

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 this July for worship! 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. This month we will study some of the basic beliefs of the Christian faith in the series, "The Essentials: What Do YOU Believe?"

Join us this Sunday! The Gathering@ Mead's Corner 6:00 p.m.

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### FEED THE HUNGRY

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

July: Beans

330 N. Broadway • 316-267-6244 On Broadway between 2nd & 3rd Streets in downtown Wichita.



your First Church family for a great evening of fun, food, and fellowship.

First Church Discipleship Team invites you and your family to Minisa Park, just across the river from North High School on West

and enjoy the company of friends and family. Food and fellowship begin at 5:00 and music will be provided by The Gathering Band.

Then, from about 6:30 - 8:30, the Minisa Pool is reserved especially for First Church. Eaton, Matt Brown, or Lisa Guinn at church for reservations or more information



# Join us! **Brett Valliant Summer Concert**

Thursday, July 3 7:30 p.m. - Sanctuary

Benefit for Sanctuary Organ Fund

Ice Cream Social will follow in Meredith Hall – sponsored by Adult Council.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR

**Our Military Deployed:** Benjamin Baloga, Brandi Streit, granddaughter of Ray Dodge.

**Continuing Concerns:** Di Bartels, Willa Mae Borger, Barbara Borror, Ray Brown, Mitch Butler, Judy Eakin, Hilda Ellington, Sonya Foster, Virginia Garrison, Jim Geiger, Carl & Dorothy Glenn, Jo Ellen Hancock, Nancy Hancock, Nolyn Harris, Mary Havey, Paul L. Hodson, John Jansen, Billie J. Johnson, Shirley Johnson, Lorine Kieler, John & Jean Kling, Bud & Betty Lent, Dr. Lee Louderback, Kay McKenney, Marcia McKenney, Jim Matthews, Don Miller, Joyce Miller, Paul Miller, Del Rhinehart, Susan Robinson, Kathy Santo, Jeni Schmitz, Carol Strole, Dean Thorpe, Dawn Wadsworth, Annette Wapelhorst, Micah Williams, Virginia Williams, Jason Wisbey, caregivers, and our homebound members.

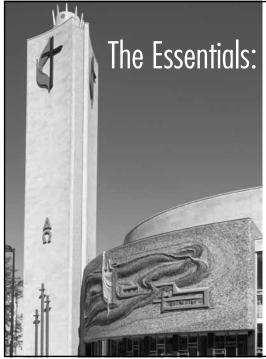
Articles for the next edition of First Light are due July 15, by 9 a.m. Material should be submitted to the appropriate ministry director for approval. Questions can be directed to Erin Davis, 267-6244 ext. 300.

# **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, Rev. Dr. Tal Tittsworth, Matt Brown, Leslie Coates



## The Essentials: What Do YOU Believe?

What are the basic beliefs of the Christian faith? Together we will grow to understand what we believe as completely committed followers of Jesus and learn how to explain our faith to our friends, relatives, associates and neighbors.

### Join us this July for worship!

July 20:

The Essentials: "God"

June 27:

The Essentials: "Jesus"

August 3:

The Essentials: "Holy Spirit"

Stand alone sermons:

July 6:

Dr. Tal Tittsworth (Heritage) Leslie Coates (Dowtown Alive) Pat McGinnis (Awakening)

July 13:

Dr. Tal Tittsworth (Heritage) Leslie Coates (Dowtown Alive) Pat McGinnis (Awakening)

## Out of the Office!

Pastor Kent and Dedra will be on vacation from June 30-July 15.

Teresa Fields, Pastor Kent's assistant will be on vacation from June 30 – July 13.

If you need any assistance or pastoral care during this time, please contact the church receptionist desk and they will direct you to the staff member who will be able to provide pastoral care and/or assistance!

# **Highlights:**

The Church Council approved the following items at their meeting June 2, 2014.

