



First Christian Church

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THE CURRENT WEEKLY

August 10 - 16, 2025

A NOTE FROM

Pastor Laura

Dear Church,

Last week was such a great week! It started on Monday with the baptisms at Tall Oaks, and then the celebrations and joys continued with announcements of great grandbabies and wedding anniversaries. The Women Together outing in JoCo on Saturday was so much fun, and we might have to bring a larger group of men and women out to Church of the Resurrection this fall to get the tour of the sanctuary and stained glass window. And then Sunday in church, we welcomed Sheila into our congregation! Plus, we had several first-time guests in worship!

And we celebrated Stacey Sapp beginning her seminary classes (and Johnny Viebrock is pursuing Commissioned Ministry with the Region)! Sorry for all the exclamation points, but this is all very exciting news. People often fixate on the size of a church as the only determinant of whether it's a "good" church or not. But the signs of church health are these very signs - baptisms, rich fellowship, visitors, new members and people following God's call into ministry.



I want to remind you that the Tri-Regional Day of Service is happening THIS Saturday, Aug. 16th at Hillcrest Christian Church from 10-3:30. There will be all kinds of service projects for people of all ages to work on together. I have signed up, and I hope some others will join me. Even if you can only come for part of the day, it should be a great experience. I'm especially

looking forward to the worship in the afternoon with our General Minister and President, Dr. Terri Hord Owens. [Here is the link](#) to sign up.

I'm really enjoying preaching on Jonah. It is such fun to get to really explore a whole book of the Bible. We have two more weeks with this reluctant prophet, and his story has more to teach us. If you've missed either of the first two sermons, remember that you can watch the livestream video on Facebook for 6 weeks after we stream it.

Our next sermon series will be a 3-week Stewardship series based on the story of the Good Samaritan. The word "stewardship" can often strike fear in the hearts of pastors and congregants because the topic of money is such a sensitive topic. But Jesus talked about money all the time. And God takes our gifts of time, talent AND treasure and turns them into ministry that can change lives (go back and read my first paragraph again). I actually really enjoy talking about stewardship, and I think it's exciting to think about how God might use the gifts we will bring in the next year. I am praying that the Holy Spirit will help us go all-in as we discover new ways to "Go and Do the Same."

Have a great week!

Pastor Laura

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Watch Last Sunday's Service



Watch the August 10 Service: <https://www.facebook.com/share/v/1AtkPSd8vF/>

announcements & EVENTS

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Smithville First Christian Church **Softball Team**

Come support our church softball team at their remaining games. All games are played in downtown Smithville at beautiful Heritage Park.

SMITHVILLE FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH **softball**

All games are played at Heritage Park

Date	Time (PM)	Against	Location
8/18/2025	7:30	Vineyard	Field 2
8/25/2025	7:30	Grace 1	Field 2



Northland NetWORKS for Good

A new community organizing group is forming in the Northland called Northland Networks for Good, and they invite anyone who is interested in organizing to attend their free training event on Sept. 5 & 6 at Turning Point, 1900 NE Englewood Rd, Gladstone, MO 64118. Here is the information about the event and the link to sign up.

- Friday, Sept 5: 6-8:45 pm, Dinner and Program
- Saturday, Sept 6: 8:30-11:30 am, Brunch and Training

Join us for a two-day hands-on workshop led by Paul Turner, Regional Supervisor with the South and West Industrial Areas Foundation (IAF) and former Lead Organizer of AMOS (A Mid-Iowa Organizing Strategy). Paul brings decades of experience helping communities organize for real, lasting change. He will guide NNG through the next phase: organizing a group of founding member institutions who are ready to support a local organizer and launch a grassroots movement rooted in

justice, equity and collective power. All costs covered by Northland NetWORKS for Good. [CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP](#)

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

time
talent
treasure

Intergenerational Day of Service, Aug. 16

Register for the upcoming Tri-Regional Partnership Intergenerational Day of Service - Saturday, August 16, 10 am to 3:30 pm Hillcrest Christian Church (Overland Park), Adults - \$10, Children/Youth - \$5, lunch included. Service projects available for people of all ages/abilities. We are asking people from each Region to bring the following:

- GKC: Jelly, clean/empty pill bottles
- Kansas: Peanut butter, travel soaps (bar or liquid)
- Nebraska: Toilet paper, zipper bags (quart)

Special Guest Preacher is Rev. Terri Hord Owens, our General Minister and President of the CC(DOC)!

<https://christianchurchinkansas.regfox.com/tri-regional-event>

SUPPLIES NEEDED

for our:

Intergenerational Day of Service

August 16th - 10 am to 3:30 pm

Bring/Collect Items for Our Service Projects:

Kansas Region: peanut butter, travel soaps (bar or liquid)

Nebraska Region: toilet paper, zipper bags (quart)

Greater KC Region: jelly, clean/empty pill bottles

Event Will Take Place At:

Hillcrest Christian Church
11411 Quivira Rd
Overland Park, KS 66210

Scan this QR Code
to register
for the event!

