

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 and at 5:30 p.m. on Saturdays • Church School and small groups for all ages meet Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

THIS SUNDAY

What an exciting month in worship at First Church! We will be wrapping up our "Faith Steps" series, presenting our 3rd graders with Bibles and learning about "Three Simple Rules" all during September! Won't you join us for worship? Saturdays at 5:30 p.m. or 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. and at 5:00 p.m. at Mead's Corner.

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40 YEARS!



First Church Television Ministry Celebrates 40 Years

40 years ago 59 cents would buy a gallon of gasoline, Apple Computer was introduced, Gerald Ford was President of the United States, VHS was invented, Rocky I was released, the 2 dollar bill was reissued, and the First Church Television Ministry was born. While having a conversation with Pastor D.L. Dykes of First United Methodist in Houston, Bishop Dick Wilke, then pastor of First Church Wichita, began to dream about introducing a television ministry at First Church. What would it take? Equipment? Air time? Money? All of these questions and prayers were answered. Over the years First Church has brought a message from pastors, lay leaders, musicians, and guest speakers through worship to our television viewers. Our church has been the church home to a television congregation, as well as the church home to those temporarily unable to

worship at their home church.

During 40 years' time many things in the world have come and gone, technologies have evolved, but our mission to take worship beyond the walls of our building has remained constant. It is a ministry for which First Church is well-known. Followers of all denominations communicate to us that they are faithful viewers. In addition to television broadcasting, we now provide livestreaming to those outside our viewing area and services are archived online, offering individuals a means of worshiping with us at any time, 24 hours a day.

During the month of October, we will take time to celebrate this ministry and take a look back through the years. Downtown Alive will present footage from years past and we'll see some highlights from worship services. Come celebrate with us!



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

September: Tuna

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Life. Downtown.

www.firstwichita.org
330 N. Broadway • 316-267-6244
On Broadway between 2nd & 3rd Streets in downtown Wichita.

Three SIMPLE RULES

A Wesleyan Way of Living

SERIES BEGINS IN SEPTEMBER • SEE PAGE 2 FOR MORE INFORMATION

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Continuing Concerns:

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 Sept. 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 to ask for prayer from the people of First United Methodist Church.

Email pastoralcare@firstwichita.org to ask for a visit, call, or private prayer from the congregational care team.

The Congregational Care Team,
Rev. Dr. Tal Pittsworth,
Leslie Coates, Rev. Cindy Watson

OUR FAMILY

We grieve the deaths of:

Lucille Collier

**Jerrill Schrag,
husband of Pam Schrag**

Nancy Schroeder

**Harold McCreight,
husband of
Margaret McCreight**

Sunday, September 18
3:00 p.m. First Church Parlor

Senior Saints Gathering

We will gather together for Coffee and Conversation with Pastor Cindy. Questions? contact Linda Hopper, 722-0771.

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Three SIMPLE RULES

A Wesleyan Way of Living

■ September 18, 2016
Three Simple Rules:
"Do No Harm"
Galatians 5: 13-15
Matthew 5: 21-24, 27-30

■ September 25, 2016
Three Simple Rules: "Do Good"
Colossians 1: 9-12
Matthew 5: 13-16

■ October 2, 2016
World Communion Sunday
Three Simple Rules: "Stay in Love with God"
1 John 4: 7-12, 16-21
Matthew 6: 19-21

We begin a new sermon series on September 18 based on Rueben Job's book "Three Simple Rules, A Wesleyan Way of Living." We are in the midst of an election cycle. There are strong opinions about candidates and expectations and candidates. As Christians and as people who strive to follow

a more loving and Christ-like path, these rules, based on John Wesley's understanding of faith and practice can be very helpful. The rules are simple, the practice of them is a bit more difficult. Each week we will look at one rule and learn how to live out the promise of God's love and grace.

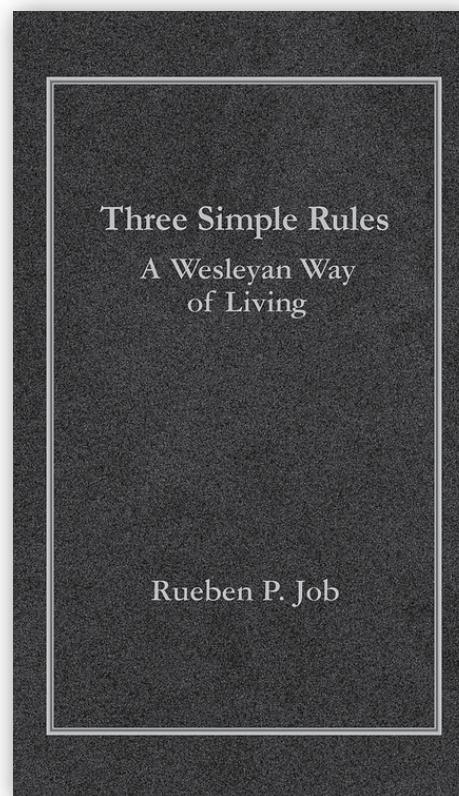


Sermon Circles with Pastor Cindy

In conjunction with Pastor Cindy's sermon series, "Three Simple Rules", Adult Council will host Sermon Circles, a three week Wednesday night time of fellowship and further study. Participants will gather around tables and discuss topics from the previous Sunday sermon. Pastor Cindy will facilitate discussions and add personal insights.

