

# FIRST LIGHT

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

## THIS SUNDAY

During October we will begin a new series, "Stewardship of Life". We will be reminded of our United Methodist membership vows and being good stewards of what God has given us. Won't you join us for worship? Saturdays at 5:30 p.m. or 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](http://firstwichita.org). and at 5:00 p.m. at Mead's Corner .

# STEWARDSHIP OF LIFE

*Our new sermon series kicks off on SATURDAY, October 8 in advance of Sunday's downtown Prairie Fire Marathon. There will be a potluck in Meredith Hall celebrating 40 years of our television ministry, following the combined worship service. Please start this series with us as we focus on Stewardship of Life!*

**Saturday, October 8  
6:30 p.m. Meredith Hall  
Fried Chicken and table  
service provided, please  
bring a dish to share**

People often complain that the church always asks for money. There is some truth to that statement. Each Sunday the offering plate is passed giving those who attend an opportunity to put in a check or cash and their prayer concerns. The Bible speaks of money and property more often than almost any other

subject. Our values are tied to our possessions and how secure we feel financially.

One of the reasons scripture and certainly Jesus speaks about money so often, is that we need to be reminded that we are stewards of what God has given us. This is not just about finances, it is also about our time, our talents,

our treasure and certainly our prayers and presence in worship. Over the next few weeks we will be focusing on all the gifts we receive. In our United Methodist membership vows we promise to uphold our church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness.

## Saturday Night Alive! October 8, 2016 5:30 p.m. - Sanctuary

The First Church family will gather for a special combined worship service on Saturday, October 8, at 5:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary! Join us for a dynamic service as we begin a new series, "Stewardship of Life".

Following the combined service, we will gather in Meredith Hall for a potluck dinner to celebrate 40 years of the Television Ministry. Please bring a dish to share and enjoy fellowship and celebration with our First Church family!

The Prairie Fire Wichita Marathon will be racing through our neighborhood on Sunday morning, October 9 making it difficult to get to First Church. We would encourage everyone from all venues to worship together on Saturday evening in the Sanctuary! 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).

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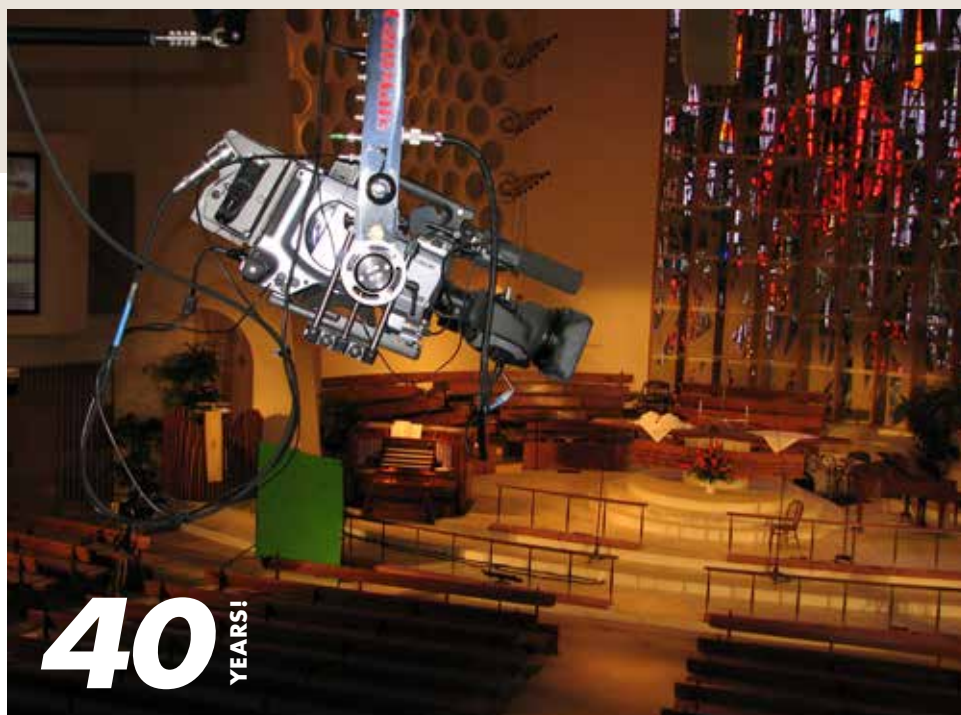
## FEED THE HUNGRY

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

**Oct: Canned Vegetables**

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



## Celebrating 40 years of Television Ministry

The Downtown Alive TV Committee wants to share our excitement in celebrating 40 years of our First Church Television Ministry! There have been many changes over the past four decades, but our mission remains the same – to bring the message of Jesus Christ to those who are unable to worship with us in person.

