

FIRST LIGHT

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Join us for inspiring worship at 8:15 a.m., 10:50 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. every Sunday • Church School and small groups for all ages meet Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

THIS SUNDAY

This May we continue our series, "Life Lessons from the Games We Play". We hope you will join us for worship Sundays at 8:15 a.m., 10:50 a.m., or live at 11:00 a.m. on KAKE TV and live on the web at firstwichita.org. and at 5:00 p.m. at Mead's Corner .

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FEED THE HUNGRY

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

May: Canned Fruit

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

Life Lessons from the

GAMES
We Play

Join us as we continue our series, "Easter Encounters: Life Lessons from the Games We Play". As we continue our journey through the fifty days of Easter, we will utilize some of our favorite games to illustrate the various Easter stories and encounters that occurred following the resurrection. We will also recognize several important event this month including Mother's Day, our graduates, and Memorial Day. We would love to see you in worship!

May 7

"Ticket to Ride, Seeing Jesus Along the Way"
Luke 24: 13-35

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"Building a Home, What Minecraft Doesn't Include"
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"The Game of Life, Called, Sent, Blessed"
Luke 24: 44-53

Family
PICNIC
You're Invited

3rd Annual First Church Family Picnic

Sunday, May 21, 2017
12:15-2:30 p.m.

Minisa Park Shelter House
740 W. 13th (west of North High)

*Fried chicken, drinks and paper goods furnished
Please bring a side dish to share*

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 May 15, by 9 a.m. Material should be submitted to the appropriate ministry director for approval. Questions can be directed to Erin Davis, 267-6244 ext. 300.

Prayers

Email prayer@firstwichita.org to ask for prayer from the people of First United Methodist Church.

Email pastoralcare@firstwichita.org to ask for a visit, call, or private prayer from the congregational care team.

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

Our Mission
Making Disciples of
Jesus Christ
for the transformation
of the world.

Our Vision
Changing lives—
transforming communities

Our Purpose
To create a Christian
community where anyone
can become a completely
committed follower
of Jesus Christ.

Lake Michigan Family Work Team Spaces Still Available



There's still time to sign up for the Lake Michigan Family Work Team! This team will be travelling to Lake Michigan UMC Camp in Pentwater, Michigan, on the shores of Lake Michigan. There is a dune wilderness, kayaking and we will have daily beach time!

We will be prepping the camp for campers arriving in July. Some activities may include painting, pressure washing, building a lifeguard tower, sewing and cutting trees down.

Contact Annette Schmidt to sign-up or for more information, annettes@firstwichita.org.



May Mission Lunch
Sunday, May 28, 2017
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Cost: Your donations support the
Lake Michigan Family Work Team

Menu:
Sloppy Joes
Brookville Coleslaw
Potato chips
Baked Beans
Chocolate Sheet Cake



United
Methodist
Women

United Methodist Women in May

The UMW Expanded Executive Committee will meet on May 3 at 10:30 a.m. in 101B.

Church Women United will meet on May 5 at 1:00 p.m. at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 1101 N. River Blvd. The program is May Friendship Day.

Sunday, May 7, we will celebrate United Methodist Women Day at First Church.

The following circles will meet on May 10 as follows:

Elizabeth Circle
1:00 p.m.
First Church Parlor,
cost: \$5.00
Hostess: Donna Fisher
393-6486
Program: National Mission
Institutions - Betty Hodson

Esther/Lois Circle
10:00 a.m.
6920 E. Kenford Circle
cost: \$3.00
Hostess: Verla Niquette
682-4893
Program: National Missions
Institutions - Betty Hodson

Naomi Circle
12 noon
6327 Oneida
cost: \$5.00
Hostess: Janet Lively
259-9061
Program: TBD

Rachel Circle
12 noon
First Church 107B
cost: \$5.00
Hostess: Carolyn Vosburg
522-3360
Program: TBD

EASTER LILIES HONOR First Church Friends and Loved Ones

Thank you to everyone who donated toward the purchase of Easter lilies that were delivered to our homebound members. Our Senior Saints Committee sponsors this important ministry every year. It is a tremendous blessing to our recipients, and a truly meaningful First Church tradition.

