

# FIRST LIGHT

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Join us for inspiring worship at 8:15 a.m., 10:50 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. every Sunday • Church School and small groups for all ages meet Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

## THIS SUNDAY

Join us in April as we begin the series, "Making Sense of the Bible", as we delve into the best-selling book of all time, a book that can bring comfort and wisdom as well as confusion and frustration.

Services are at 8:15 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. or live at 11:00 a.m. on KAKE TV and live on the web at [live.firstwichita.org](http://live.firstwichita.org) and at 6:00 p.m. at Mead's Corner.

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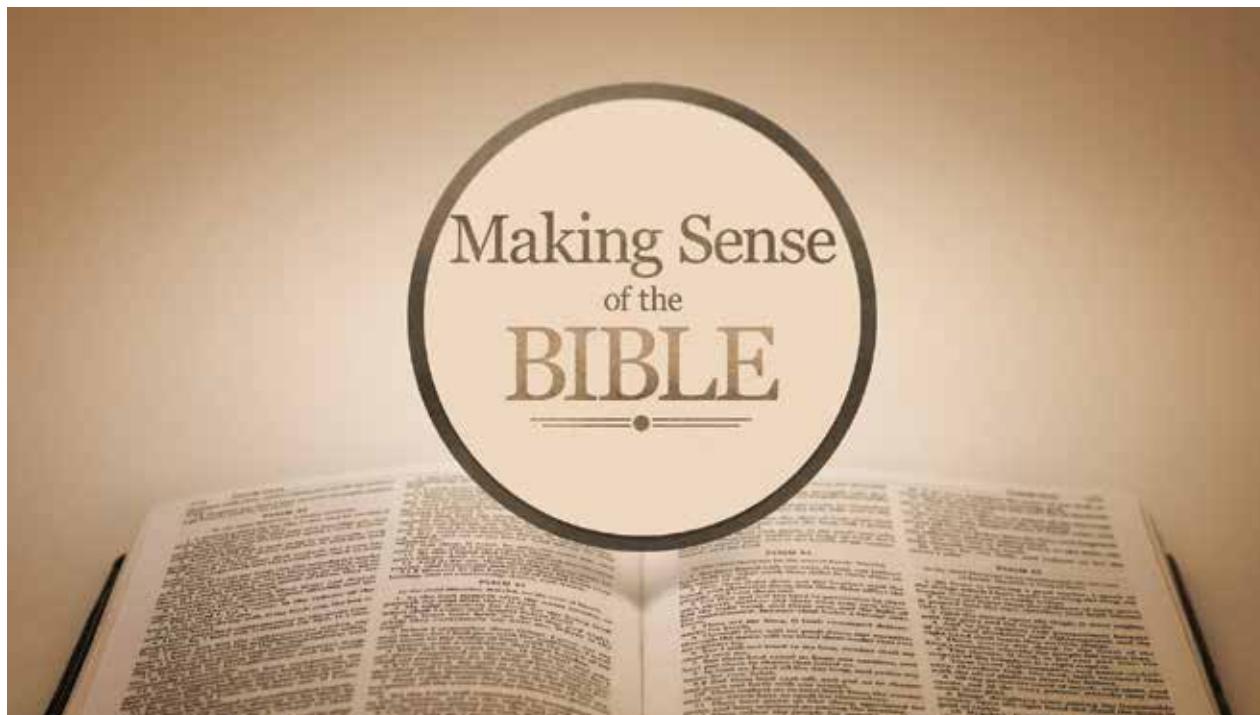
## FEED THE HUNGRY

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

**April: Canned Vegetables**

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**T**he Bible is the best-selling book of all time. It is the foundation of the three major world religions. As literature it has shaped the English language like no other book. As a

moral document it has shaped the values, laws and culture of our nation. Its words have brought comfort, wisdom, inspiration and hope to countless people.

But this book is also perplexing, confusing and frustrating at times. Even completely committed followers of Jesus sometimes wonder how to make sense of the Bible.

### ■ Sunday, April 10

"The Hard Sayings of Jesus"  
Matthew 5:28-29, 10:37, 19:9, 19:24, 21:22

### ■ Thursday, April 14

7:00 p.m. First Church Sanctuary  
"Making Sense of the Bible"  
with Pastor Adam Hamilton

### ■ Sunday, April 17

"Listening for God"  
Psalm 119: 105  
Romans 15:4  
2 Timothy 3:16-17

## Making Sense of the Bible With Adam Hamilton Thursday, April 14

Join us for special guest speaker, Adam Hamilton, founding pastor of United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas, Thursday, April 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the First Church Sanctuary. The evening will include an hour long talk in which Adam will give a 20 minute introduction to the Bible, what it is and what it is not, and then spend 40 minutes walking through the topics that people most frequently ask questions about including: the Bible and Science, Violence in the Name of God, the Bible and Suffering, Who Goes to Hell in the Bible, the Bible and Sexuality, and the Bible and the End Times. Following this there will be 20 minutes of Q&A from the floor and then a final closing encouraging people to read the Bible, and an invitation to attend a United Methodist Church.



