enjoys chess and was in the 5th grade chess club. Angela also gardens.

JENNY HANKSMEYER



Jenny spent her childhood in Northern California. When she married, they moved to the Kansas City area before moving to Topeka. The family moved back and forth between those areas several times.

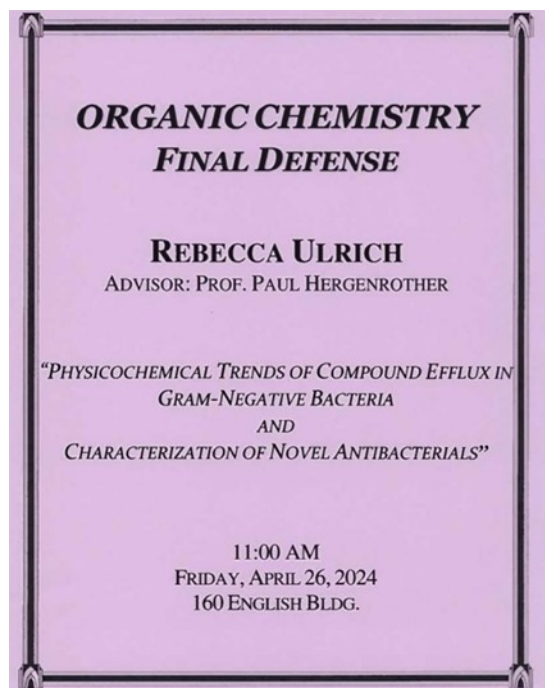
Jenny's early career was teaching at Washburn University. A family move back to Kansas City provided the opportunity to become an ACPE Certified Educator. In that role she helped educate multiple seminarians and community clergy, some of whom became hospital chaplains, and most serve as local pastors. Her last 20 years was in the St. Louis area serving as an ACPE Certified Educator and while there she was a member of Webster Groves Christian Church.

Her recent move to Manhattan KS was to be near her son, daughter-in-law and two grandsons. Even though she earned two graduate degrees from K-State this is the first time she has lived in Manhattan KS. Jenny says she feels like she has come home.

GRADUATES

REBECCA ULRICH

Mickey Bogart's granddaughter Rebecca Ulrich graduates from University of Illinois with her PhD in Chemistry. She also has been awarded a post doc position at The Broad Institute in Boston beginning in September with a full grant from NIH to continue her work on trying to create an artificial antibiotic to treat for Ebola.



SADIE THOMAS,

Daughter of Ron and Heather, graduated from the University of Kansas Medical Center with a doctorate in Physical Therapy. She will now be looking for her first professional job, hopefully near family!

SCOUTING

This is my final scouting program update.

The last May meeting was the pack graduation and cross-over event for Pack 76. Our four oldest cub scouts participated in an Arrow of Light (AOL) ceremony and then bridged over to Scouts BSA Troops. Our two AOL girls are joining Troop 275. This is the all-girl troop First Christian Church is hosting. Our two AOL boys joined Troop 74 chartered by the Manhattan First Presbyterian Church. Representatives from Troop 74 conducted the opening flag ceremony and received the two boys during the cross-over ceremony. Troop 275 also participated in similar fashion. All of our cub scouts completed rank advancement this year and a few of our younger scouts are registered to attend day camp later this month.

Troop 275 has been meeting in the conference room on Thursdays and beginning next Thursday will start meeting in the Community Hall since the Pack will no longer be using this space. Kimberly Ensley, Lori Teel, and I have begun going through the cub scout items stored in the chair closet and will hopefully have this finished soon. My next goal is to enlist the help of both troops to go through the scouting items stored under the stairwell in the basement, decide what to keep, and organize that area.

Joshua Preston, one of our AOL scouts, had a very successful food and toiletries drive for the Flint Hills Breadbasket. His bin was overflowing last Sunday and filled up again last evening.

