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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

Join us in November as we continue our series, "Back to Basics", with part III, "Christian Identity with a Grateful Heart".

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.

**Nov. food collection:
Canned Fruit**

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in downtown Wichita.



During November we will begin part three of the sermon series, "Back to Basics." The third section is titled, "Christian Identity with a Grateful Heart" and will focus on our identity. This month we will remember the members of our church who have died in the past year, during our All Saints service

on Sunday, November 5. On November 12, we will celebrate Confirmation Sunday and welcome our newest members! We will give praise for all we have to be thankful for on November 19, Thanksgiving Sunday. We hope you will join us this November as we conclude the "Back to Basics" series.

- November 5:
All Saints Sunday
"Giving Thanks for the Great Cloud of Witness"
Hebrews 12: 1-3, 12-15
- November 12:
Confirmation Sunday
"Giving Thanks for New Life"
- November 19:
Thanksgiving Sunday
"Giving Thanks Called to Thanksgiving"
Deuteronomy 8: 7-18
Philippians 4: 4-7
- November 26:
Christ the King Sunday
"Thankful for the Past, Present and Future"
Matthew 25: 31-46

Thanksgiving Mission Lunch Sunday, November 19



The Missions Department is hosting an all-church Thanksgiving Mission Lunch on Sunday, November 19. If you haven't been to a Mission Lunch in a while, come to this one. Everyone is invited – bring your family, friends, and neighbors. Come see old friends and make new friends, all while enjoying a great meal! The menu will feature traditional Thanksgiving dishes including, turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing, cranberry salad and more!

We are asking for reservations, so we are sure to prepare enough food. We also ask that you let us know if you need gluten-free or sugar-free. Please return reservations to the Information Desk by November 12. As always, to-go boxes will be available.

R.S.V.P. Thanksgiving Mission Lunch Nov. 19

_____ # who plan to attend
_____ # needing gluten-free
_____ # needing sugar-free

Name _____

Return by Sunday, November 12.

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

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,
Rev. Rebecca Goltry Mohr,
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.

Staff Transitions

With autumn comes many changes in our actions, food and clothing. Just as with autumn, First Church has many changes of staff and responsibilities for the staff coming soon.

■ **Marvin Robertson** has decided to retire. He will be deeply missed! His position was challenging and, yet, he performed his duties with a true calling. Keeping a building the size of First Church up and running is a tireless task and we thank him for all he did. Noris Henderson has been hired and will train with Marvin through the end of the year.

■ **Libby Eaton** has decided to retire from her position as adult education director. She has done a remarkable job in this position as well as in children's ministry. So many of you have come to know and appreciate the heart and soul that she has exerted in everything she does. We wish her the best. Libby will continue to work with our school partnerships as a volunteer.

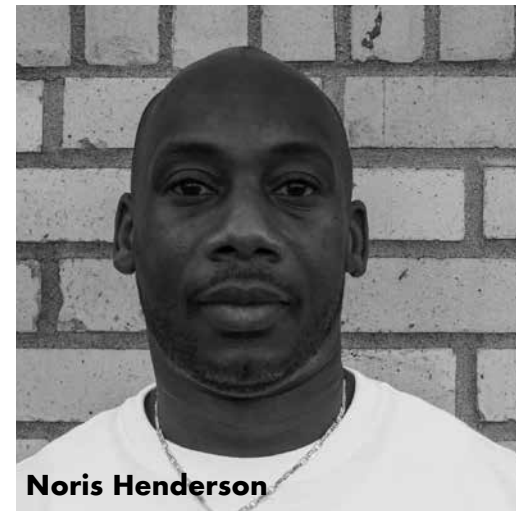
■ **Rev. Rebecca Goltry Mohr**, Associate Minister at First Church, will take over the position of adult education on an interim basis, along with her other duties. We are excited as she has many ideas to put forth into action. She will help design a discipleship program as we look to the future of how we help people grow in faith.

■ **Joe Mohr** has accepted the position previously held by Caleb Fouse. Joe will be working with the youth on an interim basis. He comes to us with previous experience in this area and many fresh, new ideas to implement. (For those of you who do not know, Joe is married to Rev. Rebecca Mohr.) Over the next few months, Pastor Rebecca, Joe and Patricia Tristan will work together to create a comprehensive discipleship path for our congregation.

