# Ponca City Christian

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) 210 North Fifth Street



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Ponca City, Oklahoma 74601

#### **Celebrating Mom**

This is it! The second Sunday of May marks the day we celebrate <u>all</u> the moms in our lives. It is an extra special time to reflect, give thanks, and say thanks to the mothers who have helped us become who we are.

In addition to the mothers who have a biological connection to their children, let us not forget to acknowledge:

- Soon to be moms who are terrified as well as excited for their first-time motherhood experience.
- Single moms who cook, clean, and play with their children after a long day at work.
- Moms who gave birth and made the best decision to let their babies be raised by others.
- Mothers who adopted children and love them as their own.
- Grandmothers who provide love and advice to her children and grandchildren.
- Stepmothers who love and treat their stepchildren with love and respect.
- Foster mothers who have given a foster child a chance to have a family.
- Bereaved mothers who lost a child.
- The mother-at-heart who longs to have a baby but can't conceive.
- The mother of cute puppies, kittens, or any pets.
- The godmother who plays an integral part of a child's spiritual upbringing.
- The teachers, social workers, neighbors, and friends who provide guidance to children.
- Aunts, cousins, friends, and babysitters who take care of the children when mom is not around.

Today we celebrate our very own, very special moms <u>and</u> all the inspirational motherly figures that support us every day.

## HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

#### Name Badges

Name badges have been returned to their usual locations! If you do not find yours, please check your car or at home. We will be happy to make you a new one if you cannot locate it. (God already knows our names, but a new pastor will want the same information!)

#### Rev. Stephen Johnson Visits FCC Ponca City

The Search Committee invited ministerial candidate Rev. Stephen Johnson to visit Ponca City. Stephen was in town Tuesday-Thursday and had opportunities to meet (face-to-face) with the Search Committee, Council, Elders, Worship Planning Committee, and Staff. Rev. Johnson is currently serving an interim call in Missouri.

As a result of these meetings and the work of the Search Committee, a Congregational Meeting is being called for May 23, 2021 following the 11:00 service for the purpose of calling Rev. Stephen Johnson into service at First Christian Church—Ponca City. Stephen's bio will be available for review. All in the FCC family are urged to attend the service. Absentee voting will be available for any who are unable to attend in person.

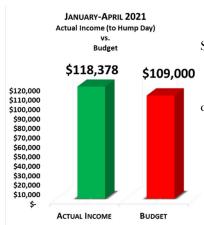
God is good and greatly to be praised!

#### Calling All Graduates

What a year 2020-2021 has been! All graduates deserve an extra helping of CONGRATULATIONS! Please help us recognize our graduates by notifying the office if you are graduating or someone in your family is graduating! We would like to share the good news!



### HUMPDAY Report



The graph to the left is a regular report from the Stewardship and Financial Resource Team showing how our *actual year-to-date income* to date compares to the *projected year-to-date budget*. Income data is gathered each Hump Day (Wednesday) prior to the publication of the newsletter.