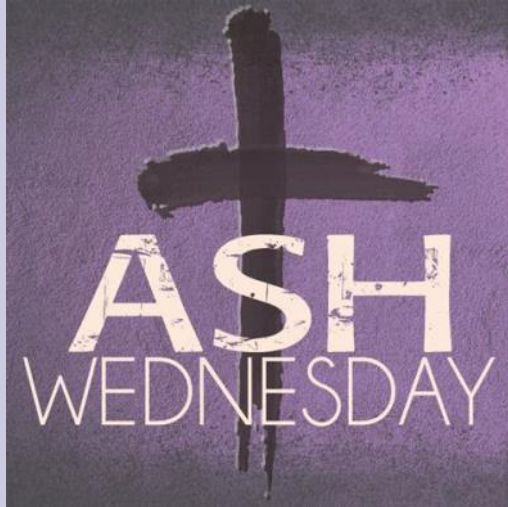




# The Disciple NEWSLETTER

First Christian Church Olathe  
Disciples of Christ

February 2024



## ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

**FEB 14<sup>th</sup> - 6:00 PM**

FCC SANCTUARY

### Jesus' Vision for Your One Wild and Precious Life

We all need marker points along the journey of our lives. Ash Wednesday stands as one marker point in our spiritual journey – a marker point which invites us to slow down and begin a season of reflection. I will be using a book by Rev. Dr. Mike Graves to guide our Lenten Season. It's title – Jesus' Vision for your One Wild and Precious Life – gives a hint of the invitation to live joyfully and fully as we embrace a faith that matters in our world.

### **ABUNDANCE The Farmlink Story** (Award Winning Documentary)

Join FCC Olathe and Becoming Beloved Community for the unveiling of the award-winning documentary, "ABUNDANCE: The Farmlink Story". The Farmlink Project, formed in 2020, addresses the issue of produce waste in the US. Recently, they handled the logistics of distributing 36 million donated apples, saving 2.3 million pounds of CO2. The event will feature a Q&A with Farmlink's CEO, Ben Collier. We aim to unite those serving the food insecure in Johnson County and work towards reducing produce waste and eliminating food insecurity. For queries, contact Neal Heckman at 831-601-5434 or [nealheckman@comcast.net](mailto:nealheckman@comcast.net).

**You are invited to join us as we share this  
Documentary with our community.**

**February 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**3:00 PM**  
**FCC Olathe**  
Sanctuary





**THIS** is how we effect change for the most vulnerable. Thanks Carol, Aaron and Neal for attending the meeting of the Board of County Commissioners to support the passage of the vote to purchase the hotel in Lenexa to be a homeless shelter. Due diligence is now in process.



The Outreach Dept will have a gathering for all FCC GFN members in Room 107 on Sunday February 18 from 11:30 - 1:00. The Elders have a special invitation to attend. In addition - anyone who is curious or has questions about GFN is welcome!

As part of our gathering we will strategize invitations to the Nehemiah Assembly (May 7) with the goal of surpassing 50 people from and/or connected with FCC who will attend the Nehemiah Assembly.

A light lunch will be served. If you plan to attend or if you have questions, please RSVP (for food count) or talk with Cindy Heckman.

## CONGREGATIONAL



**February 18th - 11:00 AM**

The Church Board approved a slate of candidates for the 2024-2025 Nominating Committee: Susie Winsor, Judy McCormick, Gary Armour, Kevin Coriden.

These names will be presented to the congregation for approval on Feb 18 after worship.



A big thank you to Bob Bing for allowing us to display 5 of his Nativity sets around the church during the Christmas season. We enjoyed the displays and the brief description of each set. THANKS AGAIN BOB!





