

# FIRST LIGHT

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Join us for inspiring worship at 8:15 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 10:55 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 October for worship! Services are at 8:15 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 10:55 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). This month we continue the series, "I Am Second" hearing the stories of notable and everyday people who have had a radical, life-changing encounter with Jesus. 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. October: Canned Vegetables

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# Quilt Auction Celebrates 20th Anniversary

The 20th annual quilt auction and chicken noodle dinner will be held on Saturday, October 26 in Meredith Hall. This event now consists of a live auction, silent auction, country store, bake sale and a delicious chicken noodle dinner. Items included in the auction include quilts, throws, wall hangings, table runners, pillow cases, and many other decorative items. This is a great place to start Christmas shopping as one-of-a-kind gifts will fill the room.

The chicken noodle dinner and bake sale are the major fundraisers for UMW. This menu has been popular since the invention of the



chicken. Great food and good service will make an evening delightful for all. Proceeds support the work of UMW here and around the world.

The auction proceeds will be split between

the First Church Preschool and the Television Ministry. Since its inception, the auction has given the church well over \$150,000. The First Place Quilters work all year to make items

for the auction. This dedicated group of women has provided for many preschool children and helps people all over the state to have access to a "real" church service each Sunday.

Tickets for the dinner are \$10/adults and \$7.50/children. For questions regarding tickets and/or reservations, contact Patsy Kutz, 259-1179 or [pakutz@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pakutz@sbcglobal.net). Doors open at 5:00 p.m., dinner is a 6:00 p.m. and the live auction begins at 7:00 p.m.



## Combined Saturday Service October 12 –5:00 p.m.

The First Church family will gather for a special combined worship service on Saturday evening, October 12, at 5:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary! Join us for a dynamic service filled with wonderful music and the final message in our "I Am Second" series, "Share Your Story".

The Prairie Fire Wichita Marathon will be racing through our neighborhood on Sunday morning, October 13 making it difficult to get to First Church. We would encourage everyone from all services to worship together with us on Saturday evening! There will be no church school or services on Sunday morning, but our Saturday service will be broadcast during our normal 11 a.m. time slot Sunday morning on KAKE-TV and online at [live.firstwichita.org](http://live.firstwichita.org).



## WHAT ON EARTH AM I HERE FOR?

## Sermon Series/Study Begins October 20

What on earth am I here for? By the end of this journey you will know God's purpose for your life and will better understand the BIG picture... how all the pieces of your life fit together. Knowing your purpose will reduce your stress, simplify your decisions and make God smile.

The six-week sermon series beginning October 20, "What

on Earth Am I Here For?" will utilize the bestselling non-fiction hard cover book in history, "The Purpose Driven Life" by Rick Warren instead of the weekly study guide.

A new edition of the book was released in 2012 that includes features like QR codes for use with Smart Phones and websites with each daily session where the reader can hear more about

the topic. Either edition of the book will work for this study.

Small groups for further study, watching DVD lessons featuring the author, Dr. Rick Warren, and sharing in discussion and prayer, will be offered during this series. If you are interested in purchasing a book or joining a small group for this study, contact Libby Eaton at church.



## PLEASE PRAY FOR

### Our Military Deployed:

Benjamin Baloga, Brandi Streit, granddaughter of Ray Dodge, Edmund Klingsporn, son of Arlene Klingsporn.

### Continuing Concerns:

Ginny Adams, Di Bartels, Debra Best, Willa Mae Borger, Ray Brown, Kathy Carlson, Carl Coen, Judy Eakin, Charlie Eby, Virginia Garrison, Jim Geiger, Nancy Hancock, Paul L. Hodson, Gene Hofen, Dodie Humphrey, John Jansen, Billie J. Johnson, Sandy Johnson, John Kelso, Lorine Kieler, Bud & Betty Lent, Dr. Lee Louderback, Lynn Lunsford, Kay McKenney, Jim Matthews, Don Miller, Joyce Miller, Paul Miller, Susan Moore, Susan Robinson, Floyd Roedell, Kathy Santo, Jeni Schmitz, Carol Strole, Gaillard Thompson, Dawn Wadsworth, Annette Wapelhorst, Al Williams, Micah Williams, Virginia Williams, Jason Wisbey, caregivers, and our homebound members.

Articles for the next edition of *First Light* are due Oct. 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.



## Director of Kid's Discipleship Named

### Meet Amy Kiker

Staff Parish Relations Committee is pleased to announce the addition of Amy Kiker to our staff as Director of Kid's Discipleship. Amy will start October 1 and is responsible for the Christian nurturing and discipleship of all children – birth through 5th grade. Amy will supervise the Childcare department, which Helen White lovingly manages for First Church. Amy will work directly with Kindergarten through 5th grade students. One of Amy's undergraduate degrees is in Music Education, so she will also be the Kid's Choir director – in whatever form will best bring the joy of singing and music to our kids. Amy brings to First Church great Christian joy, enthusiasm, energy, and a background in mission trips and the study of theology and social work.