Prior to the ceremony last evening we had a meal together in the community hall and following the graduation, enjoyed cake and ice cream. Many thanks to Laurie and Pam for assisting in setting out the food, serving and cleaning up in the kitchen. A special thanks to the scouts and families for their help as well.

I presented certificates of appreciation to all of the Pack 76 leaders thanking them for their support over the past several years.

Happy trails to all!

*Signing off,
Robert Russell*



CUB SCOUT GRADUATION NIGHT



DISCIPLESHIP



CHURCH CAMP SEASON IS HERE!

FCC is sending Joe and Reiley, Preston, and Kylee to Church Camp at Disciples Center at Tawakoni for FREE!

Many of us are sending postcards of support to them—

8492 SW Tawakoni Rd, Augusta, KS 67010

We all look forward to hearing about their Tawakoni joy!



Light of the World Musical Theatre Camp will be a FUN Four Day Camp with two performances, using readings, scripture, songs, dance and rhythm to focus on letting our LIGHT SHINE in the World! Registration form and more information is included in this newsletter.

Would you like to help with snacks for the performers? Contact Linda Gallagher! Please!!

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED!

If you can help teach a 30 minute class to elementary or middle/high school students, we are in need of a few subs for the summer Sunday School! The lesson will be laid out for you ahead of time. Contact Linda Uthoff at 785-341-1324 or at lindau3@yahoo.com to pick a Sunday, 9:45-10:15 AM.



CE DIRECTOR

Ashley VanGilder can be reached at 620-218-2594 and at ashley@fccmanhattan.org

MUSICAL THEATRE REGISTRATION FORM



FCC MUSICAL THEATRE PRAISE CAMP 2024 REGISTRATION FORM:

For students currently completing
4th-8th grade



'Light of the World' Music/Theatre/Dance: June 18-21, 3-5:30 pm

\$20 per camper

Shows will be June 21st at 5 pm, June 23rd at 10:30 am at 3001 Grand Mere Parkway at FCC of Manhattan!
The focus will be on four or five Musical Theatre and Praise songs, Readings and Dance/Percussion
surrounding the theme of 'Letting our Light Shine in the World' and loving our neighbors near or far.

Student's First & Last Name: _____

Preferred Name: _____

Age: _____ Grade level 2023-24: _____ School: _____

Parent/Guardian Names and two contact phone #s:

Home Address: _____

Does your student have any special needs, allergies or injuries which we should know about?
(This will be kept confidential)

Previous experience with Singing/dance/ instruments/acting: (none is required!)

Is your student MORE interested in one area of learning? If so please circle and explain: (singing, dancing,
learning lines, playing instruments?)

Any conflicts with the rehearsal or performance schedule? (See Top of Page).

Student's tshirt size: Adult size: _____ OR Youth size: _____

Is it Ok to use your student's image in our church family publicity? We will never publish their full name.

_____ Yes _____ No

(For each student, please return a copy of this completed page to lindau3@yahoo.com, or mail to FCC
Manhattan, c/o Linda Uthoff, 3001 Grand Mere Parkway, MHK, 66503).

MUSICAL THEATRE INFORMATION

Let us know if you have a transportation need during the camp, or need a scholarship to help with the \$20 fee, which helps pay for a camp t-shirt, music and stipends for our Music Director and Choreographer. The fee may be paid to FCC the first day of Camp.

Please attach a digital picture of your student, which will help the Directors get to know them before June 18th. We won't use this picture in any other way unless we ask you first.

Thank You!

Ms. Linda Uthoff , Camp Director; lindau3@yahoo.com, 785-341-1324

About the Format of the Camp!

Our focus will be on teamwork, voice, movement/dance, acting-microphone-reading aloud skills. We will have time for fellowship and to get to know each other, have snacks from our excellent kitchen helpers and think about ways to share love, forgiveness and hope in our world, near and far. We will talk about accepting differences in others, finding our gifts and letting them shine! This is definitely a Christian praise camp, but we are open to learning about other faith traditions as well!

