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Dear Church:

The girls and I recently moved a wild pumpkin from the backyard to a pot. My oldest daughter loves plants - she recently discovered the plant and didn't want it to get mowed down! How did we get here? At the tail end of 2019, probably from carving for Halloween, I threw a bunch of pumpkin seeds off of the deck and didn't think much about it. Fast forward to Summer 2020 and, against the odds, it is preparing to bloom! Life truly is wonderful.

I am reminded of the Parable of the Sower from Matthew 13. The sower, seeming like a fool, scatters seed everywhere. It falls on four kinds of soil: the path, rocky soil, soil with weeds, and good soil. The seed on the path is gobbled up. The seed in the rocky soil starts well, but shrivels. The seed among the weeds is choked out. Only the good soil produces a crop, beyond imagining.

Jesus explains the parable to us: *18 "Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: 19 When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path. 20 The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. 21 But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. 22 The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful. 23 But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown."*

These days, due to being disrupted and confronted with many many worries and fears, it is easy for God's word to not be understood, to be snatched up. It is easy for troubles to call us to disregard it. It is easy for our worries and wealth to make us hear it but be unfruitful. But God scatters his seed, and his promise is that his Word will produce a crop beyond what we can imagine when we dwell in it; when we hear, understand, and live it out.

May this time of disruption bring us trust in the promise that God is at work among us by his Word. Let us attend to it. Let us listen. Let us strive to understand it. Let us seek to be good soil. And we will discover a Word that never fails to surprise us and fulfill it's promises. One seed at a time.

Please note: If you have an update for prayers and praises, please contact the church office 837-4760 or email: churchoffice@fcclouisburgks.org

Prayer is an important part of our congregational life. We would like to be more intentional about those we place on our "prayers & praises" list by refining the list each month. Beginning each month, we will ask for your feedback if those we are praying for need to be continued. We will add or refresh the list each month.

PRAYERS

All those that have lost employment during this time of Covid-19; Healing for those sick from the virus; Growth in our love for God and our neighbors; Wisdom and patience as we adjust to the changes that have been thrust upon us; All those working essential jobs; Jim Ward asked for prayers for **Karrie**; Dave Maddax prayers for **family** of Sherman Harlow as he passed away; **Betty Brown** prayers for civil unrest to be over; Linda Cutshaw granddaughter **Kara** traveling in Texas; the **family** of Sandy's friend, Margaret Bayley as she has passed away; Roy requested support for **Isabell Wilkinson** for her to get help with medical bills; **Tall Oaks** putting on Virtual Camps in place of canceled programs; Nancy Kline's friend **Kat** whose mother passed from Covid 19; Karen Lien for her **parents** as her father has Parkinson's disease; Franks friends **Joe & Cheryl** as Cheryl is having severe nerve pain in arm and hands; Bill Shaffer's cousin, **Vernon Ames** not doing well and is in hospice care; healing for **Mary Asher** from her recent fall; **Deana Perdue's** brother, Steve passed away June 25; **Janice Green's** brother passed away June 24; **Nancy Kline's** cousin in Clay Center, KS. passed away; **Rachel Sinclair** fell June 25 and has a concussion, needs prayers for quick recovery; Brenda asked prayers for our country; Linda Cutshaws **friend's daughter** was killed in a car accident in Oklahoma; Joan's sister, **Kathy** and her husband **Gene** as he deals with diabetes; Maurine's sister, **Vicki's** brain cancer beginning to grow again; Bill & Reno's friends **Beverly Wilson** and **Jerry Cox** not doing well; **Rachel** doing better but goes back to Dr in 2 weeks. **Mary** gets a MRI July 13; Reno's friend **Dorothy Rucker**, who is 91 years, fell and in rehab; Julia's friend Christa's son **Barrett**, one year old, fell in camp fire ashes and has 2nd degree burns on his body; John & Jean's son, **Jeffrey Mowen** needs prayers for recovery from health issues; prayers for needed rain; Frank's cousin **Bill Morgan's family** as Bill passed away; Nancy Kline's neighbor **Jim Cockburn** has cancer; Sue's granddaughter, **Emily** has tested positive for Covid-19 but has no symptoms yet; our teachers and schools as they make decisions for the fall semester; the **family of Thor and Carmen McKiernan** as his mother, Judy was killed in an accident on July 14; Roy's best friend, **Doug Warren** needs prayers for health issues; **Sarah Armour** healing from internal bleeding; **Jack Kline** as he goes through medical testing; **Bob King** as he recovers from surgery July 17; Jill's grandmother, **Carol Madden** and her friend Tina and her dad **Ken Pulkinen** as both Carol and Ken are in hospice care; **Ann and Rachel Sinclair**; **Frank & Sandy** for safe travels as they help their daughter and family move to Oklahoma; **Carolyn Schwartz** had biopsy on her neck on July 22 that her skin spot is benign; **Scott Leikam** has kidney stone; **prayers for us all** as we are all stressed out and tired and are heading into August with the pandemic;

