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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 February we will continue with the series, "Finding a Faith that Matters", exploring why faith matters and how it makes a difference in the world. 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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Super Bowl Party

FEED THE HUNGRY

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

February: Peanut Butter

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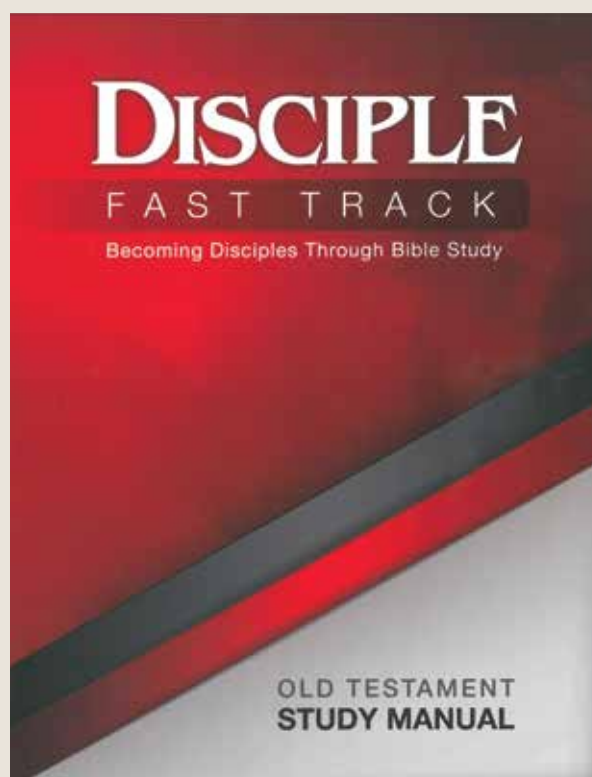
During the month of February we will continue our sermon series, exploring why faith matters and how it makes a difference in the world. Faith guides us to a deeper understanding of God and of ourselves and of our place in the world. The next few weeks we will gather to celebrate Valentine's Day and learn how we can live out our love. We'll examine how we can work together to transform the world, then we'll wrap the month up with what it means to have a faith that is uniquely our own. We hope you will join us as we seek to find a faith that matters!

February 5
"Communion in the
Midst of Conflict"
Ephesians 2: 14-22
Matthew 20: 20-28

February 12
"Living out Love"
Isaiah 43: 1-7
1 Corinthians 13: 1-13

February 19
"Community that
Transforms the World"
Isaiah 43: 8-13
Matthew 15: 29-39

February 26
"Finding a Faith
that is Your Own"



Disciple Fast Track

First Church Adult Council is pleased to offer Disciple Fast Track, the updated version of the original Disciple I Bible Study written by Bishop Dick and Julia Wilke. While some First Church congregants have had the opportunity to complete this first of four Disciple courses, others are eager to have this experience.

This new Disciple Fast Track has stream-lined the original study to help it blend with our busy lives. There are 12 classes for the Old Testament section, which we will offer beginning in February. Weekly class meetings include a video presentation, scripture study, discussion of challenge questions, and time for sharing prayer concerns.

There are six weekly scripture reading and responding assignments which are much shorter than the original format. Participants will need to spend 20-30

minutes on each assignment.

Two class options will be offered: Wednesday evenings 7:00-8:15 when child care is available and children's and youth activities are in session, and Thursday morning, 10:15-11:30. The classes begin February 8 and 9, and will be held for 12 weeks through the end of April.

The cost for Disciple Fast Track is only \$5. The First Church Adult Education budget will scholarship the remainder needed for the manual and class fee.

So, whether you've always wanted to take Disciple or would just love a refresher on the Old Testament, please consider Disciple Fast Track as a great option.

To register, or if you have questions, contact Libby Eaton at church, libbye@firstwichita.org, 267-6244. You may also register for the class January 29 or February 5 at church.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Continuing Concerns:

Mariam LeBaron, 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 Feb. 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.

