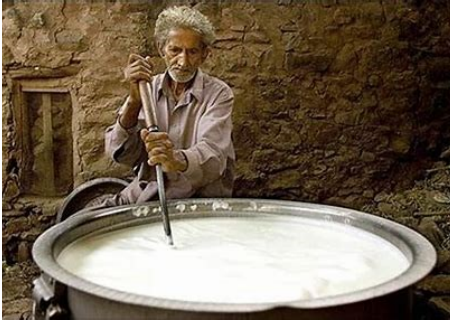


THE CHRISTIAN ECHO

November

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
Goodland, Kansas

2021



2 Corinth 12: 9-10

but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." I will all the more gladly boast of my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities; for when I am weak, then I am strong.

A Stirring of the Pot

Recently, Nona Mason & puppet friend, Natice, were talking to us about the 23rd Psalm during the Children's Chat. They reminded us that sheep won't drink from rushing water. On the other end of the spectrum, still water *can* get stagnant and cease to be useful. It becomes a breeding ground for insects, parasites, harmful bacteria, and disease. Also, there needs to be some movement for water to stay well oxygenated.

We as a church family can get so comfortable doing the same things in the same way, that we also get stagnant. When an event or Someone starts the water moving, new things are stirred up. Sometimes it takes 'sheer necessity' to make a change happen.

In the past few months, we here at FCC Goodland, have had to think farther outside the box than was comfortable. We have had to ask people that *never* would have volunteered, to do things they haven't even thought of doing before - or maybe never wanted to think about doing!? In the asking and in the answering, a grand discovery process began to happen. Gradually, we saw those people begin to shine in a way we (and they) never knew they could. We needed to admit our feelings of inadequacy and insufficiency to rediscover that the Lord is sufficient for every need, and His strength is made perfect through our weaknesses.

We have seen some who had more to say than we knew, begin to stand up and talk. Others were found to have untapped gifts of expression & they began to express and motivate. This gave yet others the courage to step up and try new things themselves. We have learned tolerance, patience, and understanding – not only for others, but also for ourselves. Leadership roles, Zoom classes, sermons, prayers, graveside services, etc. were offered by the grace of God. All this and more, because Someone (yes, capital S) 'stirred the pot' and made us step out of our comfort zones.

What are YOU being nudged to say "Yes" to, that would take you out of YOUR comfortable seat? You may have undiscovered gifts, just waiting to blossom...

Blessings as we journey together,

Debbie Griffith



FOR YOUR INFORMATION!

Extended Prayerful Considerations:

Please include in your ongoing prayers the following:

George Adelgren	Roger Collins
Galen Cooper	Vetha Cormier
Alice Jackson	
Charley & Janet (Chatfield) Johnson	
Carolyn Kerr	Lonnie Kerr
Sharon Mann	Marie Marsh
Catherine Parisi	Yolanda Petty
Wanda Schneider	Mike Stamm
Ione Todd	Emma VanVleet

Wheat Ridge (main building)

Dwight "Bud" Perrey Etta Mae Keirns

Please pray for our Active Military:

Tyson Reed, Chris Elliott, Nathan Craig, D J Glassman



11/2	Ashley Griffith Jaxon Vignery Jed Strnad
11/4	Karli Strickland Gwen Jenner Brian Jenner
11/6	Emily Smith
11/10	Jonathan Brown
11/11	Annalee Luckert
11/12	Dennis Daise
11/13	Ace Arteaga Michelle Ginn Pam Sheldon
11/14	Brad Keirns
11/16	Stuart Pittman Rooks Strnad
11/17	Lonnie Kerr
11/18	Mike Fenner
11/22	Dawn Kibel
11/25	Lowell Coon
11/26	Birkley Barnes
11/28	David Griffith Jeff Mason

GENERAL FUND GIVING

Date	Amt Needed	Offering	Over/Short	In-Person
10/3	\$1994.75	\$1090.00	-\$904.75	26
10/10	\$1994.75	\$2166.00	+\$171.25	36
10/17	\$1994.75	\$2375.00	+\$380.25	29
10/24	\$1994.75	\$1103.00	-\$891.75	41
10/31	\$1994.75	\$2845.00	+\$850.25	32

Tawakoni Gala Auction



Update on Tawakoni Gala & Auction:

The annual Tawakoni Gala and Auction provides an opportunity for you to financially support your regional camp, conference and event center.

