

# FIRST LIGHT

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Join us for inspiring worship at 8:15 a.m., 10:50 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. every Sunday • Church School and small groups for all ages meet Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

## THIS SUNDAY

During August we continue our series, "Tell Me the Stories of Jesus", exploring the parables of Jesus and how they apply to our lives today. We hope you will join us for worship Sundays at 8:15 a.m., 10:50 a.m., or live at 11:00 a.m. on KAKE TV and live on the web at [firstwichita.org](http://firstwichita.org) and at 5:00 p.m. at Mead's Corner.

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## FEED THE HUNGRY

Food collected in the A/B entrance goes to United Methodist Open Door.

**August food collection:  
Peanut Butter**

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# BACK TO SCHOOL

As summer comes to an end, a new season is ushered in. This month we will celebrate children in our congregation and community heading back to school. Even though you might not have students in your home, it doesn't mean you can't get excited about this time of year and be a part of helping kids in our neighborhood begin a successful school year. First Church will once

again collect supplies for our neighborhood school, Park Elementary. It's also time to start thinking about where you want to connect as we start gearing up for fall programming. This is an exciting time of year! Look for a variety of opportunities to be involved from choir, to Disciple classes, to small groups for youth and children and so much more, there is a place for you!

## JOIN US

**August:** School Supply Drive

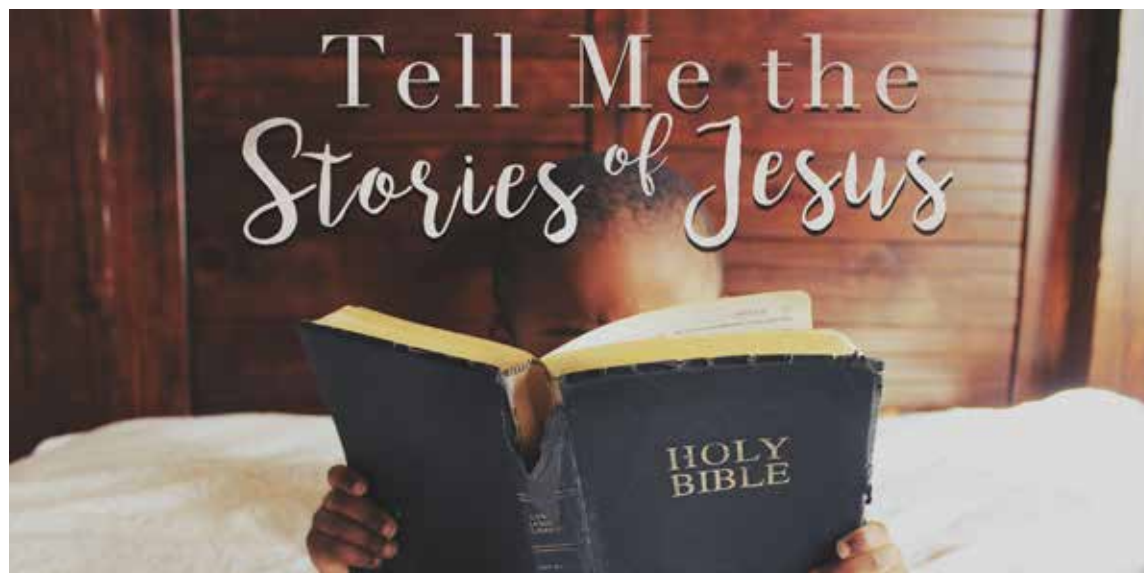
**August 13:** Fly Up Sunday (Students promote to new grade)

**August 20:** Blessing of the Backpacks

**August 30/31:** Disciple Fast Track - New Testament Classes begin

**September 13:** Wednesday Night Kick off (CORE Kids and Youth)

## Summer Sermon Series Continues



This month we continue our series, "Tell Me the Stories of Jesus", using Amy-Jill Levine's book, "Short Stories by Jesus", to take a fresh look at some of Jesus' parables and refocus and re-define what we think we know. Dr. Levine's insights help

to see how Jesus' first century audience might have heard these stories much differently than the 21st century seeker and believer. These parables have the ability to continue to challenge, convict and comfort us all!



## Downtown Alive Anniversary Celebration

Please plan to join us on August 6, 2017, for the Downtown Alive Service at 10:50 a.m. We will be celebrating 41 years of Television Ministry during worship and will have refreshments in the Narthex after the service. We are hoping that some of our TV viewers will join us in church that day and get acquainted while enjoying fellowship after the service.

