

# FIRST LIGHT

March 2017  
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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

March ushers in the season of Lent and the sermon series, "Into the Darkness, Finding the Light". 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.

**March: Tuna**

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On Broadway between 2nd & 3rd Streets in downtown Wichita.

# Into the DARKNESS finding the LIGHT

March 1 begins the season of Lent which lasts forty days, NOT including Sundays. Traditionally the church has focused on confession and penitence as the season ends with the crucifixion and burial of Jesus. In his book, "Gifts of the Dark Wood", Eric Elnes writes how it is darkness that brings gifts that we cannot receive any other way. While sometimes the gifts, which include uncertainty and emptiness and temptation seem to be "curses", they are often blessings. Using the chapter titles from his book, we will explore these different gifts that the darkness of Lent offers us, and through those gifts, find the Light given us at Easter. Plan to begin the journey of Lent with us on Ash Wednesday, March 1, we have noon service at Mead's Corner or you can worship with us in the Sanctuary at 7 p.m. May this Lent be a holy and sacred journey through the darkness to experience God's marvelous new life!

March 5:	March 12	March 19	March 26
"The Gift of Temptation: Testing and Tasting" Romans 5: 15-21 Matthew 4: 1-11	"The Gift of Uncertainty: Dark Doubt" John 3: 1-17	"The Gift of Misfits: Challenged and Changed" John 4: 5-42	"The Gift of Disappearing: Defining our Delusion" John 9: 1-41

# ASH WEDNESDAY

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1

NOON-MEAD'S CORNER  
7:00 P.M.--SANCTUARY

THE 7:00 P.M. SERVICE WILL BE STREAMED LIVE AT FIRSTWICHITA.ORG

DONALD K. MCKIM

## THE SANCTUARY for LENT 2017

## Lenten Devotionals Available

Adult Council will once again provide Lenten devotionals for the First Church congregation. This devotional is unique because each day includes a quote from an early day church reformer. This commemorates the 500th anniversary of the beginning of the Protestant Reformation, which started when Martin Luther nailed a paper to the door of Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany listing 95 theses listing revolutionary ideas. John Wesley, an early reformer, is quoted with the devotion listed on March 3! Each Day's devotion will also include a suggested Scripture, a short devotion, and a closing prayer.

"The Sanctuary for Lent 2017" were mailed to those receiving a TV bulletin for February 26 and distributed following worship on February 26. They will also be distributed at the March 1, Ash Wednesday services. If you did not receive a copy and would like one, please notify Libby Eaton by phoning the church or by email, libbye@firstwichita.org.

## 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 March 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,  
Leslie Coates

## OUR FAMILY

### We grieve the deaths of:

Norma Griffith

Earle Hays

Don Tinker,  
father of Bob Tinker

Patricia Tanner,  
mother of Tom Tanner

Glen O'Neal  
brother of Orless O'Neal

Michael Nadell,  
brother of Gina Buster

Ruth Margaret Beck,  
mother of Floyd Beck

<b>April 9: Palm/Passion Sunday</b>	<b>April 13: Maundy Thursday 6:00 p.m., Wilke Family Life Center</b>	<b>April 12: Road to Resurrection (CORE Kids) 6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>April 14: Good Friday 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary</b>	<b>April 16: Easter Sunday</b>
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**BASSEL**  
and the  
**SUPERNATURALS**  
(CHICAGO, IL; JAZZ FUSION)

FEATURING...  
the **ERIC SHUMAKER TRIO**

**12** 2017  
**MARCH**  
7:00 P.M.  
FREE ADMISISON

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
330 N. Broadway Wichita, KS 67205  
WILKE CENTER

## Bassel & the Supernaturals

March 12, 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 12, at 7:00 p.m., Bassel & the Supernaturals will be performing in the Wilke Center. Although Bassel plays an amazing variation of the jazz-fusion genre, his performances are so much more than just great music. To quote the *Chicago Tribune*, “Bassel Almadani doesn’t want audiences to just have a good time getting down at shows. He wants fans to leave Bassel & the Supernaturals shows with a sense of connection. The band leader of the contemplative indie-funk ensemble is first generation Syrian-American and has been using the band’s shows & releases to benefit humanitarian efforts in war-torn Syria.”

