

# October 2025 Newsletter

**The First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Perry is a family that finds ways of supporting growth through the connection of worship and the compassionate care of our church members and community.**



## Attendance Report:

	8:15 AM	10:30 AM	6:00 PM	YouTube
8/17/25	36	65	18	9
8/24/25	41	79	22	12
8/31/25	35	68	25	18
9/7/25	40	75	15	16
9/14/25	30	71	n/a	13
9/21/25	39	88	n/a	13
9/28/25	33	62	22	6

8/10/25	General	\$4,034.63
8/10/25	Grief Support Book Club	\$145.00
8/17/25	General	\$4,305.00
8/24/25	Memorial	\$25.00
8/24/25	General	\$3,347.00
8/24/25	Grief Support Book Club	\$20.00
8/31/25	General	\$2,410.00
8/31/25	Subsplash	\$2,236.88
8/31/25	ACH	\$800.00
9/7/25	General	\$4,787.63
9/7/25	Restricted- T-shirts	\$75.00
9/14/25	General	\$2,746.30
9/14/25	Restricted-T-shirts	\$30.00
9/28/2025	General	\$1338.88
9/28/2025	Reconcilliation Sun,	\$145.00
Total		\$26,416.32

Psalm 85:12: "The Lord will indeed give what is good, and our land will yield its harvest."



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## CWF Christmas in July Fundraiser

The CWF Leadership Team would like to express our gratitude for your donations during the months of July and August in support of the Noble County Christmas Store. A total of \$155.00 was raised. Thank you in supporting this project in making a child's Christmas a little brighter.

## CWF BUNCO NIGHT

The Christian Women Fellowship hosted a Bunco night on Thursday, September 18th . Two rounds of Bunco were played, and prizes awarded at the end of the two rounds. Prize winners were Jonice LeValley, Helen Fuller, and from the Zion Lutheran Church, Marilyn Stroup, and Teresa Snyder. Mixed popcorn, chocolate sheet cake and pineapple cake were available refreshments, along with water and tea. Those guest attending were Patsy Hasenfratz, Teresa Snyder, Maily Stoup, Marilynn Voise, and Cindy Rupp. Those attending from First Christian were Helen Fuller, Sue Klingaman, Nancy Frazier, Marilyn Branen, April Bond, Carman Lowe-Bell, Mollye Henley, Jonice LeValley, Eran Farrow, and CWF Team Leaders, Karen Demory, Kim Sheets and Cindy St. Clair.

## CWF Painting Party

CWF Presents: Barn Quilt Painting on Canvas

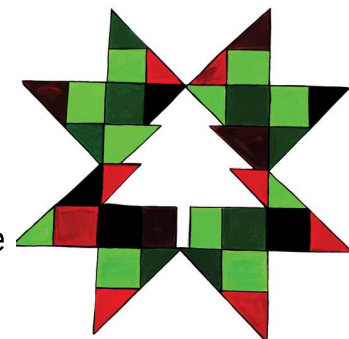
Please join us for a fun morning of barn quilt painting on canvas. Holly McHughes will be teaching the class. Saturday, October 25, 2025, 10:00 AM-12:30 PM in the Perry First Christian Church Fellowship Hall. This project is designed to be completed within 2.5 hours. Snacks and water will be provided. Feel free to bring a lidded drink. Reservations must be made by October 17. Reservations are required as the canvas will be prepped ahead of time. Tag a friend and come paint with us. Painting is more fun when we paint together. We look forward to seeing you there! For ages 12 & up.

### October Birthdays

Metha Whitehead 10/4  
Barbara Schweer 10/5  
Ashleigh Wheatley 10/7  
Greyson Bode 10/8  
Linda Oberholzer 10/8  
Robert Rahn 10/14  
Cory Whitehead 10/14  
Calvin Cunningham 10/16  
Kim Ward 10/16  
Roger Tetik 10/20  
Bailey Meadows 10/21  
John Meadows 10/21  
Emersyn Groom 10/21  
Sherry DeBord 10/21  
Dustin Schweer 10/24  
Larry Voise 10/24  
Shelley Hawkins 10/24  
Jean Vasek 10/26  
Kathryn Knott 10/28  
Robbie Frazier 10/29  
Nancy Frazier 10/31  
Kim Sheets 10/31  
Phyllis Postelwait 10/31

### October Anniversaries

Stan & Kim Ward 10/3  
Taylor & Missy Groom 10/4  
Brian & Ashleigh Wheatley 10/5  
Austin & Loren Weiher  
Willie & Kim Sheets 10/30



# Josh's Jottings

## Welcome to October at First Christian Church

As the leaves begin to change and autumn arrives in Perry, Oklahoma, First Christian Church is excited to share a variety of events and activities designed to bring our community together in faith, fellowship, and service. Whether you are a longtime member or new to our congregation, we invite you to join us in making this October a memorable month.