### ■ Board of Trustees (BOT) -

Church council approved the Expense Authorization Policy. The BOT and Finance Committees had already approved the policy on the books but the policy was not being followed. The policy was accepted as approved on May 13,

■ Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC)

Church council approved a family-medical leave policy that meets the requirements of the Federal Family Medical Leave Act.

■ The Hands-Up Fund policy (Homeless and Low Income Committee) was presented but will not be voted on until the July 14 meeting.

A Church Conference of First United Methodist Church was held June 8, 2014.

The purpose of the meeting was to approve supporting David Brant as a candidate for professional ministry. Janet Robinson chair of Staff Parish Relations, made the motion, it was seconded, and the motion passed.

David will be serving the Attica United Methodist Church while also continuing his studies at seminary.



to announce that Sarah Newcomer, who has been with us for two years at the front desk as our Director of First Impressions has been asked to come on board as an Administrative Assistant in the Great Plains United Methodist Conference Office. She will be assisting with the ministry of the Bishop's and District Superintendent's Offices in carrying out the ministry of the conference. Sarah's last day at the front desk was June 18.

The Congregational Care

# NEWS. FROM. THE. LOFT! "Let Us Make A Joyful Noise" and indeed we do!!!

By Diane Fast DOWNTOWN ALIVE CHOIR DIRECTOR

As we head into summer, the choir traditionally takes their break from Wednesday evening rehearsals for the month of July and August. We will resume regular Wednesday rehearsing in September. So we re-work anthems that the choir has presented in previous years. This would be a great time for all of the rest of you, to come join us on Sunday mornings and sing with us! This would give some of you an idea of what it is like to

be leading worship and singing your praises to our God, "from the loft!" Consider this your invitation!! No RSVP required.... Just show up in the choir room at 10:25 a.m. on a Sunday morning.

We have begun the anthems for the summer months and are also working on special music for Brett Valliant's organ concert on July 3. Brett has asked the Downtown Alive Choir to join him again for several selections.

We will also be gathering on July 26 from 8:30 a.m.-noon to sing, learn, have fellowship together, and a lot of fun! Oh

yes, and there will be food. I anticipate getting a good start on some of our new repertoire for the fall and even start looking at some Christmas goodies! July 26 will be a special time for returning faithful choir members but also for those of you who have wondered "what that would be like" to sing in a church choir. Remember there will be food and coffee from our famous Mead's Corner, so how can you resist that! "Consider this your invitation!"

I've said it before but it's worth saying every chance I get...every

week we get the chance to reach thousands of people through this ministry. I have always believed that "music prepares the heart to hear the word of God". What an awesome opportunity we have placed in front of us to get the privilege to do each and every Sunday morning! Witnessing for Christ is THE greatest work in the world. It is the most honoring to HIM and the most joyful to the Christian. "Excellence is no accident". Please know each one of you are welcomed. Consider this your invitation!

### **OUR GIFTS**

MAY 2014 OFFERING \$109,038.18 RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE \$551,004.02

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS
MISSIONS
\$1,341.00
RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE
\$1,975.00

CAPITAL FUNDS \$7,330.00 RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE \$88,628.93

VAN MAINTENANCE FUND \$1,135.00 RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE \$1,675.00

ORGAN MAINTENANCE FUND \$45,527.78 RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE \$47,472.78

> TELEVISION MINISTRY \$57,907.28 RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE \$118,564.55

TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS \$222,279.24 RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE \$809,320.28

### **OUR FAMILY**

We grieve the deaths of:

Steve Mueller

Norman Watson, husband of Margaret

Jerry Boden, husband of Rev. Lorna Boden, brother of Sandy Cusack

Gerald Peterie, husband of Jody

Don Kelly, husband of Nora

Sister of Mary Alice Stephens

Sister-in-law of Glenna Snyder

Mildred M. Edmonds, mother of Susan Proffitt

# Spiritual Gifts valuable for Stephen Ministers

"We have different gifts according to the grace given to each of us. If it is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently, if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully."