Each Sunday in October, we will be sharing memories from this outreach ministry that has been the face of First Church for nearly a half century! These services have blessed the lives of not only our congregation, but viewers across the state of Kansas, and recently across the globe through live streaming.

Our viewers, as well as our in-house congregation, have regularly supported this ministry with their financial gifts and prayers. Technology has made

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**PLEASE PRAY FOR**

**Continuing Concerns:**

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

**Prayers**

Email [prayer@firstwichita.org](mailto:prayer@firstwichita.org) to ask for prayer from the people of First United Methodist Church.

Email [pastoralcare@firstwichita.org](mailto:pastoralcare@firstwichita.org) to ask for a visit, call, or private prayer from the congregational care team.

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

**OUR FAMILY**

**We grieve the death of:  
Helen Ferris,  
mother of Carol Ramsey**



**Meet our New Receptionist**

Join us in welcoming our new receptionist, Jolena White!

Monday - Friday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. (lunch 12:30-1:30 p.m.), Jolena can be found at the AB entrance Information Desk greeting guests and answering the phone. She is also available to help with calendar requests and room scheduling.

Please take a moment to stop by and introduce yourself and welcome Jolena to First Church!

**Television Ministry**

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remarkable improvements from the somewhat "snowy" first broadcasts, but not without increased cost. We strive to be good stewards, but the costs are substantial in order to bring a quality, faith-based worship service to those outside our Church walls.

Help us look to the future by partnering with us to keep this broadcast alive and well. Special donation cards are available to help us commemorate this important milestone. Gifts of any amount are appreciated, and we are excited to announce, that for any gift made in October of \$4,000 and above, Pastor Cindy has graciously offered to prepare a gourmet meal in her home for the donor(s), including a tour of her home and special music from Brett Valliant.

We hope this anniversary will offer a time to reflect on how this ministry has personally impacted your life. We simply cannot continue without the support of our viewing audience. Your gift may mean the world to someone you know or to someone you will never even meet.

Please join us for a potluck dinner following our Saturday night combined service on October 8. Fried chicken and table service will be provided, bring a dish to share. We'll gather following the combined service at 6:30 p.m. in Meredith Hall and enjoy a time of fellowship and celebration!

**Church Conference**

Monday, October 3, 2016

6:30 p.m.

First Church, Room 101B

This conference has been called for discussion and decision of the sale of the parking lot on the East side, adjacent to Open Door. We will take a break during our regularly scheduled church council meeting for this church conference.

All are welcome.



**Religious Nurture Center Pecan Fundraiser**

*Be sure to stock up on delicious pecans for all your upcoming holiday baking and support our Religious Nurture Center, a ministry serving individuals with developmental disabilities.*



Religious Nurture Center is still accepting orders for our annual pecan fundraiser. Your continued support helps us to meet our budget obligations as our program has been asked to raise half of our annual budget. The deadline for order forms is October 16, 2016. The price per bag is \$12 and order forms are available at the church.

**RECIPE Russian Tea Cakes**

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- 1 cup butter or margarine, softened
- 1/2 cup powdered sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 3/4 cup finely chopped pecans
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- Powdered sugar for rolling hot tea cakes
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1. Heat oven to 400°F.
2. Mix butter, 1/2 cup powdered sugar and the vanilla in large bowl. Stir in flour, nuts and salt until dough holds together.
3. Shape dough into 1-inch balls. Place about 1 inch apart on ungreased cookie sheet.
4. Bake 10 to 12 minutes or until set but not brown. Remove from cookie sheet. Cool slightly on wire rack.
5. Roll warm cookies in powdered sugar; cool on wire rack. Roll in powdered sugar again.

**OUR GIFTS**

AUGUST 2016 OFFERING  
\$120,530.51  
RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE  
\$747,316.57

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS  
MISSIONS  
\$2,862.81  
RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE  
\$17,379.04

CAPITAL FUNDS  
\$80,435.00  
RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE  
\$93,564.00

VAN MAINTENANCE FUND  
\$1,125.00  
RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE  
\$2,000.00

ORGAN MAINTENANCE FUND  
\$75.00  
RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE  
\$2,905.00

TELEVISION MINISTRY  
\$11,965.00  
RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE  
\$100,895.48