Following is Amy's bio and note to the congregation:  
*"I am the second of four*



*children. Growing up in church, I never thought ministry would be what God had for me, but He has done amazing things in and through my life. I earned my Bachelor's Degree in Ministry in May of 2012 and started working on a Masters in Ministry that next fall. Coming home to Wichita (where I grew up) has been an amazing growth experience.*

*First Church is the biggest I have ever served, and I am both extremely excited and a little nervous as time to really begin draws close. Prayers for the children, as well as for me and the transition, are greatly desired. There can never be too many people praying, right? I love jokes and laughter – hit me up with your favorite sometime! I'd love to hear it!"*

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– Brett Valliant

## Reuter Organ – Opus 765

After World War II the organ building business was in full swing. Churches and schools were purchasing pipe organs all over the United States. Right here in the heartland one of the largest organ building firms in the U.S. was hard at work. The Reuter Organ Company of Lawrence, Kansas is one of the top three organ building firms even to this day.

In 1948 Fairview Christian Church in Wichita, Kansas contracted the Reuter firm to build a two manual (keyboard) six rank (set of pipes) organ with Deagan class A chimes. Six ranks is a modest number of ranks, but very adequate for a

small church. Each tone family of the organ is represented in the six ranks making it complete in dynamic range, range of pitch, and tonal scope. There are etherial strings, clear flutes, an oboe/bassoon, and a strong set of diapason pipes which are the backbone of the organ. The Deagan chimes of this vintage are very sought after as they are not produced the same way today.

In 2013 Fairview Christian Church decided to sell their building and relocate. Unsure of where they would move permanently, selling contents of the building, including the organ, became necessary. The day before Brett Valliant was to meet with the First Church Board of Trustees to discuss a chapel organ for the new Heritage service, he received a phone call from the pastor of Fairview Church asking if he had any interest in purchasing the organ.

The timing was perfect, the price very reasonable, the instrument in good condition, perfect size for the chapel, and all of the pieces fell into place. The organ was purchased, dismantled, moved to the First Church Chapel, cleaned, installed, and voiced by September 14. The 1948 pipe organ is a perfect match for the 1950 Gothic chapel in size and sound.

"An organ project like this, with so many details, being completed so quickly is unheard of. A month and a half ago we had no idea there would be a pipe organ in the chapel," said Brett Valliant. Many thanks go to the private donors who gave of their money, time, and talent in the purchase, moving and installation of this organ, as well as a to Mid-States Pipe Organ Services who completed the installation in our chapel.



## New Chancel Choir Director Named

The First Church Chancel Choir has been through a one year interim period under the direction of Patrick Greene.



During that time we have recalculated our worship services and know where the Chancel Choir will be headed in the new Downtown Alive service which will begin the first Sunday of Advent. Downtown Alive will honor the aesthetic present in the architecture and symbolism of the Sanctuary through art, poetry, and music, as well as focus on those engaged in our Television Ministry. A great choir is the musical foundation for this service.

Diane Fast has been one of our most committed musicians both in volunteer and staff leadership roles. After working with the choir during spring and summer months and many conversations with church music staff, Diane will move from her position as our Children's Choir Director to the Chancel Choir Director position. Diane studied vocal and choral music at Wichita State University and brings a wealth of experience from her direction and involvement with Newton Community Children's Choir, Wichita Chamber Chorale, Bethel College Mennonite Church, her private voice studio, and her current teaching position at McPherson College. Under Diane's leadership the Chancel Choir will focus on the great choral tradition of the church in this exciting new worship service, Downtown Alive! Please welcome Diane to this new position when you next see her! Diane and her husband Don are both active members of our church family.

## OUR GIFTS

AUGUST 2013 OFFERING  
\$78,846.19

RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE  
\$845,989.65

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS  
MISSIONS  
\$25.00

RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE  
\$8,906.62

CAPITAL FUNDS  
\$1,033.00

RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE  
\$159,863.00

VAN MAINTENANCE FUND  
\$50.00

RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE  
\$1,440.00

ORGAN MAINTENANCE FUND  
\$325.00

RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE  
\$4,560.56

TELEVISION MINISTRY  
\$8,106.00

RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE  
\$87,766.31

TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS  
\$88,385.19

RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE  
\$1,108,526.14

## OUR FAMILY

### We grieve the deaths of:

Edna Hundley,  
mother of  
Martha Schoonover

Wilma Brandes,  
mother of Glenn Brandes

Aleta Huntington's brother

# United Methodist Deacons 101

Rev. Abby Caseman

After leading worship a few times here at First UMC some people have asked me about the stole that I wear and why is it different than what they are used to seeing pastors wear. The answer is: It is different because I am an ordained deacon of the United Methodist Church. When I give this answer, inevitably a puzzled look ensues and another question abounds. What do you mean... what is an ordained deacon?