First Church Staff Office Hours

We have heard that it can sometimes be difficult to know how and when to reach our staff! To help you have a better idea of when employees are in the building, we are providing some posted office hours. This of course will not always be 100 % accurate due to vacations, illnesses, holidays, meetings, etc., but we hope this is helpful in giving you a better idea of when to catch them at the church. We would encourage you to call or e-mail to make an appointment due to several varied schedules. Many of the staff have evening and weekend responsibilities associated with their positions as well as commitments that might take them outside our building and into our community! Scheduled hours will be posted outside of each office as well as on the First Church website, www.firstwichita.org with each staff member's profile. If you need further assistance in contacting an employee, please contact the receptionist at 267-6244.



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 FAMILY

We grieve the deaths of:

Kenneth Miller,
husband of Joyce Miller

Judy Pinkerton
wife of
Rev. Fred Pinkerton

Evelyn Tait and
Pauline Alexander,
sisters of Lois Zoellner

Joan Fisher,
sister of Ernestine Krehbiel

Nancy Hancock
mother of JoEllen Hancock

Earle Hays

Harriet Coulter,
sister of Lois Jordan



Boxing Day Thank You

A big, "thank you", to all who brought food items to re-stock the shelves at United Methodist Open Door, during our Boxing Day Open House. We collected 268 items that were delivered on behalf of First Church! Your generosity to help those in need is a witness to what we can do together to change the world!

Thank you!
Cindy Watson and
Andrew Stover

OUR GIFTS

DECEMBER 2016 OFFERING
\$110,892.11
RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE
\$1,172,024.80

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS
MISSIONS
\$6,619.05
RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE
\$27,478.09

CAPITAL FUNDS
\$435.00
RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE
\$95,304.00

VAN MAINTENANCE FUND
\$125.00
RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE
\$2,500.00

ORGAN MAINTENANCE FUND
\$6,932.75
RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE
\$10,562.75

TELEVISION MINISTRY
\$41,139.40
RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE
\$209,598.19

TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS
\$166,143.31
RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE
\$1,517,467.83

Mug Shots: Stephen Minister Caught in the Act!

Have you seen Stephen Ministers in the act of their ministry? Probably not, since giving is one on one Christian caring, done in a confidential manner, it's hard to document. Let's just say that reporting on their acts of love and compassion is a story worth telling. Since we can't share it all, we are going to share about our Stephen Ministry Team as being some of the MOST WANTED caregivers around. We ask that when you spot them, you thank them for what they do, and ask about how you can join their notorious ranks.



Culprit #3
Annette Gayle Wood

Aliases:
Anne Wood, Mom

Eyes:
Green

Employment:
Author, rumored to have interviewed Temple Grandin

Known Associated:
Toastmasters, Emmaus Reunion Group and Seeker's Sunday School Class

Training:
Completed Stephen Ministry Training in 2011, mentored by Paul Saas and Rev. Phyllis Provost-Saas.

Travel:
Has been sited in China and Israel. Has cared for three care-receivers on separate occasions, using her skills in listening, showing up,

and sharing Bible and hymn reading.

Please contact Tal Tittsworth at the church, or any of the Stephen Ministry Gang, if you are interested in joining in this ministry that provides, "Christian Caring for People, Through People."



Community Rewards

Dillons Card Program

Did you know, in 2016, First Church received \$5,600 from the Dillons Rewards Card Program? If you have never signed up, it is not too late! Enrolling and selecting First Church to receive the Dillons Community Rewards is easy. Visit our website, firstwichita.org and click on the Dillons button. This will take you directly to the Dillons website where you can create an account. Select First United Methodist Church of Wichita (#10163) to receive the rewards. It's that easy! If you have already enrolled, there is no need to re-enroll. Thank you to those who have already enrolled in the program to help First Church earn rewards. The more you shop at Dillons, the more First Church can earn. For further questions or help enrolling, please contact our receptionist.

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.



Missions Meeting

If you have served on a Missions committee, been on a Missions Work Team, or are just interested in Missions, please plan to attend the Missions meeting scheduled for Thursday, February 9 at 6:30 p.m. in Meredith Hall.

Come find out what is planned for 2017!