Adam Hamilton is the founding pastor of the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas. He grew up in the Kansas City area, earned a B.A. degree in Pastoral Ministry from Oral Roberts and a Master of Divinity Degree from Southern Methodist University where he was awarded the B'nai B'rith Award in Social Ethics.

He was named one of the "Ten people to watch in America's spiritual landscape" by Religion and Ethics Newsweekly. For his work in racial reconciliation Adam was awarded the Martin Luther King Jr. Legacy Award. Named United Methodist Person of the Year for 2012 by the United Methodist Reporter for his leadership within the United Methodist Church. He's received numerous other awards for community service.

Adam has written 23 books, published by Abingdon Press and Harper Collins, including "When Christians Get it Wrong," "Seeing Gray in a World of Black and White," "The Way: Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus," "Making Sense of the Bible," and "Revival". Adam and LaVon have been married 32 years and have two adult daughters and a new granddaughter.

Hamilton's blog: [www.adamhamilton.org](http://www.adamhamilton.org)

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

### Our Military Deployed:

Brandi Streit, granddaughter of Ray Dodge

### Continuing Concerns:

Mary Brown & family, Dustin Markus & family, Emma Edmiston & family, the city of Brussels Belgium and the bombing victims & families of bombing victims, our partner churches in Zimbabwe, caregivers, and our homebound members.

Articles for the next edition of *First Light* are due April 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. Dr. Tal Tittsworth, Leslie Coates

# It is Well

By Chris Edmiston  
Awakening Venue Leader

On Sunday, February 28, after church let out and I got home, we called over our friend Denise Hole to come and check out Emma. She hadn't quite been herself, but was still active and vibrant, crawling and talking, if just a little crankier than normal. She was eating well and, aside from a few things I hoped were just phases or temporary abnormalities, she was Emma. I'd seen all sorts of things in our boys as they grew up: asthma, pneumonia, fractured arm, allergic reactions. This really didn't seem to be any worse than any of those. Yet within 16 hours Emma was on a flight with Linda to Houston, TX for what was thought to be liver failure. They tried getting her to the closest hospital with a pediatric liver specialist, but Kansas City and Oklahoma City were both full in the PICU, so Houston was going to have to do. They flew out of Wichita at 4:00 a.m., and I got a text around 6:45 a.m. that they were there.

I sent out texts and put updates on my Facebook page, all asking for prayer. I didn't know what else to do. I was astounded by the number of people who responded right away, letting me know they were there for me and my family. Almost immediately amazing things happened. They retested Emma when she arrived in Houston and almost all of her key liver indicators were normal. On the ride from Wichita to Houston, with my two sons in the backseat and Greg Anton being an amazing friend and riding with me, I got a call from the liver doctor that, at this point this was not liver failure. The numbers, her breathing, and her responsiveness indicated that, although she was very sick, she wasn't in immediate danger.

Testing continued over the next few days and the core problem was discovered. We moved Emma from the PICU to her own room, and day after day they removed medications and devices from her. At this point, 2 weeks later, we were still here at the hospital, but looking forward to coming home.

The amount of love, support, prayer, and encouragement from everyone has been, at times, overwhelming. This has been one of the most difficult seasons in my life. It's truly a roller-coaster: day by day, hour by hour, minute by minute. Even on days where it's all good news, there is a weight and pain that I can't describe. Knowing that so many people at First United Methodist Church and outside



of our church have been so supportive and loving has helped me on dark nights. I am also ever grateful for those who have helped financially, helping ease my mind of those concerns as I do my best to process everything Emma is dealing with. I could never repay the love and affection shown to me over the last month, but I pray the work that God has placed before me gives back just a portion. This is still going to be a long road. Emma is going to need some long-term help, although not nearly the frequency or intensity that was initially thought. We will need to make our way to Houston again, hopefully not for as long as this time, but we will be traveling again nonetheless.