Bassel & the Supernaturals is an eclectic ensemble, based in Chicago, IL, led by the soulful vocals of Syrian-American songwriter Bassel Almadani. Their music combines soul and funk with captivating lyrics about love, loss, and a war in Syria that has directly affected Bassel’s family along with over 10,000,000 others.

Despite a series of challenges in Bassel’s personal life in recent years, his focus on global awareness and charity has never been greater. In addition to performing in clubs and festivals across the nation, Bassel has partnered with universities and charity organizations nationwide to host seminars and benefit concerts drawing attention to the crisis in Syria.

We invite you, during this season of political drama and increased social unrest, to hear the stories Bassel tells, letting us understand in a greater way the heart of those hurting and responding with compassion and understanding. Join us on March 12 at 7:00 p.m. for this amazing, free event.

## Informational Meeting for Greeters and Ushers

**March 16 at  
6:00 p.m., 107B**

Calling all greeters, ushers, and hosts of worship! We are getting together to review a few old items and introduce some new ones. If you are in any way involved in welcoming people to our worship experiences at First United Methodist Church please join us for a one hour meeting.



## 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 you thank them for what they do, and ask about how you can join their notorious ranks.

Culprit #4

### Bonnie Hamilton Beuning

Newest member of the Stephen Ministry Leadership Team



**Eyes:** Green

**Known Associates:**

Seeker's Sunday School Class, other Stephen Ministers and those involved in Hispanic Ministries.

**Training:**

Completed Stephen Ministry Training in 2014, mentored by Jim Matson. Often seen petting the dogs of others for joy and comfort.

**Language/travel:** Studied Spanish extensively, possibly traveling to Guatemala for stove building, education and missions. Reportedly seen attending a Leadership Training for Stephen Ministry in Orlando, Florida along with Lark Anton.

Both are prepared to lead and train others for service in this ministry, following Ephesians 4:12: "equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up"

She is rumored to have cared for two care receivers on separate occasions, using her passion for spiritual development to encourage looking to God for healing and wholeness.

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

## OUR GIFTS

JANUARY 2017 OFFERING  
\$214,948.20  
RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE  
\$214,948.20

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS  
MISSIONS  
\$70.00  
RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE  
\$70.00

CAPITAL FUNDS  
\$130.00  
RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE  
\$130.00

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

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

TELEVISION MINISTRY  
\$36,919.00  
RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE  
\$36,919.00

TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS  
\$252,092.20  
RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE  
\$252,092.20

## First Church Women attend LEAF Conference

Three First Church women attended the Legislative Event for Advocacy in Faith Conference, LEAF, in Topeka on February 12-13. The theme for this conference was "Seeking Justice" based upon Micah 6:8. United Methodist Women and Church Women United met together for this wonderful ecumenical event.

Janet Robinson, Sandra Rogers, and Libby Eaton were blessed to learn from a variety of Kansas legislators and regional activists who spoke on many justice topics. Keynote speaker, Judge Ardie A. Bland from the 16th Judicial Circuit Court of Missouri, presented challenging statistics on our court and prison system. His advanced problem-solving courts focus on the treatment and rehabilitation of qualified offenders rather than punishment. He spoke on his experiences presiding over Truancy Court and Veteran's Treatment Court.

One workshop of high interest to all three First Church attendees was called "Refugee Resettlement in Kansas", presented by Jessica Stephenson, from the Kansas office of the International Rescue Committee. To be



From left to right: Janet Robinson, Libby Eaton and Sandra Rogers recently attended the LEAF (Legislative Event for Advocacy in Faith) Conference in Topeka.

considered a refugee, a person must meet three criteria: They must have crossed international borders. They cannot return to their country of origin. They are unable to return due to a fear of persecution because of race, religion, hostilities, or other life-threatening factors. Fleeing a natural disaster does not qualify under this definition.

The average stay for an individual in a refugee camp is 17 years. Once a person is selected for possible resettlement, they go through a series of rigorous interviews. There are several identity background checks. They are examined by a doctor for health concerns.

This intense screening can take up to three years before an opening for resettlement is secured.

