

# 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

The month of November is a special time set aside to remember all we have to be thankful for! We will begin a new series, "Thanks Living People", focusing on giving thanks for the past, the present and the future!

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](http://firstwichita.org). and at 5:00 p.m. at Mead's Corner .

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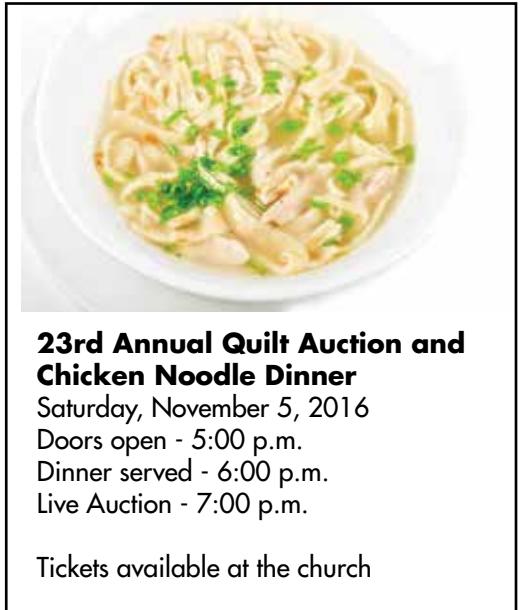
## FEED THE HUNGRY

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

### Nov: Canned Fruit

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



**23rd Annual Quilt Auction and Chicken Noodle Dinner**  
Saturday, November 5, 2016  
Doors open - 5:00 p.m.  
Dinner served - 6:00 p.m.  
Live Auction - 7:00 p.m.

Tickets available at the church

## An Evening of Noodles and Quilts

The 23rd annual Quilt Auction and Chicken Noodle Dinner will be held on Saturday, November 5 in Meredith Hall. This event features a delicious chicken noodle dinner, bake sale, country store, silent auction and a live auction with professional auctioneers from Weigand Reality. Tickets for the dinner are available at the church or by calling or e-mailing Patsy Kutz (882-4777 – [pakutz@gmail.com](mailto:pakutz@gmail.com)). The meal prepared by the United

Methodist Women is always a favorite, so get you tickets now (adults: \$10, children: \$7.50). Doors open at 5:00 p.m., Dinner is served at 6:00 p.m. and the live auction begins at 7:00 p.m. Come early and have time to see everything before dinner.

Items to be sold this year include wonderful baked goodies and all kinds of quilted items from placemats to large bed quilts. Other items such as tea towels, table runners and

small quilts will be featured at the Country Store. This is a great opportunity to stock your freezer with baked goods for the holidays and fill your gift list for Christmas with one of a kind items. Proceeds from the dinner and bake sale will fund UMW projects and proceeds from the auction will support the TV Ministry and the Religious Nurture Center. Come and have a good time with good friends for a good cause.



GIVE THANKS IN ALL THINGS,  
GOD IS IN THE MIDST OF IT ALL

### November 6

All Saints Sunday  
"For All the Saints"  
Isaiah 65: 17-25  
Hebrews 12: 1-3, 12-15

### November 13

"Not Afraid: Peace in the Midst"  
Philippians 4: 4-9  
Luke 12:22-32

### November 20

Thanksgiving Sunday  
"God's Work in Us"  
Philippians 1: 3-11  
John 1: 9-18

## 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 Nov. 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.



## Taking Time to be Thankful

November is a month for gratitude. The fourth Thursday is the national holiday of Thanksgiving and so often we are encouraged to give thanks. The Thanksgiving holiday, in recent years, has been overrun with Christmas and is almost a hiccup between Halloween and Christmas itself. I find it sad. Not because I dislike Halloween or Christmas, but because Thanksgiving is a space for food, family, friends and a pause to remember one's blessings. On November 6, we begin a new sermon series, "Thanks Living People." The first Sunday of November is the celebration of All Saints as we remember and give thanks for all those

who have loved us and have been an example for us. The next Sunday, many will breathe a sigh of relief that the elections are over and others will be thankful their candidates won, while others will be sad their candidates lost. We, as Christians, are called to give thanks in all things and we will celebrate the present moment with thanksgiving. Finally we will end with Thanksgiving Sunday and be grateful for the past, present, but more importantly for the future that God has given us. Come join us as we become a Thanks Living People!