United Methodist Women at First Church **Busy in 2017!**

The United Methodist Women at First Church have launched a New Year with our executive leader's meeting, our fellowship-small group meetings and our second Red Cross Blood Drive held on January 22 and hosted by the Saturday Morning Circle and their volunteers. We are an action-minded group of 100 members, praying, planning and seeking ways to be a blessing to the church and others we may never know. Through our caring relationships with our fellow members, we've developed lifelong ties that we cherish and bind us together in our common mission.

Mardi Gras Mission Lunch Sunday, February 26

On February 26 we will be hosting our 2nd Mardi Gras mission luncheon from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. in Meredith Hall. Our chicken gumbo, rice and other Cajun treats, Mardi Gras music, masks, beads and a traditional King Cake will be on the menu! Our mission purpose is to raise funds for our local mission projects and the church, such as the Religious Nurture Center, our Children's Ministry, UMW Reading Program, Church Women United and funeral dinners. We will also "roll out" our new Rada Knife and Cutlery Line. Knives and all kinds of cutlery will be displayed on that day. We'll be showing steak knives, pie servers, vegetable peelers, hunting and fishing knives, items for bridal showers, weddings, and Mother's and Father's Day. You can place your order, pay and we'll deliver. Come and join us for a little Mardi Gras laughter and frivolity! Your kind donation for lunch is appreciated.

Fellowship and Circle groups meet again in March and then our April 22 activity will be at 10 a.m. with a tour of United Methodist Open Door across from our church on Topeka. Although they are closed on Saturdays, we are able to meet with their staff and help in the Klothes Closet that distributes clothing to the poor without cost. Good used clothing will be sorted, tagged, hung on hangars or whatever is needed to process incoming clothing. We'll come back together for a salad luncheon at the church and a clever, inspiring skit about our organization's tenacious founders.

New 2017 Reading Program Titles Announced

Our Reading Program has now catalogued our new books for 2017. They have been selected from titles on world missions, strengthening the church for the family, helping recent war veterans return to society, easing into retirement, leadership development and devotional themes. See our UMW book cart in the church library, Room 302B, where books can be checked out for three weeks.

2017 Reading Program new titles available include:

"**Soul Repair**" by Rita Nakashima Brock and Gabriella Lettini, is a moving story about four veterans who reveal their experiences of moral injury and how they learned to live with these struggles.

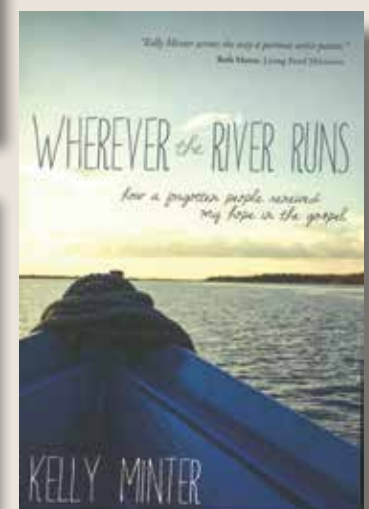
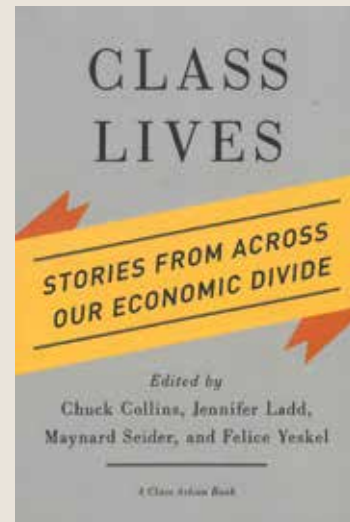
"**Wherever the River Runs**" authored by Kelly Minter, is a biographical retelling of the author's spiritual adventures with the jungle people of Brazil.

"**Class Lives**" edited by Chuck Collins, Jennifer Ladd, Maynard Seider, and Felice Yeskel, is a powerful collection of forty short yet candid personal narratives, retelling struggles with and consciousness around class. Libby Eaton recommends!