This year, you have two opportunities to participate: virtually from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 5, and in-person at Tawakoni 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 6.

This year's capital improvement project focus is a new camp security gate and monitors. The 2021 fundraising goal is \$25,000. (Register online at www.kansasdisciples.org/gala)

NEEDS FOR THE CHURCH:



Paper—20lb
Refill container of hand soap
Toilet bowl cleaner

A big THANK YOU to those who are so generously giving in this way!!



11/9	Richard & LaDona Frerichs
11/12	Robert & Michell Coad

Thank You...

...Thank you so much to the friends from First Christian Church (Elders) who conducted the lovely graveside service for Mom. We have many wonderful memories from growing up in this church. Your kindness is greatly appreciated. Sincerely, Family of Edith Dye

...Many thanks to all who helped with the CWF Soup Dinner. Rather than naming you all and forgetting someone, I want to extend a heartfelt thanks to all who donated money, paper supplies, ingredients for the soups and relish trays, pies and cakes, advertising, moving of the tables and chairs, your valuable time and your labor of love. I want to say a special thanks to our newest helpers, Elizabeth & Chloe, Treson and Andrew. This was a huge success with all of the people that attended. Thanks again to all and many blessings for our church.
Connie Grieve



We are planning the **All-Church Thanksgiving Dinner** for November 14, 2021.

The following items will be supplied: turkey, ham, potatoes, stuffing, gravy, rolls. If you are able to help with the potato cooking/mashing, contact Debbie Martin or the church office. We will leave the rest of the goodies to the wonderful cooks of FCC to bring!

We have so much to be thankful for!

Happy Birthday!

God bless you both as you celebrate this gift of life!!

Left- Ione Todd, 99 years
Right-Vola Fenner, 90 years



Quilt drawing

At the CWF Soup Dinner, the quilt that was up for raffle was given away. The total raised was \$420

AND

the winner is.....
Paul Simmons!!

Many thanks to all who supported this project!



USDA Commodities Distribution

The commodities distributions will be on a monthly basis for the time being. The next distribution will be:

Monday, Nov. 22 @ 1:30-2:30pm



If you have time and would like to help, please let **Tracy Hillmer** know. Our Lord asked us to feed the hungry, and so we shall!!

CWF EVENTS



The next meeting will be Nov. 10th at 2pm, with Emma VanVleet giving the devotions and Birkley Barnes providing refreshments.

The CWF Soup Dinner total came to \$978. We are very pleased with the enthusiasm in which the church & community supported it!!

Snippets from the Sept. Board Meeting

- ♦ The Elders carried out the Elderado Shootout this year after having to skip 2020. It was modified, but very well received.
- ♦ Property comm. reports that the pastor's name was covered over on the sign. There are some repairs that are needed on the playground, sprinkler heads will need replacing, the computer used for the Facebook broadcast has been acting up, deep cleaning needs to be done in the pastor's office prior to a new pastor moving in, and there are still two windows that need installing. The committee will consider what is needed on all of the above and come back to the board with proposals.
- ♦ The fertilizer spreader is in need of being replaced and this purchase was approved.
- ♦ The Search & Call Committee recommended to the board to make an official call to Pastor Don Warren to be our next seated minister. It was approved and will go to the congregation in a meeting today after church for vote as well.
- ♦ Membership & Evangelism committee will be hosting the All-Church Thanksgiving Dinner this year. It is scheduled for November 14th. Information will be coming to soon regarding food sign-up.
- ♦ It was decided to try to hold the Community Thanksgiving Dinner this year, contingent upon Covid numbers at the time.
- ♦ Vice Chair Kara Smith has been contacting members to fill the board positions that are expiring at the end of this year.
- ♦ The constitution is in need of updating and these items will be reviewed and submitted to the congregation for vote.