## Summer Sermon Series Sunday's

■ August 6, 2017  
"Lost and Found" Part II  
Romans 8: 31-39, Luke 15: 8-32

■ August 13, 2017  
"Surprised and Stereotyped"  
Romans 9: 1-5, Luke 18: 9-14

■ August 20, 2017  
"Who Goes First?"  
Romans 13: 8-12, Matthew 21: 28-32

■ August 27, 2017  
"Golden Rule and Grace"  
Romans 14: 1-12, Matthew 18: 21-35

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

The hospitalized, our members and attenders with long-term and terminal illness, their caregivers, the homebound and those who are in nursing homes. Pray for our Guardian Angels and Stephen Ministers.

Articles for the next edition of *First Light* are due August 15, by 9 a.m. Material should be submitted to the appropriate ministry director for approval. Questions can be directed to Erin Davis, 267-6244 ext. 300.

## Prayers

Email [prayer@firstwichita.org](mailto:prayer@firstwichita.org) to ask for prayer from the people of First United Methodist Church.

Email [pastoralcare@firstwichita.org](mailto:pastoralcare@firstwichita.org) to ask for a visit, call, or private prayer from the congregational care team.

The Congregational Care Team,  
Rev. Cindy Watson,  
Rev. Dr. Tal Tittsworth,  
Rev. Rebecca Goltry Mohr,  
Leslie Coates

***Our Mission***  
Making Disciples of  
Jesus Christ  
for the transformation  
of the world.

***Our Vision***  
Changing lives—  
transforming communities

***Our Purpose***  
To create a Christian  
community where anyone  
can become a completely  
committed follower  
of Jesus Christ.



## Help Neighborhood Kids Head Back to School

Store shelves are loaded with school supplies just waiting to be purchased! However, many of our neighborhood families with children who attend Park Elementary, our partnership school at 1025 N. Main, cannot afford the supplies requested. In families with several children, this becomes an overwhelming financial burden.

For 12 years, First Church has helped provide school supplies for Park School children. Especially needed are backpacks, EXPO markers, Kleenex type tissues, zip-lock bags of all sizes and disinfectant wipes. A complete list of supplies will be available at the AB entrance or by calling Libby Eaton at church. Financial donations made to the church and noted for School Partnerships will also allow us to purchase items as they are needed.

We are currently doing an inventory of uniforms on hand at Park. Thus, we are waiting to request any particular clothing at this time. We KNOW that winter coats will be needed later.

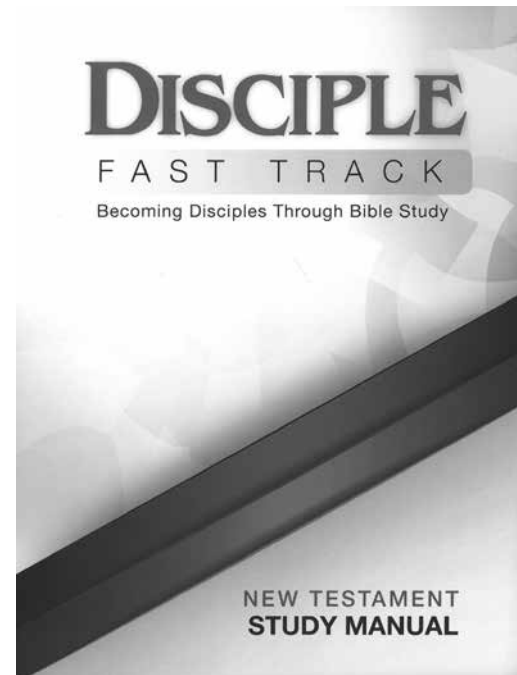
Both Park and Washington Elementary participate in the AVID program, designed to help students think about the skills they need for higher education and aspire to stay in school as long as possible. Students are allowed to wear college themed tops on special days. Shirts can be new or gently used. Discount and thrift stores, garage sales, and even your own closets may provide a college logo shirt.

Between gifts from First Church congregants and donations to the tip jar by Mead's Corner patrons, God uses our gifts to encourage success for our neighborhood children.

Please join us in providing items necessary to get our neighborhood children off to a great start! Items for both schools can also be brought to the church throughout the year. Baskets for collecting items will be located at both entrances.

## Handbells Return to First Church!

Vibrant handbell choirs have long been a tradition at First Church. Beginning this September, First Church's handbells will once again be ringing to the glory of God! If you are an experienced handbell ringer I hope you will plan to participate and I would like to hear from you. If you are interested in learning to ring handbells, can count, and read music, don't hesitate! If you are interested, please contact Jan Carduff at [fumhandbells@gmail.com](mailto:fumhandbells@gmail.com) or 316-641-3800.



## Disciple Fast Track New Testament

Please prayerfully consider joining a Disciple Fast Track New Testament Class this fall. Two sessions will be offered. One is Wednesday night, 6:45-8:00, and the other is Thursday morning, 10:30-11:45. Both begin the last week in August and last for 12 sessions, ending before Thanksgiving.