Join us in Meredith Hall from 6:45-7:45 on the following Wednesdays: September 21, 28, and October 5. Registration is not required. Child care is available, and children's and youth activities will occur concurrently.

Hardback regular print books and paperback large print versions of Bishop Reuben Job's book, "Three Simple Rules", will be available for purchase during the series and at the Wednesday night Sermon Circles. E-Book and book scholarships are available. Contact Libby Eaton for more information.



**UMW
NEWS**

September

First Church UMW Executive Committee will meet on Wednesday, September 14 at 10:30 a.m. in Room 101B. At 12:15 the Unit meeting will be held in Meredith Hall. We will have a luncheon followed by the program, "Our Neighbor Across the Street - Open Door". Our budget will be approved, election of Circle Chairpersons and Journey Team Co-Leaders for 2017-2018, One Minute of Mission Giving and Least Coin.

OUR GIFTS

JULY 2016 OFFERING
\$84,563.68
RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE
\$626,786.06

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS
MISSIONS
\$0.00
RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE
\$14,516.23

CAPITAL FUNDS
\$435.00
RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE
\$13,129.00

VAN MAINTENANCE FUND
\$125.00
RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE
\$875.00

ORGAN MAINTENANCE FUND
\$2,530.00
RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE
\$2,830.00

TELEVISION MINISTRY
\$7,707.00
RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE
\$88,930.48

TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS
\$95,360.68
RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE
\$747,066.77

Church Council News

Building on the strategic, forward-looking work discussed at the July meeting, Church Council meetings are beginning to look a little different. For example, we started to spotlight one committee each month and feature 10-15 minutes highlighting their recent activities, future activities and resource needs, as well as a chance to share their hopes, dreams and vision for their committee as it supports the overall Vision, Mission and Purpose of First.

This month we heard from Patricia Tristan and the Children’s Ministry committee. As Patricia reported on the recent activities, she also shared the numbers of children and volunteers that came together through many different activities this summer. Children and volunteers from First worked alongside those from our community to pour into the lives of children in our church and neighborhood. Looking forward, Patricia believes that in order to be a healthy congregation, we need a strong, church-wide children’s program and including relationship building between parents and volunteers, supporting teachers, considering the use of technology in the classrooms, ensuring child safety and routinely including children in worship.

Following an encouraging report from Patricia, we took time to celebrate! Just as looking forward is essential, we should also stop long enough to rejoice in the great things God has done through and for First Church. This was an exciting moment as the list kept growing. We paused and praised God, giving Him the glory of the work of our hands. Celebrating will be a part of future agendas! Recent things to celebrate (in no particular order):

- New families
- Standing during worship for the reading of the gospel
- Children’s Ministry
- Explaining the story behind the scripture during worship
- Meads @ Café 402 expansion
- Youth volunteers at VBS
- Pastor Cindy’s children’s stories
- Successful Jurisdictional Conference
- Welcoming Pastor Cindy
- Staff willingness to step up to the plate and fill-in
- Family work team participation that included both First and non-First members
- Staff support of each other

OUR VISION:
Changing lives –
transforming communities

OUR MISSION:
Making disciples of
Jesus Christ
for the transformation
of the world

OUR PURPOSE:
To create a Christian
community where anyone
can become a completely
committed follower
of Jesus Christ

OUR STRATEGIES
(from Recalculating):
Community,
Worship,
Missions
and Discipleship

As we continue looking forward, we truly do covet your thoughts and ideas about our future. Really, we do want to hear from you! Letters or e-mails are welcome – the Council e-mail address is churchcouncil@firstwichita.org. We also extend an open invitation for you to join us at an upcoming meeting. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, September 6.

Religious Nurture Center Pecan Fundraiser Starts September 4

The Religious Nurture Center is gearing up for our annual Pecan Fundraiser. Last year, your generosity helped us gain a net profit of over \$1,400 to benefit our ministry that serves individuals with developmental disabilities. Your continued support helps us to meet our budget obligations as our program has been asked to raise half of our annual budget. Order forms will be distributed on September 4 and the deadline for order forms is October 16, 2016. Storing pecans under refrigeration is the best way to retain the fresh aroma, color and flavor of the pecans for several months. In the freezer, they will remain in good condition for two years.