With everything said, if I could make sure there was one message for you to hear as a church and individually, it's this: THANK YOU. In the darkness of sickness and hurt, you have collectively made the LOVE of God known to me, my family, and the world around us. Your actions have taken a road that is filled with pain and uncertainty and given rest stops of peace and comfort.

I covet your prayers, and I know we'll need the support of our church in every way moving forward as we make sure this precious baby girl is made well and stays that way. We are not alone in this place, and I ask us to join together in prayer for every family hurting in this way. I've never seen so many people come to a place of peace in such instability. As Greg Anton said while in the PICU waiting room, "The only explanation is the Holy Spirit."

Grace and Peace to each of you,

Chris Edmiston



**Church Women United** will meet on Fri., April 1 at 1:00 p.m. at Inter-Faith Ministries, 829 N. Market. Program will be Human Rights Celebration and the Hostesses will be the CWU Board Members.

**The UMW Executive Committee** will meet on Wednesday, April 6 at 10:30a.m. in Room 101B.

## OUR FAMILY

### We celebrate the birth of:

Alanzo Fidel Sanchez,  
son of Ashleigh Addis and Fidel Sanchez

### We grieve the deaths of:

Reba Coffman,  
mother of  
Mike and Randy Coffman

Paul George,  
grandfather of Tara Novotny

Raymond Ellerman,  
husband of Alma Ellerman

Donna Eaton  
aunt of Libby Eaton and Laura Sherard

Ernie Niquette,  
husband of Verla Niquette

William C. Ellington Jr.,  
husband of Valerie Ellington



**OUR GIFTS**

FEBRUARY 2016 OFFERING  
\$63,866.91

RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE  
\$247,113.58

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS  
MISSIONS  
\$1,503.33

RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE  
\$1,628.33.00

CAPITAL FUNDS  
\$8,135.00

RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE  
\$8,670.00

VAN MAINTENANCE FUND  
\$125.00

RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE  
\$250.00

ORGAN MAINTENANCE FUND  
\$0.00

RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE  
\$250.00

TELEVISION MINISTRY  
\$13,816.00

RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE  
\$26,598.00

TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS  
\$87,446.24

RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE  
\$284,509.91

# United Methodist Women

## Celebrate local and global mission May 1

By Janet Robinson  
UNITED METHODIST WOMEN  
PRESIDENT

Sunday, May 1 will be a festive day at First Church as United Methodist Women rejoice in God's call to be in mission through prayer, service, giving and fellowship. This special occasion is set aside by our Great Plains Conference and the global UMW organization to give thanks for the millions of Methodist women worldwide who share sacrificially and live compassionately. Our Purpose clearly articulates that we are a community seeking to know God, as we develop a supportive fellowship and share the concepts of mission through the global ministries of the church. Our special Sunday celebration will include a coffee and cookie reception in the Narthex before and after the 10:50 Downtown Alive service, and a special UMW display. We will feature a beautiful, Bible Blocks quilt made by Lynn Lunsford. You

can meet, great and thank our women who support and lead a special part of the mission work at First Church.

Locally, our women are involved in GraceMed, Park Elementary School and a Park mothers' ministry, Open Door, Church Women United, the Religious Nurture Center, the Homeless Overflow Shelter, ESL ministry, El Mesias, the District UMW Spiritual Growth Retreats and serving funeral dinner for grieving families. We offer Bible studies and fellowship groups, special mission study events, the annual chicken and noodle dinner, Spring Fling mission work, and local and area mission teams and lunches.

Globally, we pray and work for peace, learn about the issues facing South Sudan, Zimbabwe, South Korea, Latin America and Liberia. Our UMW Reading Program and our Response magazine remind us of our sisters around the world who lack proper shelter, health

care, supportive families or safe environments. Some of us have been blessed to see God's world in person through our First Church mission teams. We experience various cultures, expressions of faith and come home with a renewed faith in Jesus, and ourselves, to serve Him. We have helped with a community garden in South Africa, mended children's clothing in an orphanage in Paraguay, helped a Methodist School in Chile with post-earthquake repairs, cared for orphans in Thailand, prayed with missionaries everywhere. Bonnie Laycock, our Director of Missions and Social Outreach has been an inspiration and guide for us through several decades of mission service. We have returned to First Church each time more aware of God's presence in our lives, more generous in our stewardship, and ever more committed to mission service in our daily walk. It's not just a trip, or a mission event locally. It's a lifestyle!