UMW 150th Anniversary Coming in 2019

Finally, United Methodist Women are preparing to celebrate our 150th anniversary in 2019. Our predecessors began a new women's missionary organization in 1869 for the purpose of helping the poor in India. They each pledged "two cents a week and earnest prayer" and in a surprisingly short time they had raised enough money to send a female missionary teacher and a female doctor. We follow in their footsteps with gratitude and in January our First Church women presented their mission pledge/promise to fulfill in 2017. We also plan to share our gifts to the UMW Legacy Fund as we approach our anniversary year in 2019.

"Be ye doers of the Word and not hearers only..." James 1:22 shapes our mission service in all we do.



Please join us in any way you can. For more information about the activities above contact Janet Robinson, President, 253-4913 or Marcia Hillman, Reading Program, 765-2625.

United Methodist Women Happening in February

The United Methodist Women Expanded Executive Committee will meet on Wednesday, February 1 at 10:30 a.m. in Room 101B.

Church Women United will meet on Friday, February 3 at 1:00 p.m. This is the Key Women's Koffee. This month's

meeting will be held at Inter-Faith Ministries, 829 N. Market, 264-9303. Hostesses will be the CWU Board Members.

The Saturday Morning Circle will meet on Saturday, February 18.

UMW Mardi Gras Luncheon! Join us on Sunday, February 26 in Meredith Hall for lunch from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.





Lunches at Open Door

A variety of church and community groups bring lunch every weekday for the clients of the Open Door Homeless Resource Center which is just east of the church across Topeka Street. First United Methodist has committed to the first Friday of each month.

Between 90 and 120 meals are served each day—depending on the weather and the homeless population. In the past, groups at First Church have prepared sack lunches, cooked hamburgers out, bought pizza or

prepared a home cooked meal. The regular volunteers prepare and serve tater tot casserole, green beans, salad and peach cobbler if no one else is preparing a meal.

First Church Neighborhood Outreach Team requests your help in one of two ways:

1. Be responsible to prepare and serve for a month, or
2. Donate money to defer the cost. Each month costs approximately \$200.

Sunday School classes, small

groups, or a group of friends may decide to prepare and serve. Meredith Hall kitchen is usually available for preparation.

Please consider signing up for a month in 2017. Presently February, March and July are covered. Help is needed on April 7, May 5, June 2, August 4, September 1, October 6, November 3 and December 1.

E-mail Annette Schmidt at annettes@firstwichita.org or call the church for more information or to volunteer.

CORE 56

New Sunday School for CORE-56!

Join us in our new Sunday school for CORE-56, we are learning about the stories of freedom in the Old Testament, starting with Moses and the deliverance of the people of Israel. Creative lessons that your tween will enjoy! Every Sunday morning at 9:30 in Room 311C.

New Sunday School for children ages K through 4 Grade!

Join us in our new Sunday school, we are taking a road trip through the Parables that Jesus taught his disciples and followers.

Every Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m.

Kindergarten-2nd – 106C
3rd-4th – 108C



Core-Kids Valentine's Party!

Wednesday, February 15, 2017

6:30 -8:00 p.m.

Wilke Family Center

Bring your child to celebrate God's love for us! We will celebrate as beloved children of God and also do a mission project for our shut-ins.

Please bring a snack to share, we will provide all the goodies and candy!

Games, prizes and lots of fellowship!

Volunteer Opportunities at Open Door

When I started the new adventure volunteering at Open Door Community Ministry over four years ago, I assumed I knew what I would learn. I thought I would feel good helping "poor people" but have I been amazed! Four plus years later, I am constantly surprised, more grateful, more knowledgeable and have gained new friends and structure to my "retired" week.

There are a zillion reasons people need food. Am I ever cynical? Certainly-- but most of the time I am in awe of persons who survive on less than \$1000 a month in Wichita!

You can have similar adven-



tures by volunteering at the United Methodist Open Door Community Ministry near 17th and Mosley. We really could use your help!

The following positions need to be filled:

1. Intake workers (interview people to see if they have a photo ID, proof of income, and printed proof of address)
-- Willingness to talk, listen and to follow the guidelines

--Up and down at desk—on feet about half the time

2. Food distributors (give out the food and commodities after the paper work is done)

--Strength to pick up a grocery bag of food.