A special thank you to Linda Hopper, chairperson of the Senior Saints Committee for organizing our Easter lily deliveries this year. Thank you to the Guardian Angels, church members, staff and friends who assisted with this year's deliveries. At right, is a list of individuals who contributed to the Easter lily ministry and the names of those who are being honored or memorialized:



Donor

Pansy Brown
Beth Elliott
Don & Terry Grabendike
Fred Ricks
Mary Lou Roedell
Evelyn Brown
Wayne & Dorothy Holt
David & Cindi Ubben
Kenneth & Bonnie Rupe

Mary Havey
Rosemary Lowry
Chrystal & Luke Dlabal
Sharon Thompson
Danny White
Dave & Peggy Brant

Jan Doggett
Carole Campbell
R. S. Snyder
Constance Lee
Mary Alice Stephens
Dave Johnson

Harold & Lorine Kieler
Jim & Ann Osborne
June Pritchard
John & Sally Kelso
Bruce & Diane Quantic
John & Judith Oswald
Karen Patton
C. Bickley Foster
Covenant Discipleship Group
Eloise Kennedy
Delaine Hartman
Mary Barton
Kathy Hampton
Phyllis Cockerill
Larry & Jo Harris
Alicia Ratliff
Paul & Betty Hodson

Glenna Hendershot Family

In Memory

James Brown and Jamie Brown Menees
Willis Elliott
Norma & Verlyn Griffith
Margaret Ricks
Floyd J. Roedell
Gerald, Vale & Clifton Seago
Our parents
George Kirkendall
Mr. & Mrs. H.A. Rupe; Mr. & Mrs. Alden Rupe;
Mr. & Mrs. Robert B. Brown

Todd Havey
Ralph Lowry
Orrin Hantla & Mildren Hantla, our parents
Carol Peterson, Ralph & Masar

Stephanie Brant; Warren & Irene Brant;
John & Edna Fieser

Mal Doggett
Charles Campbell; Jim & Eunice McClure
Vinola Moore; Karen Swarts
Dwight Lee
Bill Stephens
Billie (wife) & Chris Eric (son)

Milford Pritchard, Nancy Allen
Our parents and Chris Kelso

Paul & Irene Relf
Mr. & Mrs. Lynn Patton; Mr. & Mrs. John Symes
G. Valerie Foster
Roberta Alexander & Eleanor Deterich

Meribel & Herbert Cockerill (mom and dad)
Eric & Marie Claassen; Carl & Frankie Harris

Our beloved son, Paul Leroy Hodson

Maurice Hendershot

In Honor of

Blossom Kirkendall

Marjorie White

Parents, N. Russell &
Rubie Johnson

Bettie Benedick

Dr. Tal Tittsworth &
FUMC Custodians

OUR GIFTS

MARCH 2017 OFFERING
\$77,580.22
RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE
\$376,674.21
BUDGET YEAR-TO-DATE
387,621.53
EXPENSES YEAR-TO-DATE
307,238.94

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS
MISSIONS
\$7,578.00
RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE
\$12,338.00

CAPITAL FUNDS
\$120.00
RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE
\$370.00

VAN MAINTENANCE FUND
\$25.00
RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE
\$75.00

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

TELEVISION MINISTRY
\$11,955.00
RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE
\$60,830.35
BUDGET YEAR-TO-DATE
63,349.97
EXPENSES YEAR-TO-DATE
73,527.34


TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS
\$97,258.22
RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE
\$450,287.56

REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE FALLEN

MEMORIAL DAY

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MEMORIAL DAY
FIRST CHURCH WILL BE CLOSED, MONDAY,
MAY 29, 2017, IN OBSERVANCE OF
MEMORIAL DAY.