*We love United Methodist Women and welcome you to our existing fellowship groups or help us to launch a new one with a focus you are passionate about!*

*See you Sunday, May 1 at the church!*

## Scholarship Applications Now Available

**DEADLINE FOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS MAY 2, 2016**

Every year the Scholarship Committee of First United Methodist Church distributes scholarship funds to church members who wish to pursue a post-secondary education. This includes, but is not limited to, graduating seniors, those already attending college, and seminary students.

The funds are made possible through named endowments and

gifts from individuals.

The amount of funds available for scholarships depends on how many students apply. Each student may apply for funds up to four years.

Scholarship Application forms are available at the information center in the A/B entrance. Completed Scholarship Applications with

all supplemental materials are due by Monday, May 2, 2016. Applications received at the church after 5 p.m. on May 2 will not be accepted.

If you have any questions regarding the scholarship process, please contact Donna Fisher, Chairman of the Scholarship Committee, at 393-6486, or at [dhypse@cox.net](mailto:dhypse@cox.net).

## Safe Gatherings Information

Summer is almost here! To serve children in God's work, First Church members will be needed to assist with children's activities such as Sunday School and VBS, with student activities, and outings for the RNC. These fun activities, and others, require Safe Gatherings training. This training teaches us how to best protect children and others we serve. This training is done online, and provides volunteers with important and clear direction on acceptable behavior and expectations when working with children, youth, and vulnerable adults. The training is \$30, which is the price of your background check.

Please take this opportunity to add a fun, new experience to your summer! Be ready to offer your time to the church and God by sharing his love with others. You will be so glad you did! If you need help with this training, contact Libby Eaton at church for guidance. The kids are excited!

## Parking Lot Changes

Effective March 1, 2016 the first 50 spaces on the south end (lawn shed) of the lot are leased to Big Brother – Big Sister from 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p. m. on Monday thru Friday. These spaces are lettered in yellow. The staff parking spaces have been moved from the south end to mid-way between A/B and D entrances, and are lettered in white.

### Custodial Phone Numbers

Should you need to phone a custodian during building hours, the cell number from an outside phone is 316-641-8213. From a church phone, dial 400.

**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.

# Spring Fling '16

One of the best feelings in the world is that feeling that comes from helping someone! Spring Fling '16 gives you that opportunity! On April 23, fourteen teams of people will go across the city doing tasks that will help make life easier or more fun for lots of people.

Teams will be going to Mayflower Clinic—a volunteer medical facility that serves the working poor—to deep clean. Another team will spend time working in the yard at Rainbows United, that serves special needs children. Some people will spend their morning at First Church making reading and math learning games for children at Washington Elementary School. Many other teams need help. Some projects include “sit down” work and others need workers to use their muscles and get a work-out. A few of the projects are right at First United Methodist Church and some are at agencies across Wichita.

Breakfast will be served in Meredith Hall at 8 a.m. and you can meet your team there before heading off to work. All the projects are scheduled to be over by 12 noon.

Families with children can work together. Grandparents can teach their grandchildren the valuable lesson on giving time to someone else.

Sign up on line at [firstwichita.org](http://firstwichita.org) or get a paper registration form at the front receptionist desk. Make new friends, learn about an agency in Wichita and give three hours of your spring to others that need your help.



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## Preparing for eggcitement

*Members of Open Door class prepare eggs for the children's Easter Egg Hunt at First Church.*



# Green Eggs and Ham!

Washington Elementary hosted their annual Literacy Night on February 25. Families were invited to return to school that evening and enjoy reading activities and craft centers based upon various Dr. Seuss books. A special treat of green eggs and ham and biscuits were furnished by the First Church School Task Force. Thanks to a great group of volunteers who came to Meredith Hall to scramble and dye 450 eggs and create the delicious Green Eggs and Ham treat! Thanks also to Mead's Corner patrons who continue to support the school partnerships through donations to the Tip Jar.

If you would like to learn more about our school partnerships, contact Libby Eaton, Director of Adult Education and School Partnerships, [libbye@firstwichita.org](mailto:libbye@firstwichita.org), 316-267-6244 ext. 317.