Whether you have had the original Disciple studies or just want to dig deeper into the scriptures, this class may be for you. It is designed with daily readings of no more than 15 minutes, and the class is structured to last 75 minutes including the short video session.

You are sure to learn new things about the life of Christ, His Disciples, Paul, and even yourself! And you will be surrounded by other folks on the same spiritual journey who will share your joys and sorrows with prayerful support.

Call Libby Eaton (267-6244, ext. 317) or email ([libbye@firstwichita.org](mailto:libbye@firstwichita.org)) to enroll and arrange for the purchase of the book, \$10. Scholarships are available upon request



**OUR GIFTS**

JUNE 2017 OFFERING  
\$63,045.09  
RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE  
\$585,994.60  
BUDGET YEAR-TO-DATE  
\$611,868.02  
EXPENSES YEAR-TO-DATE  
\$559,302.82

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS  
MISSIONS  
\$0  
RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE  
\$19,356.50

CAPITAL FUNDS  
\$15,260.00  
RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE  
\$27,067.00

VAN MAINTENANCE FUND  
\$25.00  
RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE  
\$150.00

ORGAN MAINTENANCE FUND  
\$0  
RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE  
\$0

TELEVISION MINISTRY  
\$11,196.00  
RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE  
\$113,105.35  
BUDGET YEAR-TO-DATE  
\$126,699.98  
EXPENSES YEAR-TO-DATE  
\$135,748.80

TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS  
\$89,526.09  
RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE  
\$745,673.45

**ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP**  
*presented by the Alzheimer's Association*

- develop a support system
- talk through issues and ways of coping
- share feelings, needs, concerns
- learn about community resources

**First Church • 2:00 p.m. • 2nd Tuesday each month**  
• Contact Libby Eaton

**Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group Meets Second Tuesday Each Month**

The second meeting of the Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group will be held on Tuesday, August 8, at 2:00 in Wilke Center. Nine folks attended the first meeting and found the discussion to be helpful. If you know

someone who would benefit from this group, please invite them. Attendance is not limited to First Church members and is open to anyone who is caring for someone with dementia issues. Respite care, staffed by professional

caregivers, is available in the RNC at no charge during the meeting. Call Libby Eaton if you have questions. Connie Barnum is the primary facilitator.

**Stephen Ministers: A Ministry of Listening**

*By Denise Hole on behalf of the Stephen Ministry Leadership Team*



Currently we have two people training in the Stephen Ministry program at Frist Church. They have completed about a third of the 50 hours of training necessary to be commissioned as a Stephen Minister. In recent classes, the art of listening has been read about, studied and practiced in class. Listening is one of the most powerful ministry tools anyone can use. It simply demonstrates caring. You too can become a more caring listener by understanding and applying these six concepts from the Stephen ministry training:

1. Listening is active- it takes energy and commitment to listen well. Look at the talker, pay attention and be aware of both their body language and yours.
2. Listening takes patience. Often trust needs to be built before the talker will open up. Constant patient listening is key.
3. Listening involves more than just words. Paying attention to not only what is said, but what is not said. A sigh, avoiding particular topics, repeating an idea or concept, even questions

asked are things that sometimes say more than words ever do.

4. Good listeners aren't completely silent. Restating key thoughts or ideas to clarify understanding helps keep the conversation focused and encourages the speaker to dig a little deeper.

5. Listening happens over time. Conversations build upon each other. Listening over several visits shows recurring themes and patterns and develops more trust.

6. Stephen Ministry listening is confidential. You can be certain that conversations under the umbrella of Stephen Ministry won't be shared in the UMW kitchen or with the ushers at the back of the Sanctuary.

Jesus was the model of a good listener. Much of his ministry was listening to people; people with questions, people with stories, people like Nicodemus and the woman at the well. As this ministry develops please keep it in your prayers and consider if you want to be a part of the next group to study good listening and sharing the love of God with those in a hurting world this uniquely Christian one-on-one caring ministry.

**Capital Fund Update**

*Brian Hopper, Board of Trustees*

The Trustees wanted to thank those who have responded to the recent fundraiser for capital improvements. So far 58 members have given \$26,487.00. This is a good start but far short of the hoped for \$81,938.00 that is needed for these building improvements. We would encourage those who are still considering helping to prayerfully do so.

Some have given specifically to the RNC funding needs and their goal has nearly been met. We encourage you to give to the general capital fund at this time so your gifts can be used in multiple ways.

On behalf of the First Church Board of Trustees, thank you for your gifts to our building. It is, after all, our base of operation as we reach out in mission.