—Pastor Cindy

## Prayers

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

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

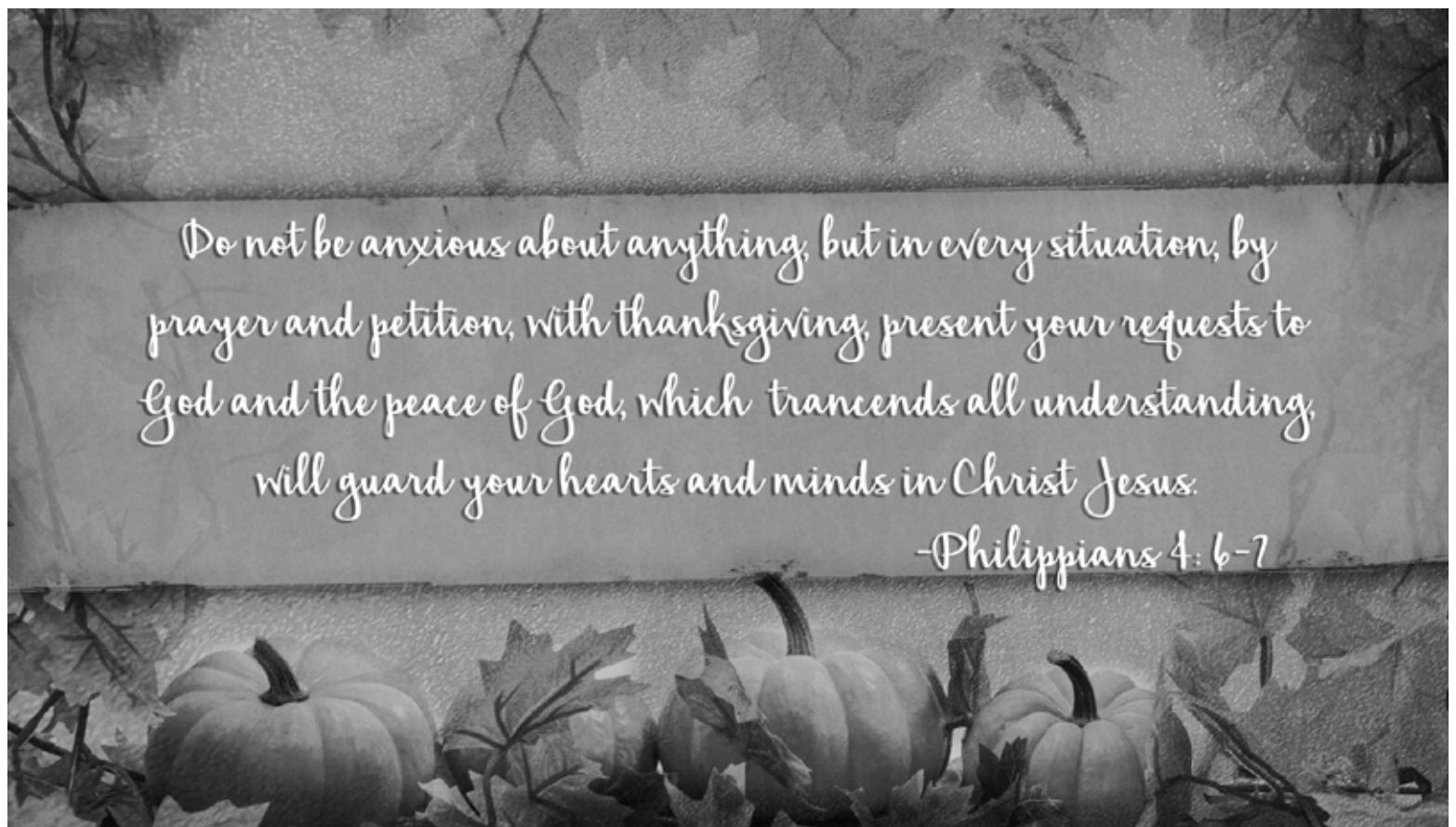
The Congregational Care Team, Rev. Dr. Tal Tittsworth, Leslie Coates, Rev. Cindy Watson

## OUR FAMILY

We celebrate the births of:

**Amelia Caroline Melcher,**  
daughter of  
**Josh and Jennifer Melcher**

**Michelle Dufresne,**  
daughter of  
**John and Laura Dufresne**



## Advent Adventures

By LIBBY EATON

First Church Adult Council and Worship Team are excited to recommend and offer the outstanding Advent study and devotional, "All I Really Want", by Quinn G. Caldwell. The subtitle, Readings for a Modern Christmas, is a perfect description!