We all know that pecans can be used to make delicious holiday dishes while an added health benefit is that pecans top the list of all tree nuts for antioxidants. A USDA study finds that pecans lead the pack for antioxidants and suggest that a serving of pecans a day may lower “bad” cholesterol levels, decrease blood pressure and fight against prostate and breast cancer. Pecans are a lean source of protein and high in fiber. No matter how you choose to eat your pecans, you can be assured you are getting a healthy and delicious product.

RECIPE Honey Pecan Rolls
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1 pkg refrigerator biscuits
pecan halves
honey
cinnamon
.....

In each cup of muffin pan, place 3 pecan halves, 1t honey and sprinkle with cinnamon. Place a biscuit on top. Bake according to biscuit package directions. When done remove from the oven and turn upside down on a platter. After rolls have cooled for 5 minutes, remove pan and serve.

Giving Options:

There are several options when you’re deciding how to give at First Church:

In Person - Each service has a time to collect tithes and offerings.

Electronic Funds Transfer – An automatic payment from your bank account. Contact the Business Office for the authorization form.

Online Giving –A convenient, secure system for debit or credit card contributions. Go to the website firstwichita.org and click the online giving button.

Recurring Credit Card – If you prefer, the Business Office can process a recurring credit card. Contact the Business Office for the authorization form.

Giving Kiosk – Located at the AB Entrance. The kiosk is a touch screen that allows you to make contributions to First Church using a credit or debit card.

Please contact the Business Office for information. 316-267-6244

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.



Wednesday Nights Kick Off in September!

CORE-Kids will kick off at 6:30 p.m. September 11!

We will offer a light snack, music workshops, cooking workshops and library time that will be complemented with a time of Bible learning and games.

Children ages 4 through 6th grade are welcome. Meet in the 100C wing!

Third Grade Bibles

On Sunday, September 11, our third graders will be presented a Bible during the Downtown Alive service. If you have not contacted Patricia Tristan and would like for your child to be part of the ceremony, there is still time to sign up and get a Bible.

All children receiving a Bible are invited to come back on Wednesday, September 14 at 6 p.m. for "Bible Adventure", a time of learning how to use their new Bible with pizza and fun!

Fly Up Sunday & Blessing of the Backpacks

Fly Up Sunday was a success! Our K-2nd class received five new students, our 3-4th grade class received five children and in our CORE-56 class we received two new students. Blessing of the backpacks was a wonderful way to show the kids that our church is present in the important dates of their life. Twenty-five elementary students received their blessing and seven students going into middle school and college age received a blessing too. The children received a special tag to put on their backpack

and El Mesias UMC made special gift bags for each of them.

Prayer Partners

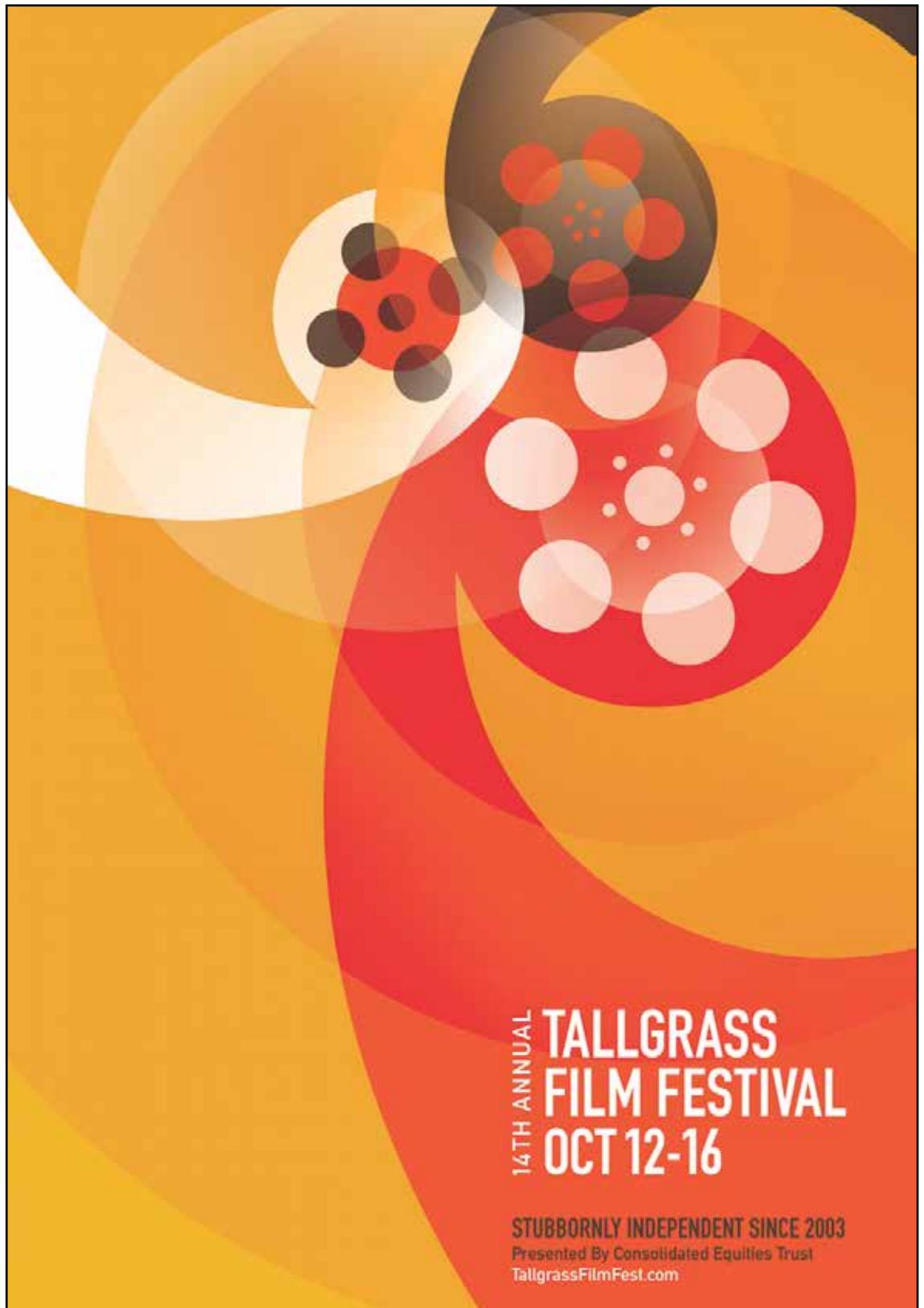
The Kids' Discipleship team would like to invite Sunday school groups and small groups to be part of "CORE-Kids Prayer Partners". We will be sending out a letter to all Sunday school classes with a sign-up sheet so you can pick a holiday or special activity that your class can sponsor during the church calendar.