**Men's Breakfast**  
**February 17th at 8:30 AM**

The Shack  
 9329 Harbinger St.  
 Lenexa, KS 66219

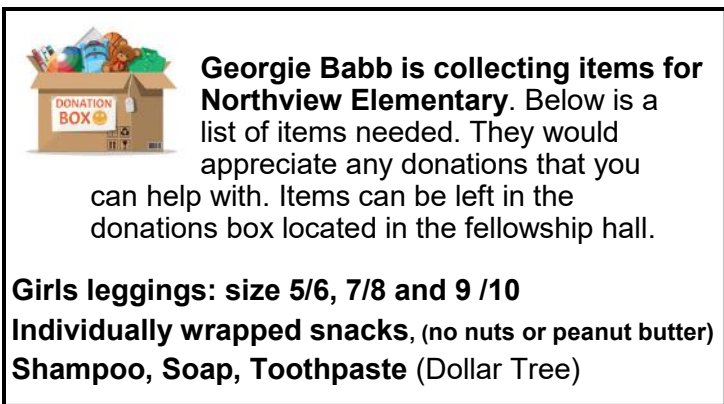


Thank you for your concern, outpouring of support and cards for our family during our time of loss. We greatly appreciate our FCC family.

Gary & Susie Winsor

Thank you for all your prayers, cards and kind words of support, during my time of great loss, in the passing of my father. It is a blessing to have such a caring church family.

Kimberlee Towner

**Georgie Babb is collecting items for Northview Elementary.** Below is a list of items needed. They would appreciate any donations that you can help with. Items can be left in the donations box located in the fellowship hall.

Girls leggings: size 5/6, 7/8 and 9 /10  
 Individually wrapped snacks, (no nuts or peanut butter)  
 Shampoo, Soap, Toothpaste (Dollar Tree)

**DEC REPORT Financial**

General Fund	Dec 2023	YTD 2023
Giving	29,678	214,380
Expenses	16,574	195,553
Surplus / Shortfall	13,104	18,827

**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		Davie & Connie Peterson
FEB 14	Sherril Benson	
FEB 17	Nancy Gibson	Archie & Margo Brashears
FEB 19	Kimberlee Towner	
FEB 24		Charles and Coke Fellenstein
FEB 26	Sarah Darr	

Pastor Sherry will be taking her Sabbatical from May 1 - June 30. Before the Sabbatical, Pastor Sherry will take a week of vacation from April 24 - 30.



**2023 Financial Year End**

Our financial statement as of 12/31/23 reflects a surplus of General Fund revenue to expenses of \$18,827 for 2023. What an amazing testimony to the commitment of our congregation to the ministry that is happening at First Christian Church Olathe.

And in addition to your generous gifts to the General Fund and other ministries like the food pantry, Disciples Mission Fund, the pastor's discretionary fund, and others, you have also given \$33,000 toward our \$40,000 goal for a new roof on the Education Building.

2023 was an amazing year and I am confident that 2024 will be the same, as we continue to find new ways to shine God's light in our community and world.

Kim Gordon, Chair, Stewardship & Finance Dept.

## WE ARE ALMOST THERE!

Contributions to the Capital Campaign to replace the roof on the Education Building stand at \$33,000 of our \$40,000 goal. Over 80% of the way there!

We are getting bids for this project and plan to start the work in the spring.

If you still haven't made a gift to this campaign and intend to do so, the time is now!

Thank you all for your generous giving to help maintain this 50+ year old building so it can continue to be a place of vital ministry.

## \$Raising the "Roof" Campaign



- Feb 04 - Scout Sunday, 11:00 AM (FH)
- Feb 11 - Monthly Birthdays, 11:00 AM (FH)
- Feb 14 - Ash Wednesday Service, 6:00 PM (S) 
- Feb 17 - Men's Breakfast, 8:30 AM  
The Shack 9329 Harbinger St. Lenexa, KS 66219
- Feb 18 - Congregational Mtg., 11:00 AM (FH)  
GFN Network Mtg., 11:30 AM (RM 107)  
Contemplative Community, 3:00 PM (S)
- Feb 19 - Steward & Fin. Mtg., 5:00 PM (RM 208)
- Feb 25 - Farmlink Event, 3:00 PM (S)
- Feb 27 - Board Meeting, 7:00 PM (FH)

- Tuesdays - Bible Study - 11:00 AM (FH)
- Wednesdays - Bazaar Ladies - 9:30 AM (FH)  
Bible Study - 6:30 PM (Zoom)
- Thursdays - Food Pantry - 9:00 AM (FH)  
Choir Rehearsal - 6:30 PM - (RM 203)
- Sundays - Bible Study - 8:30 AM (L)  
Worship - 10:00 AM (Sanctuary / Live)



### FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

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