Wichita is one of the three areas in Kansas where refugees are resettled by the IRC. They obtain social security cards, housing, and jobs for the refugees. Less than one percent of the refugees worldwide will ever have the chance for resettlement.

Our First Church women are eager to participate in the LEAF conference in 2018 and hope that others will join to learn more about our opportunities as Christians.

**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.



United  
Methodist  
Women

**Expanded Executive Committee**

Wednesday, March 1  
10:30 a.m., Room 101B First Church

**Church Women United**

Friday, March 3, 1:00 p.m.  
St. Paul's UM Church, 1356 N. Broadway (267-3263)  
World Day of Prayer

**The Circles of First UMW**

will meet on Wednesday, March 8 as follows:

**Elizabeth Circle**

1:00 p.m., Room 107B,  
First Church - Cost of \$5.00  
Hostess: Glenna Matson  
721-4570  
Program: Prayer and Self Denial - Judy Sunderland

**Naomi Circle**

12 noon, 1600 Fairfield  
Cost of \$5.00  
Hostess: Polly McMillan  
684-6360  
Program: Episcopal Services Refugee Settlement - Debra Lee  
*Esther/Lois Circle will meet with Naomi Circle*

**Rachel Circle**

12 noon, 1252 N. Westlink  
Cost of \$5.00  
Hostess: Coila Earnest  
722-6711  
Program: Prayer and Self Denial

**Saturday Morning Circle**

Saturday, March 18  
10:00 a.m., Room 103B,  
First Church

## 2017 Work Teams Announced

The 2017 Work Teams were recently announced at the Missions meeting on February 9. Some of the teams are not yet finalized, and we can always look at additional teams. If you are interested in joining one of these teams or have any questions, please contact Annette Schmidt, [annettes@firstwichita.org](mailto:annettes@firstwichita.org).



**Baton Rouge, Louisiana**

May 6-14, 2017  
Jim Schmidt, Team Leader  
Flood recovery--All skill levels are needed.

**Camp Buckhorn, Fort Collins, Colorado**

May 29-June 3, 2017  
Tom Tanner, Team Leader  
Continued help with fire recovery. This is our 4th team to Camp Buckhorn, located in a beautiful area of the Rocky Mountains!

**Lake Michigan UMC Camp and Retreat, Pentwater, Michigan**

June 10-18, 2017  
Steve and Bonnie Laycock – Team Leaders  
Family Work Team on the shores of Lake Michigan  
We will be cleaning, pressure washing, painting and maybe building a lifeguard tower; we will be using chain saws (training required, which we provide); and sewing prayer banners

**Weekend in Bailey, Colorado**

September 21-24, 2017  
The Quantics will be hosting us  
We have been helping Deer Park United Methodist Church for many years with projects around the church. This should be about the time that the aspens are turning!

**Guatemala Stove Builders**

November 11-19, 2017  
Steve and Bonnie Laycock – Team Leaders  
Building more stoves

**Oklahoma – short work teams**

They are still recovering from flooding last year and tornadoes in 2015 and 2016

**South Carolina**

We have been asked to help with flood recovery (October 2015) and Hurricane Matthew (2016)  
There are a couple areas in the state still needing assistance

**Clarksdale, Mississippi**

Flood recovery from March 2016

**Gatlinburg, Tennessee**

**Fire recovery**  
We will not know for sure if and when we will be needed until early this summer

**The Bahamas**

**Hurricane Matthew recovery**  
We could be working in either New Providence or Grand Bahamas



Great Plains  
UNITED METHODISTS

## Keeping up with the Conference

If you are interested in receiving messages from Bishop Saenz and staying up to date on news happening around the Great Plains United Methodist Conference, you are invited to sign up for the weekly GPconnect email newsletter at <http://gp-email.brapp.com/> subscribe, or send an email to [rdelisi@greatplainsumc.org](mailto:rdelisi@greatplainsumc.org).

You can also follow the conference on Facebook for videos and up to date information, as well as get to know people from around the conference. To “like” the conference’s Facebook page go to <https://www.facebook.com/GreatPlainsUMC>.

## SPRING FLING Save the Date!

Spring Fling 2017 is scheduled for Saturday, April 29. **MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!!**

We will meet in Meredith Hall at 8:00 a.m. for breakfast (prepared by Chris Cakes). After breakfast we will head out to work on our projects until 12 noon.