For more information please contact Kelly Owens, Chair of Kids' Discipleship at kellyjoowens@gmail.com.

Support the Kids' Discipleship Ministries:

- Be a Sunday School Teacher (training available)
- Help a Sunday School Teacher (once a month, openings for September, October, November and December available now)
- Bring snacks for our Sunday school classes (cheese crackers, rice-crispy treats, vanilla wafers, goldfish, cheese balls).
- Be a prayer partner (Sunday schools or small groups)
- Pray for our Sunday school teachers and parent volunteers.

For more information on any of our activities with children, please contact, Patricia Tristan, Director of Kids' Discipleship at patriciat@firstwichita.org or by calling 267-6244, ext. 318.



Coming to First Church in October!

This October the Wilke Family Life Center at First Church will be one of the official viewing spots for the Tallgrass Film Festival. The festival is a nationally and worldwide gathering of directors, producers, and film enthusiasts, and it will be taking place from October 12-16.

Since its inception in 2003, the festival has expanded to a 5-day format and along with its year-round programming, and has become a hallmark of Wichita's

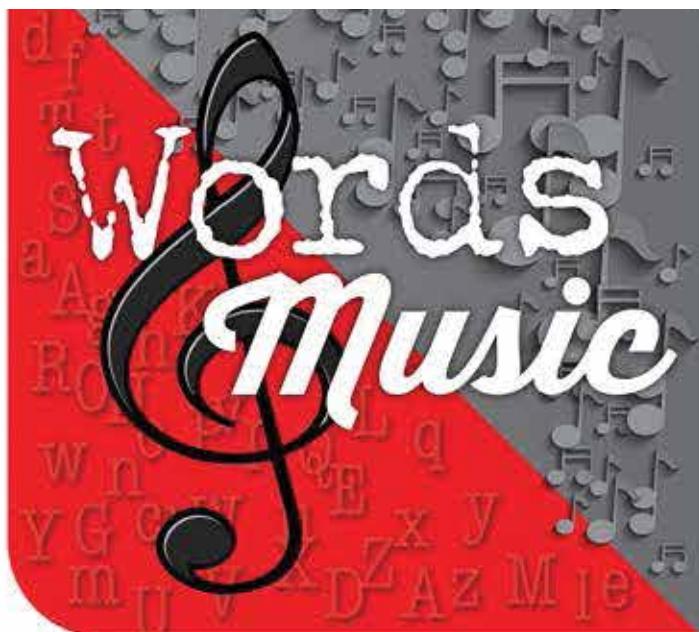
cultural calendar. Tallgrass emphasizes community partnerships and regularly collaborates with the Music Theatre Wichita, Wichita Art Museum, Botanica, Ulrich Museum of Art, Exploration Place, Sedgwick County Historical Museum, Orpheum Theatre, CityArts and Wichita Symphony Orchestra to name just a few, as well as tens of other non-profit organizations throughout the region.

In 2015, more than 15,000 attended the 13th annual Tallgrass Film Festival which

showcased 203 films from 35 countries and hosted more than 85 filmmakers from across North America and the region. The festival was named one of Movie Maker Magazine's "Top 50 Festivals Worth the Entry Fee" in 2015, and Flavorwire counts it as among the "Best Under The Radar Film Festivals" in North America.