The ordained deacon in full connection is a "best kept secret" in our church at large. Many people still believe the deacon is a stepping stone to being an elder (as it was in the past) or that a deacon is not really a clergy person (like in some other denominations).

The good news for you is

that you do not have to keep this secret any longer. In this and future articles each month I am going to answer the most frequently asked questions about being a deacon. You can become an expert on this subject by learning how our church is exploring creative ways of leadership both within and beyond the church.

### Question 1: What is a deacon in the United Methodist Church?

"Those who respond to God's call to lead in service, word, compassion, and justice and equip others for this ministry through teaching, proclamation, and worship and who assist elders in the administration of the sacraments are ordained deacons" (Book of Discipline 2012 (BOD), ¶303.2). Deacons commit

themselves to a lifetime covenant with God and the church.

"Deacons fulfill servant ministry in the world and lead the Church in relating the gathered life of Christians to their ministries in the world, interrelating worship in the gathered community with service to God in the world" (BOD, ¶328). Simply stated, the deacon's distinctive ministry is to embody, articulate, and lead the whole people of God in its servant ministry.

I often tell people that my job as a deacon is help people connect what they do on Sunday with what they do Monday to Saturday. Likewise, we must connect what we do Monday to Saturday to what happens in church on Sunday. We are not Christians only on Sunday or only when we

go to church. Following Jesus is a seven day a week commitment!

Here is a third and final definition. "Deacons are persons called by God, authorized by the Church, and ordained by a bishop to a lifetime ministry of Word, Service, Compassion, and Justice, to both the community and the congregation in a ministry that connects the two" (BOD, ¶329.1). In my case, I am an associate pastor with emphasis in congregational care and worship arts. That means that I provide leadership and service in ministries of caring and of worshipping. I use pastoral care and creative arts to equip people to serve and to make connections both in and out of the church.

*Next Month is Question 2: How did the clergy order of deacon come about?*

For Your Health and Wholeness  
From your Congregational Health Ministries



## Immunizations for All Ages

Thanks to Healthy Living

Immunizations have the ability to protect your family and yourself against preventable diseases and infections. The vaccines available today prevent dangerous diseases from spreading and preventing outbreaks. Recommended vaccines from the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) at [cdc.gov](http://cdc.gov) are a great reference.

### Flu (influenza)

The flu can be regularly addressed each year with an immunization. The subtle changes in different virus strains each year require getting an annual immunization. Two types of vaccines can be administered: a flu shot made with inactivated (killed) flu virus for healthy people older than 6 months; and a nasal spray that is a live, weakened flu vaccine intended for healthy people between ages 2-49.

### Pneumonia

According to the CDC, pneumonia causes more

deaths globally than any other infectious disease. Currently there are 2 types of vaccines, PVC13, which protects against 13 common viral strains, is given to infants at months 2, 4, 6, and 12-15 who are susceptible to serious diseases. The second type, PPSV, protects against 23 strains and is recommended for all adults 65 and older, in addition to those with certain health conditions as asthma, diabetes, smokers, etc.

### Chickenpox & Shingles

The effects of chickenpox can be prevented or lessened through immunizations. CDC recommends 2 doses for children, the first dose at 12-15 months and the second at 4-6 years of age. Shingles appears in people who have previously had chickenpox. The cause of shingles is a reactivation of the virus later in life. The CDC recommends the shingles vaccine for 60 and older. Doctors may recommend to younger adults who are at risk of contracting the virus.

### Whooping cough (pertussis)

Highly contagious whooping cough is particularly dangerous for young children. The childhood vaccine, DTaP which also prevents diphtheria and tetanus, should be administered in 5 doses at 2, 4, 6, and 15-18 months of age, then 4-6 years. The Tdap vaccine is administered to ages 11 and older. This vaccine is especially important for any person that will be in close contact with infants.

**Vaccines for HPV** (human papilloma virus), MMR (measles, mumps, rubella), meningitis, hepatitis A and B, and tetanus some are needed every 10 years. Follow your doctor's recommendation. Various travel vaccines should be considered at least a month in advance of traveling abroad (Visit [cdc.gov/travel](http://cdc.gov/travel) for a list).



## Pecan Sales Benefits RNC

Religious Nurture Center is gearing up for our Pecan Fall fundraiser. Last year, your generosity helped us sell over 17 cases for a net profit of \$1,000 to benefit our ministry. Your continued support helps us to meet our budget obligations as our program has been asked to raise a portion of our annual budget. Order forms will be distributed in September and October.