- Romans 12: 6-8

While God gives a variety to gifts to all his children, some gifts tend to find themselves in Stephen Ministers more often than others. Faith is the unshakable trust and deep conviction that God faithfully and reliably keeps promises. And being sure of that gives an amazing foundation for sharing life with someone experiencing life's challenges. Stephen Ministers faith foundation is critical in sharing empathy with those who are in grief, loneliness or fear. Their faith helps keep them centered and provides an anchor protecting them from letting the relationship veer off a focus of God.

Mercy is an exceptional ability to perform acts of kindness and compassion. It's the basis of self sacrifice that enables a Stephen Minister to give of their time to be trained (20 sessions of 2.5 hours each), to serve (1 hour a week with their care receiver) and to be a part of the Stephen Ministry Team (2, 2 hour peer supervision meetings a month). Deeds



of mercy are modeled after God's redemptive sacrifice of Jesus, and loving mercy undeserved by humans. Teaching the Faith, Encouragement and Knowing are other spiritual gifts found

in our Stephen Ministry team. Stephen Ministers have helped those looking for direction in life, turn to the Bible, prayer, inspirational reading, hymns and prayer for God's guidance. They take the time to get to know their care receivers and perceive issues under the surface that may be part of the larger issue. They openly communicate with their care receivers that in the midst of their diagnosis, family situation or life changing news, God is there and we the church are there.

If some of these spiritual gifts are part of your life, or others like them, and God is calling you to a new step of service, consider applying to be a Stephen Minister. The fall class will be held on Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. beginning on August 6. To apply or ask further questions, contact Rev. Tal Tittsworth or Julie Kohr at the church. Or contact Denise Hole, Jim Matson or Linda Mack, all part of the Stephen Ministry Leadership Team

### For Your Health and Wholeness From your Congregational Health Ministrie



# Sun Basics

By Connie Bishop, RN Congregational Health Committee

Summer is here once again which means a lot of outside activities. When you're out in the sun, take care of your skin. Without protection, the sun can give you painful sunburns or blisters which leads to skin cancer. If a person has had five or more sunburns their risk of skin cancer has doubled. But you can start taking care of your skin now by doing these basic things. SLIP on a shirt and cover up with long sleeves and pants. Start at the top by wearing a hat, preferably a wide brim hat. If the hat doesn't cover your ears put on sunscreen on your ears, neck, and face. More than any other part of your body, these areas get the most sun and need to be protected all the time. My father was a farmer and always wore a cap but it didn't cover his ears. Now he's been in several times to a dermatologist office to have skin cancer removed from his ears and face.

SLOP on sunscreen with SPF 30 in the winter and SPF 50 in the summer. Apply sunscreen about 20 minutes before sun exposure. Reapply every 2 hours and after swimming and sweating. Apply sunscreen beginning at 6 months of age. If possible stay away from the midday sun –especially from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. – when the sun's rays are the strongest. Keep infants under 6 months of age out of direct sunlight and in the shade. Use an umbrella over the stroller.

There are 3 types of skin cancers: Squamous cell carcinoma, basal cell carcinoma, and melanoma. I won't go into all those but it's a good idea to do self-examination and know to look for danger signs in pigmented lesions in the skin. Consult your dermatologist immediately if any of your moles exhibit asymmetry (one half unlike the other half). The border of the mole is irregular, scalloped or poorly defined. The color is varied from one area to another; shades of tan and brown, black; sometimes white, red, or blue. The diameter is larger than 6mm (diameter of a pencil eraser). These may be the signs of a malignant melanoma.

Statistics show that one in five Americans will develop skin cancer in their lifetime. A Dermatologist describes it as an epidemic causing their office to see a high volume of patients with skin cancer. You've only got one skin. Take care of it every day.

# Recycle Aluminum Cans — But not at Church



After 20 years of recycling aluminum cans and giving the money to UMCOR, the church will no longer be recycling these cans. We know that more and more people are recycling and we encourage everyone to join the recycling movement, including aluminum cans. We can all make a difference when we all recycle! We are very grateful to Tom Tanner who took the cans that were left at the church to the recycling center. Tom faithfully did this for 20 years! Thanks, Tom!