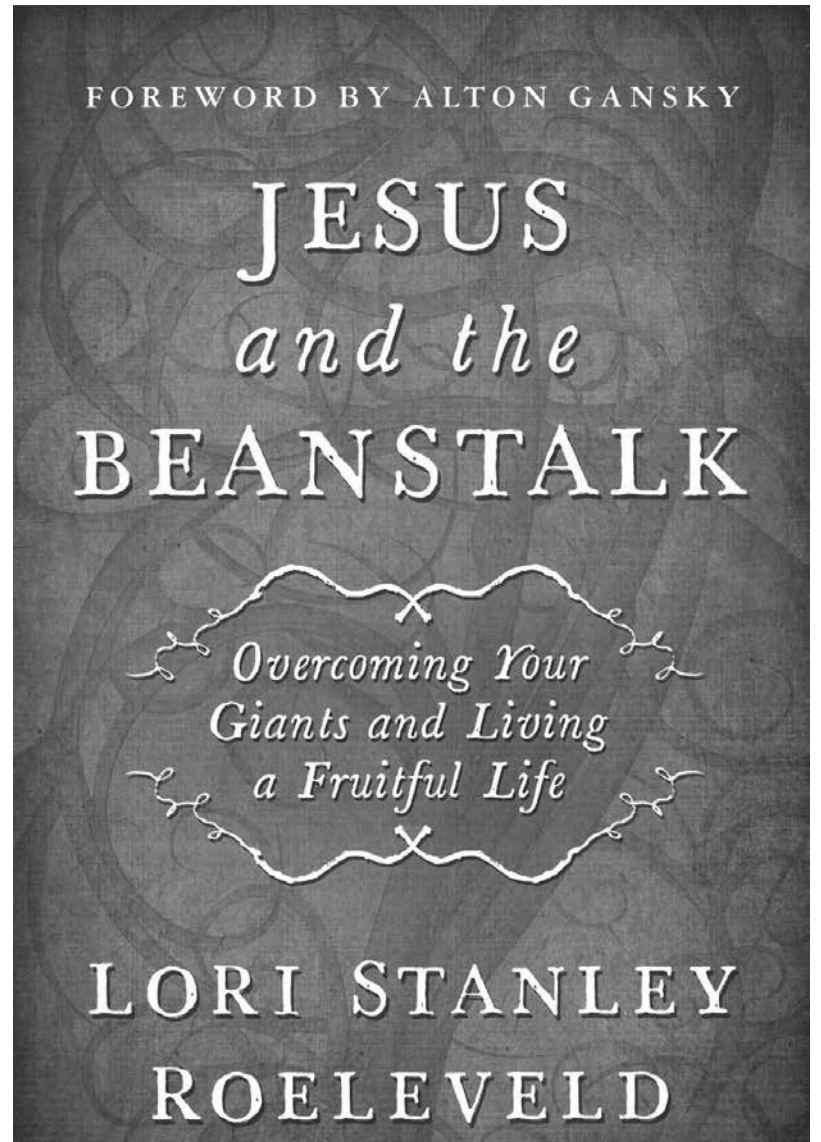
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS  
\$216,993.32  
RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE  
\$946,060.09

Apple Core Bible Study

**“Jesus and the Beanstalk”**

For their next study, beginning October 26, Apple Core Women’s Bible Study has chosen a delightful but challenging read for personal spiritual growth, “Jesus and the Beanstalk: Overcoming Your Giants and Living a Fruitful Life”, by Lori Stanley Roeleveld. It seems that all face giants: giant problems, giant barriers to living peacefully, giant fears, and giant obstacles to sharing our faith. Using allegory and humor, this book explores a passage in 2 Peter 1 to uncover eight truths to help people unleash a larger-than-life faith. Join Apple Core as they investigate faith, goodness, knowledge, self-control, godliness, love, perseverance, and affection for others.

Apple Core meets in the church library, 302B, every Wednesday at noon. Many bring their lunch. We explore new ideas, rehash old ones, and share insights on scripture and the weekly readings. This group provides warm support for women looking for a place to share life, laughter, and prayer concerns. Contact Libby Eaton at First Church for more information or to join this group. Or, just come to 302B any Wednesday at noon for a chance to re-energize and refresh your faith.



***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.



**Calling all GRIME Fighters!**

Help us eliminate dirty hands, filthy feet, stained clothes, grubby hair, grimy dishes and smelly bodies! To support families needing assistance from Open Door, we are collecting our favorite *Grime Fighting Tools*...anything that makes bubbles. Through October 16, 2016,

we are asking for your contributions of:  
Bath soap  
Hand soap or sanitizer  
Shampoo  
Laundry Soap  
Dish Detergent

Large and family sizes will help remove more of these deadly dirt enemies for those in need. Join the elite “FUMCGFS” (Grime Fighting Squad) and bring your favorite weapons of dirt destruction to the AB Entrance soon!



**Wacky Wednesday**

October 26  
6:30-8:00 p.m.  
Wilke Family Life Center

Dress up and join in the fun at Wacky Wednesday! This event for the whole family will feature: games, DJ music,

wacky snacks, candy and prizes.

Families are encouraged to bring their favorite wacky snack to share!