We all know that pecans can be used to make delicious holiday dishes while an added health benefit is that pecans top the list of all tree nuts for antioxidants. A USDA study finds that pecans lead the pack for antioxidants and suggest that a serving of pecans a day may lower "bad" cholesterol levels, decrease blood pressure and fight against prostate and breast cancer. Pecans are a lean source of protein and high in fiber. One ounce of pecans provides 10 percent of the recommended daily value of fiber. Pecans are definitely nature's health food.



*Keep our student ministries in your prayers, they are the next generation of World Changers!*

## CORE Student Life Ministries – off to World Changing start!

Students and their families came together on Wednesday, August 28 for Break Bread and Worship to kick off the new year of CORE Student Life Ministries. The potluck dinner was followed by information about the upcoming year, worship, and prayer for the students and the ministry.

The first night of Youth Group on September 4 began with “Minute to Win It” style wacky games and the worship band leading music. Youth Pastor Matt Brown delivered the first in a message series called “Become a World Changer,” challenging the students to be intentional in their faith journeys, and sharing the new vision for CORE Student Life Ministries. Small group discussions led by Servant Leaders wrapped up the evening activities.

As part of Recalculating, a new vision is unfolding for CORE Student Life Ministries. CORE is now expanding in the community to fit their new vision of becoming an urban core youth group, not just a First Church ministry. CORE has already welcomed several additional UM Churches to the table to experience worship, teaching and community. CORE is now equipping servant leaders and volunteers from these churches to fit the CORE mission of winning and training world changers. Over the next couple months, these churches will be introducing Matt Brown as their new Youth Pastor. The exciting part is now CORE Student Life Ministries will have additional campuses around the urban core, which expands CORE and its resources to reach new students in Wichita for the transformation of Christ. Expect to see some new faces around the church on Wednesday nights as this amazing new adventure takes flight. Servant Leaders this school year are:

Amy Brown, Lauren Bayless, Zac Bayless, Jonathan Buster, Denise Hole, Ken Hole, DeVona McPherson, Dawn Morse, Max Sherard, Leslie Swearingen



CORE Student Life Ministries also offers small groups for Middle and High school on Sunday mornings from 11:00 to 12:00 at our First Church campus. Contact Matt Brown at [mattb@firstwichita.org](mailto:mattb@firstwichita.org) for details on the new vision or small groups.

To see what’s going on with CORE Student Life Ministries, check out the website [www.corewichita.com](http://www.corewichita.com). From there you can find the other social media outlets, and see what’s coming up. You won’t want to miss the 2nd annual Dodgeball tournament on October 2!



## Thanks from Park Elementary

The following notes were received from a third grade classroom at Park. The children and their teacher were so appreciative of the school supplies furnished by First Church members.

*Dear First Methodist,*

*My students have greatly benefitted from your kindness and generosity. I have 24 students in my class this year and at least 8 of them did not have all of their supplies. Now they have what they need to be successful. It is a huge blessing to me and to them. May the Lord return the blessing to you many fold.*

In His Care,  
Dan Mueller  
Park third grade teacher

And compiled from the children:

*Thank you for the school supplies. We are very happy about your church. I think that your church so very good. I am a new student at Park.*

*Thank you for buying us the school supplies. We are really proud that you bought those supplies for us. We really appreciate you. You guys are really awesome!*



## Church Council Highlights September, 2013

The following action items were approved at Church Council, September 3, 2013:

### Commission on Missions

Tom Tanner made a request from the Commission on Missions to ask for approval to apply for and become a Partner Church in the KS West Conference Chabadza Covenant. This will be a budgeted item in 2014.

### SPRC

Connie Green brought two proposed policy changes to council:

1. The Proposed Social Media Policy is a new policy.
2. Health Insurance Policy will be a part of the Personnel policy. The wording has been changed in two places.

### Pictorial Directory

It is ready to go to production.





Join us for Worship on Sundays at 8:15 in the Chapel

## Heritage Worship has begun!

Rev. Abby Caseman  
Heritage Worship Venue Leader

*"I'll be back next week."*

*"Wow, I feel like I have really been to church."*

*"That worship feels like home to me."*

*"The organ music is so beautiful in the chapel."*

These are comments heard from people coming out of the Heritage Worship service. The inaugural service took place on Sunday, September 8 in Christ Memorial Chapel. One hundred seven worshippers came that day with the sounds of a string quartet in the air and a buzz about what the worship service was going to be like. On the second Sunday of Heritage Worship the pipe organ was fully installed, and worshippers sang along with beautiful

sounds played by organist, Brett Valliant.

There are some regular occurrences in Heritage Worship that characterize its profound, awe-inspiring, and intimate appeal. The pastors are robed, and several retired pastors are presiding at the communion table. The Gloria is sung. The Psalter is used. And, Pastor Kent even stays in his pulpit! The community recites a creed, accepts pardons, and greets one another in peace.