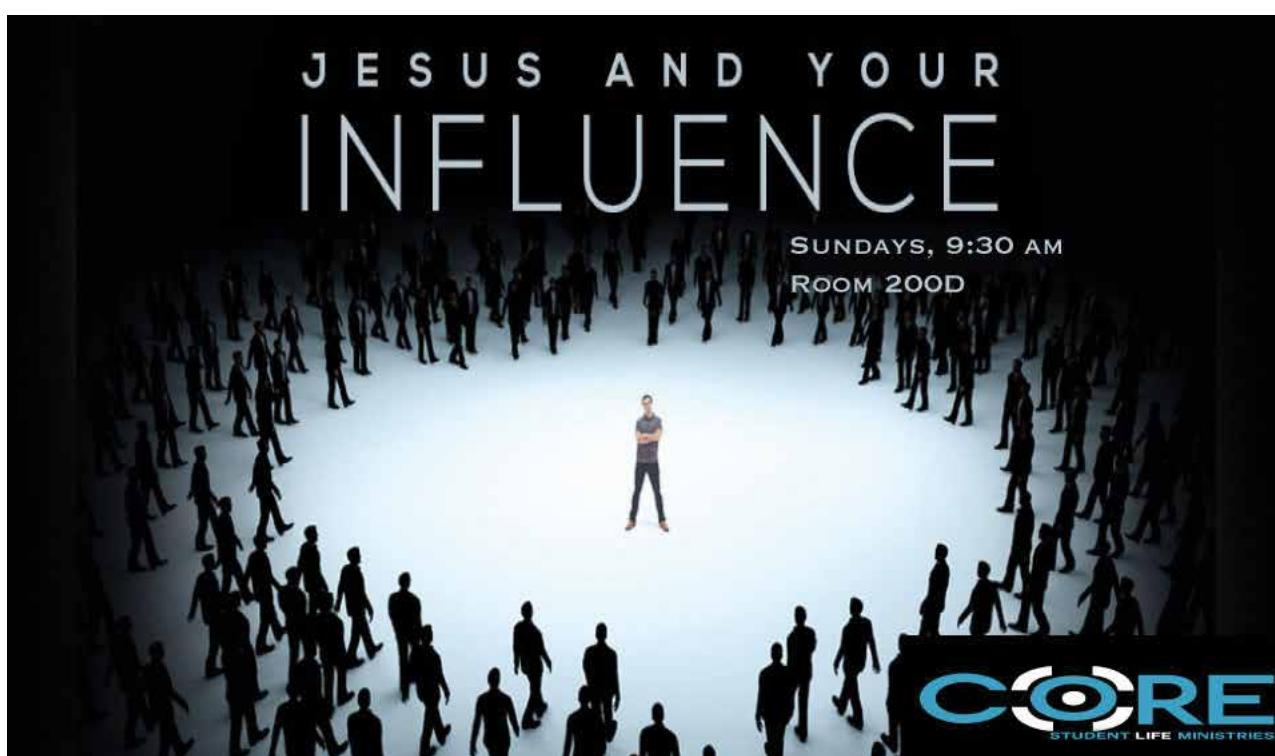


## CORE Students Study "Jesus and Influence"

*Here's a truth about teenagers: Not all of them are leaders.*

"OK," you may say, "tell me something I don't know." Well, try this: While all teenagers might not be leaders, all teenagers have influence. Every teenager in youth group is capable of influencing someone. Students have the potential to make an impact on the world around them. And wouldn't you know it? Jesus had quite a bit to say about how they should use their influence. Our CORE Students are currently using the "Jesus and Influence" curriculum on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. This study will help teach students that Jesus desires to use their influence to positively impact the world for God; that their influence is impacted by how their lives do or don't match up with their faith; that real influence comes when they put other's needs before our own; and that the ultimate use of their influence is leading others to Christ. We are excited to see how "Jesus and Influence" will challenge students to make a difference in their worlds!

If you would like more information about opportunities for Middle School and High School students, please contact Caleb Fouse, Director of Youth Discipleship, [calebf@firstwichita.org](mailto:calebf@firstwichita.org), 316-267-6244 ext. 314.



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

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

Our sympathy goes to Don and Sandy Hull in the death of Don's brother, Earl Hull. Services were held in western Kansas as well as a memorial service in Derby. The Wilke family is also in our prayers in the recent death of Julia Wilke. Bishop Dick and Julia are former members of Double Ring Class.

Polly McMillan and other members of the Archives Committee presented a very interesting program for our class on March 6. We were able to view many scrapbooks and other artifacts, as well as visit the Archives room and its adjoining work/storage room. This committee does an excellent job preserving the history of our church.

On March 13, our teacher, Jack Focht, attired in a monk's robe, gave a first person account of a portion of Paul's writings from prison. This brought to life in a unique way that time from our Christian heritage. We can always count on a good lesson and we invite others to share with us.

The class social for April has been cancelled. Debs will meet on April 20 at the home of Coila Earnest.

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

February was the month for our Valentine Party. We enjoyed the food, fellowship and musical program. We feel our parties are the glue which holds our class together.