Candy donations are welcomed; please drop off at A-B entrance or D entrance by Sunday, October 23.

If you are interested in helping with this event please contact Patricia Tristan, Director of Kids' Discipleship.

**CORE-56 Wednesday Bible Study**  
Begins October 5

CORE-56 Ministries is launching a new

Bible study starting Wednesday, October 5.

This study is for boys and girls who want to follow after God's own heart. Sponsors will be teaching from the following books, "A Girl After God's Own Heart" by Elizabeth George and "A Boy After God's Own Heart" by Jim George.

Your tween has a lot going on; school, church activities, friends and life at home – and sometimes so much confusion! They are taking on new challenges and opportunities that bring up important questions: How do we handle peer pressure and choose the right kind of friends?

All 5th and 6th graders are invited to come and discover what God wants to take priority in their heart!

Wednesdays beginning October 5 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 311C.

**Celebration of children receiving Bibles**

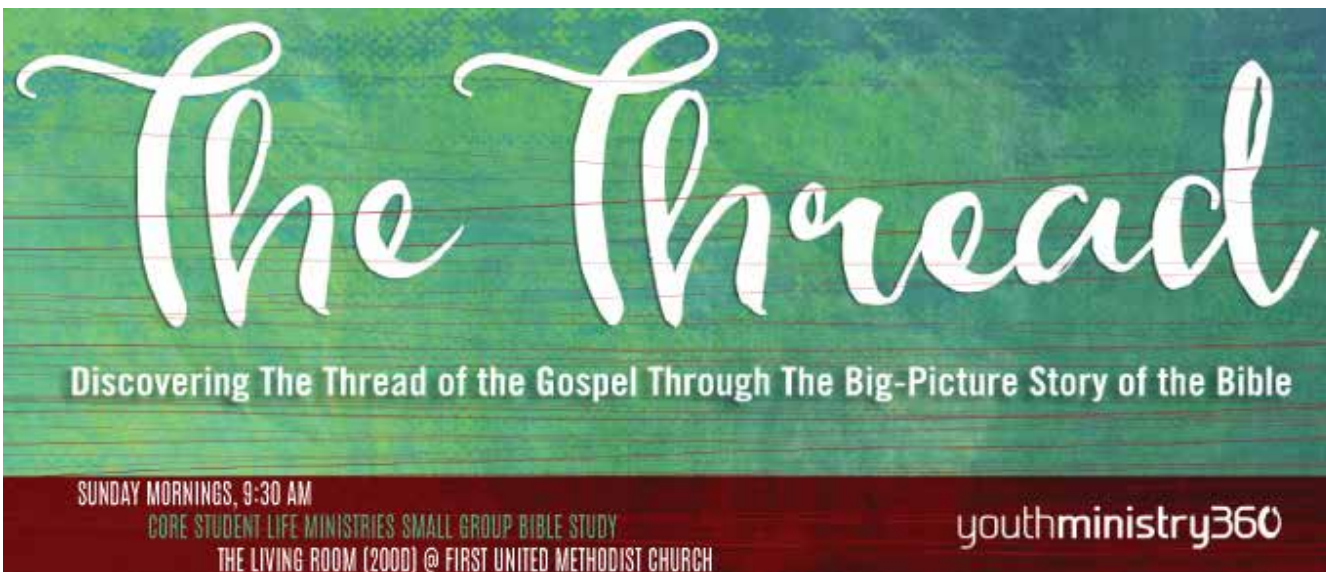
On Sunday, September 11, First United Methodist Church and the Kids' Discipleship department presented 10 children with an Adventure Bible. The ceremony was full of meaning, leading to a time of confession from the whole



congregation as to how we are to follow God's word. After the ceremony in Downtown Alive, children were taken to El Mesias UMC for a special blessing for the congregation and family. The children were invited to bring their Bibles back on Wednesday, September 14 for "Bible Adventure", a time to experience first hand how to use their new Bible through games and sensory activities.

As we continue to minister to the children of our church, I urge you pray continually for these children that received the word of God:

Aalyah Butler, Melissa C. Godbey, Uriel Garay Arellano, Hope E. Hadorn, Yazmin Hernandez Garay, Juan Pedro Lopez, Clayton W. McPherson, Lillian L. Piedra, Marcos Raymundo, Breanna D. Thomas.



**Coming Up for Core Youth:**

It's finally fall, when the temperatures cool down, and the youth activities heat up! October brings some fun opportunities for our students to BELONG, BELIEVE, and BECOME devoted followers of Jesus Christ!

In October, our Sunday morning small group will begin a new study, "The Thread." In this study, students will discover the life-changing narrative of the Bible, from Genesis

to Revelation. But most importantly, students will see how the thread of the Gospel is woven through every story. Students are invited to join us every Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. in the Living Room (Room 200D).