Thank you to Tom Tanner for his faithful commitment to the church's recycling for 20 years!



The Colorado chainsaw team's journey began a few weeks before leaving Wichita by receiving chainsaw safety training. The team began as a group of eight, but injuries and job changes reduced us to five.

We began our travels by going to Breckenridge, CO thanks to the hospitality of our fellow First Church members who provided a cabin for us to get a restful night's sleep. At Breckenridge, we attended Sunday worship at Father Dyer UMC. Rev. James Gulley, Global Ministries and UMCOR Coordinator for Haiti, gave the message "Sharing Abundance".

After worship, we traveled through a snow storm to the Buckhorn United Methodist Camp. The final leg of the trip found us going three miles along a narrow curved dirt road until we reached the welcome sign that said "You Made It"!

During the days at camp we used our chainsaw skills to cut down dead or dying trees that had been burned in the wildfires of 2012. We cut down and bucked/limbed trees between the cabins and the outdoor chapel that overlooked ponds and beautiful snowcapped mountains. We were immersed in God's beautiful creation and saw many living creatures such as deer, turkey, rainbow

First Church Workteam Helps
Camp in Colorado



trout, rabbits, chipmunks, and the stellar jay.

The evenings were a time of devotions, conversation, and discussion. We discussed how we felt the sincere gratitude of the camp director and his wife as they conveyed in words and deeds

the appreciation for our efforts. We also discussed how the altitude of 7800 feet and sloping terrain tires one from Wichita. We agreed that we were tired, but it was a good tired.

Rev. Gulley reminded us from I Corinthians 3:1-9, that it is not Annette,

Brad, George, Tom, Vicky, or the staff at Buckhorn that provides the growth, but it is God. May God bless the Buckhorn staff and volunteers by providing the growth of Jesus' disciples at Camp Buckhorn.

# Park School Brunch

First Church Task Force hosted a special brunch and celebration for the Park School 5th Graders, their teachers, and their families. Nearly 225 people attended this memorable event on May 21. Thanks to Delaine Hartman and Sharon Hamrick for coordinating the brunch, and to many Park Task Force volunteers for helping with decoration, preparation, serving, and clean-up. The Park staff is especially appreciative of our efforts to celebrate and encourage our neighborhood children attending Park. Thanks to the Tip Jar at Mead's for the continued financial support of the Park School Ministry.







**CORE Student Life** Ministries is excited to announce, that we are providing a new approach for Confirmation called "The Essentials"! The Essentials is the new confirmation model that CORE has developed with exciting and engaging teaching methods for students. Students will engage in what it means to be a follower of Christ as well as learning about the history of their church and what it specifically means to be a Methodist.

The Essentials is designed for those in the grades of 6th - 8th grade or anyone else who has not attended confirmation before. You can sign up at www. corewichita.com/essentials or e-mail Matt Brown at mattb@firstwichita.org for more information.

# **CORE Summer Trips**

CORE Student Life Ministries has been a little hiatus since graduation Sunday, but soon changed with Middle School students visiting the CIY MIX conference in Missouri near Osage Beach from June 9–13.

CIY stands for Christ In Youth which is an interdenominational para-church organization whose mission is, "amplifying the call on student's lives to become Kingdom workers." Last year was the first year that CORE participated in any CIY

event. High School students went to an event called MOVE in Tulsa, OK and are going to Durango, CO this summer June 28-July 4. Middle school students had a blast this June at MIX!

This summer's theme was "This Changes Everything". Students were reminded that the resurrection of Jesus changes everything. It changes you and me, and everyone! CIY MIX provided a fantastic week for middle school students by engaging in conversation, worship, teaching activities with students that are at their level of understanding. This was so effective that we had one student, Kylie Luethje, ACCEPT CHRIST FOR THE FIRST TIME!! That makes a grand total so far this year of 12!

CORE simply wants to thank all of those who have contributed to the "Fill the Bus" campaign that helps students experience life changing moments on these trips to further their faith journey or even start one!