Worship follows the sermon series which currently is based on the book, "I am Second", and multiple scriptures are proclaimed. There is reading, listening, singing, praying, eating, and drinking. Ordinary actions made holy as people gather together in the name of Jesus with the presence of the Holy Spirit.

The very first Heritage Worship service was indeed a powerful morning. After hearing the story of

how Jesus changes lives and transforms communities, the worshippers left the Chapel with an invitation to tell their own stories. The final hymn "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations" summarized the morning well as First UMC began to tell our story of Heritage Worship in downtown Wichita.

Since Heritage Worship is a liturgical experience, many people are needed to make it happen for all who attend. Each week greeters, hostesses, communion preparers, ushers, readers, and singers work to lead worship. Instructions are provided for all these roles, and the only requirement is a heart to serve people during worship at 8:15. Please contact me about how you will serve at [AbbyC@firstwichita.org](mailto:AbbyC@firstwichita.org).

I look forward to seeing you at Heritage Worship Sundays at 8:15 in the Chapel.



## Your Business Can Now Support the Church

Your business can now sponsor any Sunday TV worship service!

For just \$150 you can help cover part of the cost of reaching thousands of viewers and bringing the word of God to the people of Kansas!

Recent surveys show that First Worship "Live" is the 2nd most watched program on Sunday mornings. For your sponsorship, your business will receive mentions during the program open and close and logo/text/graphic mention during the doxology. A DVD copy of the service will also be provided.

If you don't own a business, you may support First Church with a personal message or in honor of a loved one. Contact: Jeremy Fredin or Erin Davis at the church office for more information.

## United Methodist Women ReCalculating exciting season

First Church United Methodist Women are launching new circles in October and invite you to join them in fellowship and service. UMW is the largest faith-based women's organization in the world works to strengthen women, children and youth in communities everywhere. They also work diligently in the local church bringing friendship, joy, leadership and programming important to women.

There will be a new evening circle, perhaps one that meets on a weekday or Saturday at Mead's Corner, and a possible Sunday morning group. UMW circle meetings include a time of prayer, sharing our lives over coffee and dessert or a meal, a program that might include discussion of a current issue in the world concerning women and children, a local mission emphasis, a Bible study or book review. Above all, we are a supportive community with an outward focus as we count our blessings and share them with others.

Please e-mail Janet Robinson for more information at [rrobinson74@cox.net](mailto:rrobinson74@cox.net) or call 755-2469.

### UMW NEWS

Church Women United will meet Friday, November 1 at 1:00 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 925 N. Waco. The program will be World Community Day.

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

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

Our teacher, Jack Focht, continues to share his research and insight concerning the New Testament, with a closer look at the gospel writings, particularly Mark.

Congratulations to Ken Short who was honored at the Kansas State Fair for being there with his Ken's Chili for 30 consecutive years. Polly McMillan and the Archives shared a wonderful display of The "Free" dresses and other memorabilia in the Archives nook in the 1B hallway. Many Double Ring families had children in The "Free" in years past.

October 10, our class will have lunch at Benton Airpark with glass blowing by Scott Hartley. Debs will meet at the church at 1:00 on October 16 with Barbara Decker as hostess. Artist Rita Zaudke will present a program with paintings of Italy.

Sympathy is extended to Barbara Maas in the death of her husband, Myron.

It was good to have Nancy Beard back following back surgery, and Emily Rude home again. We continue to remember others in our class with special needs and this includes Bobbie Harms and Connie Helm's sister who escaped harm in the Colorado floods.

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

It is time to dust off those favorite casserole recipes as our next social for the 50-50 Sunday school class is our Pot Luck Dinner to be held on Thursday, November 14, 2013, at 5:00 p.m. in our classroom, 107B. Won't you come and join us? Please contact Ernie Niquette to attend. And as always, God Be With You Till We Meet Again.

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

Hand in Hand class exists to study the Bible and other worthwhile books, to engage in mission, to pray for one another, our church, and the world, and to socialize in Christian fellowship. At present, we are completing our study of Psalms.

Our next party will take place October 25, and guests are welcome. Our new class directory was recently updated and distributed. Please join us in 101B on Sunday mornings and for other activities.

#### **Koinonia 303D**

We have a good line up of lessons for October, thanks to our outgoing VP, Joan Smith. October 6 we will have Doug Hye with us. There is no Sunday school or church on October 13 due to the marathon, but a combined church service will be Saturday night at 5:00 p.m. October 20 we will have Jan Haverly from the Lord's Diner with us, then Kathy Bond will return on October 27. Last month Sandy Walling gave the class a report on her mission trips to Alaska and Italy and shared some beautiful photos.

Our Halloween Party this year will be at the home of Jack and Alice Shelton, save October 25. Plan on going to Mission lunch on October 27, check the Gazette for a complete list of this month's Socials. Join us any time.