--Less interaction with clients but you will see every client.

3. Telephone receptionist (sit at desk, answer questions about hours, location etc.)
--Really don't interact with clients except on phone.

4. File room (find file of clients from previous visits, do a bit of record keeping.)
--Requires bending and standing.

A shift would be a morning 9 to 12 or an afternoon 1 to 4 on Monday—Friday, just three hours a week. We are respectful of every client but clients are expected to

be respectful to the staff, also. The staff of Open Door understands that volunteers are volunteers and know there will be vacations, etc. All the staff asks of the volunteers is some advance notification. I have never been made to feel guilty for missing my shift.

This volunteer opportunity gives you structure to your week, a chance to make new friends, a view of another Wichita and a grateful heart. I recommend giving it a try.

— Judith Oswald

Contact Tim Stead tstead@umopendoor.org or Judith Oswald jrelfoswald@gmail.com

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

Double Ring 106B

We regret the recent death of Earl Childs. He is well remembered as a faithful, former member of Double Ring Class.

It was good to celebrate with Mary Herrin her retirement from WSU. A delicious cake was served before class on January 8. Both the cake and the worship center were decorated in WSU colors and motif.

Sunday lessons have been presented by Libby Eaton and Dr. Tal Tittsworth. We appreciate all who are helping out in Jack's absence. We also appreciate our class secretaries and Glenna Matson who faithfully report each Sunday, keeping us informed of events, and keeping us up to date with our prayer list. Many thanks to them.

Our class members continue to reach out in ministry. Jan Doggett, Patsy Kutz, and Carolyn Vosburg served an evening meal at the Warming Souls Winter Shelter on January 25. Mary Havey was featured in January's *First Light* as one of our church's Stephen Ministers. Others in our class are involved with that also.

The February Debs meeting will be at the home of Joyce Madden on February 15 when Black History Month will be observed. The February class social will be a Valentine luncheon on February 12.

Visitors are always welcome in Room 106. Come for coffee and fellowship, and spend the hour with us.

50/50 107B

Our winter weather keeps us all guessing! We enjoyed the holiday season and appreciated Steve Rogers teaching our class on "What I Really Want." Thanks Steve!

We have lost another class member. Ruth McComas passed away recently. Her funeral was at 1:00 p.m., January 21 at First Church. Our class served a reception following the service for her family.

Paul Ackerman will continue teaching us now. His sense of humor is always fun, along with his great lessons.

Come by and receive a warm handshake with our members when you can!

Hand in Hand 101B

Cliff Berthoff is leading us in lessons based upon the book, "Who is This Man" by John Ortberg. Books are available in class for \$13. This is an exciting series! We welcome guests to join our discussions!

Two class members recently lost their sisters. Lois Zoellner's sister, Paula Alexander, passed away and her service was in Arkansas. Ernie Krehbiel also lost her sister Joan who was a member of College Hill UMC. We extend our condolences to these friends.

We served the homeless meals on January 27 and 28. Thanks to Bonnie Jo Holmes for organizing these meals.

We plan to attend the Music Theatre and the Wichita Symphony Pops orchestra joint production of *Carousel* in February.

Koinonia 303D

We have an exciting roster of speakers and lessons for February. On February 12, Helen Halstead will be with us and on February 19 we will have Betty Hodson. Welcome back to both of you. Then on February 26, Micah Williams will join us to tell about her trip to Nepal. We look forward to learning from our guests.

The Mosley Street Melodrama was postponed and will probably be scheduled for February.

Pneuma 302D

We are starting the year with Adam Hamilton's study, "The Call", which centers on Paul and his ministry. Please feel free to join us. Even if you are a member of another class, we would welcome you for this educational opportunity.

Pneuma provided four meals at the overflow homeless shelter during January. We will also be providing lunch on February 2 at Open Door. Thanks to Peggy Valliant, Sandra Rogers, and Deb Seely for coordinating those meals.