If you would like to volunteer for concession sales or greeting, please contact Chris Edmiston, ChrisE@firstwichita.org for more information.

BELONG BELIEVE BECOME
JOIN US THIS FALL
WEDNESDAYS | 6:30PM
 FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH WICHITA
facebook.com/corestudentlifeministries



Reinvented. Reimagined. Remarkable!

The Words & Music Series celebrates the Great American Songbook, from Musical Theatre to Popular Song, in a 90 minute music revue with narrative that is highly entertaining as well as informative.



The King of Broadway: The Musical Genius of Mel Brooks

September 17 • 8:00 p.m.
September 18 • 2:00 p.m.

Mel Brooks, film director, screenwriter, composer, lyricist, comedian, actor and producer, is best known for his films, comic parodies and the mega Broadway hit THE PRODUCERS. RAY WILLS, who performed on Broadway in THE PRODUCERS and who knows Brooks personally, will co-host and star in this tribute to America's funny man. Also starring KIM DUGGER, TED DVORAK and SARAH GALE

Women Composers of Broadway

January 14 • 8:00 p.m.
January 15 • 2:00 p.m.

In 2015, for the first time in history, an all-women creative team won the Tony Award for Best Original score in a Musical. W&M will explore the talents of the best contemporary women songwriters including Tony Award winning Jeannie Tesori (Fun Home), Allee Wellers and Brenda Russell (The Color Purple), Lucy Simon (The Secret Garden), Dolly Parton (Nine to Five) and more.

Irving Berlin: The Heart of the American Spirit

May 20 • 8:00 p.m.
May 21 • 2:00 p.m.

Irving Berlin is American music. He wrote over 1500 songs, 19 Broadway shows and 18 Hollywood films. Anthems include Easter Parade, White Christmas, There's No Business Like Show Business, and God Bless America – just to name a few. Berlin immortalized, in song, the American spirit – the best of who we are!

First Church partners with Forum Theatre of Wichita

First Church is happy to announce a partnership with the Forum Theatre of Wichita. Over the next few months we will be hosting several performances, starting with the Words & Music Series on September 17 and 18.

The Words & Music Series celebrates the Great American Songbook, from musical theatre to popular song. These 90 minute reviews feature a narrative that captures the history and spirit of the writer, the songs, and the time period in which they were written. Each part of the series will be performed by a company of actors and hosted by both Kathy Hauptman and a special guest artist. These shows will be both highly entertaining and educational.

The Forum Theatre is also happy to offer a 20% discount to those who attend First Church. Simply mention First Church when purchasing tickets for the discount. Make sure you purchase tickets early as these events are limited. We will be hosting several performances by the Forum Theatre through 2016 and into 2017, so please keep an eye out for future announcements.



Tickets \$20 per show.
First United Methodist Church
Wilke Center, 330 N. Broadway
316-618-0444 or
www.forumwichita.com

First Lunch in conjunction with Mission Lunch

September 24 12:30 p.m.
Annex Room of Meredith Hall

Hospitality and Integration would like to invite all who are recently new visitors

to join us for lunch and an informational conversation about First United Methodist Church. Many of you will receive an invitation in the mail, but anyone else who would like to attend First Lunch is more

than welcome. You can pick up an invitation which will represent a \$5 donation to the mission lunch team on your behalf at the A/B desk Sunday morning, and then come join us in the Annex Room of Meredith Hall.



Mead's Hours

For all you night owls! Mead's Corner has new hours. The cafe will be open until midnight on Friday and Saturday evenings. Visit meadscorner.com for all the latest on upcoming events at Mead's!

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

Double Ring 106B

Jack Focht's recent lessons have been on the doctrines of the United Methodist Church. Many in our class grew up in this denomination. Others spoke of different practices and beliefs in their backgrounds. We are pleased to have visitors join us and share in our fellowship and good lessons.

Members of our class have hosted and attended small groups to help become acquainted with Rev. Cindy Watson and her husband, Andrew. These small groups will continue into the fall. It is good to share and helps us to know each other better.

Carolyn Vosburg has returned from a mission trip to Storm Mountain Center in South Dakota. The team worked on maintenance of the Center's buildings and grounds. Many of Carolyn's family were with her on this mission trip experience.

Our class treasurer has made our contribution to Open Door meals and has received a thank you letter in return. Don Rider is a Double Ring class member who frequently works the First Friday Lunch at Open Door. Our members are willing to be involved where needed in the church and community.

Hand in Hand 101B

Cliff Bertholf is leading our class in a study from the book, "Fear of the Other". Books are available for purchase if desired.

We have a number of class members with health concerns. As a class we play particular care to those who are in need. We grieve the death of long-time member, Jerry Schrag and are keeping track of Diane Quantic in Denver, CO.