This summer, over 30 students and leaders will experience either CIY MIX or CIY MOVE! Please join with us in prayer for these students for lives to be changed and for all to have experiences that will give them a deeply rooted faith in Christ Jesus. We encourage you to ask a CORE student about their trip this summer and ask how God has changed them!







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

### Double Ring 106B

We welcome David and Betty Moore as our new co-presidents. Sincere thanks to David Schwenk for serving as president for the past two years, and to Jerry Buller as vice-president. Monroe Nikkel will continue as our treasurer.

Double Ring joined in with the church conference on June 8 when David Brant was recommended for the pastoral ministry, and he will be serving at Attica this year. This is a significant event for our church and we wish David and Peggy well.

On Memorial Sunday Jack gave us a special gift by paying tribute to all Double Ring members who have passed away since the class was formed in 1954. He read each name and had a few comments about each one. Others could join in. He reminded us "they are not dead, they live in our hearts." Our class now numbers 135 members and we welcome others to come join us. You will find it easy to "fit in." Our fellowship is often made sweeter by home-made cookies furnished by Barbara Maas on special Sundays. Our prayers are with all who are in need of special care and concern.

Double Ring members continue to go out on mission trips, help keep the church grounds looking good, and many other projects for the benefit of the church and community.

### Hand in Hand 101B

Hand in Hand is a church school class meeting for Bible study, learning about social justice in Wichita and the world, participating in mission in Wichita and the world, and fellowship with fun. Dr. Dan Housholder is leading a four-week study of Brian McLaren's book "The Secret Message of Jesus".

We donated diapers for the Changing Wichita campaign, and we contribute canned foods for each month's designated food given by First Church to Open Door.

Summer socials included a movie matinee at the Quantics' home in Derby, and we look forward to a repeat of the popular farm party at the Housholders' home.

Please join us in Room 101B on Sundays at 9:30 a.m., or contact Charles Eby or Linda Hopper.

### Koinonia 303D

Our display in the archives cabinet is now in place. If you are a current or former member of Koinonia, it will probably bring back some good memories. A contribution was made by the class to Global Faith in Action.

In June we attended the two all class sessions. Then on June 15, Donna Fisher led a discussion after we viewed the DVD of Bishop Jones' sermon which had been shown at Annual Conference. There was lots of input from class members. For the month of July we have Rev. John Decker and several other favorites. Plan to attend.

On July 4th we will visit Curly's, a new place for us. Check your Gazette for a complete listing of socials. Note that we will not meet on Friday, July 25. We will go to Chili's for hamburgers on Tuesday, July 22, and then we will be at Piccadilly on Saturday, July 26. Mission lunch will be on July 27.

### Ladies of the Lord 304B

Ladies of the Lord is a class of women who love the Lord and like to laugh out loud and to have fun all the while being His hands in this world. We are currently studying Max Lucado's book, "And the Angels were Silent".

This month for socials we have an outing planned to go to the Kechi Playhouse and have a pot luck with games. We are currently planning for our next mission project. The things we do are not complicated or physically challenging but make a difference in others' lives.

We like to study contemporary topics and use the Bible to guide us in today's world. We are located in room 304B right next to the Library and elevator and welcome women of all ages to attend and help us celebrate women and families in our ministry of loving the Lord.

### Pneuma 302D

Pneuma is continuing the study of "The Wesleyan Way", and were blessed to have the author of the study, Bishop Scott Jones, present on June 22 to lead their discussion.

Thanks to all who volunteered and participated in the Bishop's Bike Challenge on June 21. This annual event benefits Open Door Ministries. Class members are helping with lawn care at the church once a month. We are also excited to participate in the new ESL program beginning in September.

Thanks to Rhonda Willome for hosting Pneuma Women in June. We will next gather at the home of Laura Sherard on July 22. The class bid farewell to Gary and Jeanne Brooks with a special party on June 22. Gary has been appointed to Aldersgate UMC in Wichita.