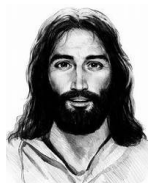


WHO AM I?

Last month's "*Who am I?*" was **George Luckert**.
This month can you guess who our congregational family member is?



1. I was born and raised in: Goodland
2. I married my spouse on June 24, 1966 and we were married at this church, First Christian. One thing I remember about our wedding day is: Tornado warnings (telling my spouse it was a mistake haha)!
3. When I was growing up, I wanted to be a: teacher & coach
4. My favorite holiday is: Christmas
5. What I like best about Thanksgiving is: Family gathering, to be thankful, and the food
6. If you could visit any time in history, what would you like to experience or re-experience? Mid 1950's—no war and WWII vets raising families.
7. Is there anything you have kept from your youth? My shotgun and my sense of humor
8. What quality do you have that you passed to your children? Loyalty and love of family
9. I first became associated with FCC (DOC) in 1974 & this is my church home because: The theology is simple & not dogmatic. Just accept Jesus Christ as your personal Savior.



The hymn *Because He Lives* has a verse that starts like this—How sweet to hold a newborn baby... and we agree!!
Announcing these two arrivals is such a pleasure:

Trevor Allen Mason

He was born Oct. 8, 2021 to Craig & Megan Mason weighing 9lbs 3oz & 20 1/2".
He is welcomed home by siblings Joslyn-5 & Alexis-3.
Trevor is blessed to have Jeff & Nona Mason as his grandparents!
Trevor's middle name was his great, great, great grandmother's maiden name and has lived on as a middle name in each of the generations since then.



Catherine Elise Ptacek

She was born Oct. 23, 2021 to Doug & Kelsi (Ihrig) Ptacek weighing 9lbs 5.8oz & 21.4in.
She is welcomed home by siblings Tatum-4, Lyle-2 1/2 & Heidi-17mo.
Lynn & DeeAnn Ihrig are proud to be her grandparents for sure! It won't be long and DeeAnn will be making 'look-a-like' outfits for her, too!



Reflections from our Church Sign

(wisdom that blesses our community weekly)

- **Looking for Mr. Right? This is His house!
- **Walk with the Lord to never get out of step!
- **CWF Soup Dinner announcement
- ** Fall for Jesus, He never leaves you!



2021 Thanksgiving Offering

Disciples have founded institutions of higher learning, encouraging students in their intellectual pursuits. The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is still committed to higher education.

On November 14 and 21, Disciples churches across the US and Canada will collect the Thanksgiving offering. As we continue to struggle with the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, our higher education institutions are facing unprecedented challenges and need our support now, more than ever.

Your gifts make a world of difference as Disciples continue our legacy of supporting education and our institutions of higher learning



Calendars for Sale

Membership and Evangelism will again be selling wall calendars at \$7.00 each and magnetic notepads at \$4.00 each.

They make great Christmas

gifts as well as offering you monthly reminders of God's beauty and wisdom.

See Tracy Hillmer, Debbie Martin or the church office to reserve your calendars.

~Congratulations!~

Stephanie Sheldon and Eric Marrello were married October 2, 2021 at Magnolia Gardens, Kansas City Mo. They reside in Overland Park.

Stephanie is self employed in Marketing and Eric is in Insurance.

We join their families in asking God's blessing on this marriage!!

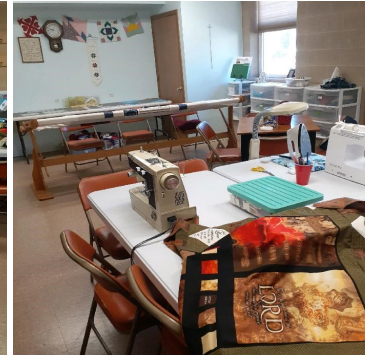
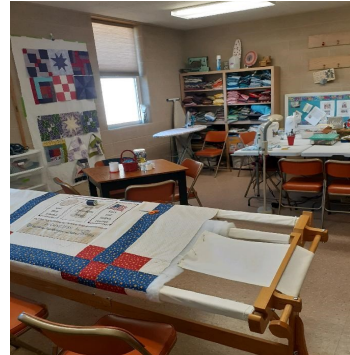


Nifty Needlers



Meeting every Tuesday @ 2 p.m. in the Church's Sewing Room (north west corner of the building).