On a lighter side, we had a wonderful party at the Housholder's in August as we dined on pulled pork and side dishes brought by members. We had fun listening to others discuss vacations, family trips, and mission trips through the years. We were delighted to have Pastor Cindy Watson and her husband, Andrew Stover, join us for dinner.

Ladies luncheon is at Jimmie's Diner on N. Rock Road on September 9. Remember to sign up for Coffee and Conversation with Pastor Cindy by calling Delaine Hartman or on the boards in the narthex.

Class members helped with luncheons for Park and Washington staff in Meredith Hall and a walking taco night for the entire Washington School community. Class members are helping Senior Saints committee with activities in September.

Visitors are always welcome!

Koinonia 303D

We were pleasantly surprised when our new pastor, Rev. Cindy Watson, stopped by on a recent Sunday morning. Class members are also enjoying the small group meetings scheduled to help her get acquainted.

Lois Stewart volunteered at Vacation Bible School and had the most fun! Joyce Benson is filling in as vice president while Sandy is out of town. Libby Eaton will bring our lesson on September 4, Donna Fisher on September 11 and Les Osterman September 18.

Our social committee has a full schedule for September. On Labor Day we will meet at the Country Café, then on the following Friday night we will go to dinner at Quincy's. Later in the month we will go to Town & Country, always good. Check the Gazette for more listings of socials and Sunday morning speakers.

Open Doors 204A

Open Doors is experiencing a wonderful Christian journey together, as we continue our study, "Out Live Your Life" by Max Lucado. We are reminded that with God's help we can squeeze every moment out of every day in making a difference in the lives of others. Because of Christ, we can help others make sense of life, and share the love of Jesus. Our discussions are always thought provoking as we grow in our faith together.

We welcomed a first time visitor to First Church and to our class, Gayle Hodges. Gayle comes to us from our TV Ministry, and made the decision to come in person. Welcome, Gayle! Renee Cristiano enjoyed her family visiting the church service with her, as her grandson, Luca received the blessing of his backpack. He will be starting kindergarten, and his family is sharing in the excitement with him.

We are always blessed when we have visitors, and enjoy seeing pastor, Rev. Cindy when she stops in for coffee. Everyone is always welcome to share in our Christian fellowship.

People's Bible Study 300D

We have completed our last series and are starting a new one, "The God We Can Know," exploring the "I Am Sayings" of Jesus. The study written by Rob Fuquay follows the Gospel of John that uses vivid images to capture our imagination, revealing more about Jesus' identity and purpose.

Plans are being made for our next social. We are particularly happy to welcome Cat and Rick Downs as our newest members. We would also be happy to welcome anyone who would like to join us for this study and our frequent socials. If you desire a Sunday school class, come visit us. We may be just what you are seeking.

Pneuma 302D

We are currently in an eight week study of the book "ASK, Faith Questions in a Skeptical Age", by Bishop Scott and Arthur Jones. In seeking answers, we have been encouraged to find those things we have in common, rather than our differences, and to connect rather than correct.

A number of Pneuma helped with Vacation Bible School the blood drive. We also have members opening their homes as hosts for the Coffee and Conversation events with Rev. Cindy. Pneuma will be sponsoring a basket for the silent auction at the gala supporting Raise My Head Foundation. We encourage other classes to become involved in supporting this event in November.

We celebrated the arrival of Dan and Cindy Lord's new granddaughter, Hazel. Laura Sherard and Connie Green co-hosted Pneuma Ladies in August. Linda Ebright will be our hostess in September.

We welcome anyone searching for a Sunday school class or if you would just like to come to be part of our current study.

RNC 100D

Our annual pecan fundraiser kicks off on September 4 and runs through October 16 to support our ministry. Events for September include BINGO, Wingnuts baseball game, Magic Show and Movie Night.

Our lessons will focus on the miracles that happen every day and how people who care about us and our faith play an important role. We will use the film "Miracles from Heaven" as our visual aide to guide us through our lessons. This true story of a 10 year old girl's extraordinary miracle leaves medical specialists mystified, her family restored and their community inspired.

Seekers 306B

The Seekers Class has been busy traveling with mission teams this summer, serving God's people in need. Other mission opportunities lie ahead for us in the remaining months. Many of us are in leadership for the UMW sponsored blood drive. A service effort in September will be to provide lunch at a golf tourney that benefits Camp Horizon scholarships to young people.

Our socials have included a baseball night at Lawrence Dumont Stadium and a dinner at airport-themed Stearman Field Bar and Grill in Benton, and much to our surprise eight of us took plane rides over Benton.

Our July studies concluded with a Faith and Flicks discussion on the movie "McFarland USA", with themes of mentoring, perseverance and redemption. Our new series is "The Call: The life and message of the Apostle Paul". We are being reminded that Paul, who persecuted the early Christians, was blinded by God for a time before his conversion. He was chosen by Jesus to champion the faith, and lead the early church by his leadership and teaching letters that we still rely on today. These lessons will continue through mid-September and all are welcome to join us for coffee, fellowship and a lesson to live by.