On July 11 the class will gather at the Sedgwick County Fair for food and fun.

We celebrate with Saundra and Steve Rogers in the engagement of their daughter, Amanda, and with Dr. Nancy McKellar, whose daughter, Anna Bassham, will be married to Guillaume Besson on July 12 in France. A final celebration is the retirement of Laura Sherard from public education after 34 years of dedicated service in various special education fields.

### **RNC 100D**

Special thanks for all the volunteers and the Dooley family for making Disability Awareness Month a success! Over \$3,000 has been collected the first 2 weeks. Thank you to the RNC Advisory Council for hosting our open house and serving refreshments.

RNC is excited for our most popular event of the year- 4th of July celebration hosted by the People's Bible Study on June 29. Members will enjoy games, ice cream, cookies, marching, patriotic music and of course, fireworks!

Our Bible School lessons have focused on sharing and patience, both of which seem to be in short supply in our world.

### Seekers 306B

The Seekers are continuing our study of "Making Sense of the Bible" by Adam Hamilton. We have several class members who will be leading this study for 2 weeks at a time. The first section that we will complete is "Making Sense of the Bible: Old Testament".

In June we said goodbye to our talented teacher of many years, Dave Brant. Dave has come to terms with the knowledge that God has another calling for him and he has accepted a part time pastor appointment at Attica, KS. We wish Dave and Peggy the best as they begin this new journey!

Seekers have participated in many different mission work teams with class members going to Colorado, Salt Lake City, Alaska and finishing a painting project at Kansel in Wichita. We would love to have you join us in 306B at 9:30 on Sunday mornings.

### Open Doors 204A

Open Doors has started a new DVD and book study of "Enough", by Pastor Adam Hamilton. This message is about discovering joy through simplicity and generosity. Our class will be on a very informational biblically based journey of evangelical joy, as we learn to have the faith to say "enough is enough". The study will emphasize that, God is our strength and hope, and our happiness is not based on the abundance of our possessions.

We actively participated in the church wide diaper collection and enjoyed attending the Wingnuts game. Open Doors contributed many teddy bears at the game, which will be delivered to children in local hospitals and non-profit organizations.

We continue in prayer as we share joys and concerns of our class members. We are a small class, looking for new members, who would enjoy the fellowship and friendship a small class brings. Our doors are always open to any visitors. Please come join us.

# Calendar July 2014

### Tuesday

8:30 AM Mead's Bakers - Meredith Hall Kitchen 7:00 PM Book Study-Good and Beautiful God 204A

### Wednesday

12:00 PM Apple Core Bible Study- 302B 1:00 PM Nightshift Quilters (Evening)- 308B 6:00 PM WBB/UMM Meeting- 103B 6:15 PM Childcare- 208-210B

6:30 PM MHASCK Parenting Class- 101B

### Thursday

9:00 AM First Place Quilters- Quilters 5:30 PM WBB/UMM- 103B 7:30 PM Brett's Valliant's Concert - Sanctuary

8:00 AM CHURCH CLOSED - 4TH OF JULY

### Saturday

**IL Family Mission Team Returns** 

8:15 AM Heritage Worship- Chapel 8:30 AM RNC Sunday Program-RNC 9:30 AM Middle School Youth Small Group- 311C 9:30 AM Sunday School Classes- Church Wide 9:30 AM Sanctuary Group @ Mead's Corner 10:50 AM Awakening Worship- Wilke Gym 10:50 AM Downtown Alive Worship-Sanctuary 11:00 AM Element - Children's Worship- 110C 6:00 PM The Gathering @ Mead's Corner

### Monday

**CHURCH CLOSED** 

8:30 AM Mead's Bakers - Meredith Hall Kitchen 5:30 PM Board of Trustees - 308B 6:00 PM Stephen Ministry Training- 306B 7:00 PM Book Study-Good and Beautiful God 204A