We appreciate the two speakers recently teaching our class, John Rhoads and Vicki Hye. We have also had two lovely worship tables. Glenna Snyder arranged a Kansas theme for Kansas Day. Glenna and Dave made each of us a Kansas note pad to take with us depicting a Kansas sunflower. The other one was a valentine theme.

A dear friend of the class has passed away, Willa Mae Borger. Her husband, Clarence started our class in 1948. Her service was held February 13 in the sanctuary. We are also saddened by the death of Peggy Metz. Her service was also at our church.

The class was pleased to have Pastor Kent visit our class on March 6 and teach our class on March 13. We were also excited to celebrate Margie White's 90th birthday on that day. Several of her family members joined us too.

The class will be celebrating our annual banquet on April 14. This will be a special time for us. Come by 107B any Sunday morning and we will give you a friendly hand shake and warm smile. Our class is always open to visitors.

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

Hand in Hand members gained spiritual depth from our Lenten Studies with Donna Fisher and Cliff Bertholf presenting the lessons. The curriculum committee is meeting in a couple of days to decide on our next study which will coordinate with Pastor Kent's sermons.

Thanks to Marcia Hillman for planning our annual Easter Brunch with class members bringing different dishes. We took time to celebrate our Lord's resurrection and fellowship with one another.

Our March social was a movie party at Quantic's. The next Ladies' luncheon is scheduled for May 13th.

We grieve the loss of Bill Ellington, Valerie's husband. Many of us attended the service and helped with the reception.

#### **Koinonia 303D**

Class officers elected for the year beginning March 1 have started their new term. Our President is Evelyn Brown with Sandy Walling as Vice President. The social committee will consist of Alice Shelton, Joan Smith and Lynn Miller. If you have suggestions for activities, please contact a member of socials. The following have agreed to continue in their current jobs: Paula Johnson and Helen Smith, caregivers, Ted Deubner, newsletter, Margaret Duebner, treasurer, and membership, Joyce Benson. If you know of someone who could use a card or a hospital visit, please remember to contact one of the caregivers. Thanks to everyone who agreed to take a job and thanks again to everyone who worked so hard last year to make our class a success.

Last month we completed our Easter study using Adam Hamilton's book "24 Hours That Changed the World." This month we will begin a series

of lessons based on Max Lucado's book, "Fearless". Class members will lead this series, also. We learned a lot from our last series and we look forward to our class discussions of Max Lucado's book.

On the social side, we will visit the Anchor on April 3 and the Beacon on the 10th. April 29 we will have dinner at Reuben's in Delano. Join us for a social or for class on Sunday morning.

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

Our Lenten study, "Journey to the Cross", written by Pastor Adam Hamilton, has been an outstanding reflection on his previous book, "24 Hours That Changed the World".

We are so thankful to Libby Eaton for her leadership in our class. It has been such a pleasure to share this time with Libby.

We all have felt this study has deepened our own faith and our sense of love and gratitude for Jesus Christ. Open Doors has been blessed to have guests from SAM's class and Apple Core Bible Study join us during this time. We enjoyed making new friends and we have grown together in Christian fellowship.

As a class project, we all joined together and had fun stuffing the plastic Easter eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt.

We are looking forward to having Claire Runft return to our class in the near future.

Tom Gdisis presented to our class and to Claire, an amazing book of photographs as a tribute to Howard Runft, who recently passed away. The pictures were taken during the time Howard presented a train show to the RNC, which was so enjoyed by all. The book represents many wonderful memories of Howard and what he so lovingly brought to our class and others.

#### **Pneuma 302D**

We completed our study of Adam Hamilton's, "Journey to The Cross" on Easter Sunday. April 3 we will hold our annual Easter brunch. On April 24, our class will then begin a four week study of Jeremiah in conjunction with the sermon series.

Thanks to Sandra Rogers for hosting Pneuma Women in March. Marylou Reece will be hosting in April. Sandra will also be hosting the class wedding shower in April for Lindsay Bowling and David Lord.

Many of our members will be participating as well as leading activities for Spring Fling. Others are making plans to go with mission teams this summer.

If you are looking for a Sunday School home with inspirational learning and warm fellowship, Pneuma welcomes you to join us.

#### **RNC 100D**

Our Sunday School lessons for April will focus on the life of Joseph and how his faith in God persevered throughout the many ups and downs of his life. Activities for April include a concert, dance lessons, a visit from the pet therapy dogs, BINGO, and Telluride Movie in Wilke Family Life Center. We will also be adding new aquatic life to our saltwater tank.

