

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

This July we begin a new series, "Tell Me the Stories of Jesus", exploring the parables of Jesus. 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 and at 5:00 p.m. at Mead's Corner.

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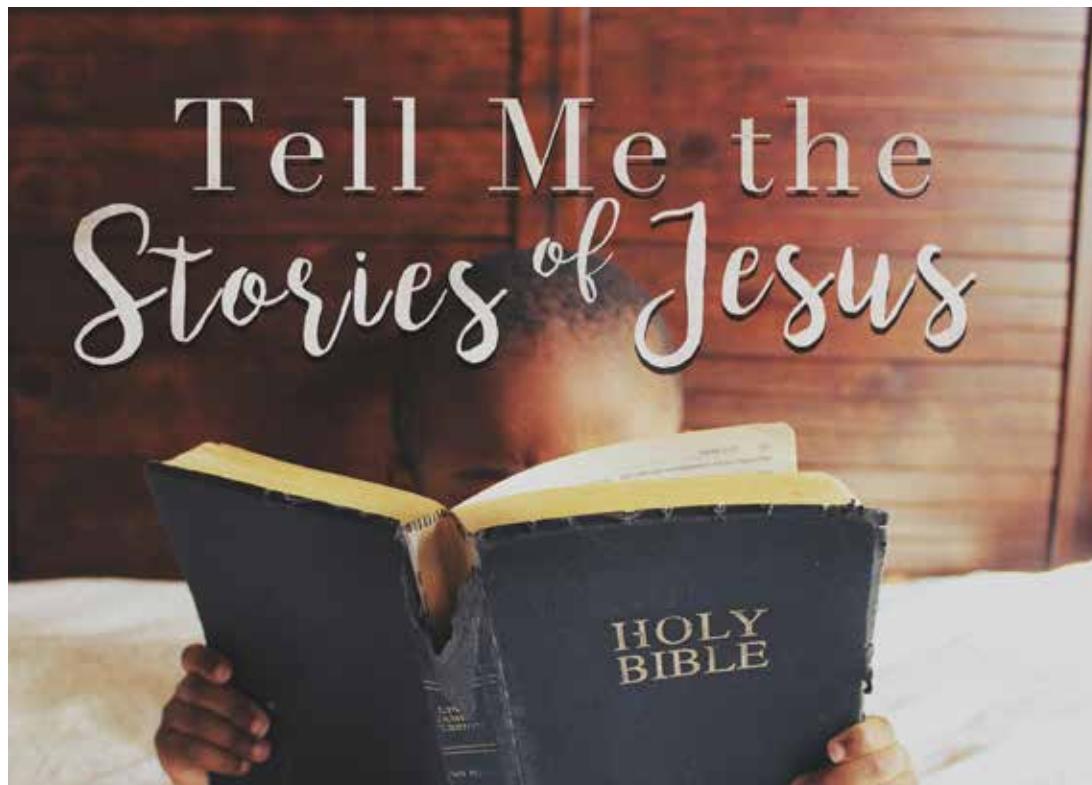
FEED THE HUNGRY

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

July: Beans

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On Sunday, July 2, join us as all our worship venues gather together for a combined service at 10:50 a.m. in the Sanctuary. We will kick off our new series, "Tell Me the Stories of Jesus" with a message from Rev. Cindy Watson, "Seeds of Possibility and Peace".

Join Us!

New Summer Sermon Series

Using Amy-Jill Levine's book, "Short Stories by Jesus", this new sermon series will look at our typical understandings 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. Join us this summer for, "Tell Me the Stories of Jesus: *Parables that Challenge, Convict and Comfort*".

July 2, 2017 - One Combined Service
"Seeds of Possibility and Peace"
Romans 7: 15-25a • Matthew 13: 1-9

July 9, 2017 - "Small Seeds, Big Potentials"
Romans 8: 1-11 • Matthew 13: 31-32

July 16, 2017 - "Precious Treasures"
Romans 8: 12-17 • Matthew 13: 44-46
Rebecca Goltry Mohr

July 23, 2017 - "Hidden in Plain Sight"
Romans 8: 18-25 • Matthew 13: 44-46

July 30, 2017-VBS Sunday
"Lost and Found, Part I"
Romans 8: 26-30 • Matthew 18: 10-14



Rebecca Goltry Mohr, TiM Associate Pastor

We are excited to welcome our new Transition in Ministry Associate Pastor, Rebecca Goltry Mohr, who will begin her appointment at First Church on July 1. We will be celebrating her arrival with an all church potluck on Sunday, July 9. Attached is a note from Rebecca with more information about her. We hope you will join us in welcoming Rebecca to First Church!