#### **LIFT 304D**

L.I.F.T., which stands for Learning In Fellowship Together, is comprised of single and married adults in their late 20s, 30s, and early to mid 40s. For the month of October, we will continue the group study of "I Am Second," which Pastor Kent is preaching on as well. There will be a social for October, TBA during Sunday school.

#### **Pneuma 302D**

We are looking forward to Dr. Dan Lord leading us in the study, "Hidden in Christ", by Dan's colleague at Friends University, James Bryan Smith. This study, focusing on Colossians 3, will begin on October 27 and will run until our Advent study begins. If you are interested in purchasing a book, please contact Libby. The cost is \$12.

Thanks to those who volunteered in the kitchen at the Mission Celebration and to those who have volunteered to help at the quilt auction. Other Pneuma members have been enjoying their time as stewards for the 3rd -5th graders. A special thanks also to all the members who have helped with lawn care.

Pneuma women were hosted by Suzanne McKaig at the conference office, in September. Thanks to Pat for the grand tour. Glenna Lowe will be our hostess on October 21 at their old house. Tables of 8 Dinner Parties begin in October. Contact Shelley Davis to learn more.

#### **RNC 100D**

The Religious Nurture Center is looking forward to a day of horseback riding and a picnic on October 5. This trip is possible thanks to the generosity of Tom and Deborah Gdisis who are sponsoring this fantastic opportunity for our members. RNC is gearing up for our fall fundraiser-Pecans. Last year over \$1,000 was raised to benefit our ministry and we look forward to the continued support of the congregation. We will be collecting orders in October-pecans make great gifts for the holidays.

Our Sunday school lessons have focused on the true-life story of an elementary teacher who overcame his disability-tourettes syndrome, and eventually was named teacher of the year. We learned how a disability that was viewed as an obstacle by others, actually turned out to be his greatest teacher.

#### **Seekers 306B**

The Seekers are continuing our study of Ephesians led by Dave Brant. Please feel free to join us in 306B at 9:30 on Sunday mornings.

We continue our prayers for Glenn Brandes and family for the loss of Glenn's mother.

During October we have several events planned. October 12, we will gather for dinner after the combined Saturday worship service at church. We would love to have guests join us. October 19 we will enjoy the farm of Glenn Brandes when he hosts an outdoor party and bonfire on the banks of the Ninnescah River near Garden Plain. Rumor has it that some will come in costume, some will get in the river and some will bring pumpkin recipes to sample. The start time will be determined based on weather and sunset. Save the date!