## Upcoming Worship Services

Throughout October, regular worship services will be held each Sunday at 8:15 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary. Each service will include carefully selected music, thoughtful sermons, and opportunities for prayer and reflection. We invite you to join us as we explore meaningful themes and recognize the significance of the season. Please note, our Contemporary Service has been officially renamed "Grace after Sundown" and will begin at 6:00 p.m., featuring diverse musical styles and a focus on worship.

## Children and Youth Activities

- Sunday School: Classes for children and youth are held every Sunday at 9:30 AM, providing education about faith and biblical stories. Additional Sunday School Teachers are needed; those interested are encouraged to contact us.
- Youth Group Nights: The youth group meets on Sunday evenings at 5:00 PM for activities including games, discussions, and service projects. Students from 3rd through 12th grade may attend.

## Special October Events

- Trunk-or-Treat: You are cordially invited to attend our Trunk-or-Treat event on Thursday, October 31st, from 5:30–7:30 PM in the church parking lot. Children are welcome to wear costumes and receive treats from vehicles decorated for the occasion. Donations of candy and participation with vehicles are appreciated. We look forward to your attendance.

## Adult Ministry Opportunities

- Bible Study: Weekly sessions are scheduled for Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m. in the S&D room. The current month's focus is on the book of Malachi.
- Grief Book Study: Meetings will continue with a revised time of 4:30 p.m. until the completion of the book.
- Elders Workshop: Beginning October 12th, sessions will take place from 3:00–4:30 p.m. for churches in Oklahoma, Kansas, and Nebraska. The workshop will be conducted in the Multi-purpose Room.

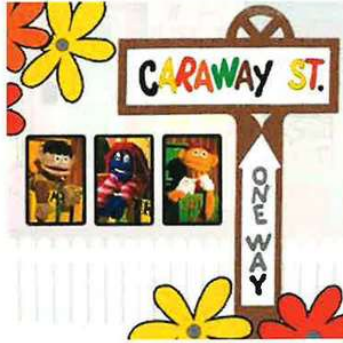
There are several ongoing initiatives at the church, and we hope you share in our enthusiasm. The Bylaws Committee is diligently working on its tasks, and other committees are progressing with the assignments established during the Voice and Vision Summit. Now that the purpose behind these activities has been clarified, members are carefully considering the specific actions and timelines involved and reflecting on whether each task is being undertaken out of tradition or in response to a genuine sense of calling.

It is an exciting time at the church.

Shalom, Joshua

# CARAWAY STREET IS RETURNING!

Come join us as we welcome back  
our favorite little people (as well as  
some other really crazy characters).



**Sunday, October 26, 2025  
at 9:15 A.M.**

**First Christian Church, 701 Holly  
(580) 336-4576**

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#### Performance Dates

October 26  
November 16  
December 14  
January 18  
February 15  
March 8  
April 19  
May 17

## Choir Notes

I am so glad to have the choirs going again! Hearing them during practice and in the worship service really lifts my spirit! I hope you feel the same way.

This Sunday is World Communion Sunday, so we will be singing a wonderfully moving piece, "Remember, Remember Me."

We look forward to singing and ringing more as we move into November and December.

Keep a song in your heart!  
Paula

## Family Day at the Pumpkin Patch

We will be going to Parkhurst Family Farms on October 26th. It's \$13 for adults, \$11 for kids 3&up, \$10 for 65+ and military. More details coming soon!



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# Announcements

## Reoccurring Events:

**Sunday School** : Sundays at 9:30 AM  
**Sunday Worship Services:** 8:15 AM 10:30 AM  
**Grace After Sundown** Sundays 6:00 PM  
**Caraway Street:** 3rd Sunday at 9:30 AM.  
**Disciples Kids:** Wednesday after school  
**Youth:** Sundays at 5:00 PM  
**Chancel Choir:** Wednesdays @ 6:00 PM  
(except when Board meetings are scheduled.)  
**Bell Choir:** Wednesdays @ 7:00PM (except  
when Board meetings are scheduled.)  
**Bible Study:** Bible Study Tuesdays at 9:00 AM  
**Disciples Women:** 3rd Thursday of the month  
6:00 PM  
**Quilters:** Thursdays 1:00 PM  
**Pickleball:** Tuesdays & Fridays at 10:00 AM  
**Christian Women's Fellowship:** Events  
scheduled throughout the year.  
**Christian Men's Fellowship breakfast:** 3rd  
Saturday of the month 7:00 AM.