I want to extend my deepest gratitude and excitement for the opportunity to serve as your Associate Pastor. When I first began discerning my call to ministry, places and locations stood out as marks of holy moments in my journey with Christ. With great joy I am pleased to be coming back to my hometown!

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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 July 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. Cindy Watson,
Rev. Dr. Tal Tittsworth,
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.

Alzheimer's Caregivers Support Group Begins July 11

First Church is pleased to host an Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group which begins July 11. This group will meet in Wilke Family Center at 2:00 p.m. the second Tuesday of every month. Respite care will be offered in the RNC area. Care and activities will be provided by Interim Home Health at no charge.

Caregivers are invited to come to the group and talk through issues and ways of coping, share feelings, needs and concerns, and learn about community resources. In addition, participants will develop a support system and exchange practical information on caregiving challenges and possible solutions. The group is not limited to First Church members. If you know someone who might benefit, please share this information. No pre-registration is needed.

There are many forms of dementia, but many basic

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP

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

alz.org | alzheimer's association

First Church • 2:00 p.m. • 2nd Tuesday each month

caregiving concerns are the same. Even if you are a caregiver of someone with whom you do not live, ideas and support from this group might be helpful to you.

Connie Barnum and Libby Eaton were trained by the Alzheimer's Association to facilitate the meetings. They are not there to provide legal or

medical information, but they will seek answers to questions as topics of interest arise. Special speakers might be invited periodically to address a specific issue, but an hour of private discussion is always planned after the information session.

Giving Options!

Did you know there are several ways for you to financially support First Church?

• **Giving Kiosk:** The giving kiosk, found in the AB entrance, accepts credit cards. Simply swipe your card and enter your information.

• **Online Giving:** Give online at our website, firstwichita.org. Click on the "Online Giving" button and you will be directed to a form to enter your information.

• **Text Giving:** Text the amount of your gift to 913-270-0303, after your initial text, instructions will be sent.

• **Traditional Giving:** You can always give each Sunday as the offering plate is passed or anytime during the week at the church office. If you have any questions or concerns about giving, please call the office during business hours.

Thank you for your contributions. Without you, this ministry would not be possible!

Welcoming

Rebecca Goltry Mohr
TiM Associate

Potluck

BRING YOUR FAVORITE DISH!

fried chicken, place settings, drinks provided

JULY 9
MEREDITH HALL
following Downtown Alive

Greetings, cont'd from page 1

Wichita is where I first began to learn about the Bible, who Jesus is and what the church does. The experiences I had during youth group, summer mission trips and confirmation laid a firm foundation for me to continue loving God and loving my neighbors.

As a student at Kansas State University I studied Geography and Community Development. The themes of how people interact on a global scale and within a local community prompted me to rethink the mission of the church. God was revealing something new and more complex- we live

in an increasingly messy world and there is a needed Christian response to those injustices. The K-State Wesley Foundation was a place of belonging, a place where I could ask hard questions and dig deeper into what it means to follow Christ.

The yearning I had to act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with God lead me to seminary. I chose to attend Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C., where there was a designated program for urban ministries and theology in the public square. My husband Joe and I both attended

Wesley and graduated in May 2017. Joe is currently a chaplain intern at Wesley Medical Center. We are very humbled by all of the gracious words of welcome and look forward to connecting and listening to your experiences at First UMC, where God is visibly at work in this community and ways we can grow disciples for the transformation of the world.

Grace and Peace,
Rebecca Goltry Mohr

OUR GIFTS

MAY 2017 OFFERING

\$64,650.51

RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE

\$522,949.51

BUDGET YEAR-TO-DATE

\$539,548.19

EXPENSES YEAR-TO-DATE

\$475,393.32

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS

MISSIONS

\$1,778.50

RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE

\$19,356.50

CAPITAL FUNDS

\$11,317.00

RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE

\$11,807.00

VAN MAINTENANCE FUND

\$25.00

RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE

\$125.00

ORGAN MAINTENANCE FUND

\$0

RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE

\$0

TELEVISION MINISTRY

\$25,142.50

RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE

\$101,909.35

BUDGET YEAR-TO-DATE

\$105,583.31

EXPENSES YEAR-TO-DATE

\$116,436.91

TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS

\$102,913.51

RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE

\$656,147.36

Thank you for your Diaper and Wipe Donations!