PRaises Bible Study and Sunday School on Zoom; **Game nights** together on Monday; all those making masks during the Covid -19 pandemic; Betty's daughter **Melinda** back home after second visit to hospital; Dave's sister **Diane** came through surgery very well and doing great; **Julia** had family visiting; **Janet Whitmer** completed her last chemo treatment and returned to work July 15; **Ann Sinclair**, it is official that Eric's name is now Eric Francis Sinclair; **Adoption & Beyond** thanked us for the donation to their organization; **Ken & Mary** celebrated their 53rd anniversary and **Frank & Sandy** celebrated their 48th anniversary; **Paul & Brenda** are thankful for their grandchildren; Mary Schaumburg tested negative for Covid19; **Barb Golding** was able to get together with her sisters; **Shayla Aye & Kaitlyn Leikam** graduate high school; **Jeffrey Mowen** is out of ICU; **Bernie's brother** in hospital in Texas tested negative for Covid;

FIGHTING CANCER Janet Whitmer; Ken Asher's friend **Don Hudson**; Dale Schwartz prayers for **Dennis and Melba Brickner** as Dennis recovers from cancer; **Tom & Linda Reppell** as Tom deals with cancer; **Bob King**;

CONCERNS **Jim & Debbie Melvin**; Asher family; prayers for church board; **Betty Reed**; our **Nation**; our church family; **Dixie Forney**; **Ruthie Boles**; all of our missionaries, the **Pronins, Barkers & McKnights**; **John Barker**; **Bob Jester**; Joe Shaffer's daughter, **Lesley**; Pastor **Justin**; **Youth Ministry**; residents at Vintage Park and Louisburg Health & Rehab; **Marilee Barker** and her family also all those who give care!

Remember our shut-in friends: Winona Hornbuckle; Myrtle Lee Reed; Anna McConnell; Peg Irwin and Bill & Reno Shaffer.

Serving In August

Elder
Offering

9:30am— Jim Ward

Communion

9:30am— Jim Ward



We will again this year fill boxes for **Operation Christmas Child**. Shoe boxes have been ordered. Begin saving items for them. Suggestion lists are available in the church office.

Collecting cloth or disposable masks for the homeless.

Bring them Sunday or drop off at the church office.

FALL BAZAAR

Please pass the word that the Fall Bazaar has been cancelled for November of 2020.

View the Newsletter in Color!

www.fcclouisburgks.org/index.php/newsletter

You can read it on your device or print it at home. If you have questions, contact the church office 837-4760.



Birthdays
in
August



If your birthday does not appear on our list and you would like it to, please send your birth date, **only day and month**, to Jean at the church office, or call 837-4760. Also, please let us know if we have made an error in recording your birthday.

- 7 – Bill Shaffer
- Sandy Morgan
- 11 – Adena Arnett
- 12 – Andrew Jones
- Barb Golding
- 13 – Ellen Jones
- 14 – Nancy Kline
- 16 – Jeffrey Mowen
- Rachel Ward
- 17 – Nate Apple
- 18 – Dan Cook
- 19 – Jerrod Nelsen
- 20 – Lori Maler
- 21 – Kaden Allen
- 21 – Andrea Cruce
- 24 – Joel Mowen
- Andrea Cruce
- 25 Trace Eslinger
- Elijah Eslinger
- 26 – Ed Arnett
- 29 – Damon Dennis



The red can collection for **August**
will go to

Ministerial Alliance



If you would like to give to the red can collection from home, you may send a check and specify on the memo line.