We are a class of married and single adults, retired or still working, who love to learn and grow in faith together. You are invited to join us at 9:30 in 306B each Sunday.

Calendar

September 2016

1 Thursday

9:00 AM First Place Quilters - Quilters/Emmaus
6:30 PM El Mesias Praise Band Practice - Wilke FLC
6:30 PM God & Dogs - Parking Lot

2 Friday

8:30 AM Mead's Bakers - Meredith Hall Kitchen
11:00 AM Open Door Lunch Prep. - Meredith Hall Kitchen

3 Saturday

5:30 PM Awakening - Wilke FLC
7:00 PM Worship for Wichita - Wilke FLC

4 Sunday

8:15 AM Heritage Worship - Chapel
8:30 AM Religious Nurture Center - 100D
9:30 AM Sanctuary Group @ Mead's Corner
9:30 AM CORE 56 - 311C
9:30 AM Adult Sunday School Classes - Church Wide
9:30 AM Core Youth Small Group: The Jesus Studies - 200D
9:30 AM Sunday School K-4th - 106C, 108C
10:30 AM El Mesias Worship Service - Wilke FLC
10:50 AM Downtown Alive - Sanctuary
11:00 AM Kids Worship - 110C
5:00 PM The Gathering @ Mead's Corner

5 Monday- Labor Day Building Closed

6 Tuesday

8:30 AM Mead's Bakers - Meredith Hall Kitchen
5:30 PM Church Council - 107B
6:30 PM Awakening Leadership Team Meeting - 302B
6:30 PM Covenant Team Meeting - 200D

7 Wednesday

9:30 AM Stephen Ministry II Supervision - 302B
12:00 PM Apple Core - Book/Bible Study - 302B
5:30 PM Downtown Alive Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
6:15 PM Religious Nurture Center - 100D

8 Thursday

9:00 AM First Place Quilters - Quilters/Emmaus
6:30 PM El Mesias Praise Band Practice - Wilke FLC
6:30 PM God & Dogs - Parking Lot

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10 Saturday

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12 Monday

9:00 AM Caring Comforts - 106B, 110B
1:00 PM Archives - 208B
4:30 PM Neighborhood Outreach Team - 103B
5:30 PM Hospitality and Integration Commission - 107B
6:45 PM Adult Council - 204A

13 Tuesday

8:30 AM Mead's Bakers - Meredith Hall Kitchen
5:30 PM Board of Trustees - 308B
5:30 PM Harmony Guitar Ministry - 200D
6:30 PM Awakening Leadership Team - 302B
7:00 PM Kids Discipleship Council - 310C

14 Wednesday

12:00 PM UMW Unit Meetings - Meredith Hall
10:30 AM UMW Executive Meeting - 101B
12:00 PM Apple Core - Book/Bible Study - 302B
5:30 PM Downtown Alive Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
6:15 PM Religious Nurture Center - 100D

15 Thursday

9:00 AM First Place Quilters - Quilters/Emmaus
6:30 PM El Mesias Praise Band Practice - Wilke FLC
6:30 PM God & Dogs - Parking Lot

16 Friday

8:30 AM Mead's Bakers - Meredith Hall Kitchen

17 Saturday

10:00 AM One Spark Homeless Meal - Meredith Hall, Parking Lot
5:30 PM Awakening-Wilke FLC

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9:30 AM Sunday School K-4th - 106C, 108C
9:30 AM Pneuma Sunday School - 304D
10:30 AM El Mesias Worship Service - Wilke FLC
10:50 AM Downtown Alive - Sanctuary
11:00 AM Kids Worship - 110C
5:00 PM The Gathering @ Mead's Corner

19 Monday

5:30 PM Staff Parish Relations - 302B
5:30 PM Homeless and Low Income Meeting - 107B

20 Tuesday

8:30 AM Mead's Bakers - Meredith Hall Kitchen
5:30 PM Transition Team Meeting - 204A
5:30 PM Harmony Guitar Ministry - 200D
6:30 PM Awakening Leadership Team - 302B

21 Wednesday

9:30 AM Stephen Ministry II Supervision - 302B
12:00 PM Apple Core - Book/Bible Study - 302B
5:30 PM Downtown Alive Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
6:15 PM Religious Nurture Center - 100D
6:30 PM CORE-Kids Wednesday Nights - 108C, 111C, 200C, 311
6:45 p.m. Sermon Circles-Meredith Hall

Coming in October:

Combined Service

Save the date for a special Combined Service Saturday, October 8.

Look for more details in next month's *First Light*.