Wednesday evening activities continue this month from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Our Wednesday nights are filled with games, fellowship, food, worship, Bible study, and so much more!

**Coming Events:**

**Wichita Sports Forum**

Sunday, October 16  
5:00-7:00 p.m.

Aviate, the largest extreme air sports trampoline park in Wichita!

All of our Core ministries (Kids/56/Youth)

**Wacky Wednesday**

Wednesday, October 26  
6:30-8:00 p.m.  
Wilke Family Life Center

Come dressed in your favorite costume, and enjoy a fun evening of games, snacks, music, and fellowship!

If you are interested in volunteering with Core Student Life Ministry in any way, or would like more information, please contact Caleb Fouse, Director of Youth Discipleship, at [calebf@firstwichita.org](mailto:calebf@firstwichita.org).



## First Church Helps Neighborhood Students Head Back to School!

Back-to-School night at both Washington and Park Elementary Schools allowed students time to meet their teachers and visit classrooms with their families in a relaxed way. This helped to enhance a successful first day of school.

First Church School Ministries provided treats at both schools, which encouraged families to participate. At Washington, First Church provided walking tacos for all family members and the Washington support staff pitched in to serve. At Park School, the Kona Ice truck was a huge hit! Everyone got to visit the truck after they had met their new teacher! In addition,

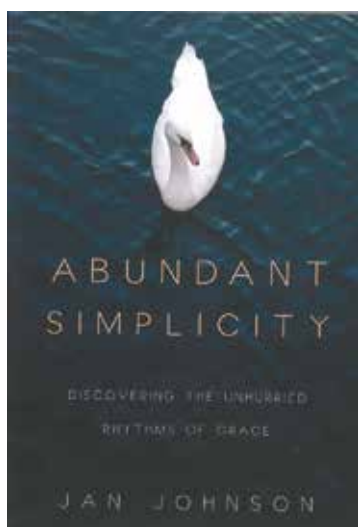
breakfast snacks were provided at Park for a morning event for “Newcomers”, children who have recently immigrated to the United States and have little English. Having a special time to visit Park School and meet the staff helped the children feel more comfortable on their first day. Special classes for “Newcomers” are held at both Park and Washington to help children gain English skills as quickly as possible.

Thanks to those who helped prepare the taco toppings, and to the generous Mead’s Corner clientele who support the School Ministry by contributing to the tip jar!



## First Church Hosts Tallgrass Film Festival in October

The Wilke Family Life Center at First Church is excited to be an official viewing location for the Tallgrass Film Festival. Films will be shown at First Church on October 14, 15 and 16. The festival is a nationally and worldwide gathering of directors, producers, and film enthusiasts. Tallgrass emphasizes community partnerships and regularly collaborates with non-profit organizations throughout the region. Tickets are available at stubbornlyindependent.com. If you would like to volunteer for concession sales or greeting, please contact Chris Edmiston, ChrisE@firstwichita.org for more information.



## Abundant Simplicity: Discovering the Unhurried Rhythms of Grace

The United Methodist Women are pleased to offer a women’s fall Bible study. The course will begin on Tuesday, October 25 with 90 minute sessions offered at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m., your choice. You are invited to join this lively group for Bible study, prayer, laughter and friendship as we study together for five weeks in the church Parlor. The class continues through November 22.

What are the life draining habits that challenge you? What keeps you so busy that you are left breathless or empty? Let us shed some

obligations and take on more time, energy for what really matters. Let us be more intentional about what we do and how we live. As we let God’s wisdom and power move through us we will find the space to do good and step closer to God in the process.

Student books will be available for purchase and registrations are being taken now. Please contact Janet Robinson, facilitator, at 755-2469 or Rrobinson74@cox.net. Invite a friend or neighbor!

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

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

We celebrated the milestone birthdays of John Decker and Barbara Novotny in September with beautiful birthday cakes and a time to visit and wish the honorees well.

Double Ring class joined with others on September 11 to hear missionaries Larry and Jane Kies. It was good to learn of their work at Africa University, where they teach agriculture and some English. Jack Focht is now basing his lessons on the people who surrounded Jesus.

Our sympathy goes to Edith Heisz in the death of her husband, Rev. Leslie Heisz. They are former Double Ring members and have lived at Asbury Park in Newton for a number of years. We also extend sympathy to Connie Helm in the recent unexpected death of her sister. Connie is recovering from open heart surgery.

Many thanks to Marilyn Lytle for her countless hours spent preparing our new class directories. Thanks also to the Dibberns for the binding. These directories have a lot of information about our members and class events and are a big help to us through the year.

Debs began the fall season with a salad luncheon at the church on September 21.