### Wednesday

9:30 AM Stephen Ministry II Supervision- 302B 12:00 PM Apple Core - Book/Bible Study- 302B 1:00 PM Nightshift Quilters (Evening)- 308B 6:00 PM CORE Youth Group-Student Center 200D 6:00 PM WBB/UMM Wed Meeting- 103B 6:30 PM MHASCK Parenting Class- 101B

#### 10 Thursday

9:00 AM First Place Quilters- Quilters 5:30 PM WBB/UMM- 103B

### 11

8:30 AM Mead's Bakers - Meredith Hall Kitchen

#### 12 Saturday

#### 13 Sunday

8:15 AM Heritage Worship- Chapel 8:30 AM RNC Sunday Program - RNC 9:30 AM Middle School Youth Small Group- 311C

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### Monday

9:00 AM Stephanie's Small Comforts- 106/110B 9:30 AM Archives Committee - Archives 5:30 PM Church Council (Moved from July 7) - 101B 6:30 PM Hospitality & Intergration Commission 107B 6:45 PM Adult Council - 204A

7:00 PM Children's Council- 103B

### Tuesday

8:30 AM Mead's Bakers - Meredith Hall Kitchen 5:30 PM Servant Ministry - 302B 7:00 PM Book Study-Good and Beautiful God-204A

### Wednesday

12:00 PM Apple Core - Book/Bible Study - 302B 1:00 PM Nightshift Quilters (Evening) - 308B 5:00 PM CORE WET WEDNESDAY- CORE Trip 5:30 PM Downtown Alive Committee- Media Suite 6:00 PM WBB/UMM Meeting- 103B 6:30 PM MHASCK Parenting Class- 101B

### Thursday

9:00 AM First Place Quilters- Quilters 5:30 PM WBB/UMM- 103B

#### 18 Friday

8:30 AM Mead's Bakers- Meredith Hall Kitchen

#### Saturday 19

#### 20 Sunday

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### Monday

5:30 PM Staff Parish Relations Committee - 204A 6:00 PM CORE - Wingnuts Game 7:05- CORE Trip

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## **Coming in August**

### **Mission Ministry Fair**

August 24, 2014

Meredith Hall 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. Learn about the new Mission ministry teams Enjoy a delicious Mission Lunch, too.



### Mead's Corner is taking a Holiday!

We will be closed on July 4th in observance of Independence Day. This will allow our wonderful staff to enjoy the holiday with family and friends. We will reopen on July 5th. Happy 4th of July!

### 24 Thursday

9:00 AM First Place Quilters- Quilters 5:30 PM WBB/UMM- 103B

8:30 AM Mead's Bakers- Meredith Hall Kitchen

#### Saturday 26

#### 27 Sunday

8:15 AM Heritage Worship - Chapel 8:30 AM RNC Sunday Program-RNC 9:30 AM Middle School Youth Small Group- 311C 9:30 AM Sunday School Classes- Church Wide 9:30 AM Sanctuary Group @ Mead's Corner 10:50 AM Awakening Worship- Wilke Gym 10:50 AM Downtown Alive Worship-Sanctuary 11:00 AM Element - Children's Worship- 110C 11:00 AM Mission Lunch - Meredith Hall 6:00 PM The Gathering @ Mead's Corner

#### 28 Monday

Camp Horizon- Day Camp 9:00 AM Stephanie's Small Comforts- 106/110B 5:00 PM CORE-Movie Monday-Student Center 200D 5:00 PM Executive Committee- 204A 5:30 PM Finance Committee- 204A 6:00 PM Library Committee- 302B 7:00 PM Diabetes Support Group- 101B

### **29**

8:30 AM Mead's Bakers- Meredith Hall Kitchen

#### 30 Wednesday

12:00 PM Apple Core - Book/Bible Study- 302B 1:00 PM Nightshift Quilters (Evening)- 308B 6:00 PM CORE Youth Group- Student Center 200D 6:00 PM WBB/UMM Meeting- 103B 6:30 PM MHASCK Parenting Class- 101B

#### 31 Thursday

9:00 AM First Place Quilters- Quilters 5:30 PM WBB/UMM- 103B 6:30 PM Greeter/Usher Training- 205B