**OUR FAMILY**

**We grieve the deaths of:**

Alden Carter

Wanda Lay,  
mother of Linda Ebright,  
sister of Connie Lee

Walter Robinson,  
husband of Mary Robinson,  
father of Bob Robinson

Wilbur Troyer,  
father of Connie Bishop

Eugene Miller

John Kelso,  
husband of Sally Kelso

Bettie Benedick,  
mother of Jane Knight and  
Ann Osborne

Troy Hampton,  
husband of Kathy Hampton





## First Church Summer Fun at Camp Horizon

The last week of June, 23 First Church kids and two adults went to Camp Horizon in Ark City. The week was incredible! The kids ranged from upcoming freshmen to upcoming 1st graders. The 4 youngest kids spent Tuesday, at a day camp at Camp Horizon where they made use of the pool, made crafts, hiked, played games, and snacked. They also spent time getting closer to God by being in the beautiful camp for the day. The rest of the kids, Patricia, and Miss Kelly, spent the entire week doing all the usual camp stuff and worshipping God in everything they did. Even meal time began with praising and prayer loudly sung by everyone.

Throughout each day, we met in cabin groups to delve deeper into the daily scripture. The counselors were amazing and our kids learned a lot. The last night ended with a celebration of communion in the new outdoor worship center. There were many tears and hugs during this special time. The final morning, camp concluded with a worship celebration for parents, pastors, and church people who showed up to love on their kids.

If your class or group would like to hear more about their week at Camp Horizon, Miss Patricia or Miss Kelly would love to visit with you and share how you can help more kids get to camp next year!



### 10 years of Camp Horizon!

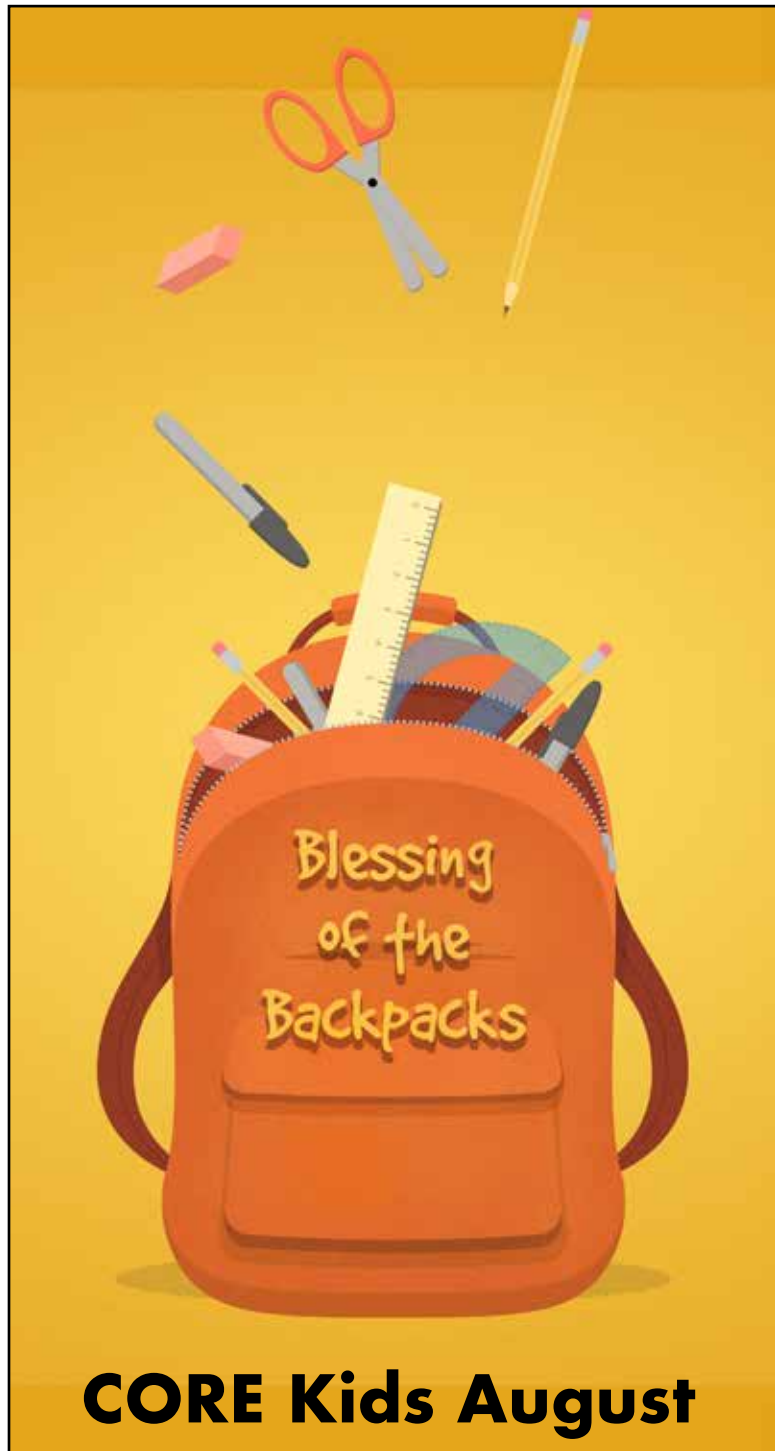
During July, First Church youth, Brian Ayers attended the all high school session at Camp Horizon. This was his 10th camping experience at our closest Great Plains United Methodist camp, Horizon! Brian is grateful for the church's support through a partial scholarship for camp fees. His favorite part of camp is renewing friendships and the challenging high ropes course.