Beginning December 1, each 7 day section offers a calendar with daily suggestions of activities for you and your family, plus thoughtful readings for both morning and night of each day extending through January 6. With a

delightful combination of humor and profound thought, each reading will leave you pondering.

It is our hope that this book will add new adventure to your 2016 Advent and Christmastide season. Classes and small groups are encouraged to explore the depths of these writings. Much like the teachings of the Christ we welcome and worship, these works offer scripture combined with stories and deep thoughts to bring God's message into our world.

Books will be available beginning November 20. Church funds are

available to provide these books, one to each family, at no charge. Of course, if you prefer to purchase one, that's acceptable also.

In addition, Adult Council will distribute our traditional devotional gift, "Advent Calendar of Devotions" by Dale Clem, after worship on November 20 and 27. Extra copies of this devotional will be available at the AB desk and at Mead's Corner. These small devotionals are convenient to stick into your Bible, purse, or briefcase and can be mailed in a business envelope as your gift to others.



## OUR GIFTS

SEPTEMBER 2016 OFFERING  
\$155,621.56  
RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE  
\$902,938.13

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS  
MISSIONS  
\$1,900.00  
RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE  
\$19,279.04

CAPITAL FUNDS  
\$435.00  
RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE  
\$93,999.00

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

ORGAN MAINTENANCE FUND  
\$600.00  
RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE  
\$3,505.00

TELEVISION MINISTRY  
\$5,027.00  
RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE  
\$105,922.48

TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS  
\$163,708.56  
RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE  
\$1,127,768.65

## Make a Donation – And Give Yourself a Tax Break!

BY DEBORAH GDISIS ON BEHALF OF THE  
CORNERSTONE INITIATIVE

As we move closer to year end, many people review their charitable giving to ensure that they've remembered their church and the charities they care about. Taxpayers may also be interested in seeing their donations go farther by making smart use of the tax rules.

There are two ways to make a charitable donation from investments that can have a positive income tax outcome for certain situations: the Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) made from an IRA and the donation of appreciated investments.

### QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTION

The QCD was made permanent in 2015, allowing IRA owners over the age of 70½ to make a distribution *directly* from an IRA to a charity and exclude that amount from income tax. Following are some key points:

- Applies to IRA owners age 70½ and is capped at \$100,000 per person per year
- Applies to direct transfers of IRA funds to charities
- The charitable donation from an IRA will satisfy a required minimum distribution, but the IRA distribution is not includable in income
- No deduction can be taken for the charitable donation (i.e., as an itemized deduction)

### Who most benefits?

- Those who are unable to deduct their charitable contributions because they do not itemize deductions
- Those who can benefit from a lower Adjusted Gross Income

### DONATING APPRECIATED INVESTMENTS

After several good years of stock market performance, capital gains have accumulated in stocks and stock-related mutual funds. The donor of an investment that has appreciated in value is able to deduct the full fair market value of the investment as a charitable (itemized) deduction,

without being forced to recognize the capital gain.

Key points about this donating strategy:

- The transfer must be made directly to the brokerage account of the church or charity
- You should choose investments that have been held for at least 12 months (eligible for long-term capital gains

treatment) for the best outcome

### Who most benefits?

- Those who would have sold taxable appreciated investments to fund their charitable giving
- Those who have appreciated investments that they wish to change in their portfolio; e.g., reduce in size or replace (cash that would have been donated can purchase the replacement)

### GIVING TIPS

- Contact your tax professional, who will know the effect of either strategy on your particular situation
- Contact Patty Harding for details about making investment-related donations to First Church
- Make sure that your financial institution has a means of identifying you as the donor, but also notify the receiving organization to ensure everything goes as planned
- Don't delay – some financial institutions may have cut-off dates as early as mid-December

## The CORNERSTONE INITIATIVE

## From the Archives

Something new to the Archives is a lamp fixture on the wall outside 208B. David and Betty Moore are to be thanked for sharing this fixture from a former church.

We also have a new display in our case honoring our flag. In 1976, this flag flew over the White House at the request of Senator Bob Dole. It was given to Bea Douglas of our church who in turn gave it to the Archives.

During December we will feature nativities in the display case in the 2b hallway, donated by members of First Church.



## Nametags now available!

If you would like to receive a new nametag, please fill out an order form available at the Information Desk. You may also request a new nametag by phone (316-267-6244) or by e-mail (jolenaw@firstwichita.org). We are not charging for nametags, but we would graciously accept any donation to help offset the cost (\$7/each).