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Rev. Dr. Joshua Bell, Sr. Minister  
Shiloah Kennedy, Administrative Assistant  
Emily Androes, Children's Ministry Coordinator  
Paula Shryock, Music Director  
Nancy Wells, Organist  
Karen Douglass, Pianist  
Bobby Cunningham, AV tech  
Ted Loring, AV Tech  
Sharon Worrell, Custodian

*Thank you for reading!*

# October 2025

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> Disc. Kids 3:30 PM  Chancel Choir 6:00 PM  Bell Choir 7:00 PM	<b>2</b> Ministerial Alliance meeting 9:00 AM  <b>Service for Paul                      Morrow 10:00 AM</b>  Quilters 1:00 PM	<b>3</b> Pickleball 10:00 AM	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> Sunday School 9:30 AM Youth 5:00 PM Grace after Sundown 6:00 PM	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> No Bible Study  Pickleball 10:00 AM	<b>8</b> Disc. Kids 3:30 PM  <b>Board 6:00 PM</b>	<b>9</b> Quilters 1:00 PM	<b>10</b> Pickleball 10:00 AM Food Pantry 10- 12:00 PM	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> Sunday School 9:30 AM Elders' Workshop 3:00 PM Youth 5:00 PM  Grace after Sundown 6:00 PM	<b>13</b> Deacons' meeting 5:30 PM  <b>Elders' 6:00 PM</b>	<b>14</b> Bible Study 9:00 AM  Pickleball 10:00 AM	<b>15</b> Disc. Kids 3:30 PM  Chancel Choir 6:00 PM  Bell Choir 7:00 PM	<b>16</b> Quilters 1:00 PM  Disciples Women 6:00 PM	<b>17</b> <b>PHS Football                      breakfast 7:00                      AM</b>  Pickleball 10:00 AM	<b>18</b> CMF breakfast 7:00 AM
				<b>Church office will be closed.</b>		
<b>19</b> Sunday School 9:30 AM Elders' Workshop 3:00 PM Youth 5:00 PM Grace after Sundown 6:00 PM	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Bible Study 9:00 AM  Pickleball 10:00 AM	<b>22</b> Disc. Kids 3:30 PM  Chancel Choir 6:00 PM  Bell Choir 7:00 PM	<b>23</b> Quilters 1:00 PM  Food Pantry 5- 7:00 PM	<b>24</b> Pickleball 10:00 AM	<b>25</b> CWF Event FCC Perry- Christmas Tree painting with Holly McHughes. 10-12:30
<b>26</b> Sunday School 9:30 AM Caraway 9:15 AM Pumpkin Patch Elders' Workshop 3:00 PM Grace after Sundown 6:00 PM	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Bible Study 9:00 AM  Pickleball 10:00 AM	<b>29</b> Disc. Kids 3:30 PM  Chancel Choir 6:00 PM  Bell Choir 7:00 PM	<b>30</b> Quilters 1:00 PM	<b>31</b> Pickleball 10:00 AM <b>Trunk or Treat                      5:30 PM-7:30 PM</b>	

**Prayer Requests for October 1, 2025**

**The Family of:**

**Paul Morrow**

**Mary Stroud**

**Karen Shaw**

**Recent Health Concerns:**

**Jeremy Bode-motorcycle wreck**

**Robert Filtz-heart cath. Procedure on 9/29.**

**Johnny Fuller-heart catheterization procedure 9/25.Update: procedure went well.**

**Bruce Force, nephew of Norma Hughes-Klingaman, having complications from gall bladder surgery.**

**Angelina Sands, daughter-in-law of Norma Hughes-Klingaman, had gall bladder surgery and now has collapsed lungs & pneumonia.**

**Amanda Zemp-recently diagnosed with ALS**

**Lindsey Wiley-breast cancer diagnosis.**

**Bev Klingaman-breast cancer has returned.**

**Shari Bross-diagnosed with breast cancer and will be having surgery.**

**Dawn, Jaime Payne Thompson's mother, broke her wrist**

**Kirt Schweer-recovering from back surgery.**

**Nancy Mitchell, Jim Kelly's sister. Recently diagnosed with breast cancer and will be having surgery in the next few weeks.**

**Karly Kukuk-having triplets soon.**

**J.D. Koch-upcoming tests**

**Becky Beckner-eye surgery on September 25th.**

**Brenda Sullins' nephew, Jace, is in OU hospital.**

**On-going Health Concerns:**

**Barry Cook Update: going to rehab.**

**Dixie-Kelly Frazier's mother**

**Tracey Klingaman**

**David Blocker**

**David Frazier, Sr.**

**Unspoken & General Concerns:**

**Praise**

**Cancer:**

**Doris Lewis**

**Doug Butler**

**Roger Ediger**

**Tiffany Smith**

**Junene Whiteley**

**Tom Nelson**

**Becky Ambrosini**

**Tammy Daniels**

**Paige Dunham**

**Leon Hughes, Jr**

**Tiffany Hager, cousin of Shelley Hawkins**

**Judy Winters**

**Shannda Holcomb, friend of Ashley Bode**

**George Cunningham, Robert Cunningham's brother**

**Lyle Smith**

**Tiffany Smith**

**Victor Chavez**

**Debbie Choplin**

**Emily Koch**

**Travis Wilhelm**

**Roger Gierhart**

**Jerry-Paula Shryock's uncle**

**Brian Fuller**

**Matt Frazier**

**Brian Boyea**

**Tracey Klingaman**

**Sheryl Jackson**