We wish God's blessings upon Rebecca, Joe, Marvin, Noris and Libby and a steady hand to guide them forward.



Marvin Robertson



Noris Henderson



Libby Eaton



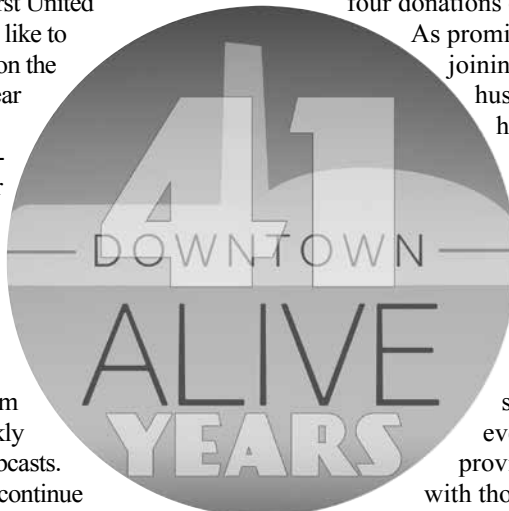
Rev. Rebecca Goltry Mohr



Joe Mohr

Thank you for supporting 41 years of the Television Ministry

Everyone involved with the Downtown Alive Television Ministry at First United Methodist Church would like to take a moment to reflect on the celebration of our 41st year of live televised worship services. We want to sincerely thank everyone for the good wishes, prayers and contributions we received during the month of August. We are truly blessed to have this support from our church members, and from the many who view weekly via television and the webcasts. We absolutely could not continue to share the word of God as we do without all of you!



We are thrilled to announce that we received four donations of \$4000.00 or more.

As promised, these people will be joining Pastor Cindy and her husband Andrew at their home for a gourmet dinner, with music provided by Brett Valliant on the piano. They are in for a real treat!

Again, we want to thank everyone for helping us celebrate and for your generous support. We will make every effort to continue to provide the quality service, with thoughtful messages, Scripture readings and excellent music each week.



United Methodist Women

November United Methodist Women

■ November 3:

Church Women United
1:00 p.m.

Mennonite Church of the Servant
2401 N. Woodland
Program: World Community Day

■ November 8:

UMW Expanded Executive Committee
10:30 a.m.
Room 101B.

■ November 8:

UMW Unit meeting of UMW
Meredith Hall
Lunch, 12:15 p.m. program to follow
Program: "The Joy of UMW" with Karen Dunlap, Great Plains Conference UMW President In-installation of UMW Officers/Journey Team Leaders and Special Mission Recognition

OUR GIFTS

SEPTEMBER 2017 OFFERING
\$62,811.61
RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE
\$829,306.89
BUDGET YEAR-TO-DATE
\$862,646.51
EXPENSES YEAR-TO-DATE
\$866,404.38

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS
MISSIONS
\$6,645.00
RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE
\$26,196.50

CAPITAL FUNDS
\$37,156.00
RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE
\$80,127.54

VAN MAINTENANCE FUND
\$25.00
RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE
\$225.00

ORGAN MAINTENANCE FUND
\$1,470.00
RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE
\$4,214.85

TELEVISION MINISTRY
\$21,332.00
RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE
\$188,868.11
BUDGET YEAR-TO-DATE
\$205,549.99
EXPENSES YEAR-TO-DATE
\$209,966.29

TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS
\$129,439.61
RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE
\$1,128,938.89

Poinsettia Ministry *Sponsored by Senior Saints*

Once again, the Christmas season is almost upon us. This means it is time to prepare for our annual poinsettia ministry, sponsored by Senior Saints. You can participate by giving a donation to honor or remember a loved one, or by being part of a delivery team. You may even want to consider doing both! Please contact Linda Hopper at 722-0771 for delivery details.

If you want to make a donation toward the purchase of the poinsettias, complete

the attached form and return it with your check to the church business office by December 15. Forms are also available at the AB desk. All donors along with honorees/memorials will be acknowledged in the January *First Light*.

If you would like to be part of a delivery team, poinsettias will be available for pick up December 3 through December 10. We request that all deliveries be completed by December 15. **Additionally, as part of the**

First Church Safe Gathering guidelines, two persons are required for each delivery, and at least one must be Safe Gathering certified. For more information about becoming Safe Gathering certified, please contact Libby Eaton.