Peggy Baldwin was our hostess for Pneuma Ladies in January. In February we will be at the home of Deb Seely. The class is looking forward to the fun and fellowship of our Super Bowl Party at the home of Connie and Bob Bishop as well as the Pneuma Valentine's dinner the following Saturday.

We continue to keep Nancy Smith lifted up as she works in Iraq. We share in the joy of the Ebright's on the engagement of daughter, Allison, and of the Baldwins in the news that they will become grandparents in June.

Religious Nurture Center 100D

The members of the RNC have been enjoying the beautifully remodeled BINGO machine console and new 60 inch flat screen television in the back room for those who watch the worship service on television each Sunday. Many thanks to all the generous donations that have allowed us to acquire these new enhancements to our ministry.

Our Sunday school lessons will focus on the true life story of Temple Grandin, who is an inspiration to all for her perseverance and determination while struggling with the isolating challenges of autism.

Our activities for February will include a visit from the pet therapy dogs, a magic show, Valentine's party and a concert.

Seekers 306B

The Seekers Class concluded the year with a December full of study, mission and celebration. We gave generous gifts to two helping agencies in Wichita in support of their Christmas ministry for those in need. We gathered at our annual Christmas party to celebrate our common faith, our church and our deep bonds as a class.

David Brant led us in our Advent study and continued it into January. Serving meals at the Homeless Shelter Overflow is a January tradition in our class.

Our new studies will be "Christianity and World Religions" and then "Ask: Faith Questions in a Skeptical Age" by Bishop Scott and Rev. Arthur Jones.

We look forward to welcoming visitors on Sundays. Seekers class provides a rich opportunity for spiritual growth, to enjoy a time of study and prayer, and find a place to call "home" within the larger church!

Calendar

February 2017

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200D</p> <p>Saturday</p> <p>Sunday Heritage Worship - Chapel Religious Nurture Center - 100D CORE-Kids Sunday School - 106C, 108C, 110C, 200C, 311C Core Youth Sunday Small Group - 200D Adult Sunday School Classes - Churchwide El Mesias UMC Worship - 200D Downtown Alive Worship - Sanctuary The Gathering Super Bowl Party - Wilke FLC</p> <p>Monday Caring Comforts - 106B, 110B Church Council - 101B</p> <p>Tuesday DTA Planning Meeting</p> <p>Wednesday Daytime Quilters - 308B Apple Core - Book/Bible Study - 302B Downtown Alive Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room Religious Nurture Center - 100D CORE-Kids and CORE 56 Small Group - 111C, 200C, 311C CORE Youth - 200D El Mesias Bible Study - 301D Core-Kids Wednesday Nights - Wilke FLC DISCIPLE Fast Track - 101B United Methodist Men Bible Study - 103B</p> <p>Thursday First Place Quilters - Quilters/Emmaus Disciple Fast Track - 204A Missions Meeting - Meredith Hall God and Dogs - Parking Lot</p> <p>Friday El Mesias Praise Band Practice - 200D</p> <p>Saturday UMW Circle Meetings - 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Coming in March

March 1

Ash Wednesday Services

Noon- Mead's Corner

7:00 p.m.- First Church Sanctuary

COMING IN WORSHIP

February 5
Finding a Faith that Matters
“Communion in the Midst of Conflict”
 Ephesians 2: 14-22
 Matthew 20: 20-28

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 Isaiah 43:1-7
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“Finding a Faith that is Your Own”