Each morning and evening was spent in a worship with music and lessons spot on for the kids. All of our First Church kids participated in the singing, worshipping, learning and praying. Following morning worship, campers chose activities in which they wanted to participate, including, high ropes, zip lining, hiking, arts and crafts, games, and even time in the mud pit. Afternoons were spent in the pool, snack bar and in their cabins. Evenings included a campout or cookout depending on age, canoeing, late night swims, or low ropes.



Camp Horizon is currently raising funds for many new renovations including the replacement of the swimming pool, a new bathhouse, sand volleyball court and refurbished basketball courts. For more information about the camp needs or to contribute to the expansion, go to [www.horizoncenter.org](http://www.horizoncenter.org) or contact Joel Wilke, camp director, 1-620-442-5533.



### August 13 – Fly up Sunday

- This is the week all children report to the new rooms for Fall Sunday School session.
  - K-2st Grade – 106C
  - 3-4th Grade – 108C
  - CORE-56 – 311C
- Children will celebrate moving up and will get to make new friends and meet their Sunday School teachers.

### August 20 – Blessing of the Backpacks

- CORE-Kids department invites all children going to grade school and middle school to bring their backpacks for a time of blessing. Children will have a special time in Downtown Alive and will be blessed as they start the new school year. They will also receive a special tag for their backpack and a small gift from the church.
- All children should bring their backpacks to Sunday School and then take them to the Sanctuary.

Please join us in prayer for our students as they begin a new school year!

For more information, please contact Patricia Tristan, Director of Kids' Discipleship.



## Family Team to Lake Michigan



Making s'mores over a campfire, listening to leaves crunch underfoot while hiking, making new friends, and just enjoying the beauty of God's creation are some of the many reasons to go to church camp. But did you know that many youth give their life to Christ at church camp? And, according to our camp director, Ryan Culby, over 50% of pastors attended church camp some time during their youth.

Church camps are so important to the spiritual development of our children and youth. But it takes many hands to keep these camps up and running. So on a Saturday in June, a group of 17 – adults, teens, and children – left for Lake Michigan United Methodist Camp and Retreat Center, near Pentwater, Michigan. It was our goal to help get the camp ready for the summer camp season.

During our week at camp, team members made some colorful banners for the dining hall, built bunk beds for the cabins, painted bunk beds, took down dead trees, cut firewood, power-washed the basketball court and built a fire ring on the beach. The children even helped clear some walking paths. We did these tasks and more all while enjoying this beautiful camp setting on the shores of Lake Michigan. The camp was ready for the first group of campers the following week.

This camp and other United Methodist camps offer children and youth the opportunity to deepen their faith and strengthen

their love for God and others. Since financial resources are often limited, they welcome volunteer help in maintaining the camps. Continue to support these vital ministries with your prayers, financial gifts and/or time.



## Mission Blog

Often when First Church is busy in mission we use tools like hammers or rakes or paintbrushes. Sometimes the task requires pots and pans and a stove. Now our missions department has added a few new tools to its box, starting with a blog and newsletter.

There is so much information to share about Missions that we needed a place to collect it all and communicate it to all. A blog has been set up at [www.fumwichtamissions.wordpress.com](http://www.fumwichtamissions.wordpress.com) to do this. Each week, and possibly more often, information about upcoming mission opportunities will be announced, stories about recent activities will be told and thoughts about what we might do will be shared.

To follow the blog and be notified when it is updated, visit the blog and enter your e-mail address in the box on the right and click the word "Follow". New blog entries are shared on Facebook and Twitter: (@1st ICTmissions).

Each month, starting in September, the best of the blog will be collected into a newsletter. The newsletter will be printed and available at the church. It will be in the handy paper format that can be shared, saved, copied and placed on the fridge as a reminder of all that is going on.

It is fun to try out new gadgets, especially when they help do something in a new and different way. These new tools we are trying out will help us to communicate the many ways we can be the hands and feet of Jesus.