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

Teach for Life



Saturday, October 14, a work team from First Church combined with volunteers from Habitat for Humanity, United Methodist Open Door and Trees for Life to clean and organize the Trees for Life/Teach for Life office. At times it was organized pandemonium as the group cleared out a huge accumulation of unneeded items. Laughter echoed through the halls as people made new friends while carrying boxes and armloads of miscellany to the staging area in the hall. By 11 a.m. the hall looked like one of the hurricanes had just passed through, but at noon the offices looked organized and the piles of items were ready to be shipped out.

Thanks to the volunteers from First Church: Tom and Vicki Tanner, Valerie Ellington, Schyeaster (Shy) McPherson and Charlie Eby.

Enclosed is \$ _____ towards the delivery of Poinsettias to homebound members.

DONOR NAME

ADDRESS

ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER
In Memory of:

In Honor of:

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

Please return to
First United Methodist Church,
330 N. Broadway,
Wichita, Kansas 67202.

Make your check payable to F.U.M.C. with 'Poinsettia Fund' in the memo.

OUR FAMILY

Welcome to new members:
Charity Harmon,
Schyeaster McPherson,
Elizabeth Hole

We grieve the deaths of:
Debbie Rogers,
sister-in-law of Steve and
Saundra Rogers

Clifton Schopf,
husband of Jean Schopf

Marjorie White,
mother of Danny White

Claud J. Bray,
father of Marcia Hillman

David Ubben,
husband of Cindy,
father of Staci Sharlow and
Emily Ubben

Lou Murley,
sister of Evelyn Fisher

Russell Maik



The family of Lois Jordan invites you to help celebrate her 90th Birthday Saturday, November 11 1:00-4:30 p.m. First Church Parlor

Crop Walk

The Youth Group participated in the Crop Walk for Hunger at Sedgwick Co. Park on Sunday, October 1. Thank you for your kind donations! Nearly \$450 was raised to help alleviate hunger in our local community.



(left to right: Britney Ayers, Cindy Watson, Samantha Sipes, James Hole)



(left to right: Elizabeth Hole, Joe Mohr, Rebecca Mohr, Caleb Godbey, Chrystal, Caleb Fouse, Yitzak Tristan, Brian Ayers, Cindy Watson, Andrew Stover, James Hole)



7th Annual Say Grace Thanksgiving Race
November 23
9:30 a.m.
1122 North Topeka

Join us Thanksgiving morning and burn some calories before the big meal!

Brochures are available at the Information Desks and will also be in Sunday School boxes. Or visit gracemed.org.

Join the First United Methodist Church– Wichita team. You can walk or run. For more information, contact Annette Schmidt, Director of Missions.



First Church Youth

The Confirmation Class has been hard at work learning the history and polity of the United Methodist Church as well as developing a working theology of what it means to live out our Christian faith today. October 20-21, the Confirmation Class did a work project at the United Methodist Open Door, visited Temple Emanu-El for their Shabbat service and St. George's Orthodox church for Vespers. The Youth from El Mesias and First UMC will be confirmed together on November 12 during the Downtown Alive Service with a cookie reception immediately following the service. We hope that you will join in welcoming our new members into the life of First UMC.



Upcoming youth events:

November 12:
Confirmation at Downtown Alive

November 15:
Movie night with Core Kids Wilke

November 26:
K-love Christmas, 7 p.m. Century II

Mission Calendar

November 14 – 17:
Oklahoma Disaster Recovery Work Team

November 19:
Thanksgiving Mission Lunch

November 23:
Say Grace Race

December 17:
Christmas Brunch

January 2018:
Hygiene Drive for Toilet Paper

Thank you!

Thank you for your support of items and money for the UMCOR Flood Cleaning Buckets! Another successful assembly was held on Sunday, October 15 with over 50 people present to help assemble 200 buckets in 35 minutes! (It did take us longer to double-check them all!)

In addition to our congregation, Sedgwick UMC youth and Augusta UMC were present to help. In addition, Cheney UMC and Clearwater UMC sent completed buckets.

We had a lot of help before the event getting items ready and then pre-staging.

Thank you so much!