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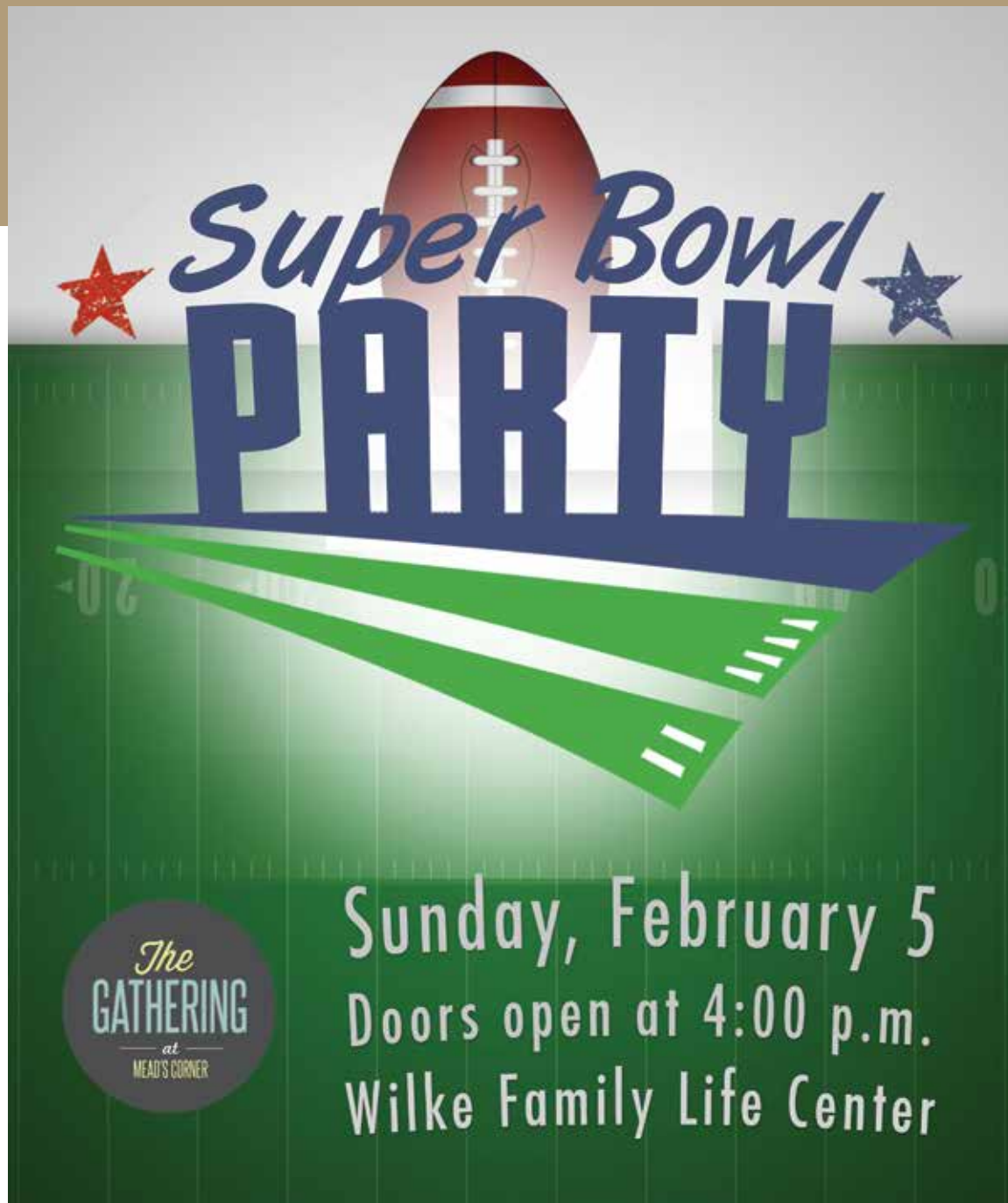


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**JOIN
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 FUN**

On Sunday, February 5, The Gathering will meet at Wilke Family Life Center to watch the Super Bowl on the big screen. Doors will open at 4:00 p.m. and we encourage everyone to bring a snack to share. Everyone is welcome!

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Board Game Night at First Church

The Discipleship Team is excited to announce an all-church board game night on Friday, February 24. This free, family, Friday event is sure to have entertainment for folks of all ages.

You are encouraged to bring a friend, a snack to share, and your favorite board game. We will meet in Meredith Hall from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Soft drinks and bottled water will be provided. Everyone has a chance to win great door prizes!

This event is sponsored by Adult Council, Youth Council, and Children's Council. We are eager to provide an opportunity for our First Church family to enjoy this multi-generational experience and meet with one another in Christian fellowship.