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

Dr. Ackerman is keeping us very interested with his Bible lessons every Sunday morning.

Donna Fisher talked to us about the Scholarship Committee on August 21. It was an informative session about different aspects of our church. We also attended the meeting with missionaries from Zimbabwe on September 11.

The Recreation Committee planned a fun event, "Fall Festival of Fun," for our class on September 22. We learned how to enjoy having fun playing many games together!

We welcomed back several of our members who have been gone for several weeks. We enjoyed the visit with Pansy Brown's son and grandchildren when they visited with her.

We were saddened by the death of Harold McCreight. Many family members provided a beautiful lunch for the family. A few members from our class helped serve and some members furnished desserts and drinks.

Come by Room 107 for a handshake any Sunday morning. We all like handshakes, greetings and smiles.

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

Cliff Bertholf is facilitating our study of the book, "Fear of the Other" by Wm. Willimon. This study will continue through October. We will have Simmi Dalla, the new president of Trees for Life, come one Sunday to inform us of new opportunities for their mission. Many of us have volunteered and know Balbir Mathur. Now, we want to hear about a new venture that teaches persons to be teachers in their own countries.

We enjoyed hearing about the Kies' ministry in Zimbabwe. A First Church mission team recently worked at Deer Park UMC where the Quantics attend in the summer.

The ladies had a wonderful time dining at George's French Bistro in September. We will meet again on November 11. Save the date December 12, for our annual Christmas Party to be held at Larkfield Place. Many thanks to the Brooks for hosting us again.

#### **Koinonia 303D**

Our class decided to make individual contributions for local flood relief rather than filling buckets. We had several good speakers during the month of September and we always appreciate people sharing with us. October will bring Donna Fisher on October 16 and Jeremy Kindy, Open Door, on October 23. If you wish, you could bring canned goods for Open Door.

Although the church will be closed on October 9, we will meet at Bella Luna Cafe on North Rock Road for lunch. October 14 the Kechi Playhouse is scheduled, the show they will be presenting is titled Proof. If you plan to attend, please call Joan, Lynn, or Alice. On Saturday, October 22, we will have a sack lunch picnic in Sedgwick Co Park. For a complete listing of Sunday morning speakers and October activities, check the Gazette. Visitors are always welcome.

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

Open Doors is experiencing a wonderful Christian journey together, as we continue our study, "Out Live Your Life" by Max Lucado. We are

reminded that with God's help we can squeeze every moment out of every day in making a difference in the lives of others. Because of Christ, we can help others make sense of life, and share the love of Jesus. Our discussions are always thought provoking as we grow in our faith together.

We welcomed a first time visitor to First Church and to our class, Gayle Hodges. Gayle comes to us from our TV Ministry, and made the decision to come in person. Welcome, Gayle! Renee Cristiano enjoyed her family visiting the church service with her, as her grandson, Luca received the blessing of his backpack. He will be starting kindergarten, and his family is sharing in the excitement with him.

We are always blessed when we have visitors, and enjoy seeing pastor, Rev. Cindy when she stops in for coffee. Everyone is always welcome to share in our Christian fellowship.

#### **People's Bible Study 300D**

People's Bible Study has approved new class representatives for 2016/2017. Thank you to our 2015/2016 team for such diligent and valiant leadership.

PBS was honored to sponsor and serve snack suppers for the children's "Thailand Trek" Vacation Bible Study in July. During September we attended the combined Sunday school presentation by missionaries, Larry and Jane Kies, and later in the month a luncheon social at Cortez Mexican Restaurant was "deliciously" enjoyed.

As we relish in the seasonal transformations of October, we continue with our study of "The God We Can Know, Exploring the 'I Am' Sayings of Jesus" written by Rob Fuquay. Additionally, we are excited to participate as CORE-Kids Prayer Partners.

Visitors are always welcome...please come and get acquainted, share your voice in song, and join us as we encourage one another on our journey toward spiritual growth.

#### **Pneuma 302D**

Pneuma has been engaging in discussions based on our study of "ASK", by Bishop Jones and his son Arthur. This study will continue into October.

Pneuma members have helped provide meals for Bishop Saenz and his wife, which they have greatly appreciated. Other members helped with the blood drive and with the ongoing flood relief. We are also involved in providing assistance for the Raise My Head Foundation Sunflower and Sangria fundraiser being held in November. If you are interested in being a part of the fundraiser, please let Libby know at the church.

Linda Ebright was our hostess for Pneuma Ladies in September. The men met for food and fellowship at Hog Wild. Pneuma Ladies will be meeting at the Raise My Head Foundation house in October. Our hostess will be Vicki Bond.

We hope you know that you are always welcome to join us in Pneuma as we strive to grow in our faith journeys.