Colorado Work Team

During September, the Colorado Work Team traveled to the Deer Park UMC near Bailey Colorado. We were a small team of 6 persons but small teams can make a BIG difference! We arrived late Thursday afternoon and in true Methodist fashion were greeted by a fantastic evening meal at the church. Church leaders had developed a long project list for us to tackle. Tired from our time on the road we adjourned to a good night's rest at the Quantics wonderful cabin and at a beautiful mountainside cabin owned by one of the church members.

Friday dawned as a picture-perfect Colorado Rocky Mountain day and once we arrived at the church our projects were begun in earnest. Our list included cleaning, staining, painting and moving big logs. We even replaced a handicap ramp! The day flew by quickly and by late afternoon the big project we had been expecting, arrived; a truck containing the large commercial refrigerator and freezer for the food pantry was here ready to unload. We teamed up with church members and after some hefty

maneuvering got them in place. It was surely time for dinner (along with a couple Tylenol)!

The wonderful dinner was prepared by church members and a great conversation about our churches' relationship ensued. We were able to determine that the relationship began in 1996! In fact, a funny story was the discovery of photographic evidence of how the large white letters "FUMC- WICHITA" came to adorn the underlayment of the church's roof. It seems after a serious hailstorm a few years back roofers were removing shingles when they began to see the large white letters, they stopped at FU (fearing what

they might find) until a church member recalled that someone named "Bonnie" and her crew had

indeed replaced the roof for them on the first work team in 1996.

Saturday, just as the handicap ramp was getting the last boards in place, rain began to fall, so inside projects were finished. We checked off the original project list and a few other items.

The Quantics hosted a great cookout dinner and we all marveled at the fall Aspen colors. Sunday morning we joined a good crowd for service at the church, even being greeted by the new Bishop. As we said our goodbyes we

vowed to return again next year and continue this great 20+ year relationship we have with this fantastic group of friends at Deer Park UMC, truly God at work in both places.



The Bahamas Work Team Report



Six work team members representing 4 congregations in the Wichita area recently returned from working 8 days in The Bahamas. The churches were in need of work after Hurricane Matthew in 2016. They stayed on the island of New Providence near the capital, Nassau.

On Sunday, the team was divided and attended different churches. Each group was recognized in the service and welcomed by each congregation. The team then had lunch with a church family and spent the afternoon visiting with them. Many of the people met on Sunday were seen throughout the week. The church members brought meals for lunch and supper every day, and provided transportation. On Saturday, they took them on a tour of the island.

The work week began on Monday with Phillips Roker, the contractor. The focus was to complete 2 painting projects. At Coke Memorial Church, 2 days were spent painting inside and outside of the small church. The next 3 days were spent at The

Children's Club and Thrift Shop located in the Methodist Mission Centre. The building was given to the church 10 years ago with the stipulation that it be used for charitable work. It has become a community outreach program to assist with the development of underprivileged children. The team watched as up to 70 children arrived on Friday afternoon to learn social skills, sing songs, practice computer skills, learn scripture, and sing the national anthem. At the end of the afternoon session, each child was given a plate of food to share with their family. An inspiration to the team each day was when Bishop Theopolis Rolle visited us at the site. Rev. Rolle is the bishop of the Bahamas, Turks & Caicos Islands Conference.

The completion of the painting was a much appreciated accomplishment, but to the team, the friendships formed with the Nassau Circuit of Methodist church members was the most valuable part of the trip. God is certainly present in the lives of the Bahamian Methodists.



Soles for Small Souls

Do you remember being a child and having your shoes be too tight? Or falling apart? Many children in our neighborhood are experiencing this problem and are in need of new or gently used shoes. The social worker at Park Elementary has expressed a need for sneakers for the students in a variety of sizes. If you would like to donate gently used or new sneaker type shoes, bring them to church and leave them at the Information Desk for Libby. Shoes have been recently purchased for Park using the generous funds from the Mead's Corner Tip Jar and other donations to the School Ministry fund. However, this is an ongoing need.

Park and Washington are also AVID schools. This program, Advancement Via Individual Determination, helps teach organization, planning, and study skills and helps introduce students to the concept of higher education. Once a week, students are allowed to wear college themed t-shirts to school on AVID day. If you enjoy a trip to the thrift store or garage sales or even cleaning out closets at home, be on the lookout for college shirts in all sizes. Donations may be brought to church and left for Libby.