Projects are being finalized and sign-ups will start March 5! Clear your calendars and we will see you for breakfast and a morning of service on April 29!

For more information, contact Annette Schmidt, [annettes@firstwichita.org](mailto:annettes@firstwichita.org).

## Mission Opportunities

### First Friday Lunches at Open Door

We are looking for persons or groups who would be willing to prepare and serve lunch at Open Door the first Friday of the month. Sign up for one or more if you like. The dates needed in 2017 are: April 7, May 5, June 2, August 4, September 1, October 6, November 3 and December 1. Please contact Annette Schmidt, [annettes@firstwichita.org](mailto:annettes@firstwichita.org) for more information.

### Food Handlers License

Would you like to obtain your Food Handlers License? You can do it at the Sedgwick County Health Department, OR we could have a class here at First Church!

Why would you want your Food Handlers License?

- Safety
- Volunteer at organizations such as The Lord's Diner
- Help prepare meals on work teams

For more information, contact Annette Schmidt [annettes@firstwichita.org](mailto:annettes@firstwichita.org)

### ERT (Early Response Team) Training

**Saturday, April 8, 2017**

Coming next month! We will hold an ERT training at First Church, this class is required for those responding immediately after a disaster hits. Please add this date to your calendar and watch for more information to come.

For more information, contact Annette Schmidt, Director of Missions, [annettes@firstwichita.org](mailto:annettes@firstwichita.org).



For more information on any of these opportunities, contact Patricia Tristan, Director of Kids' Discipleship, [patriciat@firstwichita.org](mailto:patriciat@firstwichita.org), 316-267-6244, ext.318.

**Road to Resurrection  
An Easter Event for Everyone**  
Wednesday, April 12  
6:30 p.m.

A family-friendly event that gets families talking...and walking with Jesus! Scripture from the Gospels guide families through the events surrounding Jesus' death and resurrection. Children will experience the triumphal entry, the Passover meal, the prison, the cross and much more. Join as we celebrate that Jesus is not dead...He is Alive!

A family Event sponsored by Kids' Discipleship, Youth Discipleship and RNC.

**Summer Camp @ Horizon**

Week 4 June 26-30  
Day Camp – June 27  
1st-3rd \$45  
Young Wonders 3rd-4th \$245  
Elementary Explorers  
5th-6th \$255

It's time to register for summer camp! Camp experiences build up your child's awareness of the majestic nature God created.

Children make lifetime friendships and create incredible memories while learning God's word. Please visit [horizoncenter.org](http://horizoncenter.org) or call Patricia Tristan at 267-6744 for more information. Registrations will be sent to parents the second week of March, please return registrations by Sunday, April 9 with a \$25 check made to First Church UMC.

Registrations are available on a first come basis; we want all children to go to camp this year!

Scholarships available!

*"The mission of Camp Horizon is to provide a natural setting for the church to make and strengthen disciples of Jesus Christ."*

**Spring Break Camp @ YMCA**

Great News! Our Kids' Discipleship Team is partnering with the Downtown YMCA once again to bring a kids' program to the YMCA during Spring break! Registration begins March 1.