# Calendar October 2013

<b>1</b> 1:00 PM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM	<b>Tuesday</b> ESL Class- 103B Stephen Ministry- 306B Beginner Spanish- 204A	11:30 AM 12:00 PM 1:00 PM 6:00 PM	Preschool Trik-a-Thon- Wilke Gym Park Mom's Friendship Club- 106B ESL Class- 103B WBB/UMM- 103B		
<b>2</b> 6:55 AM 9:30 AM 10:30 AM 12:00 PM 1:00 PM 1:00 PM 6:00 PM 6:00 PM 6:00 PM 6:00 PM 6:15 PM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM	<b>Wednesday</b> Prayer Groups- 204A/Sanctuary Stephen Ministry Supervision II- 302B UMW Executive Committee- 101B Apple Core- 302B ESL Class- 103B Nightshift Quilters (Evening)- 308B Jubilate Ringers- Bell Choir- 305A CORE- Student Center UMM Building Brothers- 103B RNC Activities- RNC I AM SECOND Class- 204A Chancel Choir Rehearsal- Choir Room	<b>12</b> 5:00 PM	<b>Saturday</b> Combined Worship Service – Sanctuary	12:00 PM 1:00 PM 1:00 PM 6:00 PM 6:00 PM 6:00 PM 6:15 PM 7:00 PM	Apple Core- 302B ESL Class- 103B Nightshift Quilters (Evening)- 308B Jubilate Ringers- Bell Choir Rehearsal- 305A CORE- Student Center UMM Wesleyan Building Brothers- 103B RNC Activities- RNC Chancel Choir Rehearsal- Choir Room
<b>3</b> 9:00 AM 10:00 AM 1:00 PM 6:00 PM 6:00 PM	<b>Thursday</b> First Place Quilters (Daytime)- D Sub Basement Wesleyan Way Study- 101B ESL Class- 103B WBB/UMM- 103B UMM- Letters from Dad- 106B	<b>13</b> <i>No Sunday Activities- Prairie Fire Run</i>	<b>Sunday</b> <i>No Sunday Activities- Prairie Fire Run</i>	<b>24</b> 9:00 AM 10:00 AM 1:00 PM 5:30 PM 6:00 PM 6:00 PM	<b>Thursday</b> First Place Quilters (Daytime)- D Sub Basement Wesleyan Way Study- 101B ESL Class- 103B Investment Committee - 204A WBB/UMM- 103B UMM- Letters from Dad- 106/110B
<b>5</b> <i>CORE Event- Man's Day/Girly Day</i> 9:00 AM	<b>Saturday</b> Stephen Ministry Workshop- Meredith Hall	<b>14</b> 9:00 AM 9:00 AM 6:00 PM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM	<b>Monday</b> Stephanie's Small Comforts- 106/110B Stephen Ministry- 103B Early Childhood Committee- 106B Evangelism Committee- 107B Comm on Community Outreach- 304B	<b>25</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>6</b> 8:15 AM 8:30 AM 9:30 AM 9:30 AM 9:30 AM 10:55 AM 11:00 AM 11:20 AM 12:00 PM 6:00 PM	<b>Sunday</b> Heritage Worship Service- Chapel RNC Sunday Program- RNC The Sanctuary Group- Mead's Corner Sunday School Classes- Church Wide ConneXion Contemporary Worship- Meredith Hall Worship (Televised)- Sanctuary HS/MS Small Group- Student Center Discovery Island: Children's Worship- 110C Youth Ensemble - Student Center The Gathering Worship- Mead's Corner	<b>15</b> 1:00 PM 6:00 PM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM	<b>Tuesday</b> ESL Class- 103B Stephen Ministry- 306B Servant Ministry- 302B Beginner Spanish- 204A	<b>26</b> 5:00 PM	<b>Saturday</b> Chicken Noodle Dinner and Quilt Auction- Meredith Hall
<b>7</b> 9:00 AM 11:30 AM 1:15 PM 5:30 PM	<b>Monday</b> Stephen Ministry- 103B Preschool Trik-a-Thon- Wilke Gym Archives Committee - Archives Church Council - 101B	<b>16</b> 6:55 AM 9:30 AM 12:00 PM 1:00 PM 1:00 PM 1:00 PM 6:00 PM 6:00 PM 6:00 PM 6:15 PM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM	<b>Wednesday</b> Prayer Groups- 204A/Sanctuary Stephen Ministry Supervision II- 302B Apple Core- 302B Double Ring Debs- 107B ESL Class- 103B Nightshift Quilters (Evening)- 308B Jubilate Ringers-Bell Choir - 305A CORE- Student Center UMM Wesleyan Building Brothers- 103B RNC Activities- RNC I AM SECOND Class- 204A Chancel Choir Rehearsal- Choir Room	<b>27</b> 8:15 AM 8:30 AM 9:30 AM 9:30 AM 9:30 AM 10:55 AM 11:00 AM 11:00 AM 11:20 AM 12:00 PM 1:00 PM 6:00 PM	<b>Sunday</b> Heritage Worship Service- Chapel RNC Sunday Program- RNC Sanctuary Group- Mead's Corner Sunday School Class- Church Wide ConneXion Contemporary Worship- Meredith Hall Worship (Televised)- Sanctuary CORE- Student Center Mission Lunch- Meredith Hall Discovery Island- 110C Youth Ensemble - Student Center Trunk-or-Treat- Parking Lot/Meredith Hall The Gathering Worship- Mead's Corner
<b>8</b> 11:30 AM 1:00 PM 5:30 PM 7:00 PM	<b>Tuesday</b> Preschool Trik-A-Thon- Wilke Gym ESL Class- 103B Board of Trustees - 308B Beginner Spanish- 204A	<b>17</b> 9:00 AM 10:00 AM 1:00 PM 6:00 PM	<b>Thursday</b> First Place Quilters (Daytime)-D Sub Basement Wesleyan Way Study- 101B ESL Class- 103B WBB/UMM- 103B	<b>28</b> 9:00 AM 9:00 AM 5:00 PM 5:30 PM 7:00 PM	<b>Monday</b> Stephanie's Small Comforts- 106/110B Stephen Ministry- 103B Executive Committee - 204A Finance Committee - 204A Diabetes Support Group- 101B
<b>9</b> 6:55 AM 11:30 AM 12:00 PM 1:00 PM 1:00 PM 6:00 PM 6:00 PM 6:00 PM 6:15 PM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM	<b>Wednesday</b> Prayer Groups- 204A Preschool Trik-A-Thon- Wilke Gym Apple Core- 302B ESL Class- 103B Nightshift Quilters (Evening)- 308B Jubilate Ringers-Bell Choir- 305A CORE- Student Center UMM Building Brothers- 103B RNC Activities- RNC I AM SECOND Class- 204A Chancel Choir Rehearsal- Choir Room	<b>19</b> <i>World Changing Event- CORE Event</i>	<b>Saturday</b> <i>World Changing Event- CORE Event</i>	<b>29</b> 1:00 PM 7:00 PM	<b>Tuesday</b> ESL Class- 103B Beginner Spanish- 106C
<b>10</b> 9:00 AM 10:00 AM	<b>Thursday</b> First Place Quilters (Daytime)- D Sub Basement Wesleyan Way Study- 101B	<b>20</b> 8:15 AM 8:30 AM 9:30 AM 9:30 AM 9:30 AM 10:55 AM 11:00 AM 11:20 AM 12:00 PM 12:00 PM 6:00 PM	<b>Sunday</b> Heritage Worship Service- Chapel RNC Sunday Program- RNC Sanctuary Group- Mead's Corner Sunday School Class- Church Wide ConneXion Contemporary Worship- Meredith Hall Worship (Televised)- Sanctuary CORE- Student Center Discovery Island- 110C Youth Ensemble - Student Center Pizza with the Pastors- 107B The Gathering Worship- Mead's Corner	<b>30</b> 6:55 AM 12:00 PM 1:00 PM 1:00 PM 6:00 PM 6:00 PM 6:00 PM 6:15 PM 7:00 PM	<b>Wednesday</b> Prayer Groups- 204A/Sanctuary Apple Core- 302B ESL Class- 103B Nightshift Quilters (Evening)- 308B Jubilate Ringers- Bell Choir- 305A CORE- Student Center UMM Building Brothers- 103B RNC Activities- RNC Chancel Choir Rehearsal- Choir Room
		<b>21</b> 9:00 AM 5:30 PM 7:00 PM	<b>Monday</b> Stephen Ministry-103B Staff Parish Relations - 204A Commission on Missions 2013- 304B	<b>31</b> 9:00 AM 10:00 AM 1:00 PM 6:00 PM	<b>Thursday</b> First Place Quilters (Daytime)- D Sub Basement Wesleyan Way Study- 101B ESL Class- 103B WBB/UMM- 103B
		<b>22</b> 1:00 PM 7:00 PM	<b>Tuesday</b> ESL Class- 103B Beginner Spanish- 204A		
		<b>23</b> 6:55 AM	<b>Wednesday</b> Men's Morning Prayer Groups- 204A/ Sanctuary		