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

Double Ring 106B

Our class is enjoying the cooler temperatures and Paulette Dibbern provides the most beautiful fall flowers for the altar in our classroom. We've continued with our discussion of current events including the tragedy in Las Vegas. We are seeking guidance through God's word. How can we affect change in the world through love, understanding, open communication and not letting fear or judgment stand in the way? Soon we'll be starting a review on Saul who became Paul, the early church and the book of Acts.

Double Ring Debs had a lovely lunch together at Spears last month and the class had a Friday the 13th potluck dinner (costumes were optional). It was great fun! We enjoyed the UMW Chicken and Noodle Dinner, Bake Sale and Quilt Auction on October 28.

50/50 107B

The 50/50 class members are enjoying many things as it is beginning to feel like FALL and look forward to the beautiful colors.

Helen Halstead spoke to our class and gave us many wonderful words of wisdom. Dave Seely, our church lawyer, gave us good information about our church. As always, we enjoyed Paul Ackerman when he was our teacher October 15 and 22.

We are saddened with another member's death. Marjorie White passed away recently. Her service was October 7 in our Sanctuary. Celia Turner had a fall and is recovering at Larkfield Place. Please keep her in your prayers.

We enjoy the good fellowship we have in our class. Stop by any time for a "Hello" or a handshake. Don't forget, anyone is welcome to join us on Sunday mornings

Hand in Hand 101B

October 22, we concluded our lesson on the Social Principles of the United Methodist Church led by Dr. Doug Morphis. October 29 we packaged dental hygiene kits for Grace Med during the class hour.

In November we will have a brief study on Timothy, and a visit from Annette Schmidt, our Director of Missions. Our Advent study, "The Redemption of Scrooge", will begin the last Sunday in November.

We are looking forward to the Quantic's return from their CO home and to the many fall activities at church and in the community. We have been involved in several mission efforts including the Bailey, CO work team, filling flood buckets and helping Trees for Life move into a new vision of TEACH for LIFE. We enjoyed working with Balbir Mathur, who is partially retiring to visit with educators in India.

We mourn the loss of class member Russell Maik who we first met a number of years ago as he was serving as a staff member at the Homeless Shelter. His services will be in Wisconsin. Former class member, Michael Brace, also passed away in October. His wife, Kimberly Nagel Brace, was a long time First Church member. We also mourn with Marcia Hillman in the loss of her father, Claud Bray. October 15, Ken Holmes led our class in a meaningful tribute to these class friends and members.

The next Ladies Luncheon will be November 10. Do stop by our class 101B for a cup of coffee and treats. You are always welcome.

Koinonia 303D

We have excellent lessons coming up in November. The first three weeks Rev. Evelyn Fisher will lead our study, and Vicki Bond will be back with us the last Sunday. You won't want to miss the all church Thanksgiving Mission Lunch on November 19.

Thanksgiving Day we will meet at Ourr's at 1606 S. Georgetown for a class celebration.

December 1, we will attend the Forum production of "The Christmas Carol" in Wilke Center. First Methodist members get a 20% discount on the \$25 tickets.

We pray for concerns and joys in our prayer circle and pray that everyone has a blessed Thanksgiving.

People's Open Doors 300D

During the month of October, we were grateful to have Rev. Joe Mohr present to us an interesting and thought provoking study of "What is the Bible?" Our focus was on, "the more familiar we are with the Bible, the more of a desire we want to know." We know there are hidden messages of God's love. We have come to realize the Bible is not meant to be just read, it is meant to be studied. Following the October study, we continue to have Barbara Simons lead us, in our study of the Book of Acts.

Class members have continued to contribute as volunteers with flood buckets and we supported the RNC Pecan sales. We also attended and appreciated the "Challenge of Aging Workshops", and volunteered to participate in the Chicken Noodle Dinner.

We celebrated the 62nd anniversary of Thelma and Marvin Fox, along with several October birthdays. We appreciated the delicious cookies from Eloise Kennedy. A fun gathering is being planned to celebrate the change of seasons, and the fellowship our class shares. Everyone is welcome to share in our friendship and Bible studies.

Pneuma 302D

We are continuing our study of The Beatitudes through the fall. We appreciated Mike Willome leading us in an activity to understand how being financially poor can lead to being poor in spirit as well.