March 20-23  
11 a.m.-1 p.m.  
K-6 grade  
Downtown YMCA



# Harmony Program: Training Future Worship Leaders

*"Praise him with stringed instruments . . ."* -Psalm 150

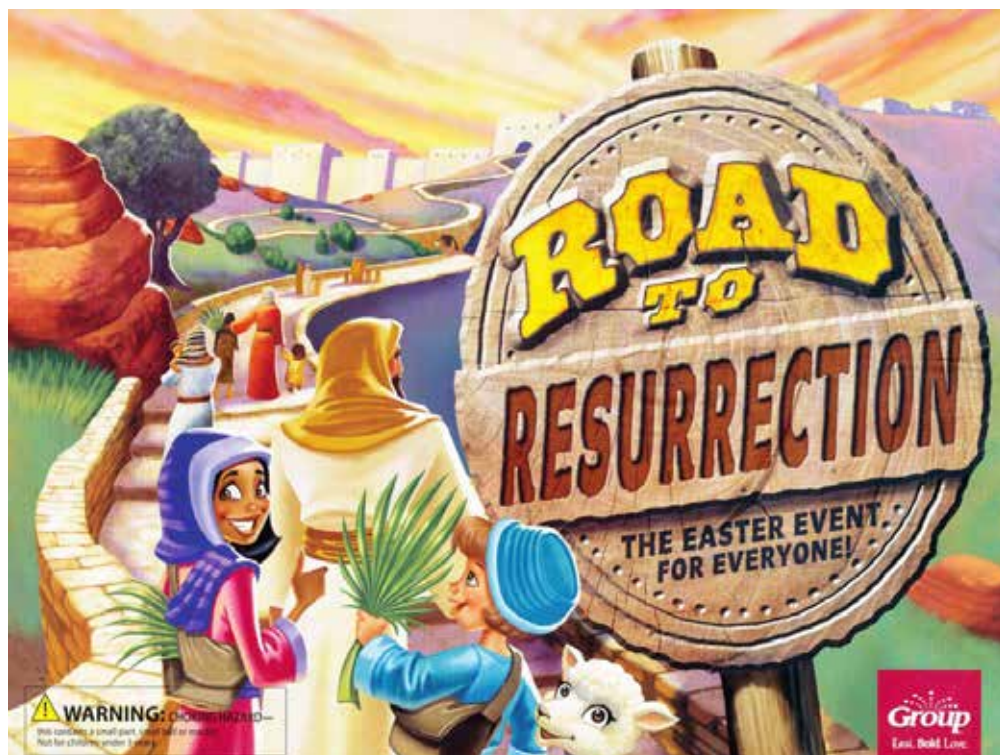
Sweet guitar chords filled the air as eight children from the Harmony Guitar program performed in El Mesias' worship service in December. Led by their teacher, Sergio Elizondo, four beginners and four advanced performers strummed worship songs they had learned during guitar classes.

The Harmony program began last year with the goal of training future worship leaders. First UMC Missions helps support this program in partner-

ship with El Mesias UMC by donating money raised during a July mission lunch to purchase new guitars for the children in the program.

The spring session began in February with a new instructor, Erick Shumaker, a professional music teacher. The classes meet on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Youth Center.

Please keep this program in your prayers.



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

### **Double Ring 106B**

We were blessed to have Jack and Gloria in class on a Sunday late in January. While Jack continues his recuperation, we have received very good lessons from a variety of speakers. Dr. Tal Tittsworth from our church staff and Good Shepherd Hospice, Ernie Krehbiel on a return visit, Larissa Freeman with Wichita Women's Initiative Network, Rev. Evelyn Fisher, and our class member Mitch Butler. Come visit us and you will receive a warm welcome and a challenging message.

We observed Valentine's Day with a beautiful and unique worship center by Paulette, heart-shaped cookies from Barbara Maas, and a luncheon at Wichita Country Club. Our next class social will be "Movie and Popcorn" on Thursday, March 23, in Double Ring classroom. Come join the fun. Debs will meet on Wednesday, March 15, at Polly McMillan's home.

Several of our class members have served breakfast at the overflow shelter this winter. Our budget includes contributions to community organizations helping those in need. We look forward to participating with other church members in Lenten services and activities of the church. We continue to keep in our prayers several in our class with serious health concerns.

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

We continue our study of "Who is This Man" by John Ortberg. It is most appropriate for study during Lent and Easter. "It would have seemed that whatever mark Jesus would have left on the world would disappear. Instead, his impact on human life had just begun." Cliff Bertholf is leading us in this study.

Thanks to the Ebys for hosting our February social with a movie, board games, cherry pie and, of course, conversation. Ladies luncheon will meet at Albero Café located at 4811 E. Central on March 10 at 1 p.m.

Many in our class are interested in the missions that are being planned both here in Wichita as well as out-of-town trips in the US or abroad. Welcome aboard, Annette!

We are happy that everyone in flux over the last several months are now settled in new residences and seem to be doing well. Praise the Lord! We welcome visitors anytime. Lois Zoellner always has the coffee pot on ready for class.