As we approached Father's Day we were very close to our goal of 10,000 diapers in our Changing Wichita Diaper Bank's month-long Diaper Drive. Donations from our church family and friends are bringing us to the top - collected both at Mead's Corner and First Church.

We are especially grateful to the birth coaches at Doulas, LLC whose sponsored race, "No Child Wet Behind" brought in almost half of our total. United Way will help us distribute to all area agencies that provide diapers to needy families. Yet, even with 10,000 diapers, at 10 diapers per day per child, that supplies only 100 babies for 10 days. We hope other area churches and organizations will help this effort. The need is great in Wichita. While this drive is over, we can still accept donations as we all know babies need diapers and wipes beyond our Mother's Day to Father's Day Diaper Drive.



2017 Great Plains Annual Conference

By LOYD HAMRICK

The 2017 Great Plains Annual Conference, under the leadership of Bishop Ruben Saenz, Jr., was held at the Heartland Event Center in Grand Island, Nebraska on June 7 – 10, 2017. The theme of the conference was "Therefore Go, Know God."

Bishop Saenz laid out the five key factors for "United Methodists" to move the conference forward into the future:

- Increase the number and diversity of small groups
- Reaching and teaching young people in all places
- Move toward unity through prayer and dialogue

- Move toward a mutual ministry with clergy and laity
- Develop a Great Plains culture of movement

During the weekend the GPAC voted and learned to:

- Consolidate the current Lincoln, Topeka and Wichita offices to Topeka
- Laity and clergy learned more about discipleship in workshops
- Maintain its system of providing a health-care insurance stipend
- Approved resolution:
 - >For the right to peacefully address injustice
 - >For welcoming migrants in our midst
 - >For creation of a Covenant Partnership between the GPAC and the Nigeria Episcopal of the

UMC

- There were five resolutions on church closers

Five Constitutional Amendments were voted on, the results of which will be made public once all the annual conferences vote.

- Adding language on gender justice, comparable to its rights on racial justice
- Adding "gender" (meaning male and female) to the constitution to affirm and protect the UMC's commitment to gender equity through the worldwide connection
- Firming language that delegates be elected by their annual conference rather than being appointed by their bishops.
- Calling for episcopal elections in the central conferences to take



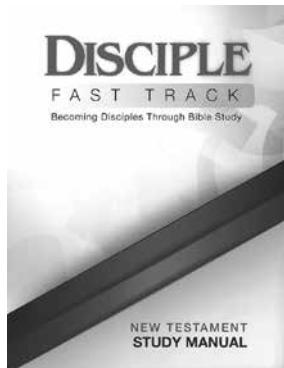
place in the regular sessions of the conference

- Changing language that was ruled unconstitutional that held individuals members accountable for decisions by the Council of Bishops

Next year's annual conference will be June 13-16, 2018 in Wichita at Century II.

New Testament Fast Track Begins in August

Two First Church small groups completed the Old Testament Disciple Fast Track study in May. Class members enjoyed the shortened daily scripture selections and class length as compared to the original Disciple I study. Many participants are planning to continue with the New Testament portion and would welcome you to join them! Class choices are either Wednesday night 6:30-7:45 p.m. or Thursday morning 10:30-11:45 a.m. Sue Reece and Libby Eaton will facilitate the Wednesday evening sessions and Deb Seely will facilitate Thursday mornings. Childcare and children and



youth activities are available on Wednesdays, beginning September 13.

Classes will begin the last week in August, in order to complete the

12 weeks before Thanksgiving. Please prayerfully consider joining one of these groups. Not only will you gain biblical knowledge and spiritual depth, but you will enjoy the discussions and support of

others in your class.

A book fee of \$10 is requested for the text, but scholarships are available. Call or e-mail Libby Eaton at church to join one of these classes. You will be blessed.

OUR FAMILY

We grieve the deaths of:

Piper Jean Crain,
daughter of Elise & Nick Crain
granddaughter of
David & Deb Seely

Wayne Hollowell
brother of Nonie Hollowell

Jeanette Robertson,
wife of Marvin Robertson

Dieter Dibbern,
husband of Paulette Dibbern

We celebrate the baptism of:

Harper Rose Grell,
daughter of
Clinton & Kelli Grell,
granddaughter of
Eddie & Connie Green

VBS Needs You!

It is JULY! That means Vacation Bible School is just around the corner and we need as much help as we can get! Please consider signing up to help during VBS week, July 24-30. We need people to serve meals, help clean up, lead kids from center to center, assist lead teachers, greet people every night, pray for our teachers and children and much more. Stop at one of our display tables and find a place to help! There are also other ways you can help behind the scenes!