### **COMING IN WORSHIP**

August
August 3
The Essentials:
What Do You Believe?
"Holy Spirit"

August 10
The Essentials:
What Do You Believe?
"Holy Catholic Church"

August 17
The Essentials:
What Do You Believe?
"Communion"

August 24
The Essentials:
What Do You Believe?
"Baptism"

August 31
The Essentials:
What Do You Believe?
"Salvation"

### FIRST LIGHT

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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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# Thank You, First Church Volunteers

The First Church staff was recently asked to reflect for a moment and write down all the ways that you, First United Methodist Church, serve throughout the week to help lighten our load, and bless us through your volunteer efforts. We filled up an entire sheet of paper on both sides when jotting down the different ways you help!

Here are some of the things you do for us: you volunteer as front desk receptionist, you serve as ushers, servant ministry callers, and overflow shelter volunteers. You assist with communion, as well as offer communion at Open Door. You help with CORE Student Life ministry as servant leaders, communication teams, parent and student assistance, and you help our business office as check signers. At Mead's Corner, you stamp java jackets, pick up groceries, make gelato and bake scones. You help with Downtown Alive and Awakening by operating cameras, soundboard assistance, computer operators, musicians, tech support and you serve as greeters. You volunteer with facilities with various projects, landscaping, mowing coordinator and lawn care, and our greenthumb members plant flowers and maintain the planters. You help care for the church vans, help in the mission's office, and assist with mission lunches, set up/take down rooms for events; you help with mission work teams, and deliver donated items. You help with recycling, you teach and help with children's and adult Sunday

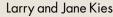


school, you sort and transport materials to Park Elementary. You assist with TV bulletins, proofreading, printing and stuffing bulletins. You run copies and help with large mailings. You serve as Stephen Ministers and Guardian Angels. You serve on various committees and boards.

There are probably many other tasks that we have failed to mention! But, one thing is for sure – every volunteer is deeply appreciated by our entire staff. It is a privilege and joy to work with each of you. You lighten our loads and bless

us by your willingness to serve. We acknowledge you are making a sacrifice with your time and we do not wish to take this for granted. Many of you work full time jobs, and yet you set aside time to volunteer. Many of you are retired and are an inspiration to all of us of what it means to continue working beyond your retirement. The Staff of First Church wishes to sincerely say "THANK YOU!" We appreciate all the many ways you assist us with our ministry and our work here at the church.







Britt Gilmore



Alison Gilmore

# **Meet our Missionaries**

Our church is in a covenant relationship with missionaries in two countries. This means that we pledge to give financial support to them each year. We want you to know these families that have dedicated their lives to sharing the love of Christ by serving in other lands.

Larry and Jane Kies have served at Africa University in Zimbabwe since 2002. Larry is a technical adviser to the Africa University Farm at Mutare. Jane teaches English to students from non-English speaking countries at A.U. They have four children: Ben, Andrew Pule, Carly and Michael.

Britt and Alison Gilmore are serving in Belfast, Ireland. Britt is assigned as pastor at East Belfast Mission in Belfast, Northern Ireland. Alison Gilmore is assigned as a counselor at the East Belfast Mission, a "safe haven" where the vulnerable and hurting of the society feel welcome. They are parents to Ellie, Emily, and Jake.

Britt's birthday is July 19... how about sending him a greeting at britt.gilmore@gmail.com!

We ask that you pray for our missionaries and their work. Please watch future editions of First Light for more about the Kies and the Gilmores.

# World Maps Needed

Do you ever get mail from 'Doctors without Borders"? Many do and it's a wonderful organization, but if you just throw out all that information, we at the church would love to have the world map that comes with their mailings! We will be collecting these maps to take to school in Guatemala and other countries where maps of any kind are far and few between. So if you receive this mailing, and if it's just going in the trash, bring the map to church and give to Bonnie Laycock or put in the appropriate labeled basket in the D entrance at the "Mission Collection Center" next to the elevators. Thank you!