



First Christian Church News

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

From the Pastor's desk—

Calling All Graduates!

LCP Family Night of Music

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From the Pastor's desk –

Graduation announcement cards are being readied. Caps and gowns sized and ordered. Final exams are fast approaching. Parties are being planned. Diplomas are being printed. Commencement speeches are being written with opening lines like "Even if you are on the right track, you will get run over if you just sit there" - Will Rogers.

Some fun commencement facts – the traditions of gowns goes all the way back to the 12th century because universities had no heating systems. The caps or mortarboard became popular in the 14th and 15th centuries by artists and students who wore them. The tossing of the cap was started by Naval Academy in 1912. The turning of the tassel is a young tradition of the last 40 to 50 years.

Students walk in to the tune of "Pomp and Circumstance." It was first known as "Land of Hope & Glory" when Sir Edward Elgar wrote it in 1901. The phrase "Pomp and Circumstance" came from Shakespeare's *Othello*. It was first played at a graduation in 1905 when Sir Elgar received an honorary doctorate from Yale University.

Graduation season is a time of joyous celebration. Your First Christian Church family wants to honor and acknowledge this accomplishment. We also want to recognize other educational markers such as pre-school, kindergarten and elementary graduations.

Please see page 4 of this newsletter for the information we would like to have in order to honor, recognize, and celebrate your family member's educational accomplishment. We will need your information by May 9, 2016.

Graduation Recognition Sunday is May 22, 2016.

Go graduates!
See you Sunday

David

Pastor David's April Office Schedule -

David will be in the office Monday and Tuesday. If you need to make an appointment please call Susan at 342-1582.

Pastor David's contact information:

Phone: 785-806-5432 (cell)

E-mail: dlw100@aol.com

Upcoming Serving Schedule

April 17, 2016 Earth Day Celebrated

- Candlelighter** ~ Mikinzi Simmons
Children's Message ~ Barb Gimple
Diaconate ~ Tim* & Janelle Norton
 Joe & Bonnie Denson
Elder ~ Marlene Hanson
Greeters ~(N) Larry & Glenna Gamblian
 ~ (S) Wilma Lindsey & Marie Harding
Nursery ~ Cindy Lexow & Kat Dorcas
Worship Leader ~ Cindy Lexow
Children's Church ~ Laurie & Chad Kurzen

April 24, 2016

- Candlelighter** ~ Faith Idhe
Children's Message ~ Marie Harding
Diaconate ~ Richard Becker*, Briana Becker
 Judy Moore, Joy Frevort
Elder ~ Mary Volland
Greeters ~(N) John & Cindy Lexow
 ~ (S) Joe & Bonnie Denson
Nursery ~ Tim Norton & Nikki Simmons
Worship Leader ~ Barb Gimple
Children's Church ~ Janelle & Tim Norton

May 1, 2016

- Candlelighter** ~ Jayden Johnson
Children's Message ~ Nancy LeClear
Diaconate ~ Karen Garnett*, Glenn Boyce
 Joan Shumate, Robert Chatham
Elder ~ Jaylene Arnett
Greeters ~ (N) Glenn & Dorothy Boyce
 ~ (S) Mary Morriss & Barb Gimple
Nursery ~ Rita Headrick & Nancy LeClear
Worship Leader ~ John Lexow
Children's Church ~ Jen Dalton


May 8, 2016

- Candlelighter** ~ Kinzie Kurzen
Children's Message ~ Sandy Heller
Diaconate ~ David* & Carolyn Meierhoff
 Laurie Kurzen, Carol Rhoades
Elder ~ LeRoy Garnett
Greeters ~ (N) Guy & Janece Bacon
 ~ (S) Lola Walker & Dorothy Matile
Nursery ~ Jen Dalton & Marie Harding
Worship Leader ~ Marlene Hanson
Children's Church ~ Cindy & John Lexow

So far in **April** we have assisted **21 families** consisting of **64 people** with **24 bags** of food plus **21 dozen eggs**. Thanks to all of you for making the food pantry available. I am slowly learning that when the Salvation Army is out of food, they send the patrons to us, consequently we are seeing lots of new faces each month.

On "veggie" Sunday, April 3rd, we collected 50 cans of vegetables, plus some fruit, cereal and other products. Thank you so much for being a part of that collection. As you can tell, everything really helps.





Please add the following to your directory:

Bonnie Iverson
The Cedars
1021 Cedars Drive
McPherson, KS 67460

Phone number for The Cedars is 620-241-0919
 (I'm not sure which unit Bonnie is in, but cards would reach her at this address.)