## Safe Gatherings

Safe Gatherings is an online training to ensure that volunteers understand the appropriate behavior expected when working with a designated segment of our population. This training is designed to protect all involved and is required by the Great Plains United Methodist Conference for persons who work with children, youth, and vulnerable adults. This includes youth sponsors and teachers, children's teachers and childcare workers, folks who volunteer in the RNC, and those going on mission teams. All First Church and Mead's Corner staff must also complete Safe Gatherings. In addition, staff and laity who call on homebound as representatives of the church are required to complete the training. This includes folks delivering holiday flowers as a representative of the church.

Many First Church members are not certified in Safe Gatherings, while others may need to renew their certification. If your renewal date is upcoming, a postcard reminder will be sent from the church. You may also call Libby at the church to find out your Safe Gatherings certification expiration date.

There will soon be a list of tasks at the church which do not require Safe Gatherings. This includes most "adult with adult" volunteer tasks such as preparing mailings, ushering, greeting, cleaning, baking, committee and Church Council meetings, church-wide fellowship lunches, choir, etc.

First Church urges you to become Safe Gatherings trained. A complete guide to this training is available at the AB information desk, or by calling Libby Eaton at church. There is also a link at the bottom of our website, or you may simply begin by going to [www.safegatherings.com](http://www.safegatherings.com). If you do not have computer access or need further information, contact Libby for assistance at church, [libbye@firstwichita.org](mailto:libbye@firstwichita.org) or 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.



**UMW  
NEWS**

## November

### Church Women United -World Community Day

Friday, November 4, 1:00 p.m.  
Hillside Christian Church,  
8330 E. Douglas  
Key Woman: Mary K. Thelman 682-6283

### UMW Expanded Executive Committee

Wednesday, November 9  
10:30 a.m.  
Room 101B at First Church

### UMW Unit Meeting

Wednesday, November 9  
12:15 p.m.  
Meredith Hall  
Lunch will be prepared by Sharon, Delaine and Nonie. Price is \$7.00.  
Program: ICT-SOS Human Trafficking and its Effects on Wichita, presented by Jennifer White.  
Installation of new officers, Special Mission Recognition, World Thank Offering.

### Saturday Morning Circle

Saturday, November 19, 10:30 a.m.  
Room 107B at First Church



## What is CORE-Kids?

CORE-Kids is a ministry of First United Methodist Church in partnership with El Mesias UMC. This partnership started in 2015, when El Mesias relocated to our building and asked us to minister to children and youth due to their lack of Sunday school teachers. Why do I share this information with you? I want all of you to know that the children's ministry is ONE ministry for both congregations. Our mission is to teach children about the love of God for them and how they can become children that love and care for others. I am thankful to be the one leading this ministry along with valuable people who

work, teach and volunteer in our church.

We are in a new season with a wonderful opportunity to become the church that God wants; the church that cares for all people! I am asking you to consider supporting children's ministry with the gift of your presence. There are many ways you can support this ministry. Please pray for us, become a prayer partner. Support a holiday treat; we still have openings for the Christmas and End of School. Become a volunteer in one of the classrooms on Sunday mornings or Wednesday nights. Right now we have three classes on Sunday morning. In Room 106C, Miss Ann

leads the Kindergarten through 2nd graders. In Room 108C, Miss Kelly leads 3rd and 4th graders and in 311C we currently are looking for a leader and an assistant leader to minister children in CORE-56 (5th& 6th graders).

The Kids' Discipleship team has an opportunity for training, if you are considering becoming a Sunday school teacher or assistant, the next children's ministry training is on Saturday, November 6 from 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. If you are interested, please contact me directly at [patriciat@firstwichita.org](mailto:patriciat@firstwichita.org). This event is off campus!

### November in CORE-Kids

- Wednesday Nights at 6:30 p.m., Room 111C (A different rotation each week).
- Movie Night at the Y, November 16, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
- Thanksgiving Celebration, Kids' Worship, Sunday, November 27, 11:00 a.m., Room 110C.

For more information about our programs please contact Patricia Tristan, Director of Kids' Discipleship at [patriciat@firstwichita.org](mailto:patriciat@firstwichita.org)  
Follow us on Facebook at Core-kidsfirstwichita.