## Diaper Drive by the Numbers!

A big thank you to everyone who contributed to our annual diaper drive! Our totals were helped immensely, because of contributions from No Child Wet Behind!

- Diapers donated: 11,836
- Wipes donated: 18,197
- Money donated: \$1,070

*The approximate cost to keep a child in diapers for a month is \$80!*



## Mission Lunch

**August 27**

**11:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.**  
(or until sold out)

**Meredith Hall**

*Donations benefit the Bahamas Work Team (Hurricane Matthew Recovery)*

**June Mission Lunch Update:**

A profit of \$849 was made at the June Mission Lunch to benefit our Africa University Missionaries, Larry and Jane Kies! Thank you for your support!



**Please join us on Sunday at 9:30 a.m. for any of the classes listed below.**

### **Double Ring 106B**

Double Ring seniors have been studying the people who followed Jesus, each of his disciples, John the Baptist and others who were major contributors to some of the Bible stories we are familiar with. We are also looking at the roles women played in the Bible and how they were instrumental in the early church.

Our social for June was a breakfast, catered by Jimmie's Egg. Many of our members had a wonderful time at the Senior Summer Sizzle. New officers have been chosen beginning July 1. Pat Sloop is President, David Moore is Vice President.

We mourn the loss of our classmates and dear friends, Bob Novotny and Dieter Dibbern.

We encourage others in our church family to join our class. You'll be glad you did.

### **50/50 107B**

We had a nice Sunday morning recently when Pastor Cindy and Rebecca stopped by our room to say hello. Pastor Cindy led us in our hymn "Amazing Grace." Another good thing that happened was Dr. Ackerman came back to class. He inspired us with his beautiful music and lesson. He had been gone for a month recovering from back pain.

Our July breakfast at the Rupe's was perfect. The scenery, the room, the decorations and food made us all glad to be there. It was so nice to get together.

We are saddened at the loss of our classmate, Bettie Benedick, who passed away July 14. Her service was July 21 at our church.

We appreciate our class members who have brought goodies for us to enjoy with Gary's good coffee. Stop by for a quick hello as you pass by our room on Sunday mornings. We welcome anyone to stay and enjoy our class.

### **Hand in Hand 101B**

Hand in Hand Class will continue to study "In the Dust of the Rabbi" for 8 more lessons, but we will study Social Principles of the United Methodist Church the two weeks Cliff and Cheryl will be gone and then two other Sundays. Rev. Doug Morphis has agreed to lead us in these lessons.

We were saddened to lose our dear friend and classmate, John Kelso, July 12. He was known for many things, but in Sunday School he was known for his wonderful devotions. The service on July 16 brought many people from different walks of life together to honor John.

We welcomed Pastor Rebecca Goltry Mohr and her husband, Joe, at a potluck dinner on July 9. Her first sermon on July 16 was wonderful! We have found a "pearl of great price!"

August 11 the ladies will have lunch at 12 noon at the Brickyard at Tyler and 29th. Contact Sawny to make your reservations or sign up in class.

Our Annual Summertime Party will be August 19, at the Housholder's. Eby's will bring pulled pork from the Chase Co. Fair and others are asked to bring side dishes. The theme will be "What has been your favorite memory of a family vacation/workteam experience etc." Ken Holmes will lead us in our discussion that always includes a lot of laughter.

We welcome visitors to our class and to our socials.

### **Koinonia 303D**

There will be a Blood Drive August 20 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Wilke Family Life Center hosted by UMW.

We mourn the death of Sharon Fredrickson. She was a friend to many in our class. Her funeral service was July 8.

August 11 we will meet for dinner at Town and Country, 4702 W. Kellogg. Please plan to be there before 6:30 as they won't seat us until everyone is there.

Upcoming lessons will be presented by Libby Eaton and Doug Hye, plus others you won't want to miss. You are welcome to visit or just stop by for a quick hello anytime as we share in fellowship and faith. We pray for various concerns in our class and celebrate our joys together!

### **People's Open Doors 300D**

We mourn the deaths of Wanda Lay and Troy Hampton. Our prayers are with Kathy Hampton as well as Violet Sipes and her husband Vincent.

It is a continued joy to experience the combination of two classes merging together in Christian fellowship and study. We have enjoyed the study of the Book of Acts, led by Barbara Simons. Our class benefited by our discussion of "What Church Means to Us." Crystal Collingsworth will be teaching on "Wind and Fire" and what that represents in scriptural symbols, as the gift of the spirit of God.

Many of our members have been or will be involved with the Senior Summer Sizzle, Vacation Bible School, and the 41st TV Ministry Celebration. The class will be donating quarterly towards the Improvements Campaign for Camp Horizon.