Calling all Graduates, Calling all Graduates! See page 4

Lonnie Atchison (*cancer*); our Church; Joyce Cress (*cancer & recovery*); our Elected Officials; Luella Hush (*infection & heart cath*); Bonnie Iverson, (*shingles*); Joyce Kellison, our Nation; Pam Scheve (*daughter of Jan Weeks, cancer*); Dale Weeks and Leon Wildberger.



Attendance and Giving Record

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April 3, 2016 SS 16 / Worship 73

April 10, 2016 SS 18 / Worship 106

GIVING RECORD

April 3, 2016~Offering \$3,152.00 / Building \$275.00

April 10, 2016~Offering \$1,461.91 / Building \$269.19



April Anniversaries

- 14 Robert & Luella Hush (1957)
- 16 Reese & Breann (Frevert) Johnson (2005)
- 26 Lucas & Brittany McWilliams
- 29 Richard & Joyce Kellison (1951)

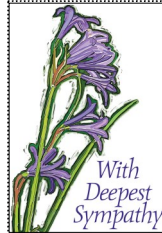
April Birthdays

- 04 Dana Sunderman
- 07 Briana Becker
- 07 Jan Stevenson
- 08 Debbie Davis
- 08 Porter Garnett
- 08 Desstaini Russell
- 10 Sandy Heller
- 12 Dale Rohling
- 13 Dina Breckenridge
- 20 Diana Schaefer
- 21 Tammie McDiffett
- 21 Mark Schaefer
- 22 Joyce Cress
- 22 Penny Fleming
- 24 LeRoy Garnett
- 24 Gale Kelley
- 24 Bill McClellan
- 24 Betty Richardson
- 25 Andy Kuhn
- 25 Mark Shumate
- 29 Wilma Lindsey
- 30 Gail Coburn
- 30 Wanda Davis



Mark these Dates

- Friday's 3-6 pm—Clothes Closet and Household Hut open in the basement.
- Saturday's from 9—Noon—Clothes Closet and Household Hut
- April 24—Annual Congregational Meeting immediately following worship in the Sanctuary.**
- April 27 —LCP Family Night of Music & Movement in FH
- April 30—LCP Lil' Train Fundraiser and Bake Sale from 1-3 p.m. at Soden's Grove
- May 5, 5:30 pm—Joyful Noise Music for Children
- May 8—Mother's Day—Joyful Noise to Perform
- May 9—Newsletter Deadline & Graduation Information Due
- May 12—Last Day TTh LCP
- May 13 —Last Day MWF LCP
- May 14—ESU Graduation
- May 30—Memorial Day—Office Closed
- June 25—BS Biscuit and Gravy Breakfast



The Church's Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of **Marjorie "Marj" Jones**", mother of Nancy (Jay) Mayer and Gloria (Jerry) Hiller, who entered new life on Wednesday, April 6, 2016. Services were held on Monday, April 11 at Roberts Blue Barnett Funeral Home in Emporia, KS.



A BIG, BIG Thank you goes out to George Arnett, Joy Frevert, Marie Harding and any others who made the office run smoothly while I was on vacation in the south.

I appreciate you giving your time so that I might experience a different part of the country and learn about their culture.

Susan Iwert
Office Secretary



We are in need of more people to be on our prayer chain to pray for others. If you would like to volunteer, please call Jeanice Miller 343-9592 or Luella Hush 342-2493. It is easy and something everyone can do. Please consider. Thanks

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The First Christian Church

Clothes Closet and Household Hut

Check out our Clothes Closet where we have a wide selection of gently used children's, women's and men's clothes then see our Household Hut for miscellaneous kitchenware and other household items. There's something for everyone and all at affordable prices!

Fridays 3-6 p.m. and Saturdays 9 a.m. to Noon
202 East 12th Ave., Emporia

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First Christian Church - Disciples of Christ
202 East 12th Avenue
Emporia, Kansas 66801
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Everyone is welcome!
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.



Congregational Annual Meeting Sunday, April 24, 2016 Following Worship Service

We will vote on the proposed slate of officers for the 2016-17 year and the proposed budget for next year.

Plan now to attend this important meeting.