*Guardian Angel*  
*Learn more about this volunteer ministry at a brief orientation.*  
**Wednesday, November 2**  
**7:00 p.m. - Room 107B**  
Tal Tittsworth [talt@firstwichita.org](mailto:talt@firstwichita.org) or  
Tom Fox, [cjtlfox@aol.com](mailto:cjtlfox@aol.com)

**6TH ANNUAL SAY GRACE**  
5K THANKSGIVING RACE  
**NOVEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup> 2016**  
GRACEMED HEALTH CLINIC

## Coats for Kids

BY LIBBY EATON

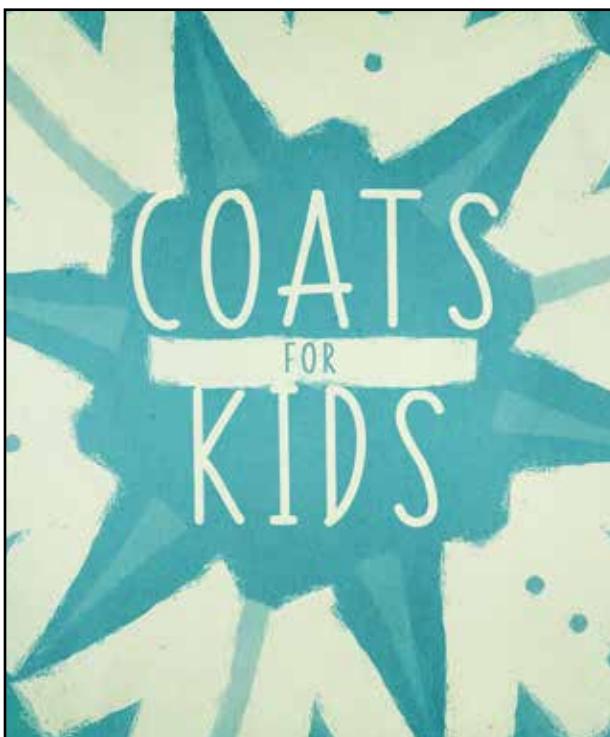
This winter, we foresee an urgent need for children's coats for our neighborhood children at Park Elementary School. Some charitable sources which previously provided coats have changed their dates of operation so winter wear will be in shorter supply.

Though the School Partnership Task Force will still welcome hats and gloves, we do have several of these items left from last year. The need for coats is more pressing. The Park counselor has asked for coats especially in sizes 5-10 for both boys and girls. We have a few already donated in the larger sizes.

With a poverty level of 97% at Park, large ticket items like coats are often difficult for families to afford. Many of our neighborhood children fall into the homeless category, either living in one of our nearby shelters, or living with multiple families in one small unit.

So, as you are able, we encourage you to shop the thrift stores and garage sales, clean out the closets, see if family members have outgrown children's coats, or purchase something warm and snuggly for a child in need. Used coats that are clean and in good condition are welcomed.

Coats can be brought to either entrance and left for the School Task Force throughout the winter months.



## Run the Race, Then Feed Your Face

It is time for the 6th annual Say Grace Race! This is GraceMed's signature fundraising event, but it is also Wichita's largest local 5K. This family-friendly event takes place on Thanksgiving morning, starting at 9:30 a.m. and has become a tradition in our community! All proceeds stay in our community to benefit those who need quality, affordable health care.

Enjoy all of your holiday indulgences, guilt-free, after you run, walk or stroll with your family through Wichita's historic Midtown neighborhood. Register online at [www.saygracerace.com](http://www.saygracerace.com) or in person at Fleet Feet Wichita East, Fleet Feet Wichita West or First Gear!

## 2017 Work Team to Buckhorn Camp

Plans are being made for a work team to Buckhorn Camp in Colorado in 2017. This camp is a United Methodist camp and is in a beautiful mountain setting west of Fort Collins, Colorado. We have sent work teams there for the last three years who have helped rejuvenate the camp after it was hit by a devastating fire in 2012.

We have mainly used chainsaws to cut down trees and have chipped the branches. However, we have done other projects as well. We have split firewood, made prayer banners and helped in the repair of some of the cabins. There are still many other projects that you could help with that would not involve using a



chainsaw. If you have been before or would like to go for the first time, please contact Tom Tanner at 773-5853.



The work team dates are May 27 to June 3, 2017. An information meeting is scheduled for January 8, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. in Room 308B. A \$25 deposit will hold a spot for you on this team and can be turned in at the meeting.