#### **Seekers 306B**

With spring upon us, the Seekers class continues to be involved at First Church. We served an Open Door lunch in March, and our class will be taking part in Spring Fling on April 23. We have two fun socials coming up and several small group activities for both men and women to enjoy. Once again several in our class will start mowing the church property and hope volunteers will come join in the fun!

In April we'll start a new study based on the James W. Moore book, "Have you Ever Seen a Hearse Pulling a Trailer?" Various class members will be teaching two chapters at a time: Gary Sneed will be teaching Chapters 1&2 on April 3. Other April teachers will be Dick and Diane Elder and Steve Laycock. Nancy Smith, a member of First Church, will also visit our class in April to talk about her experiences in Greece and Africa with refugees.

The Seekers class would love visitors to stop in Room 306B and share coffee, refreshments and friendly conversation before and after class. It's an exciting time for us at First Church and we look forward to making new friends as we grow in the spirit of Christian fellowship!

# Calendar

## April 2016

### 3 Sunday

8:15 AM Heritage Worship - Chapel  
 8:30 AM Religious Nurture Center - 100D  
 9:00 AM Archives - 210B  
 9:30 AM Sunday School K-4th - 106C, 108C  
 9:30 AM CORE 56 - 311C  
 9:30 AM Core Youth Small Group: The Jesus Studies - 200D  
 9:30 AM Adult Sunday School Classes - Church Wide  
 9:30 AM Sanctuary Group @ Mead's Corner  
 10:30 AM El Mesias Worship Service - 200D  
 10:50 AM Downtown Alive - Sanctuary  
 10:50 AM Awakening Worship- Wilke Family Life Center  
 11:00 AM Kids Worship - 110C  
 6:00 PM The Gathering @ Mead's Corner

### 4 Monday

5:30 PM Church Council- 101B

### 5 Tuesday

6:30 PM Awakening Leadership Team - 302B  
 7:00 PM Cub Scout Meeting - 101B, 103B, 107B

### 6 Wednesday

9:30 AM Stephen Ministry II Supervision - 302B  
 10:30 AM UMW - 101B  
 12:00 PM Apple Core - Book/Bible Study - 302B  
 5:30 PM Downtown Alive Choir Rehearsal -Sanctuary  
 6:00 PM El Mesias - Wilke Family Life Center  
 6:15 PM Religious Nurture Center - 100D  
 6:30 PM COREKids/CORE56 - 108C, 111C, 311C  
 6:30 PM Core Student Life Ministries - 200D  
 7:00 PM Men's Bible Study - 103B

### 7 Thursday

9:00 AM First Place Quilters -Quilters/Emmaus  
 6:00 PM Safe Gathering Team Meeting - 302B  
 6:30 PM El Mesias Praise Band Practice - 200D

### 9 Saturday

8:00 AM UMW Spring Fling - Meredith Hall

### 10 Sunday

8:15 AM Heritage Worship - Chapel  
 8:30 AM Religious Nurture Center - 100D  
 9:30 AM Sunday School K-4th - 106C, 108C  
 9:30 AM CORE 56 - 311C  
 9:30 AM Core Youth Small Group: The Jesus Studies - 200D  
 9:30 AM Adult Sunday School Classes - Church Wide  
 9:30 AM Sanctuary Group @ Mead's Corner  
 10:30 AM El Mesias Worship Service - 200D  
 10:50 AM Downtown Alive - Sanctuary  
 10:50 AM Awakening Worship- Wilke Family Life Center  
 11:00 AM Kids Worship - 110C  
 6:00 PM The Gathering @ Mead's Corner

### 11 Monday

9:00 AM Caring Comforts -110B  
 1:00 PM Archives - 208B  
 5:00 PM "Harmony" - 200D  
 5:30 PM Hospitality and Integration Commission - 107B  
 6:45 PM Adult Council - 204A

### 12 Tuesday

5:30 PM Board of Trustee- 308B  
 6:30 PM Awakening Leadership Team - 302B  
 7:00 PM Cub Scout Meeting - 101B, 103B, 107B  
 7:00 PM Kids Discipleship Council - 310C

### 13 Wednesday

12:00 PM Apple Core Study - 302B  
 5:00 PM Mountain Fest - Wilke  
 5:30 PM Downtown Alive Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary  
 6:00 PM El Mesias - Wilke Family Life Center  
 6:15 PM Religious Nurture Center - 100D  
 6:30 PM COREKids/CORE56 - 108C, 111C, 311C  
 6:30 PM Core Student Life Ministries - 200D  
 7:00 PM Men's Bible Study - 103B