22 Thursday

9:00 AM First Place Quilters - Quilters/Emmaus
1:00 PM 50/50 Class Social - 107B
6:30 PM El Mesias Praise Band Practice - Wilke FLC
6:30 PM God & Dogs - Parking Lot

23 Friday

8:30 AM Mead's Bakers - Meredith Hall Kitchen

24 Saturday

5:30 PM Awakening-Wilke FLC

25 Sunday

8:15 AM Heritage Worship - Chapel
8:30 AM Religious Nurture Center - 100D
9:30 AM Sanctuary Group @ Mead's Corner
9:30 AM CORE 56 - 311C
9:30 AM Adult Sunday School Classes - Church Wide
9:30 AM Core Youth Small Group: The Jesus Studies - 200D
9:30 AM Sunday School K-4th - 106C, 108C
10:30 AM El Mesias Worship Service - Wilke FLC
10:50 AM Downtown Alive - Sanctuary
11:00 AM Mission Lunch, First Lunch - Meredith Hall
11:00 AM Kids Worship - 110C
5:00 PM The Gathering @ Mead's Corner

26 Monday

9:00 AM Caring Comforts - 106B, 110B
2:00 PM Diabetes Support Group - 107B, 101B
5:00 PM Executive Committee - 204A
5:30 PM Finance Committee - 204A

27 Tuesday

8:30 AM Mead's Bakers - Meredith Hall Kitchen
5:30 PM Harmony Guitar Ministry - 200D
6:30 PM Awakening Leadership Team - 302B

28 Wednesday

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29 Thursday

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30 Friday

8:30 AM Mead's Bakers - Meredith Hall Kitchen

COMING IN WORSHIP

September 4

Faith Steps: Upward and Onward through Christ
“Working together, past, present, future”
Philippians 3: 12-16

September 11

“Words and THE Word”
Psalm 119: 33-40
2 Timothy 3: 14-17

September 18

Three Simple Rules:
“Do No Harm”
Galatians 5: 13-15
Matthew 5: 21-24, 27-30

September 25

Three Simple Rules:
“Do Good”
Colossians 1: 9-12
Matthew 5: 13-16

October 2

World Communion Sunday
Three Simple Rules:
“Stay in Love with God”
I John 4: 7-12, 16-21
Matthew 6: 19-21

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Flood Bucket Supplies

First Church is collecting supplies to assemble flood buckets for our neighbors in Mulvane recently affected by torrential rains. Feel free to bring completed buckets or any of the items needed to fill a bucket. Please bring items to the AB or D entrances by Wednesday, September 14. For more information on flood buckets visit, firstwichita.org.

Flood Buckets Contents

- One 50-ounce bottle or two 25-ounce bottles of liquid laundry detergent.
- 12- to 16-ounce bottle of liquid cleaner that can be mixed with water (no spray cleaners)
- 16- to 28-ounce bottle of dish soap
- Can of aerosol or pump air freshener
- 6- to 14-ounce aerosol or spray pump of insect repellent
- 1 scrub brush with a plastic or wooden handle
- 18 cleaning wipes (please, no terry-cloth towels)
- 7 non-cellulose sponges



- 5 scouring pads (nothing with soap built in)
- 50 clothespins
- One 100-foot or two 50-foot cotton or plastic clotheslines
- 24-roll of heavy-duty trash bags, 33 to 45 gallons of capacity
- 5 dust masks
- 2 pairs of dishwashing gloves (durable enough for multiple uses)
- 1 pair of work gloves with either a leather palm or all leather
- One 5-gallon bucket with a resealable lid

Volunteer Opportunity

First Church is again assembling dental hygiene kits for Grace Med. This United Methodist outreach has relied on First Church for years to assemble these kits to distribute across the south central Kansas region. The kits are given to children when Grace Med is in the schools for dental checks.

They are also given to children and adults who visit the Grace Med clinics.

Assembling the kits is easy. Each plastic bag includes a toothbrush, toothpaste, dental floss and a business card. This is a great activity for students who need community service, for a class mission project, or for any

group wanting to help others. George and Susan Stover even invited the neighbor children to help and completed nearly 1,000 kits in about an hour!

All supplies are provided. We just need your time. If you or your group is interested in helping, contact Libby Eaton at church.



Several months ago the Awakening Leadership Team made the bold decision to move the Awakening worship service to Saturday evenings during the summer. This decision was not taken lightly, and one that came with new opportunity and new burden. The hope was to have the time of transition our church was going through to make a strategic move, accomplishing the intended goal of bringing new people in to worship at First Church who had never walked through our doors.

After having discussions with our leadership team, our servant team, and other leadership at First Church, especially Senior Pastor Cindy Watson, we have made the decision to continue Saturday evening worship at Awakening through the fall semester and the holiday season of 2016. Each week we see new faces, especially those of young men and women and families bringing their children. We've had some really high weeks and some low weeks, but the excitement to hear the Gospel and share in worship has been there each week.

Join us at Awakening for a Saturday night worship experience. We are excited to share a meal together following worship on the first Saturday of each of the fall months to promote community. We would love for you to tell your friends and family, your co-workers and workout buddies, all about Awakening and the exciting community developing. Please join with us on this journey.