We celebrate the birthdays of class members each month. We keep in prayer and thought our members who are not able to attend and miss their presence. We extend an invitation to others to come and enjoy our class lessons and time together.

### **Pneuma 302D**

We are enjoying a series of lessons taught by Evelyn Fisher on how different generations experience faith, experience God, and experience the church. This information has been quite enlightening!

Pneuma provided lunch at Open Door on the first Friday in July. Many of our members also helped with Vacation Bible School. Pneuma Ladies met at the home of Laura Sherard in July. Vicki Bond will be our hostess in August.

We have mourned the deaths of Connie Bishop's dad and Linda Ebright and John Lay's mother. Many of us were blessed to be at the celebrations of their lives.

We are also celebrating the end of Eddie Green's chemo and radiation treatments, and have been blessed by his continued presence in class.

### **RNC 100D**

RNC would like to thank the People's Bible Study for hosting another memorable 4th of July party for us with fantastic BINGO prizes, ice cream and cookies, concert and firework show.

We are looking forward to kicking off Wednesday night activities in August with a magic show and Wingnuts baseball game. Our Sunday school lessons for the month will focus on the story of Joseph.

### **Seekers 306B**

While Dave Brant is working on his seminary degree this summer, we have been graced by Janet Robinson, Kathy Stratman and Judy Sawyer leading us on Sunday morning. Thank you for stepping up and continuing our study of "The Gospel of John".

We extend our sympathy and love to classmates who have lost parents this month; Mark Clark, Ann Osborne and Bob Robinson, and to Jerry Ramsey in the death of his sister.

We found a way to beat the July heat with an ice cream social at the Sawyers on July 22. The Seeker women embraced the heat with hot and spicy Mexican food at Los Trojas on Maize Road the 18th of July.

Safe travels to all our travelers coming and going. Many Seekers are visiting grandchildren, researching their ancestors, exploring new places, connecting at family reunions and serving on mission trips.

# Calendar

## August 2017

<b>1</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>
		8:15 AM	Heritage Worship - Chapel		
<b>2</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	8:30 AM	Religious Nurture Center - 100D	<b>23</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>
9:30 AM	Stephen Ministry II Supervision - 302B	9:30 AM	Core Kids Sunday School - 106C, 108C, 311C, 200C	12:00 PM	Apple Core - Book/Bible Study - 302B
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<b>3</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	9:30 AM	Adult Sunday School Classes - Church Wide	<b>24</b>	<b>Thursday</b>
9:00 AM	First Place Quilters - Quilters/Emmaus	9:30 AM	Downtown Alive Worship- Sanctuary	9:00 AM	First Place Quilters - Quilters/Emmaus
5:30 PM	Stephen Ministry Meeting - 204A	10:50 AM	The Gathering @ Mead's Corner	5:30 PM	Investment Meeting - 204A
6:30 PM	God and Dogs - Parking Lot	5:00 PM		6:30 PM	God and Dogs - Parking Lot
<b>4</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>Friday</b>
11:00 AM	Open Door Lunch Prep. - Meredith Hall Kitchen	9:00 AM	Caring Comforts - 106B, 110B	<b>26</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	1:00 PM	Archives - 208B	8:00 AM	Blacktop Battleship - Parking Lot
<b>6</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	5:30 PM	SPRC - 309B	<b>27</b>	<b>Sunday</b>
8:15 AM	Heritage Worship- Chapel	5:30 PM	Adult Council - 204A	8:15 AM	Heritage Worship - Chapel
8:30 AM	Religious Nurture Center - 100D	5:30 PM	Hospitality and Integration	8:30 AM	Religious Nurture Center - 100D
9:30 AM	Core Kids Sunday School - 106C, 108C, 311C, 200C	<b>15</b>	Commission - 107B,	9:30 AM	Core Kids Fall Sunday School - 106C, 108C, 311C, 200C
9:30 AM	Core Youth Small Group - 200D	5:30 PM	<b>Tuesday</b>	9:30 AM	Core Youth Sunday Small Group - 200D
9:30 AM	Adult Sunday School Classes - Church Wide	<b>16</b>	TV Ministry Committee - Media Suite	9:30 AM	Adult Sunday School Classes - Church Wide
10:50 AM	Downtown Alive Worship- Sanctuary	9:30 AM	<b>Wednesday</b>	10:50 AM	Downtown Alive Worship - Sanctuary
5:00 PM	The Gathering @ Mead's Corner	12:00 PM	Stephen Ministry II Supervision - 302B	11:00 AM	Mission Lunch - Meredith Hall
<b>7</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>17</b>	Apple Core - Book/Bible Study - 302B	5:00 PM	The Gathering @ Mead's Corner
5:30 PM	Church Council- 101B	9:00 AM	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>Monday</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	5:30 PM	First Place Quilters - Quilters/Emmaus	9:00 AM	Caring Comforts - 106B, 110B
2:00 PM	Caregiver Support Respite - 100D, Wilke FLC	6:30 PM	Stephen Ministry Meeting - 204A	5:00 PM	Executive Committee - 204A
5:30 PM	Board of Trustees- 308B	<b>18</b>	God and Dogs - Parking Lot	5:30 PM	Finance Committee - 204A
6:30 PM	Kids Discipleship Council- 310C	<b>19</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>
12:00 PM	Apple Core - Book/Bible Study - 302B	8:15 AM	<b>Sunday</b>	12:00 PM	Apple Core - Book/Bible Study - 302B
1:30 PM	Senior Summer Sizzle - Meredith Hall,	8:30 AM	Heritage Worship - Chapel	5:30 PM	Downtown Alive Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
<b>10</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	9:00 AM	Religious Nurture Center - 100D	6:15 PM	Religious Nurture Center - 100D
9:00 AM	First Place Quilters - Quilters/Emmaus	9:30 AM	UMW Red Cross Blood Drive - Wilke FLC	<b>31</b>	<b>Thursday</b>
5:30 PM	Stephen Ministry Meeting - 204A	9:30 AM	Core Kids Sunday School - 106C, 108C, 311C, 200C	9:00 AM	First Place Quilters - Quilters/Emmaus
6:30 PM	God and Dogs - Parking Lot	9:30 AM	Core Youth Sunday Small Group - 200D	6:30 PM	God and Dogs - Parking Lot
<b>11</b>	<b>Friday</b>	9:30 AM	Adult Sunday School Classes - Church Wide		
<b>12</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	10:50 AM	Downtown Alive Worship- Sanctuary		
		5:00 PM	The Gathering @ Mead's Corner		