Graduation Information Request Form

Please return this form by May 9, 2016 to the Church Office or email the information to fccoffices@yahoo.com

College/University, Technical College, High School Recognition:

Student Full Name: _____

Full Name of School: _____

Location: _____

Degree received: _____ Major: _____

If college/university, Technical college, high school what are the plans after graduation: _____

Your name(s): _____

Your relationship to the student (parent, grandparent, great grandparent): _____

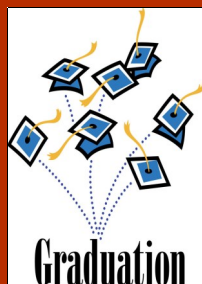
Pre-school, Kindergarten and Elementary acknowledgement:

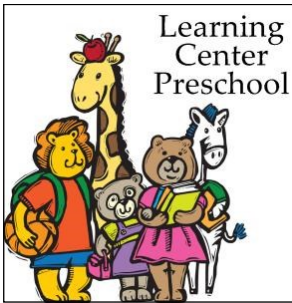
Student Full Name: _____

Full Name of School: _____

Your name(s): _____

Your relationship to the student (parent, grandparent, great grandparent): _____





Learning Center Preschool

Have you signed up for the Dillons Community Rewards Program? Quick and easy to do. See Ms. Susan in the office if you have questions or need help. An easy way for our preschool to earn money. Thanks for participating.

We had a terrific time at our Easter Egg hunt and class party. The next big, fun event will be our LCP Family Night of Music and Movement on **Wednesday, April 27, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.** We will be singing fun, action songs we have learned this year. Please join us for a fun time.



**Saturday, April 30
1:00 pm — 3:00 pm**

**Lil' Train
Fundraiser**

At Soden's Grove

Come ride the train, make a donation and pick up treats at the bake sale. Enjoy a family outing. You are never too young or too old to ride the train!

Dentist's Hymn..... Crown Him with Many Crowns
Weatherman's Hymn..... There Shall Be Showers of Blessings
Contractor's Hymn..... The Church's One Foundation
The Tailor's Hymn..... Holy, Holy, Holy
The Golfer's Hymn..... There's a Green Hill Far Away
The Politician's Hymn..... Standing on the Promises
Optometrist's Hymn..... Open My Eyes That I Might See

The IRS Agent's Hymn..... I Surrender All
The Gossip's Hymn..... Pass It On
The Electrician's Hymn..... Send the Light
The Shopper's Hymn..... Sweet Bye and Bye
The Realtor's Hymn..... I've got a Mansion, Just Over the Hilltop
The Massage Therapists Hymn... He Touched Me
The Doctor's Hymn..... The Great Physician

AND for those who speed on the highway here are a few more hymns

~45 mph..... God Will Take Care of You
~65 mph..... Nearer My God To Thee
~85 mph..... This World Is Not My Home
~95 mph..... Lord, I'm Coming Home
~100 mph..... Precious Memories

Lord, give me a sense of humor,
Give me the grace to see a joke,
To get some humor out of life,
And pass it on to other folk.

Favorite Songs!



The Parent Adventure!

Welcome, all parents of middle school and younger children:

We are offering a 6-week discussion and study group about the adventure of raising children. It will begin on **Sunday, April 17th**, and meet at **9:30 each Sunday morning.** We'll meet in the Multipurpose Room (basement level) of the church. This will be an informal group—bring your thoughts, questions and opinions about preparing your child for a lifetime with God!

We have a wonderful booklet to share and we look forward to your participation. The group will be led by Cindy Lexow. Please feel free to call the church office(342-1582) or Cindy (340-2939) if you have any questions.



First Christian Church
David L. Webb, Interim Pastor



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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.”

Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.
Worship at 10:30 a.m.



Office Hours
8 a.m. until Noon, Mon. through Friday

Home of Learning Center
Preschool 620-342-4632



Next Newsletter Deadlines are
Monday April 25 & May 9, 2016

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
17 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM - 11:50 AM Worship Service 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM College Student Group (MP Room)	18 6:15 PM - 7:45 PM Board Meeting 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Boy Scouts	19 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Choir Practice 6:15 PM - 7:45 PM Sertoma Meeting	20 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM LCP Advisory Board Meeting	21	22 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM Clothes Closet & Hut Open	23 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Clothes Closet & Hut Open
24 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM - 11:50 AM Worship Service 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Annual Congregational Meeting 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM Presbyterian Manor Service 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM College Student Group (MP Room)	25 6:15 PM - 7:15 PM Christian Education Ministry 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Boy Scouts	26 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Choir Practice 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Elders Meeting	27 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM Facilities Ministry Team 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM LCP Family Music Night	28	29 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM Clothes Closet & Hut Open	30 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Clothes Closet & Hut Open

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