### 14 Thursday

9:00 AM First Place Quilters - Quilters/Emmaus  
 12:00 PM 50/50 Banquet - Meredith Hall  
 12:00 PM Making Sense of the Bible - Sanctuary  
 6:30 PM El Mesias Praise Band Practice

### 15 Wednesday

10:00 AM One Spark Homeless Meal - Meredith Hall

### 17 Sunday

8:15 AM Heritage Worship - Chapel  
 8:30 AM Religious Nurture Center - 100D  
 9:30 AM Sunday School K-4th - 106C, 108C  
 9:30 AM CORE 56 - 311C  
 9:30 AM Core Youth Small Group: The Jesus Studies - 200D  
 9:30 AM Adult Sunday School Classes - Church Wide  
 9:30 AM Sanctuary Group @ Mead's Corner  
 10:30 AM El Mesias Worship Service - 200D  
 10:50 AM Downtown Alive - Sanctuary  
 10:50 AM Awakening Worship - Wilke Family Life Center  
 11:00 AM Kids Worship - 110C  
 11:00 AM Mission Lunch - Meredith Hall  
 6:00 PM The Gathering @ Mead's Corner

### 18 Monday

5:00 PM "Harmony" - 200D  
 5:30 PM Staff Parish Relations - 204A  
 6:30 PM HALI Committee - 107B

### 19 Tuesday

6:30 PM Awakening Leadership Team - 302B  
 7:00 PM Cub Scout Meeting - 101B, 103B, 107B

### 20 Wednesday

9:30 AM Stephen Ministry II Supervision - 302B  
 12:00 PM Apple Core - Book/Bible Study - 302B  
 5:30 PM Downtown Alive Choir Rehearsal -Sanctuary  
 6:00 PM El Mesias - Wilke Family Life Center  
 6:15 PM Religious Nurture Center - 100D  
 6:30 PM COREKids/CORE56 - 108C, 111C, 311C  
 6:30 PM Core Student Life Ministries - 200D  
 7:00 PM Men's Bible Study - 103B

### 21 Thursday

9:00 AM First Place Quilters - Quilters/Emmaus  
 6:30 PM El Mesias Praise Band Practice - 200D

### 23 Saturday

8:00 AM Spring Fling - Meredith Hall

### 24 Sunday

8:15 AM Heritage Worship - Chapel  
 8:30 AM Religious Nurture Center - 100D  
 9:30 AM Sunday School K-4th - 106C, 108C  
 9:30 AM CORE 56 - 311C  
 9:30 AM Core Youth Small Group: The Jesus Studies - 200D  
 9:30 AM Adult Sunday School Classes - Church Wide  
 9:30 AM Sanctuary Group @ Mead's Corner  
 10:30 AM El Mesias Worship Service - 200D  
 10:50 AM Downtown Alive - Sanctuary  
 10:50 AM Awakening Worship - Wilke Family Life Center  
 11:00 AM Kids Worship - 110C  
 6:00 PM The Gathering @ Mead's Corner

### 25 Monday

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

### 26 Tuesday

6:30 PM Awakening Leadership Team - 302B  
 7:00 PM Cub Scout Meeting - 101B, 103B, 107B

### 27 Wednesday

12:00 PM Apple Core - Book/Bible Study - 302B  
 5:30 PM Downtown Alive Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room, Sanctuary  
 6:00 PM El Mesias - Wilke Family Life Center  
 6:15 PM Religious Nurture Center - 100D  
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 7:00 PM Men's Bible Study - 103B

### 28 Thursday

9:00 AM First Place Quilters - Quilters/Emmaus  
 6:30 PM El Mesias Praise Band Practice - 200D

**COMING IN WORSHIP**

Coming in Worship  
"Challenging Times"

**April 24**  
"Fire in My Bones"  
Jeremiah 1: 4-9; 20:7-9

**May 1**  
"Crack Cisterns"  
Jeremiah 2; 10:22

**May 8**  
"Never Too Far Gone"  
Jeremiah 3: 12-13; 7:5-7

**May 15**  
"HOPE"  
Jeremiah 29:1, 11-14

**May 22**  
"Now What?"

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*Building Tour*

There will be a tour of the First Church building on Sunday, April 10, at 9:30 a.m. This is a very large building and there are many places to see: the children's chapel, the beautiful adult chapel, the RNC area, and many more. Reservations are not needed so if you can join us for the tour, just meet in the back of the Sanctuary at 9:30 and Judy Sunderland will be there to greet you. It will take about 45 minutes. Hope to see you there!