Vocalist Needed!

The Shades of Glory, the First Church gospel quartet is needing a second tenor. Must be able to sing gospel/jazz. If interested in an audition, please contact Ray Hull at ray.hull@wichita.edu.

OUR FAMILY

We grieve the deaths of:

Ralph Look

Meribel Cockerill

Nancy Beard

Jack Shelton,
husband of Alice

What's Happening with CORE-Kids?

**Vacation Bible School: July 24-28,
5:30-8:00 p.m.**

Join First Church and El Mesias as we partner together in hosting a Vacation Bible School to remember!

Maker Fun Factory: Created by God, Built for a Purpose! We know that weeklong summer events like VBS do two awesome things for local families: it feeds their bodies and it feeds their souls.

By participating in VBS this year, First Church has the power to reach out to our neighborhood children in Christ-like ways with a dinner meal all week and fun ways to connect kids with God!

In order to make this awesome event happen for downtown kids, we need you to join the fun!

The Kids' Discipleship Team has lots of ways to get engaged with Vacation Bible School. From cooking a meal, to registering kids at the door...from helping move kids from one room to another to leading a simple game or craft, please consider finding a way to be engaged with Vacation Bible School this year!

Get in touch with Patricia Tristan to use your gifts to serve our CORE-Kids in amazing ways! patriciat@firstwichita.org or 316-267-6244 ext. 318.



Summer Camp Scholarships Needed!

Last year, we sent 19 kids to camp! This year we have the opportunity of offering an amazing experience at camp! We are trying to send every one of our kiddos to camp and many of their families cannot pay the full cost to attend. Camp Horizon, a United Methodist Camp, provides children with awesome opportunities to try new things, get out of their comfort zone, experience nature and most importantly, experience God in new and powerful ways! Will you consider sponsoring a kid to go to camp this year? Check out the opportunities below to help a child get to camp this year:

\$260 pays for a child to go to sleep away camp for one whole week
\$45 pays for one child to go to day camp together

Contact Patricia Tristan, 316-267-6244 to sponsor a part of a child's camp experience!

CORE-Kids Holy Week Celebrations:

What a great way to celebrate the King of Kings on Palm Sunday! Our Core-Kids had a wonderful time waving their palm branches at both the El Mesias and Downtown Alive services, singing loudly and hearing from Pastor Cindy all about the tradition of Palm Sunday. This is truly a time of celebration and we are so thankful for the families at First Church!

Wednesday Night was also a wonderful time to gather and celebrate the love of God for the world. "Road to Resurrection" got families talking and walking where Jesus walked in the last days He was with us before he was crucified. Special thanks to all our volunteers, youth and RNC for providing this event for our kids. Lastly, what a joy Easter Sunday was with our beautiful dancers bringing in the Alleluia, the Children's Choir singing a joyful song to the Lord and then the Easter Egg hunt! Our church was full of life and celebration for our Risen Christ. Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen Indeed!





On Sunday, May 21, Core Youth will be recognizing our graduating senior members in the Downtown Alive service.

Our seniors this year are Britney Ayers, Andrew Henning, Tyler Kurtz, Tim McPherson, Drew Walden, and Jules White.

Britney Ayers is finishing her senior year at Wichita North High School. After graduation, she plans to attend Wichita Area Technical College, where she'll continue working toward a degree in health care.

Tyler Kurtz is graduating from Udall High School. His plan for next year is to attend Emporia State University and double-major in marketing and information systems.

Tim McPherson will be graduating from Wichita South High School. This fall, Tim is planning to attend Butler Community College and begin working toward his associate's degree.

Jules White is soon to be a graduate of Wichita Collegiate School. After graduation, Jules is going to Oklahoma State University to study to become a professional pilot.

If you know of any other seniors who are graduating and would like to be recognized on May 21, please contact Caleb Fouse at calebf@firstwichita.org before May 14.



Sandwich Heroes!