Thank you to Kenny Grieve who moved the freezer! As you can see - we put the space to good use as soon as we saw it had been done! We sure appreciate your help with our group's mission projects. Joy H.



Kara Smith asked the Nifty Needlers to make a few Marble Mazes for her class. However, Joni Denton volunteered to make one for each of the class members! (lower right)

They are doubled fabric with stitched trails for the marble (which is inside) to be manipulated along.

I'm sure they have a coordination purpose, but it does keep those idle hands busy doing something constructive!



Thank you for the marble mazes!

Playground Spruce-up

A donation was received last week in memory of Bob Brock from his family, which was earmarked for playground use. We are so thankful for this gift and have put it to good use already!

New swings, chains and connectors, (among other things) are needed and the work is already underway.

When this playground was initially planned for, the Brock's were among those instrumental in it's coming to fruition. It is a much needed and used part of this neighborhood!

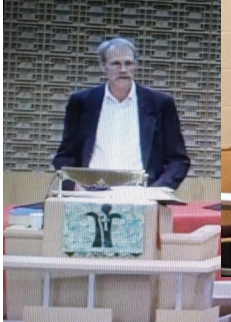
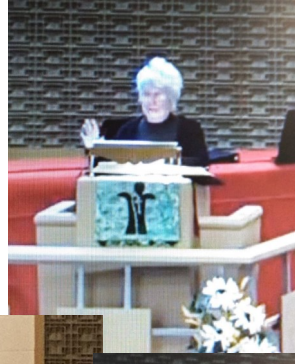


CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sermon Schedule

Nov 7	Rev. Carol Edling Jolly
Nov 14	David Branda
Nov 21	Terry Smith
Nov 28	Surprise Speaker

Many thanks to those who delivered messages in October. God speaks to each of us through willing vessels like YOU!!



!!!WE ARE BACK!!!

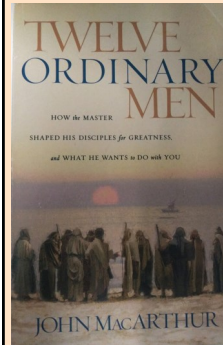
Each Wednesday evening, Disciple Zone 2.0 will meet.



It will start with a light dinner at 5:45 p.m. Following dinner, the children will begin their classes on the east end of the building and the adults will begin their class in the parlor. (See information below) As always, Disciple Zone will end at 7:00pm.

Come join in on a time of food, fellowship, and fun!!

NOON PRAYER CLASS



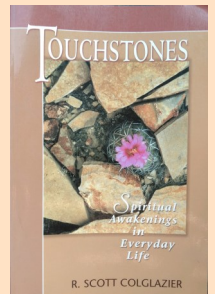
Come and be a part of this book study, prayer & fellowship. The book is "Twelve Ordinary Men" by John MacArthur. The subtitle describes it well: How the Master shaped His disciples for greatness, and what He wants to do with you.

*Every Thursday @ 12:30 p.m.
Church Parlor*

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ADULT BOOK STUDY

Wed. nights at 6:15 p.m.
(following the Disciple Zone meal)

In the book Touchstones, by R. Scott Colglazier, we will be led with a blend of theology, philosophy, and psychology, in showing us how we can find precious encounters of spiritual awareness in our everyday relationships, art, work, play, community and more. Be sure to join us for great reading and meaningful discussion!!



!! Available by Zoom as well !!