#### **RNC 100D**

Our Sunday school lesson for October will focus on the life of Olympian and missionary Eric Liddell who chose between his religious beliefs and competing in an Olympic race. We will watch parts of the film "Chariots of Fire" to learn about his life.

Events for October include our Halloween costume party and participating with the youth and children in Wacky Wednesday event. We will continue to take orders for our annual Pecan Fundraiser until October 16. Thank you, to all those who continue to support this fundraiser each year.

#### **Seekers 306B**

Some of our class members have been involved in the collection of school supplies for our neighborhood schools and others have been gathering flood buckets. Mowing the church lawn or volunteering at Open Door or Park Elementary School are places of service for us.

Seekers were also in leadership in September at a benefit golf tournament in support of Camp Horizon. Event chair was Larry Harris and many of our Seekers women provided lunch for the golfers, eleven from First Church.

We recently finished our study on the Apostle Paul, "The Call" and we will remember the lessons as Paul turned from persecutor to ardent follower of Jesus and early missionary.

Our class member Dale Stratman has a photographic exhibit at City Arts, "A Show of Children" and we attended the opening night reception. Please join us for opportunities in service, fellowship and study!

# Calendar

## October 2016

<b>1</b> 5:30 PM	<b>Saturday</b> Awakening Worship Service - Wilke FLC
<b>2</b> 8:15 AM 8:30 AM 9:30 AM  9:30 AM 9:30 AM 9:30 AM 10:30 AM 10:50 AM 5:00 PM	<b>Sunday</b> Heritage Worship - Chapel Religious Nurture Center - 100D CORE-Kids Sunday School - 106C, 108C, 110C, 200C, 311C Adult Sunday School Classes - Churchwide Sanctuary Group @ Mead's Corner Core Youth Small Group: The Thread - 200D El Mesias Worship - Wilke FLC Downtown Alive - Sanctuary The Gathering @ Mead's Corner
<b>3</b> 5:30 PM	<b>Monday</b> Church Council- 107B
<b>4</b> 6:30 PM 6:30 PM	<b>Tuesday</b> Awakening Leadership Team - 302B El Mesias's Covenant Team - 200D
<b>5</b> 9:30 AM 12:00 PM 5:30 PM  6:15 PM 6:30 PM  6:30 PM 6:30 PM 6:40 PM	<b>Wednesday</b> Stephen Ministry II Supervision - 302B Apple Core Study - 302B Downtown Alive Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room Religious Nurture Center - 100D CORE-Kids Wednesday Nights - 108C, 111C, 200C, 311C, El Mesias Bible Study - 301D Core Youth - 200D Sermon Circles - Meredith Hall
<b>6</b> 9:00 AM 6:30 PM 6:30 PM	<b>Thursday</b> First Place Quilters - Quilters/Emmaus El Mesias Praise Band Practice - Wilke FLC God and Dogs - Parking Lot
<b>7</b> 10:30 AM 11:00 AM	<b>Friday</b> UMW Executive Meeting - 101B Open Door Lunch Prep. - Meredith Hall Kitchen
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<b>10</b> 9:00 AM 1:00 PM 4:30 PM 5:30 PM 6:45 PM	<b>Monday</b> Caring Comforts - 106B, 110B Archives - 208B Neighborhood Outreach Team - 103B Hospitality and Integration Commission - 107B Adult Council - 204A

<b>11</b> 5:30 PM 5:30 PM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM	<b>Tuesday</b> Board of Trustees - 308B Harmony Guitar Ministry - 200D Awakening Leadership Team - 302B Kids Discipleship Council - 310C
<b>12</b> 9:00 AM 12:00 PM 5:30 PM 6:15 PM 6:30 PM  6:30 PM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM	<b>Wednesday</b> Esther Lois Circle - 107B Apple Core - Book/Bible Study - 302B Downtown Alive Choir Rehearsal - Choir Rm. Religious Nurture Center - 100D CORE-Kids Wednesday Nights - 108C, 111C, 200C, 311C El Mesias Bible Study - 301D Core Youth - 200D United Methodist Men - 103B
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<b>22</b> 5:30 PM	<b>Saturday</b> Awakening Worship - Wilke FLC

## Combined Service

### Saturday, Oct. 8

*Combined Service starts at 5:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Potluck following in Meredith Hall with fried chicken and table service provided. Please bring a dish to share.*