To learn more about this mission visit their website: cityunionmission.org

August Worship

www.fcclouisburgks.org

- Outdoor worship at 9:30am
- Recorded Sunday Worship Services
- Live Sunday School @ 8:00am on Zoom
- Live Thursday Fellowship at 9:30am Bible Study @ 10:00am and on Zoom

Thank you so much for the donation to Adoption & Beyond. We appreciate the churches support of our mission to birthparents, adoptive parents and children through adoption.

.....Steffany & Shawna

Worship Attendance
10:30a.m.

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| June 28 | 48 outside | 21 online |
| July 5 | 48 outside | 27 online |
| July 12 | 52 outside | 21 online |
| July 19 | 42 outside | 41 online |
| July 26 | 44 outside | 18 online to date |

Financials

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| Balance on hand— | June 18 | \$79,223.83 |
| Receipts (budget & non-budget) | | \$11,234.04 |
| Expenditures (budget & non-budget) | | \$12,204.59 |
| Net Change in Encumbered Funds | | 0.00 |
| Balance on Hand— | July 16 | \$78,253.28 |

We are collecting:

- Best Choice UPC Labels, Auburn Pharmacy caps, pop tabs, educational box tops and quarters for Heifer International.



Teachers are gearing up for a tough return to school this fall.

Help us make it easier for them all by donating cleaning products to local teachers! Specifically hand sanitizer and Clorox wipes. There will be a box outside at our church on Sunday for you to drop it in.

The Outreach Committee thanks you

SUPPORT OUR MISSIONARY

Rev. Pronin, a missionary in the Ukraine that we support, has published a new book in English. If you are interested in reading, please use the link below:

www.amazon.com/Chronicles-Undeclared-War-Ukraine-2014-ebook/dp/B079YMYYWX
\$2.99 on Kindle

VISITING THE CHURCH OFFICE

Due to Covid-19, contact the office to make an appointment before coming by the church 837-4760. Thanks.

HOW CAN I TITHE?

For those who are not able to attend worship services during this time, you can mail your tithe to the church at P O Box 865 in Louisburg, KS. 66053



We will be accepting donations **for Blessings in a Backpack** for the coming school year.

We need single serving non-perishable food items. For example tuna packets, granola bars, mac and cheese etc.

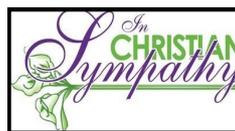
For more information email Heather Eslinger at eslingerheather@yahoo.com

Our sympathies are extended to **Janice Green** at the passing of her brother on June 24, to **Deana Perdue** at the passing of her brother, Steve on June 25 and **Thor and Carmen McKiernan** at the passing of his mother, Judy on July 14.

Janice's address:
1105 S. Doyle St.—Louisburg 66053

Deana's address:
1428 High Street-Baldwin City Ks. 66006

Thor & Carmen McKiernan's address:
201 S. 11th Street
Louisburg, KS. 66053



Online Sunday School Lessons

Young Children

To watch videos for Children's Wonder and Worship (in place of Sunday School), please visit the Families and Children DHM YouTube channel.
www.youtube.com/channel/UCL10TN4Jh_3Pa0wEGXTeFSg

Older Children

Don Aye is holding Zoom Sunday School on Tuesday's at 6:30pm.
Contact the church for details on how to participate.

**DEADLINE FOR
NEWSLETTER ARTICLES**

Our next
newsletter

will be published

the week of **August 23**

Please have items into the church office
no later than **Friday, August 21.**

The **Church Board** meets on the
3rd Thursday of each
month at 7 p.m.

The next **Board Meeting** will be
Thursday, August 20 — 7 p.m.



Weekly Bible Study
Thursday mornings on Zoom

<https://zoom.us/j/808946274>
Meeting ID: 808 946 274

9:30am Fellowship
10:00am Bible Study

Pastor Justin Schwartz

pastor@fcclouisburgks.org

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We Are Seeking a Youth & Family Director

First Christian Church is seeking an individual who feels called to the work of ministry to join us in serving the youth of our congregation and local community as our new Youth and Family Director.

If you or anyone you know would be interested in joining us in this ministry, please contact the church office by phone (837-4760) or email (churchoffice@fcclouisburgks.org).

To view the job description and compensation, please visit www.kcdisciples.org/ministry-opportunities.html

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FOOD PANTRY

The **Agape Food Pantry** located at the Methodist Church is not open on the 3rd Wednesday of each month during the pandemic. Instead of food assistance, a gift card will be given. Contact our church office for more information.