



# The Disciple NEWSLETTER

First Christian Church Olathe  
Disciples of Christ  
February 2025

## Worship Texts for January 19 – March 2

This Winter and Spring of 2025, we will be reflecting on the stories told in the **Gospel of Luke**.



What questions did the early church have about Jesus?

What stories did Luke tell to explore the transformed way of life that Jesus offered?

And, of course, how can our congregational life and mission be nurtured and transformed by these stories of Jesus?

***As followers of Jesus, our way of life is a journey, not a destination.  
The Bible is a traveling companion, not a road map.***

**January 19** – Luke 4:14-20, Sermon at Nazareth Is It Time to Update Our Mission Statement?

**January 26** – Luke 5:1-11, Great Catch of Fish **#1 Go Deep**

**February 2** – Luke 6:1-16, Healing on the Sabbath (Scout Sunday) **#2 Do Good**

**February 9** – Luke 7:1-17, Healing the Servant/Raising the Widow's Son **#3 Have Faith....Or Not**

**February 16** – Luke 7:18-35, More than a Prophet **#4 Pay Attention**

**February 23** – Luke 7:36-50, Forgiven at Jesus' feet **#5 Serve Others!**

**March 2** – Luke 9:28-45, Transfiguration **#6 Listen to Jesus**



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# Boy Scout Sunday

FEBRUARY 2, 2025



The Boy Scouts will lead us in worship and after worship will serve a chili and cinnamon roll lunch. Join us, and pick your favorite chili.

# Farewell Reception

FEBRUARY 9, 2025

Please, join the Administration Department, Sunday, February the 9th during our regular Coffee Fellowship following Worship Service as we celebrate Kimberlee Towner, our Administrative Assistant here at First Christian Church. Kimberlee will be leaving her position with us soon as she starts a new journey in her Spiritual Life. A card or note for Kimberlee sharing your appreciation of her ministry with us is welcome.



FEBRUARY 16th - 23rd

# HEARD AND SEEN



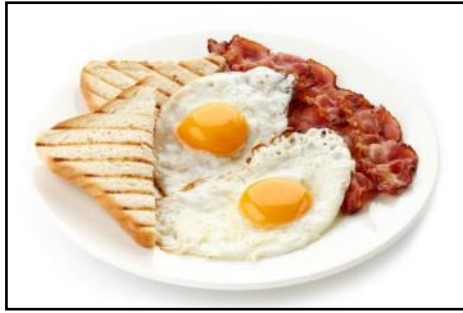
*Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.*

*Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.*  
Philippians 4:8-9



# Good Faith Network - Update

The network members from First Christian met on Sunday, January 26 after worship for a light lunch and updates on each of the four issue campaigns: mental health stabilization beds, ending homelessness, creating affordable housing and our newest issue – elder-care. We also learned about redlining, a powerful and difficult to reverse practice of exclusion and discrimination in housing and banking by restriction on deeds in subdivision development and restriction on who can receive “best term” mortgages. Our group had a very lively exchange of ideas and comments. Stay tuned for more info!



**Men's Breakfast**

**February 15th**

**8:00 AM**

**Black Bear Diner**

119815 S Strang Line Rd.

Olathe, KS 66062

**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

FEB 03	Dean Bonawitz	
FEB 04	Debby Geisinger	
FEB 05	Bob Bing	
FEB 12		Davie & Connie Peterson
FEB 14	Sherril Benson	
FEB 17	Nancy Gibson	
FEB 19	Kimberlee Towner	
FEB 26	Sarah Darr	

**2024 Financial Year End**

Our financial statement as of 12/31/24 reflects a surplus of General Fund revenue to expenses of \$3,239, in addition to your generous gifts to other ministries like the Food Pantry, Disciples Mission Fund, the Pastor's Discretionary Fund, completing the Capital campaign for the new roof on the Education Building and others. What an amazing testimony to the commitment of our congregation to the ministry that is happening at First Christian Church Olathe.

We look forward to 2025 and finding new ways to shine God's light in our community and the world, along with continuing the important ministries we have already been doing.

Thank you all!

Kim Gordon, Chair, Stewardship & Finance Dept.





**Georgie Babb Women's Group**

Will resume on  
**April 28, 2025**  
**1:00 PM**  
**Fellowship Hall**

**DECEMBER REPORT Financial**

General Fund	Dec 2024	YTD 2024
Giving	34,494	214,575
Expenses	19,136	211,336
Surplus / Shortfall	15,358	3,239

## MARCH GLADNESS CONTEST!!



This year our **March Gladness Food Drive** for the First Christian Food Pantry is organized into “a list” that is a lot like the brackets we see for the College Basketball Tournaments. The food collection drive will be all five Sundays in March. Please bring your donations to a cart at the back of the sanctuary each week. Each week each type of food item on the list will be counted. The food items with the lowest number received will advance to next week’s round. Week one will have 16 foods, 8 foods in week 2, 4 foods in week 3, 2 foods in week 4 and 1 food week 5. Look for each week’s food list in Pastor Sherry’s weekly email. The first week’s list of groceries is shown below. On March 9, you have the opportunity to enter your guess for which item will have the least donations and how many of that item will be donated during the contest. The winner will be announced on Sunday, April 6.

**For March 2 bring as many from the following list** as you want to bring.

*Soup, Fruit, Vegetable, Cereal, Cookies, Chips, Nuts, Oil, Sugar, Tuna, Brownie mix, Chili or beef stew, Crackers, Spaghetti sauce, Rice, Can of navy beans or pinto beans.*

## Ash Wednesday Service March 5, 2025 6:00 PM FCC Sanctuary

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.



**FEB 02 - Boy Scout Sunday, 10:00 AM (S & FH)**

**FEB 09 - Reception for Kimberlee T. (FH)**  
 - **Monthly Birthdays, 11:00 AM (FH)**  
 - **Property Mtg 11:20 AM (RM 107)**  
 - **Care Team Mtg. 11:20 (L)**

**FEB 16 - Elders Conversation (Zoom) 5:00 PM**

**FEB 17 - Steward & Fin. Mtg., 5:00 PM (RM 208)**

**FEB 20 - Worship Mtg. 5:15 (RM 208)**

**FEB 25 - Board Meeting, 7:00 PM (FH)**

**Tuesday - Bible Study - 11:00 AM (FH / Zoom)**

**Wednesday - Bazaar Ladies - 9:30 AM (FH)**

**Thursday - Choir Practice - 6:30 PM (RM 203)**

**Sunday - Bible Study - 8:30 AM (L)**

**Worship - 10:00 AM (Sanctuary / Live)**



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