### **Koinonia 303D**

Our class has chosen the book, "Hard to Dance with the Devil on Your Back" by Ray Buckley, for our Lenten Bible study. We will begin the six week series on March 5. Our change of officers also begins in March. Lois Stewart will coordinate lessons and also be the church contact person this year. Lynn Miller will be doing the Gazette, and the new social committee will be Lois, Lynn and Donna Adams Zimmerman. Unchanged will be treasurer, Margaret Deubner, membership, Joyce Benson and caregivers, Paula Johnson and Helen Smith. Thanks to the outgoing officers.

Our March socials will include Bite Me BBQ and a visit to Bricktown Brewery.

### **50-50 107B**

The 50/50 Class has had very lovely worship centers lately, arranged by our own members. Thank you for putting them together.

We have recently lost another dear member in our class, Norma Griffith passed away. Her service was held at Cochran Mortuary.

Sunday, February 5, we left our room and went to Room 302C to learn about security in our church from Loyd Hamrick. We left knowing we learned so much information and felt the session was very worthwhile. The men who do all the painting around the church need to be applauded! Room 302C was nicely done. Thank you for all your hard work!

Our President's Day Party was February 20. We enjoyed lunch and a wonderful program.

Dr. Ackerman returned February 12 for a series of lessons. Please come by and see us anytime. We always enjoy visitors and Gary Wilson makes a great cup of coffee!

### **Pneuma 302D**

We are currently in a study of Paul using Adam Hamilton's, "The Call". Please join us to learn of Paul's life ministry, as he is considered the most influential person of our faith next to Christ.

Pneuma members helped to prepare and serve four meals at the overflow shelter in January. Thanks to Peggy Valliant and Sandra Rogers for organizing those meals. We also had members participate in the blood drive.

Pneuma members gathered for two annual events in February: the Super Bowl party hosted by Connie and Bob Bishop and the Valentine's banquet prepared by the men for the women in class. Thanks to Jennifer Ream for hosting February Pneuma Women.

Our sympathy extends to Bob Tinker and Becca Tinker Moore, on the death of Bob's dad. We rejoice in the safe return of Nancy Smith from Iraq. We continue to lift up those working at the hospital she helped open as they minister to the people of Mosul.

### **RNC 100D**

Our Sunday school lessons in March will focus on God's mysterious ways and how significance will always trump success. The visual aide we will be using for our lessons is the movie "Seven Days in Utopia" which follows the story of a young golfer who escapes the pressures of the game and with the help of an eccentric rancher finds a new profound ways of looking at life, love and faith. These cause the young golfer to change his direction for the future. Our activities for March will include Ash Wednesday, BINGO and a concert.



# Calendar

## March 2017

### Downtown Alive Service Broadcast Changes

Sunday, March 12, the Downtown Alive service will be pre-empted on KAKE-TV. However, we will air live at 11 a.m. on Me-TV, channel 10.2 (over the air) and 669 (COX Cable).

We will also still be available through our livestream online at [firstwichita.org](http://firstwichita.org) at 11 a.m. We will return to KAKE-TV for our normal broadcast on Sunday, March 19.