Pneuma sponsored a mission meal on October 22 to raise funds for Raise My Head Foundation. A number of our class were also involved in helping with the Raise My Head gala.

Jean Artz hosted Pneuma Ladies and a bridal shower for Marlene Coker in October. We are looking forward to the joy of Marlene's wedding in November. Our class will be gathering for our Pneuma progressive dinner on December 10.

Our hearts grieve with Evelyn Fisher in the death of her sister, Sandra and Steve Rogers in the death of their sister-in-law, and Lona and Brad Kelly in the death of her brother.

Please know that you are always welcome to join us in study and fellowship.

RNC 100D

Our Sunday school lesson has used the movie "Woodlawn" which is set in 1973, and tells the true story of a spiritual awakening that captured the heart of every player on the high school football team. Their dedication to love and unity was a positive force in a newly desegregated school filled with racism and hate. We will focus on how some things are bigger than sports, bigger than winning. This is what happens when God shows up. Thanks to all of you who so generously supported our annual Pecan fundraiser. Events for November include: BINGO, a concert, magic show and a trip to enjoy Illuminations at Botanica.

Seekers 306B

We recently finished our study of John and will give David Brant a break in November! He will return in December to lead our Advent Study. In November we will do a couple of Faith 'n Flicks when we will discuss issues of faith in main stream films.

The Sunday before Thanksgiving, we will help prepare the Thanksgiving Mission Lunch in Meredith Hall. We will have a devotional and prayers while preparing to serve.

The Christmas Social will be December 9. Save that date!

A huge thank you to those who have helped with flood buckets, mission lunches, quilt auctions and the life of First Church. All are invited to be a part of this active extended "family" of Seekers.

Calendar

November 2017

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COMING IN WORSHIP

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Thanksgiving"
Deuteronomy 8:7-18,
Philippians 4: 4-7

November 26
Christ the King Sunday
"Thankful for the Past,
Present and Future"
Matthew 25: 31-46

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**"The Redemption of Scrooge":
 An Advent Study**

Most of us are familiar with the classic work by Charles Dickens, "The Christmas Carol". Scrooge, the main character, goes through a transformation while being visited by spirits from Christmases past, present, and future.

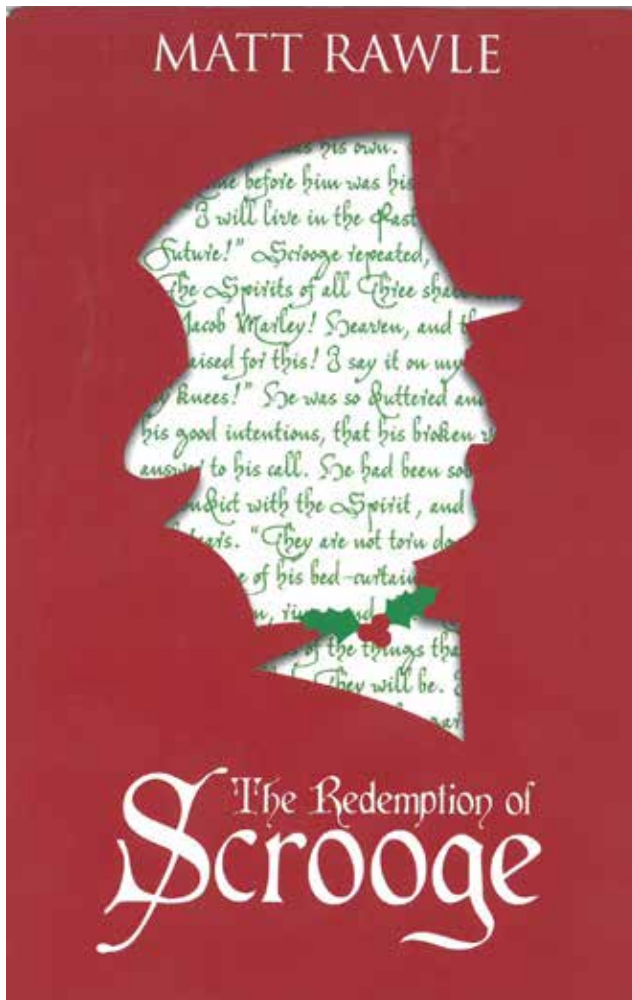
A 4-week Advent Study using concepts from "The Christmas Carol, The Redemption of Scrooge" by Matt Rawl, will be offered at First Church this year. Pastor Cindy will be preaching a four week Advent series relating to themes from "The Christmas Carol" and The Forum Theater will present "The Christmas Carol", adapted by local talent to become a first rate musical! This combination of experiences is sure to delight your senses, challenge your thinking, and help you grow spiritually.