## CHILD CARE

Wednesday Evening Childcare: 6:15-8:30

COMING IN WORSHIP

Coming in Worship  
November

**November 3**  
Why Am I Here?:  
"Experiencing Life Together"  
Colossians 3: 12-16  
Pastor Kent Rogers

**November 10**  
Why Am I Here?:  
"Shaped for What?"  
Psalm 139: 13-15  
Pastor Kent Rogers

**November 17**  
Why Am I Here?:  
"World-Class Followers?"  
Mark 10: 34-45  
Pastor Kent Rogers

**November 24**  
Why Am I Here?:  
"Isn't It Time to Shine?"  
Matthew 5: 14-16  
Pastor Kent Rogers

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# ARTS

on Broadway

Arts on Broadway is pleased to be hosting the exciting Celtic melodies of Craicmore to First Church. This dynamic quartet will perform here on Friday, November 1, 2013 for the first time in Wichita.

CRAICMORE is known for fiery instrumental performances with guitar, bass, Bohdran drum, whistles, and bagpipes. All of this accompanies the warm four part vocal harmonies of melodies from Ireland and Scotland. The group has toured for over 10 years throughout the Western states and features the percussionist Nancy Johnston and her deep contralto voice. This wonderful quartet promises to bring humor and an enthusiastic celebration of Celtic style of music to First Church. Please plan to join us for this joyful event on November 1. Tickets are on sale now!



## Craicmore

Tickets for the concert are available for \$20 and \$35 at the Arts on Broadway website: [www.artsonbroadway.org](http://www.artsonbroadway.org) or by contacting us by e-mail or phone at [artsonbroadwaywichita@gmail.com](mailto:artsonbroadwaywichita@gmail.com) or at 316-267-2574 or 316-648-0234.



## Friendship Reunion

Much laughter and good times were had by all who attended the Senior Saints Friendship Reunion on Saturday, September 7. Rev. Abby Caseman served communion to all and blessed everyone with her presence. Thanks to the members of Senior Saints Committee and the many volunteers who helped with this very special annual event.



Saturday, December 7 we will celebrate 5 years at Mead's Corner! We will celebrate this momentous date with full fanfare including give-aways for customer appreciation, music, friends from the past, and energy for the future. If you are interested in helping support this celebration in any way, please contact Leslie Coates.

Downtown

# TRUNK OR TREAT

at Central & Broadway

✓ Free Food ✓ Free Costumes ✓ Free Tote Bags

Join us for this family friendly event as we safely celebrate our community with food, games and music!

**Date:** Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 1:00pm - 4:00pm

**Location:** Central & Broadway

Economy Corner will have costumes available for children in need of one for the event. Please consider donating new or gently used costumes between October 21st and 24th.

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Neighborhood