Other VBS Opportunities & Training Dates:

- VBS Training: Tuesday, July 11 at 5:30 p.m. (dinner provided)
- VBS Set up: Sunday, July 23 from 12:30 – 2:30 p.m. (lunch provided)
- Purchase a snack item, find a sticky note on our display tables and bring back your item by Sunday, July 16.
- Pass out flyers to your neighbors.
- Donate to purchase food for VBS week, we are offering a free meal every night.

Maker Fun Factory VBS Time July 24-28 5:30-8:30 p.m.

If you have not signed up your kids for VBS, there is still time! Free Dinner included!

Sneak Peek to what Maker Fun Factory has for you:

- Day 1 - "God made you" – God lovingly creates people (Genesis 1:26-24)
- Day 2- "God is for you" – Rahab believes in God's mighty power (Joshua 1-2)
- Day 3- "God is always with you" – God is with Gideon (Judges 6:11-24-12)
- Day 4 – "God will always love you" – Jesus dies and comes back to life (Luke 22-66-24:12)
- Day 5 – "God made you for a reason" – Abigail brings peace (1 Samuel 25).



For more information please contact, Patricia Tristan, Director of Kids' Discipleship at 267-6244 ext. 318 or patriciat@firswichita.org. Register online at firswichita.org.

Your kids cannot miss this opportunity to be creative and to have fun!

2017 Buckhorn Camp Work Team

On Saturday, May 27, the Buckhorn Camp Work Team left for Colorado to embark on a weeklong mission adventure. We were six members strong from three different churches – a nice group of retirees and soon-to-be-retirees. To get acclimated to the altitude, we stayed at the Estes Park UMC that evening and attended a mountain-casual service Sunday morning highlighted by an outstanding youth bell choir from OKC – what a performance!

Throughout the week, God blessed us with beautiful weather with abundant sunshine, mild temperatures, calm winds, blazing sunsets and vivid rainbows. The accommodations were better than we anticipated, including a hot shower every night and hearty, tasty meals!

Although it was not clear the work the camp had planned for us, God had a plan. The week before our arrival, the camp received 4 feet of snow! That caused many smaller trees and large limbs to break and block access to activity areas. We spent the week cutting down and

removing these obstacles so that incoming campers would have clear, safe access to the camp. We also deep-cleaned all of the cabins and removed downed trees on the property line. The team was focused, hardworking, had a deep desire to do as much as we could and were blessed with outstanding leadership from our team leader. A perfect storm for overachieving!

More importantly, the team bonded over the course of the week and became good friends. Everyone participated in evening devotions and, through that, we learned more about each other's lives and how God played a role in our happy moments as well as times of pain and suffering. After devotions, we spent the next hour or so having pleasant conversation.

Camp counselors were there for training and ate at the same time we did so it was perfect to get to know them better; listening to their perspectives on God and their aspirations for the future. A great group of young adults. The world will be in good hands in the

coming decades!

It was good to be home on June 3 but memories of our experiences together at Buckhorn Camp will be cherished for years to come. Thanks to all those who helped make it possible!





Eloise Kennedy dressed in style for great fun and fellowship at the Flag Day Senior Sizzle in June.



Senior Summer Sizzle July 12

What a great time was had by all at the June Senior Summer Sizzle on Flag Day! Tons of fun, loads of laughter. If you missed the June party, there are still two opportunities to get in on the action this summer!

On July 12 at 1:30, all First Church Seniors and their

guests are invited to experience The Big Chill in the middle of the summer heat! Participants will play games and enjoy crafts based upon icy themes and places. The animated movie, "Ice Age", and ice cream sundaes will add fun and flavor to the festivities.

So, who "qualifies" as a senior? If you get "senior coffee" or a "senior discount" or carry an AARP card, you are in the group! Come on July 12 to meet and mix with others at First Church and have a chillingly fabulous experience!



Barbershop quartet, BoomTown, featuring Caleb Fouse, Director of Youth Discipleship, will be performing Sunday, July 2 in the First Church Sanctuary at 3:00 p.m. Enjoy this send-off show for friends and family before they head to Las Vegas to compete in the Barbershop Harmony Society's International quartet contest! Admission is free, but donations will be accepted.

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

Double Ring 106B

We again mourn the death of a Double Ring member. Dieter Dibbern passed away on June 8 and his memorial service was held on June 13. Following the service a lunch was served to the family by members of the class. Our sympathy and prayers are with Paulette and their family.