**COMING IN WORSHIP**

- August 6**  
**"Lost and Found" Part II**  
 Romans 8: 31-39  
 Luke 15: 8-32
- August 13**  
**"Surprised and Stereotyped"**  
 Romans 9: 1-5  
 Luke 18: 9-14
- August 20**  
**"Who Goes First?"**  
 Romans 13: 8-12  
 Matthew 21: 28-32
- August 27**  
**"Golden Rule and Grace"**  
 Romans 14: 1-12  
 Matthew 18: 21-35

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**Summer Sizzle**

The July Senior Summer Sizzle, The Big Chill, was a cool adventure on a HOT day! Through a fun get acquainted game participants learned that two of our ladies had been ice fishing, some remembered being paid to shovel snow, ice skating and ice hockey, skiing in the mountains, and living in Northern states! Some even remembered ice boxes. One guest shared when her family got their new "Frigidaire" and all the neighbors came over to admire such a wonderful invention! The "Ice Age" movie added lots of laughter and ice cream sundaes were quite a treat!



Don't miss the August Senior Sizzle on Wednesday, August 9 at 1:30 in Meredith Hall. The theme for our August gathering is Beach Party! Bingo, lots of games, a photo booth, and a

variety of snacks will be sure to create a memorable afternoon. Thanks to Adult Council for creating these fun summer festivities!

**Washington Summer Reading Program**

Research shows us that, over the summer, children who do not read daily or who do not hear good reading, lose enormous ground in their reading progress. Because of this, Tammie Gates, the Washington School librarian, and staff from the Wichita Public Library, joined forces with First United Methodist Church School Partnership to provide weekly exposure to reading every Wednesday at Washington School. Even though the schools are closed, children gather on the back steps for story time. Stories are read, activities presented, and door prizes given. In addition, First Church provides bottles of cold water and a special food treat. The First Church School Ministry Fund also purchased 250 books to be given to the children. Thanks to the patrons at Mead's Corner and members of our congregation who support the School Ministry Fund!



2017 is the first summer for this program, and we are pleased to report that 30 – 40 children attend every week. Parents and siblings enjoy the stories too.

A pizza party will be given by the church at the last session.

It is our hope that the children will maintain their reading skills. In addition, we know that people who read fiction are more compassionate. And the United Methodist Church strives to spread compassion!



*United Methodist Women Host Blood Drive*

The need for blood and blood products is never greater than during the summer months. Please help UMW provide this lifesaving product to the members of our community and country in need! The United Methodist Women are hosting an American Red Cross Blood Drive on Sunday August 20, 2017 in The Wilke Family Life Center. The hours are 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. In order to make the best use of the donor's time we request that all donations be by appointment. You can sign up online at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or see a UMW member any Sunday starting July 30 in the Narthex entrance before or after the Downtown Alive service.

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