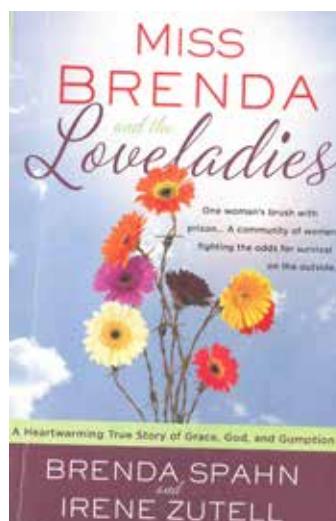
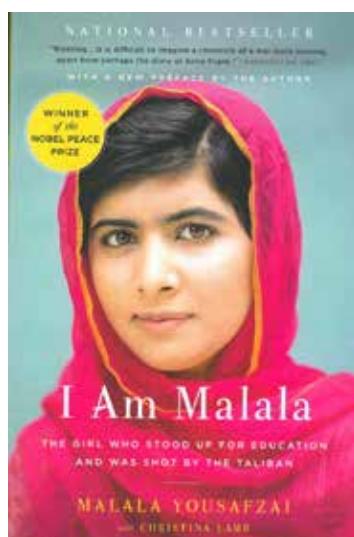
## United Methodist Women's Reading Program brings inspiration, transformation

United Methodist Women across the country participate in the UMW Reading Program for many reasons. Some find it's a process that brings them closer to God. Others are challenged by the titles that call for a commitment to social change in our churches or communities. UMW is proud of our book selections that rotate every year and guide us along our faith journey.

A variety of books are chosen from five themes: Education for Mission, Leadership Development, Nurturing for Community, Social Action and Spiritual Growth. Here are four titles that inspire and challenge us:

**"The End of Your Life Book Club"** by Will Schwalbe tells of the author's hours spent in waiting rooms during his mother's chemo treatments. To pass the time, Will and his mother would talk about the books they were reading and trade books, forming a little book club.

**"I am Malala"** by Malala Yousafzai tells the true story of a courageous young girl from Pakistan who is still fighting for girls' education in her homeland, despite being shot in the head while riding the bus home from school. She has become a global symbol of peaceful protest and received the Noble Peace Prize.

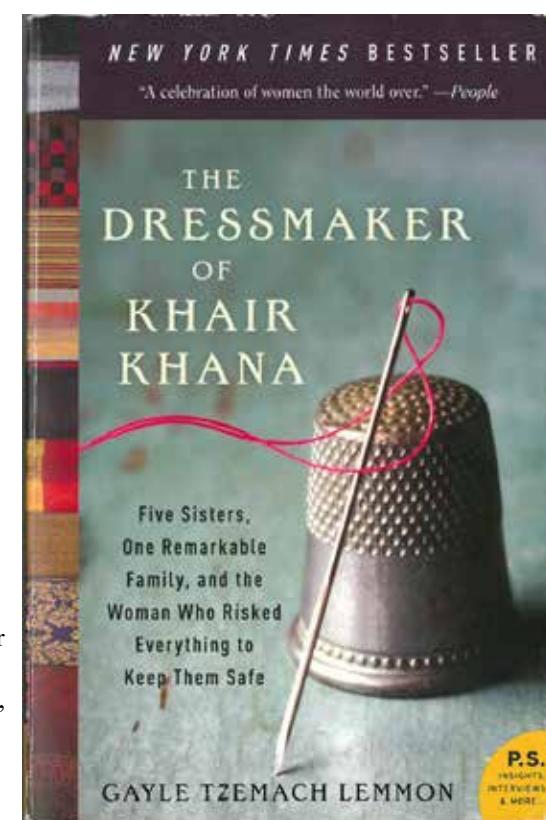


**"Miss Brenda and the Loveladies"** by Brenda Spahn and Irene Zutell is another true story of a lady who rose from poverty, then lost her business after a false accusation. However, she discovers renewed faith through ministering to a group of incarcerated women. Today her Lovelady Center in Alabama has served 450 women and children with counseling, career coaching, childcare and job opportunities to establish

their own successful lives.

**"The Dressmaker of Khair Khana"** by Gayle Lemmon. Kamila Sidiqi's life changed overnight when the Taliban seized control in Afghanistan. After her father and brother were forced to flee, she became the sole breadwinner for her five siblings. Banned from school, she picked up a needle and thread to create a thriving business that saved lives.

These books and others are on the UMW book cart located in the library, 300B. We invite all First Church women to learn more about the Reading Program, and the many ways United Methodist Women grow in faith as we strengthen each other, our



church and community. We have weekday and Saturday fellowship groups where programs and projects are shared.