It is a joy to have Mariam and Bruce LeBaron back with us, following Mariam's surgery. We have also welcomed family members and other visitors who have joined us recently.

Several Double Ring members enjoyed the Summer Sizzle on Flag Day. We look forward to the next two coming up in July and August. We also look forward to Brett's organ concert in July. It is good to be made aware each week of opportunities for fellowship, as well as ways we can be of service in the church and community.

About 60 class members enjoyed breakfast in the Parlor on June 17, catered by Jimmy's Egg. It was another good time together.

Jack's lessons have been on John the Baptist and John's father, Zachariah. Jack will continue his discussions on people of the Bible, particularly the 12 disciples. Come to share the lessons and our time together.

50/50 107B

We have been missing Dr. Ackerman's teaching and piano playing. We hope he is feeling better and can be back with us soon. We have had several interesting speakers recently including, Libby Eaton on May 28 and Lorrie Donham on June 4. She told us some interesting things about our church. On June 11, Nancy Smith who works with Samaritan's Purse, told us about her travels to many countries and the many good things this group does for others. We enjoyed seeing our class picture in "First Light". Our class will be celebrating seventy years together in 2018!

Our thoughts and prayers are with Doris Thompson as she works to improve her strength. We mourn the death of our dear friend and classmate, Alden Carter, on June 19. Alden was 99 and we all were hoping to celebrate his 100th birthday in the fall. He will certainly be missed.

Our Annual Breakfast will be held June 29 at the Rupe's place. It is always such a pleasure to attend there. You are welcome any time to visit our class or just stop by for a quick hello.

Hand in Hand 101B

We are enjoying our study of "In the Dust of the Rabbi", a video series with discussion questions that are very thought provoking. It will continue through July and perhaps early August.

Ruth Martinez shared her experience at the Annual Conference. She went as her brother, Rev. Glen Tombaugh, pastor of Mt. Vernon UMC, was retiring. She explained that the Great Plains Conference will consolidate into one office in Topeka. At some point the Lincoln, NE office and the Wichita, KS office will close. Change is hard, but ultimately the savings in dollars and having one Conference and one office seem to be one good reason.

We have also welcomed a new member, Jean Galbert. Bonnie Jo met her in a Bible Study and invited her to class. Welcome!

July is packed with summer fun and Hand in Hand will be attending most of the events.

*July 2: Combined worship service. Caleb Fouse and his Barbershop Quartet will be offering music during the service and again at 3 p.m. He's been singing Barbershop since he was 16 and his group has been in many competitions. Sounds like fun!

*July 9: SPRC is hosting a potluck dinner after DTA to introduce our new associate pastor, Rebecca Mohr.

*July 12: Senior Summer Sizzle Chill Day at 1:30 in Meredith Hall.

*July 21: Brett Valliant's Summer Concert and ice cream social.

Plan to attend and invite guests!

Koinonia 303D

We enjoyed Mary Beth Byers when she spoke to our class about her mission work. She is going to 11 countries and will be gone 11 months. We will continue with Adam Hamilton's book and video series, "The Way", in July.

Tuesday, July 4, we will meet at Jimmy's Diner, 2121 N. Tyler Rd. for lunch followed by a movie at Warren West. On, July 27, at On the Border, 1930 N. Rock Rd. for dinner and to the concert at Bradley Fair after dinner.

We are always thankful for the wonderful refreshments brought by our members. And thank you to everyone who gave diapers and wipes for the diaper drive. Everyone is welcome to join us on Sunday morning. It is our class tradition to always close with a prayer circle.

People's Open Doors 300D

Our class is blessed to be on the Christian journey together, as we have combined Open Doors class with People's Bible Study. We are continuing to study the Book of Acts led by Barbara Simons. Our study focus is "What are we learning about witnessing?" and "What is God saying to us?"

People's Open Doors has been lending a helping hand in many ways. The class has contributed to Mary Beth Byers' upcoming extended mission trip and donations have been made to the Diaper Drive. Class members prepared sack lunches and served at Open Door, preparations were made for Vacation Bible School meals, and the annual celebration for the 4th of July for the RNC. Several class members were involved in the Flag Day event- a wonderful time for the Senior Sizzlers!

A successful move was accomplished by class members for Brenda Triplett, to her new senior apartment. We have been very thankful to have the return of class members who have not been able to attend for a while. We were saddened by the news of the passing of Nonie Hollowell's brother. We are blessed as a class to share in the joys and concerns of our class members.