- ✓ **Turkey and Cheese with lettuce sandwiches**
- ✓ **Bagged Chips**
- ✓ **Bagged Cookies**
- ✓ **"Cutie"**

When First Church was asked to provide an extra lunch for the Open Door Resource Center this month, these women went to work! Since the traditional tator tot lunch had been served the first Friday of the month, sack lunches were on the menu. In an hour and a bit, 130 lunches were made and packed for our neighbors across the street. When an emergency arises, it is great to know First Church will come to the rescue!

Thanks to Vicki Tanner, Lorrie Donham, Carolyn Vosburg, Susan Proffitt, and Diane Trask

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

Double Ring 106B

Another name has been added to our Memorial Board. Nancy Beard passed away on March 30. She was well known as an excellent musician in the church and community. Double Ring members prepared and served lunch to the family following the service on April 8.

Mitch Butler's work in collecting clothing for the homeless was commemorated on April 18 at Interfaith Ministries Spiritual Center. A new sign was placed on the storage area known as "Mitch's Closet."

Jack has given us much to think about in his lessons on the theme "Living in a World of Hate." His Easter lesson was a departure from that when he spoke about Holy Week and Easter, using scripture as the basis, and concluding with the recitation of "He Arose." This old Easter hymn is an affirmation of our faith in the Risen Lord and is beloved by many. On April 23, we joined with other classes in Wilke Center to hear Rev. Claudine Leary, a native of Rwanda and a graduate of Africa University. She completed her seminary degree in the United States and is currently on the staff at Methodist Theological in Ohio.

It was good for many of us to take part in Easter activities and services. Spring Fling gave us the opportunity to help with specific projects at the church and in the community. We continue to be a support group for those undergoing health issues and other difficulties. Come and enjoy our fellowship!

50/50 107B

50/50 members mourn the recent loss of Meribel Cockerill. The People's Open Doors class joined us to prepare the reception after her service, and our class enjoyed the leftover cookies at Sunday School.

On April 6, the class held its 69th installation banquet. Dorothy Filson and her committee decorated the room beautifully. Sharon Hamrick and her committee prepared a delicious meal. We all enjoyed our entertainment program. It was so good to see Celia Turner out after her car accident. Her daughter, Lou Ann Parks from the Chicago area was a guest, as was Rev. Cindy Watson.

The first Sunday in May, the new officers will take over. We are looking forward to another good year. Paul Ackerman continues to present us meaningful lessons. He always gives us some good thoughts to take home and think about during the week.

Stop by for a handshake in 107B some Sunday morning. We also give hugs for free!

Hand in Hand 101B

A wonderful Easter brunch was held in our classroom with Marica Hillman and Bonnie Jo Holmes coordinating. This is becoming a new tradition, enjoyed by all who come on Easter morning. Another tradition is participation in Spring Fling, which was held on April 29.

April 23 we enjoyed a combined class in the Wilke Family Life Center. Our guest speaker was Claudine, a graduate of Africa University, an ordained Methodist pastor and a former refugee from the massacre in Rwanda. Ernie Krehbiel, a member of our class, has been a great support to Claudine.

Our upcoming study will be "In the Dust of the Rabbi" by Ray Vander Laan. taught by Cliff. Our next Ladies Luncheon will be at noon, June 2, at the Wichita Country Club.

Joyful Eastertide blessings to all as we celebrate Christ's resurrection.

Koinonia 303D

We always have coffee ready for everyone to enjoy starting around 9:15. New people are always welcome to visit us. We have great speakers in May that you don't want to miss. We appreciate all of these folks for sharing their time and experience.

On May 7, Mary Beth Byers, a member of our Chancel Choir, will tell us about her upcoming mission tour which will last several months. On May 14, Rev. Andrew Stover will share his wisdom with us.

Following Downtown Alive on May 14, we will meet at Red Rock Canyon Grill, 1844 N. Rock Rd, for our Mother's Day celebration.

Be sure to join us for Mission Lunch on May 28.