For more information, contact Janet Robinson, President, United Methodist Women, [Rrobinson74@cox.net](mailto:Rrobinson74@cox.net).

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

#### **Double Ring 106B**

October 2 was a birthday Sunday again when we celebrated Coila Earnest's 90th birthday. Congratulations to her! In earlier years, Coila was a valued member of the church staff, serving as secretary for 14 years for various executive pastors. We welcomed Coila's family as well as Bishop Dick Wilke and son, Steve, Rev. Alan Lindal, and Rev. Doug Morphis and his wife, Gail.

Jack's recent lessons have centered on the topic of how to handle questions and doubts about religion, and why many millennials are leaving the established churches. When he asked our class members why they attend church, there were many positive answers given. Come and join the discussion. Visitors are always welcome.

Polly urged us to visit a new display in the Archives. It will be there only until the middle of November. We appreciate all that her committee does to preserve the history of our church.

Our first social for the fall season was on October 26 when we met to pack dental kits for Grace Med and to enjoy fellowship and snacks together.

Double Ring Debs met October 19 at Coila's home. The program was a timely one, "Politics and our Future," presented by Ernie Krehbiel. The November Debs meeting will be at Sally Dewey's home.

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

Dr. Ackerman fills our spirit with many good lessons on Sunday mornings.

Our class has also had some very interesting speakers in our class recently. George Stover told us about the flood buckets being filled with cleaning supplies to be used by the flood victims and their helpers. Libby Eaton will introduce us to our new Bishop through her words of introductions.

We were delighted to celebrate Alden Carter's 99th birthday with a reception in class on October 16.

Our class is always open to visitors with a friendly hand shake before our class begins.

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

We will continue our study in the book "Fear of Other" by William Willimon. We appreciate Cliff Bertholf leading these lessons.

Several of our class members are in transition as they move to different housing arrangements. Others like the Quantics are actually coming back from CO. Hopefully Sanchez's will stop by on their way back from CO to TN. Susie Hanna has moved to Medina, OH to be nearer family. Prayers for safe travel and new surroundings are requested.

Our social in November will be the Chicken Noodle Dinner and Quilt Auction on Saturday, November 5. Dinner at 6 and auction to follow. Our ladies lunch group will meet on November 11.

We always welcome visitors. Come by for a cup of coffee and then stay for an interesting discussion. Be sure and save December 10 at 4 p.m. for our Christmas Party at Larkfield Place.

#### **Koinonia 303D**

At Lois Stewart's suggestion, the class made a donation of prizes to be used by the Religious Nurture Center. We also have a number of class members helping with the annual UMW Chicken Noodle Dinner. We were saddened to learn of the recent death of Rev. Larry Belew. Larry taught our class many times and was always a source of inspiration. Joyce Benson has returned home after a lengthy stay in the hospital and rehab center.

A Pizza Party will be held on November 13 at Paula's home. On Thanksgiving Day, meet at Bishop's for lunch. We welcome everyone on Sunday morning or at our socials

#### **New Class 306D**

A new class is forming for those interested in a discussion based Sunday School with strong Christian fellowship. The yet unnamed class is meeting in 306D at the north end of 3D. Lorrie Donham is facilitating the class and they are currently working through material by Will Willimon, "Fear of the

Other". If you are looking for a new spiritual growth opportunity, this class may be just what you are seeking. You will be warmly welcomed.

#### **Open Doors 204A**

Open Doors has begun an extraordinary Christian journey based on the study, "What on earth am I here for?" by Pastor Rick Warren. Throughout the six sessions we hope to discover the answer to life's most fundamental question. It is only in God that we discover our origin, our identity, our meaning, our purpose, our significance, and our destiny. We are enjoying this life changing adventure, facilitated by Karen and Bud Hudson.

Our class was pleased to contribute to the celebration of 40 years of Television Ministry. We appreciated the volunteer efforts of Danny White in the set up for the enjoyable pot-luck dinner, following the Saturday evening church service.

We are blessed to have new members in our class and always hold those absent, in prayer. We celebrated with Bud, as he was able to experience the Military Honor Flight, and travel to Washington, D.C.

Visitors are always welcome. If you are looking for a smaller Sunday school class, please join us in our Christian fellowship and spiritual growth, we share together.

#### **Pneuma 302D**

Pneuma has just finished our study of "ASK" and will be starting a study of Adam Hamilton's, "Seeing Gray in a World of Black and White". This study will run until we begin our Advent study.