August Wish List

- Ramen noodles
- Hamburger Helper
- Pasta & Rice sides
- Mac & Cheese
- Cereal
- Instant mashed potatoes

NON-CANNED ITEMS FOR THE BLESSING BOX

Donations can be dropped off at the church:
Mon. - Thurs. from 8 AM - 12 PM
 The food pantry is open to anyone in the community
Tuesdays from 8:30 - 11 AM

Food Pantry
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August Food Pantry

Non-canned items for the Blessing Box like Ramen Noodles, Hamburger Helper, Pasta & Rice sides, Mac & Cheese, Cereal & Instant Mashed Potatoes, would be appreciated in August. Donations can be dropped off at the church: **Monday - Friday from 9 AM - 12 PM.** The food pantry is open to anyone in the community on **Tuesdays from 8:30 - 11 AM.**



Weekly Coffee & Donut Fellowship

Join us each Sunday at 10 AM (prior to Worship Service) for coffee, donuts, and fellowship!
 We look forward to seeing you on Sunday!



Sunday, August 17
 after 10 am Worship Service

Please bring a dish to share

Fellowship DINNER

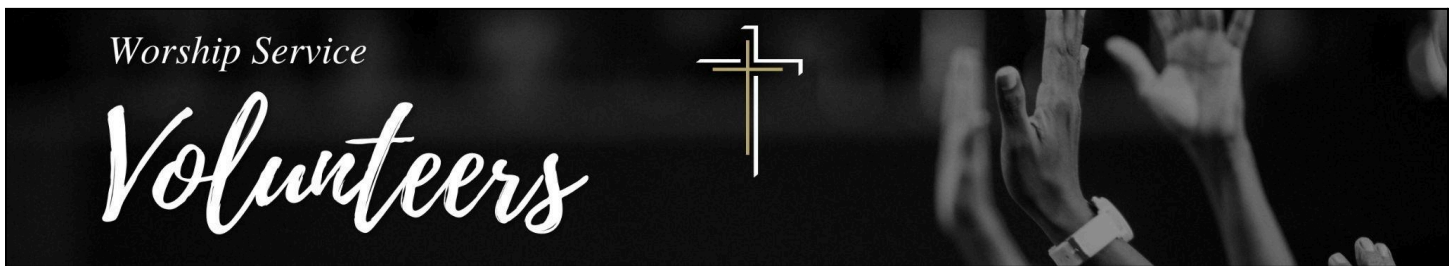
Sunday, Aug 17: Fellowship Dinner

Please join us this Sunday, August 17 after 10 am Worship Service for Fellowship Dinner! Please bring a dish to share.

Click here for website->[ALL ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS ARE ON OUR WEBSITE](#)



Please submit any prayer requests - new or continuing concerns - through the [Prayer Request Form](#) by the end of the day on **Wednesdays** for inclusion in Sunday's bulletin. Thank you for your help in keeping us informed of the needs in our community!



(Attention Greeters: We will need one Greeter at the East Entrance, and one Greeter at the West Entrance. Thank you!)

Worship Service Schedule for August 17, 2025

Pulpit: Laura Guy
Elder: Susie Clower
Lay Leader: Cheryl Merideth
Greeters: Susie Clower & Janice Roberts
Prep & Serve: Belinda Miller & Barbara Millard
Serve & Clean-up: Argel Merideth & Larson Viebrock

Help Clean Up: Janice Roberts & Marcia Hayes
Cash Counter: Greg Atkins
Acolyte(s): Beckett Milne & Brinley Milne
Nursery: Linda Neer
Laptop: Johnny Viebrock

Worship Service Schedule for August 24, 2025

Pulpit: Laura Guy
Elder: Jennifer Schoonover
Lay Leader: Kathy Hamilton
Greeters: Mac Clough & Judy Clough
Prep Help: Suzanne Becker
Prep & Serve: Diane Soetaert & Earl Soetaert

Serve & Clean-up: Sandra Matthews & John Matthews
Cash Counter: Phil French
Acolyte(s): Lincoln Viebrock & Kyla Kays
Nursery: Ruth Anne Porter
Laptop: Johnny Viebrock



*If you are unable to serve, please find a replacement and update the office by Wednesday at noon. The Volunteer List can be viewed online by scanning this QR code or going to <https://bit.ly/4ktjhGm>.

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To submit a Prayer Request: <https://bit.ly/3WIOXyf>

Office Hours:

Monday thru Friday: 9 am - Noon

Saturday/Sunday: Office is Closed

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