Pneuma 302D

We will be concluding our study of "Gifts of The Dark Wood" following the combined Sunday School and our annual Eastertide brunch.

A number of Pneuma members were active in Holy Week activities as well as Spring Fling. Jennifer Ream hosted Pneuma Ladies in March and Lucinda Smetana-Hull hosted in April. The Pneuma Ladies also gathered to honor Alison Ebricht with a bridal shower.

Congratulations to Becky and Dale Garwood on the birth of their latest granddaughter. She was baptized on Easter Sunday during the Downtown Alive service.

RNC 100D

RNC activities for May include a magic show, BINGO, and bowling at Northrock Lanes. Our Sunday school lessons for the month will focus on inspirational faith based stories of track stars like Eric Liddell as our many of our members are in training for the Special Olympic regionals in May and state track meet the first week of June.

Seekers 306B

Come join the Seeker Class as we enjoy an in-depth study of the gospel of John. David Brant is leading the series using the book by Ben Witherington III, "The Gospel of John". The book can be used as a daily devotional and as a study guide. Both the author and our teacher use humor and scholarly studies to add understanding to this familiar gospel.

It hasn't been all work and no play—in March, members of the class traveled down memory lane at the Roxy with Blanche, Rose, Sophia and Dorothy of the Golden Girls. April 28, we gathered for dinner at the Barn near Burrton—good food and fun venue. The Seeker Women had dinner on April 18 and will meet again on May 16.

Many of our members are gearing up for summer work teams, and the on-going outreach projects—First Friday Open Door lunches, Caring Comforts and UMW work projects—and the list goes on!

Our prayers and thoughts go out to members of our class who have had surgeries and other medical issues. You are in our prayers and thoughts and we hope for continued good news.