<b>1</b> 9:30 AM 10:30 AM 11:00 AM 12:00 PM 12:00 PM 5:30 PM 6:15 PM 6:30 PM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM	<b>Wednesday</b> Stephen Ministry II Supervision - 302B UMW Expanded Executive Committee - 101B Daytime Quilters - 308B Ash Wednesday- Mead's Corner Apple Core - Book/Bible Study - 302B Downtown Alive Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room Religious Nurture Center - 100D Core Youth - 200D El Mesias Bible Study - 301D DISCIPLE Fast Track - 204A United Methodist Men Bible Study - 103B Ash Wednesday- Sanctuary	<b>11</b> 1:00 PM	<b>Saturday</b> UMW Circle Meetings - 107B	<b>21</b> 1:00 PM	<b>Tuesday</b> DTA Planning - Media Suite
<b>2</b> 9:00 AM 10:30 AM 6:30 PM 6:30 PM	<b>Thursday</b> First Place Quilters - Quilters/Emmaus DISCIPLE Fast Track - 204A Harmony Guitar Lessons - 200D God and Dogs - Parking Lot	<b>12</b> 8:15 AM 8:30 AM 9:30 AM 9:30 AM 9:30 AM 10:30 AM 10:30 AM 10:50 AM 5:00 PM 6:30 PM	<b>Sunday</b> 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 - Church Wide El Mesias UMC Worship - 200D Downtown Alive Worship - Sanctuary The Gathering @ Mead's Corner Bassel and the Supernaturals - Wilke FLC	<b>22</b> 11:00 AM 12:00 PM 5:30 PM 6:15 PM 6:30 PM 6:30 PM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM	<b>Wednesday</b> Daytime Quilters - 308B Apple Core - Book/Bible Study - 302B Downtown Alive Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room Religious Nurture Center - 100D CORE-Kids and Core 56 Wed. Night Small Group - 111C, 200C, 311C Core Youth - 200D El Mesias Bible Study - 301D DISCIPLE Fast Track - 204A United Methodist Men Bible Study - 103B
<b>3</b> 11:00 AM 6:00 PM	<b>Friday</b> Open Door Lunch Prep. - Meredith Hall Kitchen El Mesias Praise Band Practice - 200D	<b>13</b> 9:00 AM 1:00 PM 5:30 PM 5:30 PM 5:30 PM	<b>Monday</b> Caring Comforts - 106B, 110B Archives - 208B SPRC Meeting - Pastor's Office Adult Council - 204A Hospitality and Integration - 107B	<b>23</b> 9:00 AM 10:30 AM 6:30 PM 6:30 PM	<b>Thursday</b> First Place Quilters - Quilters/Emmaus DISCIPLE Fast Track - 204A Harmony Guitar Lessons - 200D God and Dogs - Parking Lot
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**COMING IN WORSHIP**

**March 5**  
**Into the Darkness,**  
**Finding the Light:**  
**“The Gift of Temptation”**  
 Romans 5: 15-21  
 Matthew 4: 1-11

**March 12**  
**Into the Darkness,**  
**Finding the Light:**  
**“The Gift of Uncertainty”**  
 John 3:1-17

**March 19**  
**Into the Darkness,**  
**Finding the Light:**  
**“The Gift of Misfits”**  
 John 4: 5-42

**March 26**  
**Into the Darkness,**  
**Finding the Light:**  
**“The Gift of Disappearing”**

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Gavin Joel Doane, was baptized by Rev. Cindy Watson during the Downtown Alive worship service on Sunday, January 29, 2017. Gavin is the son of Stephanie and Cody Doane and grandson of Annette and Jim Schmidt and LeAnna Doane and Randy Lubbers.

**Join us for Basketball on the Big Screen!**

**MVC Championship Watch Party**  
 Sunday, March 5  
 1:00 p.m. in The Wilke Family Life Center  
 Potluck Lunch – bring something to share!

**NCAA Basketball Championship Game**  
 Monday, April 3  
 The Wilke Family Life Center

Whether you are an avid bracketologist or casual fan, we are sure to have a great time watching the final showdown of March Madness together. Bring a snack to share!



**Easter Lily Ministry**



Once again, the Lenten season is upon us. This means it is time to prepare for our annual Easter Lily ministry, a First Church tradition, sponsored by Senior Saints. You can participate by giving a donation to honor or remember a loved one, or by being part of a delivery team. If you would like, you may want to consider doing both!

If you want to make a donation toward the purchase of the lilies, please complete the attached form and return it with your check to the church business office by April 15. Forms are also available at the AB desk. Donors along with honorees/memorials will be acknowledged in the May First Light.

If you would like help with deliveries, lilies will be available to pick up Wednesday, April 5 through Sunday, April 9. We request deliveries be completed by Friday, April 14. Additionally, as part of the First Church updated Safe Gathering guidelines, two persons are required for each delivery, and at least one must be Safe Gathering certified. For more information about becoming Safe Gathering certified, please contact Libby Eaton.

For our homebound members this ministry is a very special way to express how much we care for them, and it also strengthens their connection to First Church.

Enclosed is a \$\_\_\_\_\_ towards the purchase of lilies for homebound members.

Donor Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

YES, I'm Safe Gathering certified and I would like to be a part of the delivery team

Please complete the form along with your donation and return it to the First United Methodist Church, 330 N. Broadway, Wichita, Kansas 67202. Make your check payable to F.U.M.C. with 'Easter Lily Fund' in the memo.