We have a limited amount of time, so we will learn 4-5 songs and a few Bible Verses on carrying light into the world. We are looking for the very best selections, but some we are considering:

- You Are the Light of the World
- This Little Light of Mine
- I am Waiting for the Light to Shine
- Morning Has Broken
- Carry the Light
- Waymaker

We are open to your student's ideas too!



Mrs. Linda Uthoff (Camp Director) has been a member of First Christian for 41 years, and has a long background in Musical Theatre and Education. She was the Director of Theatre at Manhattan High School from 1997-2018, Artistic Director of The Columbian Theatre in Wamego, Director of Children's Theatre for Manhattan Parks & Recreation and taught in the Theatre/Speech Dept. at KSU. She performed in Theatres locally and in Kansas City, Tulsa and Wichita, among others. She and her husband John have been married for 42 years.

DISCIPLES WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP



The annual Salad Supper was so enjoyable with entertainment by Barbara Rees who is so one with the piano. It was a totally lovely evening!

May Larson Group meeting was lunch at Early Edition



Kansas Disciples Women



Blessing Box Calendar
2024-2025

DWF LADIES

Pick-up the June page for your Blessing Box Calendar in the nathex.



Memorial Day worship was enriched by a choral group singing "Down By the Riverside" and a panel of FCC veterans sharing how their faith was so much a part of their service to our country.

FROM CRADLES TO CRAYONS CHILDCARE



We celebrated all our teachers during teacher appreciation week. I wanted them to feel the love and appreciation I had for all of them. I got Chick-Fil-A for lunch for them Monday. Tuesday I got them Bagels for breakfast. Wednesday was my favorite!!! I decorated a kitchen cart, put chips, drinks and candy on it and I went around to each room and let them pick what they wanted. I also got them some bubbles for their classes. Thursday a group of parents put together a breakfast for us to eat. Friday they got a gift card from Target, and a motivational key chain with a personal note from me. I wanted it to be a great week for them and I was so excited to be doing it. I also decorated the daycare and hung a sign outside on the fence for when they walked in!! My thanks goes out to the board for helping me accomplish this. I put in for a grant and it did not come through on time. Thanks so much for helping me out with doing this for our awesome staff!!

We also celebrated Muffins for Moms and had a great turnout. Every child had someone show up and spend that time with them. There were moms, grandmas, aunts and even a few dads! I love these special moments we get to share with our families! Thanks so much to our awesome volunteers, who made the yummy muffins! A big thanks to Debi Rogers and Kathy Maxwell for organizing and setting it all up. We appreciate all your help and support.

We are looking forward to a great summer!!

Chan'Tal Underwood, Director



ALL ABOUT US



PASTORAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The second meeting of the Pastoral Relations Committee is scheduled for June 9 following the worship service.

The committee will also meet in August and November.

PRC members are Dave Woodmansee, Frank Hwang, Deb Marfield, Carolyn White and Ron Thomas.



FLINT HILLS BREADBASKET COLLECTION DAY—JUNE 9

Greatest needs:

Canned Chicken, Spam, Sugar, Syrup, Rice,

Dish Soap, Toilet Paper

The neighbors benefiting from the mission of the Breadbasket has grown leaps and bounds.

Our help is needed!!



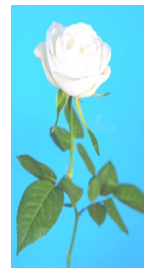
June 1	Betty Slemen
June 4	Carolyn White
June 7	Elizabeth Jankord Pam Russell
June 8	JT VanGilder
June 10	Richard Gallagher
June 13	Connie Sink
June 14	Linda Gallagher
June 15	Linda Uthoff
June 16	Grant Chapman
June 21	David Woodmansee
June 22	Fred Burrack
June 25	Laura Allen
June 27	Ron Thomas
June 29	Eric King

If we missed your birthday, contact the office

OUR SYMPATHY

Deepest sympathy to Nancy Freeman and her whole family, at the death of her son, Patrick, on May 15.

Father, may those who mourn so deeply now, know the comfort of your love Amen.



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