Many of our class members will be volunteering their help with the upcoming gala supporting the Raise My Head Foundation and also with the Quilt Auction and Chicken Noodle Dinner.

Thanks to Vicki Bond for hosting October Pneuma Ladies at the Raise My Head Foundation home. We will meet at the home of Connie Bishop in November. Pneuma will be holding our annual Progressive Dinner on December 11.

Our prayers are with class member, Nancy Smith, as she aids in the response to Haiti through her work at Samaritan's Purse.

#### **RNC 100D**

A big, THANK YOU, to all the many members of First Church for generously supporting our annual Pecan Fundraiser. The funds raised allow our members to host special events like a magician and musical group that we have planned for November. The RNC will be distributing pecans during the month of November.

With football season in full swing, our Sunday school lessons will use the movie "Facing the Giants." This movie tells the story of a high school football coach who has never led his team to a winning season. When faced with seemingly insurmountable professional and personal crises, the idea of giving up has never come easier. It's only after an unexpected visitor challenges him to trust in the power of faith that he discovers the strength to persevere.



# Calendar

## November 2016

<p><b>1</b> 6:30 PM 6:30 PM</p>	<p><b>Tuesday</b> Awakening Leadership Team Meeting - 302B El Mesias's Covenant Team Meeting - 200D</p>	<p><b>10</b> 9:00 AM 6:30 PM</p>	<p><b>Thursday</b> First Place Quilters - Quilters/Emmaus El Mesias Praise Band Practice - Wilke FLC</p>	<p><b>21</b> 5:30 PM 5:30 PM 6:30 PM</p>	<p><b>Monday</b> Staff Parish Relations - 302B Homeless and Low Income Meeting - 107B Harmony Guitar Lessons - 200D</p>
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<p><b>4</b> 11:00 AM</p>	<p><b>Friday</b> Open Door Lunch Prep. - Meredith Hall Kitchen</p>	<p><b>15</b> 5:30 PM 6:30 PM</p>	<p><b>Tuesday</b> Harmony Guitar Ministry - 200D Awakening Leadership Team - 302B</p>	<p><b>25</b> 5:30 PM</p>	<p><b>Friday</b> <i>Church Offices Closed</i></p>
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COMING IN WORSHIP

November 6  
 All Saints Sunday  
 "For All the Saints"  
 Isaiah 65: 17-25  
 Hebrews 12: 1-3, 12-15

November 13  
 "Not Afraid: Peace in the  
 Midst"  
 Philippians 4: 4-9  
 Luke 12: 22-32

November 20  
 Thanksgiving Sunday  
 "God's Work in Us"  
 Philippians 1: 3-11  
 John 1: 9-18

November 27  
 First Sunday of Advent  
 "All I Really Want for  
 Christmas"  
 Isaiah 2: 1-5

FIRST LIGHT

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# Thank you note from Deer Park UMC

*On behalf of the Church Council and the membership of the Deer Park United Methodist Church, I want to thank you and the members of the work group from the First United Methodist Church for all the assistance provided to improve our facilities on September 16-18. Your group of volunteers worked very hard and accomplished many difficult tasks. The help your group provided not only made our property look neater but also much safer.*

*If we can do anything to assist your congregation, please do not hesitate to ask us.*

Sincerely,  
 Michael Moore  
 Council Chairperson



## Poinsettia Ministry *Sponsored by Senior Saints*

Once again, the Christmas season is almost upon us. This means it is time to prepare for our annual poinsettia 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 poinsettias, please complete the form below and

return it with your check to the church business office by December 15. For your convenience, there are also forms available at the AB desk. We will acknowledge all donors along with honorees/memorials in the January First Light.

If you would like to be part of a delivery team, poinsettias will be available for pick up beginning Sunday, December 4 through Sunday, December 11. We request that all deliveries be completed by December 16. 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.

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Enclosed is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ towards the delivery of Poinsettias to 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 clip this coupon, complete it, 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 'Poinsettia Fund' in the memo.*

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## Operation Christmas

It's Operation Christmas Child time. This is a project of Samaritan's Purse to fill shoeboxes with gifts for children in third world countries. For information on what to put in the boxes and more about this important ministry, visit, [samaritanaspurse.org](http://samaritanaspurse.org) or call Carolyn Vosburg at 316-522-3360.

Please bring filled boxes to the Information Desk at the church by Sunday, November 14. Thank you for your help!

