



The Disciple NEWSLETTER

First Christian Church Olathe
Disciples of Christ

February 2023



As the relief, refugee, and development mission fund of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Week of Compassion works with partners to alleviate suffering throughout the world, with a vision of a world where God's people transform suffering into hope.



Yet it is because I remember all this that I have hope. YHWH's favor is not exhausted, nor has God's compassion failed. They rise up anew each morning, so great is God's faithfulness.

(Lamentations 3:21-23,
The Inclusive Bible)

You can give in support of Week of Compassion in one of three ways. First, give by making your check out to FCC Olathe and mark the memo: Week of Compassion or place your check in a Week of Compassion envelope. Second, give online by going to our website and click "Give Online." Click on the down arrow for "Add gift to another fund" and then click on Week of Compassion. Third, you may also give by going directly to the Week of Compassion at www.weekofcompassion.org



**Please join us for an Ash Wednesday
worship in our sanctuary on
February 22nd at 6:00 PM**

Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent – a time of prayerful reflection and an opportunity to recommit our lives as followers of Jesus.



MONDAY
MARCH 20th
6 PM

The **Welcome Dinner** is scheduled for March 20th at 6pm! The Welcome Dinner is for anyone looking to find out more about the ministry of FCC - whether you are a new member or a regular attender or just beginning to visit! It is a great way to get to know new people - and share a meal together. Mark your calendars! More details to come.



We would like to invite anyone in the congregation, who would like to attend, to join us in a discussion about the long term sustainability of the Food Pantry at First Christian Church Olathe.



We will be meeting to have this discussion about the Food Pantry on Sunday, March 5th. The meeting will be held in the Boardroom (room 107) and will start as you grab a cookie and a beverage and join us. Please sign up on the sign up sheet in the Narthex, Just outside the the sanctuary door, so that we will know how many people to plan for.

Boy Scout
Sunday
Feb 5th
11 AM



Our annual Boy Scout chili luncheon is just a few weeks a way. The Boy Scouts will be serving chili and cinnamon rolls after worship. We hope you will plan to stay and enjoy a meal and conversation with these gentlemen.

**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

DATE	BIRTHDAYS	ANNIVERSARIES
FEB 03	Dean Bonawitz	
FEB 04	Debby Geisinger	
FEB 05	Bob Bing	
FEB 09		Chris & Sammye Phelps
FEB 12		Connie & David Peterson
FEB 14	Sherrill Benson	
FEB 17	Nancy Gibson	Archie & Margo Brashears
FEB 19	Kimberlee Towner	
FEB 24		Charles & Coke Fellenstein
FEB 26	Sarah Darr	
FEB 28	Leroy Williams	

Men's Breakfast
February 18th - 8:30 AM
 Cracker Barrell 12101 S. Strange Line Rd,
 Olathe, KS 66062
 Sign up sheet outside the Sanctuary.



Sunday, February 19
Focus: Centering Prayer
3:00 PM - 4:30 PM

Each month I look forward to this Sacred Space in which to catch my breath and pause for a moment in this very busy world. I invite you to join us.
All are welcome.

Vision of Contemplative Community: to be a welcoming, learning, practicing contemplative community for people who are yearning for an experience of the Sacred in a safe space.

Location:
 First Christian Church Olathe
 200 E. Loula Street
 Olathe, KS



Stewardship & Finance

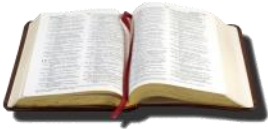
Financial Year End for 2022

We celebrate the many generous and faithful gifts that were given to the ministry of FCC Olathe in 2022. Because of the faithfulness of many, we ended the 2022 General Budget with a positive balance. Having a positive balance at the end of one year means that 2023 can begin on a healthy foundation.

With joyful anticipation, we move into a new season of mission and ministry as we seek to follow Jesus by offering compassion to those in need, working for justice for all, and living out the love of God.

Financial DEC REPORT

General Fund	DEC 2022	YTD 2022
Giving	15,661	196,090
Expenses	14,892	192,461
Surplus / Shortfall	769	3,629



We invite you consider joining one of our 3 Bible Study groups this Winter/ Spring.

Sunday, at 8:30 AM in the Library.

This group is led by Elaine Bagley, and the group will be studying the book of Hebrews.

Tuesday, at 11 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

Wednesday evening at 6 PM by Zoom.

Both the Tuesday and Wednesday groups will be led by Pastor Sherry, and they will be studying stories from the Gospel of Matthew over the next four weeks

Our goal is to dive into the stories of Jesus in ways that shape our lives as followers of Jesus. If you want to join one of these groups, please see Pastor Sherry for more information.

FEB 05 - Boy Scout Sunday - 11:00 AM (FH)
 FEB 12 - Monthly Birthdays - 11:00 AM (FH)
 FEB 19 - Contemplative Community - 3:00 PM(S)
 Elders - 6:30 PM - (Zoom)
 FEB 20 - Steward & Fin. Mtg. - 5:00 PM (RM 208)
 FEB 22 - Ash Wednesday Service - 6:00 PM (S)
 FEB 26 - Christian Ed - 6:30 PM (Zoom)
 FEB 28 - Board Meeting - 7:00 PM (FH)

Tuesdays - Bible Study - 11:00 AM (FH)
 Wednesdays - Bazaar Ladies - 9:30 AM (FH)
 Bible Study - 6:00 PM (Zoom)
 Thursdays - Choir Practice - 6:30 PM (RM 203)
 Fridays - Ethiopian Prayer - 6:00 PM (Sanctuary)
 Saturdays Chapel Church - 6:00 PM (Babb Chapel)
 Sundays - Bible Study - 8:30 AM (Library)
 Worship - 10:00 AM (Sanctuary / Live)
 Ethiopian Worship - 12:00 (S)



Freeing Jesus by Diana Butler Bass

During the Season of Lent, we will be exploring the question, "Who is Jesus?" Each week we will reflect on the ways that we know Jesus and experience Jesus in our lives. Part of my sermon each week will be drawn from the work of Diana Butler Bass in her book, Freeing Jesus. I look forward to taking this journey with you!

Lenten Season

Ash Wednesday, February 22

"An invitation from Jesus:
 Take up your cross"
 worship in the sanctuary at 6PM

February 26 – "Who is Jesus?"

March 5 – Jesus as Friend

March 12 – Jesus as Teacher

March 19 – Jesus as Savior

March 26, Jesus as Lord

Palm Sunday, April 2, Jesus as the Way

Maundy Thursday, April 6

Another invitation from Jesus:
 "Take, eat; this is my body"
 Worship in the sanctuary at 6PM

Easter, April 9 – Jesus as Presence



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FREEING JESUS - LENT SERIES

***FEB 26 - Christian Ed -
6:30 PM (Zoom)***