FRIENDSHIP CLASS Every Sunday at 9 a.m. "Belong"

November—The Fellowship of the Table

(The Spiritual Practice of Open Table Fellowship)

- Nov. 7 ~ Shared Abundance
- Nov. 14 ~ A Meal of Reconciliation
- Nov. 21 ~ Communion Connections
- Nov. 28 ~ Come to the Banquet





November 2021



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1. 9:00am Exercise	2. 2:00pm Nifty Needlers	3. 9:00am Exercise 4:00pm Woodwinds 5:45pm DZ 2.0 7:00pm Choir	4. 12:30pm Noon Prayer Class begins	5. 9:00am Exercise	6.
7. 9:00am Friendship Class 10:00am Fellowship time 10:30am Worship In-person & Online	8. 9:00am Exercise	9. 2:00pm Nifty Needlers	10. 9:00am Exercise 2:00pm CWF Mtg. 4:00pm Woodwinds 5:45pm DZ 2.0 7:00pm Choir	11. 12:30pm Noon Prayer Class begins	12. 9:00am Exercise	13.
14. 7:30am Board Meeting 9:00am Friendship Class 10:00am Fellowship time 10:30am Worship In-person & Online Congregational Thanksgiving Meal	15. 9:00am Exercise	16. 2:00pm Nifty Needlers	17. 9:00am Exercise 4:00pm Woodwinds 5:45pm DZ 2.0 7:00pm Choir	18. 12:30pm Noon Prayer Class begins	19. 9:00am Exercise	20.
21. 9:00am Friendship Class 10:00am Fellowship time 10:30am Worship In-person & Online 4:00pm Elder's Meeting	22. 9:00am Exercise 1:30-2:30 pm Commodities Distribution	23. 2:00pm Nifty Needlers	24.	25. Happy Thanksgiving! Community Thanksgiving Dinner  (Church Office Closed)	26. (Church Office Closed)	27.
28. 9:00am Friendship Class 10:00am Fellowship time 10:30am Worship In-person & Online	29. 9:00am Exercise	30. 2:00pm Nifty Needlers				

First Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)
711 Arcade, P.O.Box 335
Goodland, KS 67735



Church	(785) 890-5233
Pastor's Cell	
E-mail:	fccdoc@st-tel.net
Friendship Class	9:00 a.m.
Boat Class	9:15 a.m.
Fellowship Time	10:00 a.m. (Refreshments served)
Worship Service	10:30 a.m.
Disciple Zone 2.0 on Wednesday nights at 5:45 p.m. (classes for children and adults!)	
The Christian Echo is sent to you as a member or friend of First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Goodland, Ks	
CHECK IT OUT! www.goodlandfccdoc.org	

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Vision Statement

To be a faithful, growing church,
that demonstrates true community,
deep Christian Spirituality,
and a passion for justice.

(Micah 6:8)

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Mission Statement

To be and to share the Good News
of Jesus Christ, witnessing, loving,
and serving from our doorsteps
"to the ends of the earth."

(Acts 1:8)

November 2021

	7	14	21	28	
Elders	Ron Vignery, Off Kim Cole, Com	Dick Hayden, Off Debbie Martin, Com	Kenny Griffith, Off Tim Armknecht, Com	Kim Cole, Off Tracy Hillmer, Com	
Worship Leader	Birkley Barnes	Joy Hayden	Jo Simmons	Joan Reid	
Greeter(s): Sunday School	Emma VanVleet	Birkley Barnes	Lois Cossman	Gil & Bernie Taylor	
Servers	<i>Do not worry about anything,</i>	<i>but in everything by prayer and supplication</i>	<i>with thanksgiving</i>	<i>let your requests be made known</i>	
Candlelighters	<i>And the</i>	<i>peace</i>	<i>of God,</i>	<i>which surpasses</i>	<i>all understanding,</i>
Nursery	<i>will guard</i>	<i>your</i>	<i>hearts and minds</i>	<i>in</i>	<i>Christ Jesus.</i>
A/V Tech-Closer	Kenny Griffith	Terry Smith	Kenny Griffith	Terry Smith	<i>Phil. 4: 6-7</i>