Pneuma 302D

Rev. Evelyn Fisher will be teaching our class in July, giving Dan a chance to take a breather. We are grateful that Evelyn has the time to devote to teaching, now that she has retired from her duties with the Great Plains Conference. Please feel free to join us in class as we share in fellowship and faith.

Pneuma will prepare and serve lunch at Open Door the first Friday of July. Many of our class have been or will be involved with helping with the Senior Summer Sizzle, dementia support group, and Vacation Bible School.

We have had a number of celebrations with the marriage of the Ebright's daughter, Alison; the birth of granddaughter, Harper, to Connie and Eddie Green; and the birth of grandson, Bodhi, to Peggy and Phil Baldwin. Our class was equally heartbroken by the death of the Seely's newborn granddaughter, Piper.

RNC 100D

Our Sunday school lessons this month will use the movie "A Smile as Big as the Moon" which tells the true life story of the first special education class to attend NASA space camp and the hard work, faith, and determination it took to achieve this dream. Many of our members are gearing up to participate in Camp Pride this summer.

Calendar July 2017

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Mission Lunch

Sunday, July 23, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Meredith Hall

Donations benefit Pastor Claudine's Watoto Read

COMING IN WORSHIP

July 2- One Service
"Seeds of Possibility
and Peace"

Romans 7: 15-25a
Matthew 13: 1-9

July 9
"Small Seeds, Big Potentials"

Romans 8: 1-11
Matthew 13: 31-32

July 16
"Precious Treasures"

Romans 8: 12-17
Matthew 13: 44-46
Rebecca Goltry Mohr

July 23
"Hidden in Plain Sight"

Romans 8: 18-25
Matthew 13: 44-46

July 30
"Lost and Found" Part I

Romans 8: 26-30
Matthew 18: 10-14

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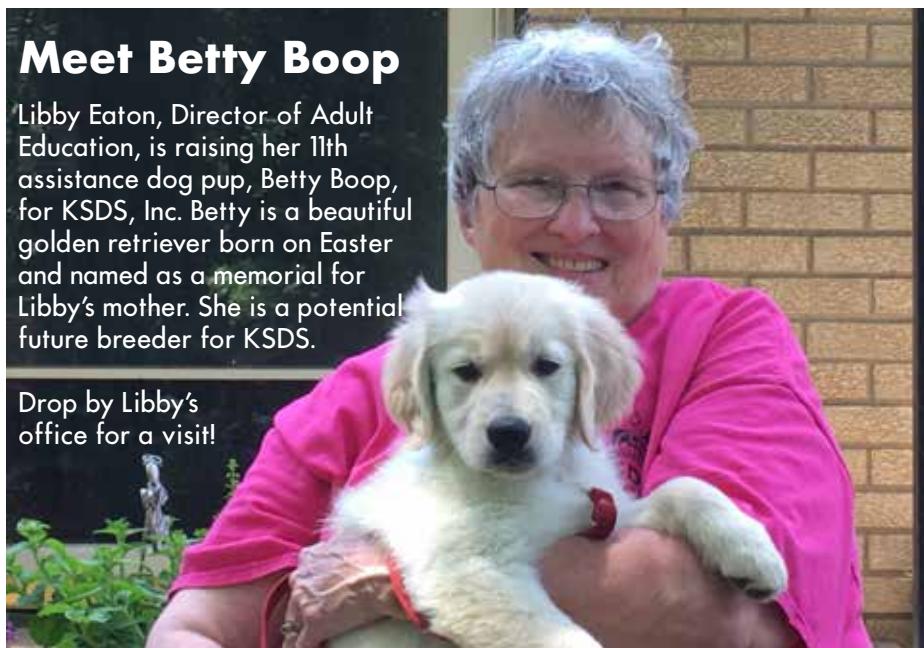
Baptized

Harper Rose Grell was baptized by Rev. Cindy Watson on Sunday, June 4 during the Downtown Alive worship service. Harper is the daughter of Clinton and Kelli Grell and granddaughter of Eddie and Connie Green.

Meet Betty Boop

Libby Eaton, Director of Adult Education, is raising her 11th assistance dog pup, Betty Boop, for KSDS, Inc. Betty is a beautiful golden retriever born on Easter and named as a memorial for Libby's mother. She is a potential future breeder for KSDS.

Drop by Libby's office for a visit!



First Church closed on July 4

The church will be closed, Tuesday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day. We hope you have a safe holiday with family and friends!