Calendar

May 2017

1 5:30 PM	Monday Church Council - 101B	5:30 PM	Downtown Alive Choir Rehearsal - Choir room	9:30 AM	CORE-Kids Sunday School - 106C, 108C, 110C, 200C, 311C
2 1:00 PM	Tuesday DTA Planning - Media Suite	6:15 PM 6:30 PM	Religious Nurture Center - 100D CORE Kids Celebration Night - Last Night - Wilke FLC, 111C, 200C, 311C	9:30 AM 9:30 AM	CORE Youth Small Group - 200D Adult Sunday School Classes - Church Wide
3 10:30 AM	Wednesday UMW Expanded Executive Committee - 101B	6:30 PM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM	CORE Youth - 200D El Mesias Bible Study - 301D United Methodist Men Bible Study - 103B	10:30 AM 10:50 AM 12:00 PM 5:00 PM	El Mesias UMC Worship - 200D Downtown Alive Worship - Sanctuary All Church Picnic - Minisa Park The Gathering @ Mead's Corner
12:00 PM 1:00 PM 5:30 PM	Apple Core - Book/Bible Study - 302B Daytime Quilters - 308B Downtown Alive Choir Rehearsal - Choir room	11 9:00 AM 1:00 PM 6:30 PM 6:30 PM	Thursday First Place Quilters - Quilters/Emmaus UMW Circle Meetings - 107B Harmony Guitar Lessons - 200D God and Dogs - Parking Lot	22 9:00 AM 5:00 PM 5:30 PM	Monday Caring Comforts - 106B, 110B Executive Committee - 204A Finance Committee - 204A
6:15 PM 6:30 PM	Religious Nurture Center - 100D CORE-Kids/CORE 56 Small Group - 111C, 200C, 311C	12 6:00 PM 6:00 PM	Friday El Mesias Praise Band Practice - 200D Family Bowling Party - North Rock Lanes	23 1:00 PM	Tuesday DTA Planning - Media Suite
6:30 PM 6:30 PM 6:45 PM 7:00 PM	CORE Youth - 200D El Mesias Bible Study - 301D DISCIPLE Fast Track - 204A United Methodist Men Bible Study - 103B	14 8:15 AM 8:30 AM 9:30 AM	Sunday Mother's Day Heritage Worship - Chapel Religious Nurture Center - 100D CORE-Kids Sunday School - 106C, 108C, 110C, 200C, 311C	24 9:30 AM 12:00 PM 1:00 PM 5:30 PM	Wednesday Stephen Ministry II Supervision - 302B Apple Core - Book/Bible Study - 302B Daytime Quilters - 308B Downtown Alive Choir Rehearsal - Choir room
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5 11:00 AM	Friday Open Door Lunch Prep. - Meredith Hall Kitchen	10:30 AM 10:50 AM 5:00 PM	El Mesias UMC Worship - 200D Downtown Alive Worship - Sanctuary The Gathering @ Mead's Corner	25 9:00 AM 5:30 PM 6:30 PM 6:30 PM	Thursday First Place Quilters - Quilters/Emmaus Investment Meeting - 204A Harmony Guitar Lessons - 200D God and Dogs - Parking Lot
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6 7:00 AM	Saturday Mission Trip to Baton Rouge, LA	16 1:00 PM 5:30 PM	Tuesday DTA Planning- Media Suite TV Ministry Committee - Media Suite	28 8:15 AM 8:30 AM 9:30 AM	Sunday Heritage Worship - Chapel Religious Nurture Center - 100D CORE-Kids Sunday School - 106C, 108C, 110C, 200C, 311C
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8 9:00 AM 1:00 PM 5:30 PM 5:30 PM 5:30 PM	Monday Caring Comforts - 106B, 110B Archives - 208B SPRC - 302B Adult Council - 204A Hospitality and Integration Commission 107B	19 6:00 PM	Friday El Mesias Praise Band Practice - 200D	30 1:00 PM	Tuesday DTA Planning - Media Suite
9 1:00 PM 5:30 PM 6:30 PM	Tuesday DTA Planning - Media Suite Board of Trustees- 308B Kids Discipleship Council- 310C	20 10:00 AM	Saturday One Spark Homeless Meal - Meredith Hall, Parking Lot Saturday Circle (UMW) - 101B	31 12:00 PM 1:00 PM 5:30 PM	Wednesday Apple Core - Book/Bible Study - 302B Daytime Quilters - 308B Downtown Alive Choir Rehearsal - Choir room
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COMING IN WORSHIP

May 7

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**"Ticket to Ride, Seeing Jesus
 Along the Way"**
 Luke 24: 13-35

May 14

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ARTICLES FOR FIRST LIGHT

We welcome content and story ideas for First Light. They can be submitted to First Impressions at firstlight@firstwichita.org. Please include your name, phone number and e-mail address when submitting material.

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Baptized

Maya Jane Henderson was baptized by Rev. Cindy Watson during the Downtown Alive worship service on Easter Sunday. Maya is the daughter of Gerald and Stephanie Henderson and granddaughter of Dale and Rebecca Garwood and Forrest and Katie Vornauf.

Welcome Maya!

**Disciple Fast Track Groups
 Set to Complete 12 Week Study**

Two Disciple Fast Track groups are concluding their 12 week study of the Old Testament. Group members have enjoyed the shorter reading assignments and meeting format compared to the original Disciple classes. As a gift to the church, members from both groups gathered to help shop, cook, and set up the Maundy Thursday service meal, as well as clean up afterwards. Thanks to Deb Seely for facilitating the Thursday morning group and to Sue Reece and Libby Eaton for facilitating on Wednesday evening. The New Testament section of the new Disciple Fast Track is scheduled to begin in September. All are welcome. You do not need to have completed the Old Testament section to participate in the New Testament class.



United Methodist Now Bi-weekly E-Newsletter

A new resource is available from the United Methodist Church! This biweekly e-newsletter will feature inspirational messages and stories of the people of The United Methodist Church and focus on what it means to be part of our connection. Sign-up is available at the link on our website, first-wichita.org.