The Forum production will begin November 30 with discounted tickets for this one Thursday evening "dress rehearsal." What a great way to begin your Advent journey!

Pastor Rebecca will lead two small group Advent studies. One will be held at First Church on Tuesday nights, 6:30-8:00, beginning November 28. The other group will be held at Mead's Corner on Saturday mornings, 10:00, and begins on December 2.

There are also at least three Sunday School classes using this material in addition to the Wednesday morning Breakfast Club which meets at Meads at 7:30 a.m. facilitated by Leslie Coates. Sunday School options include a new class led by Lorrie Donham in

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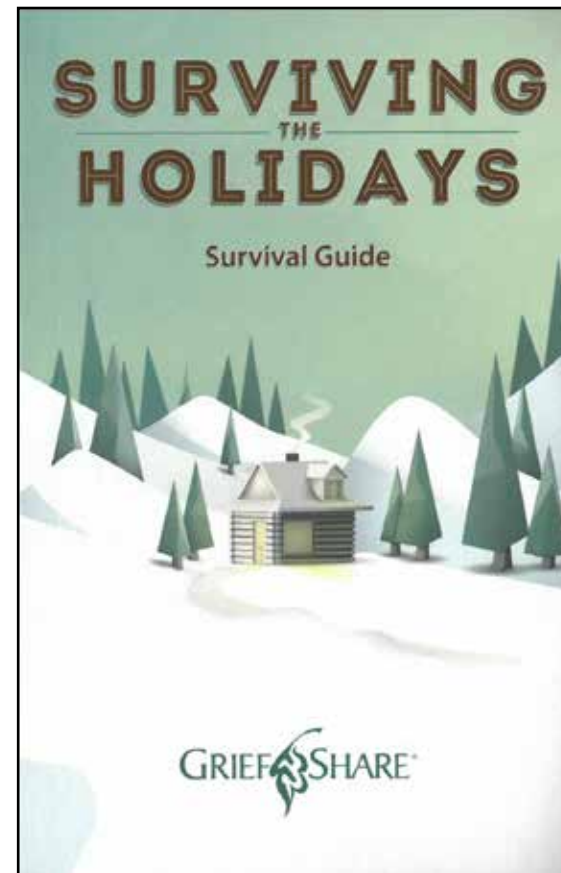


The Redemption of
 Scrooge

room 304D, Hand in Hand meeting in 101B, and Koinonia in 303D. They would all love to have you join them for this study.

The book, "The Redemption of Scrooge" is available for purchase, but it is not required reading for the course.

Contact Libby Eaton at church for more information or to register for any class. A registration table will be located in the Narthex later in November.



**Surviving the Holidays
 November 28**

Surviving the Holidays, a two hour Grief Share seminar, will be offered at First Church on Tuesday, November 28 at 6:30 p.m. Rev. Dr. Tal Tittsworth and Libby Eaton will facilitate the evening. Participants will view a video which includes information from specialists in the field of grief and also learn from others who have wrestled with holiday grief. There will be time for guided discussion and sharing. Each participant will receive a "Surviving the Holidays Survival Guide". There is no cost for this seminar, but registration is requested so that plenty of materials will be available. Call or e-mail Libby at church if you wish to attend, libbye@firstwichita.org.

Brett Valliant 18th Annual Christmas Concert December 21

December 21 will be Brett Valliant's annual Christmas concert. This year, Brett will be joined by vocalist Max Haverfield, narrator Sierra Scott, and other friends. This concert will be special in that it will be filmed and used for a Christmas special by KPTS and other PBS networks. This event began when the Friends of the Pipe Organ group was raising money for the new pipe organ in the Sanctuary. Once the money was raised, this concert continued to raise money for the future maintenance of the organ. Donations given at this concert continue to raise money for the organ maintenance fund.