<b>23</b> 8:15 AM 8:30 AM 9:30 AM  9:30 AM 9:30 AM 9:30 AM 10:30 AM 10:50 AM 11:00 AM 5:00 PM	<b>Sunday</b> Heritage Worship - Chapel Religious Nurture Center - 100D CORE-Kids Sunday School - 106C, 108C, 110C, 200C, 311C Adult Sunday School Classes - Churchwide Sanctuary Group @ Mead's Corner Core Youth Small Group: The Thread - 200D El Mesias Worship - Wilke FLC Downtown Alive - Sanctuary Mission Lunch - Meredith Hall The Gathering @ Mead's Corner
<b>24</b> 9:00 AM 5:00 PM 5:30 PM	<b>Saturday</b> Caring Comforts - 106-110B Executive Committee - 204A Finance Committee - 204A
<b>25</b> 5:30 PM 6:30 PM	<b>Tuesday</b> Harmony Guitar Ministry - 200D Awakening Leadership Team - 302B
<b>26</b> 12:00 PM 5:30 PM 5:30 PM 6:15 PM 6:30 PM  6:30 PM 6:30 PM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM	<b>Wednesday</b> Apple Core - Book/Bible Study - 302B Mead's Corner - 302B Downtown Alive Choir Rehearsal - Choir Rm. Religious Nurture Center - 100D CORE-Kids Wednesday Nights - 108C, 111C, 200C, 311C Wacky Wednesday - Wilke FLC El Mesias Bible Study - 301D Core Youth - 200D United Methodist Men - 103B
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COMING IN WORSHIP

**October 2**  
**Three Simple Rules:**  
**"Stay in Love with God"**  
**I John 4: 7-12, 16-21**  
**Matthew 6: 19-21**

**October 8 (Saturday)**  
**Stewardship of Life:**  
**"Prayer Powered"**  
**Colossians 2: 6-7**  
**John 15: 1, 4-12**

**October 16**  
**Stewardship of Life:**  
**"Money Matters"**  
**James 1: 17-25**  
**Luke 18: 18-27**

**October 23**  
**Stewardship of Life:**  
**"Time Traps"**  
**1 Peter 2: 4-5, 9-19**  
**Luke 10: 38-42**

**October 30**  
**Stewardship of Life:**  
**"You, Me, All of Us"**  
**2 Corinthians 9: 6-12**  
**Luke 21: 1-4**



The biannual Common Threads Quilt Show was held in June at Century II by the Prairie Quilt Guild. The First Place Quilters of First Church entered three quilts for display and judging. All three of the entries were awarded ribbons! They were entered in three different categories, as required by the show, and won a blue ribbon, a red ribbon and a white ribbon. The work of the quilters will be displayed again on Saturday, November 5 in Meredith Hall at the 23rd annual Quilt Auction and Chicken Noodle Dinner. This annual event is a fundraiser for the United Methodist Women and the quilters. This year's work is better than ever with a wide variety of items: from placemats to large bed quilts. The tasty chicken noodle dinner is everyone's favorite and always brings in a crowd. Tickets will be available in October.

The quilter's group would like to invite anyone who is interested to

# First Church quilters take top prizes at area show

**Save the date!**  
**23rd Annual Quilt Auction and Chicken Noodle Dinner**  
**Saturday, November 5**



come and work with us. There are two groups; one meets on Wednesday afternoon and the other meets all day Thursday. No experience is necessary. You can learn what you need to know. For more information, call Paulette Dibbern (316-744-0716) or Judith Oswald (316-681-3078). The Thursday group also does hand quilting for hire. If you have a quilt top that needs to be quilted, just contact the group.



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## UMW Red Cross Blood Drive: Mission Possible!

Our all-church blood drive sponsored by United Methodist Women was held Sunday, August 21 in the Wilke Family Life Center, and what a success it was! Our goal was to receive 35 units of blood and we surpassed that with 38 units! The Red Cross staff offered their gratitude to the church.

A majority of the donors were church members, including youth and staff but we were very pleased with the number of donors who came to us through the Red Cross website. We were able to welcome them to our facility and offer our hospitality and thanks.

We thank everyone who helped make this

possible including the church staff, UMW ladies and their spouses and the Saturday Morning UMW Circle who adopted this mission effort. The leadership team was Nancy McKellar, Brenda Case, Martha Stroot, Vicki Patrick, Diane Elder, Libby Eaton and Laura Sherard. We offer a special thanks to Adam Lesley from our facilities staff for staying late to help us get things put away.

It was a joy to work together for the benefit of those in critical need of blood. On communion Sundays we hear the words "the blood of Christ shed for you" and we realize that our gift to



Him is offering ourselves so that others might live.

Janet Robinson  
 President, United Methodist Women

### October UMW Meetings

■ **Church Women United** will meet at 1 p.m. on October 7 at Inter-Faith Ministries, 829 N. Market. The Hostesses will be the CWU Board members. The program will be a Listening Forum.

■ **The Expanded Executive Committee of First Church UMW** will meet on October 5 at 10:30 a.m. in Room 101B.

■ **The First Church UMW Circles** will meet Wednesday, October 12:

**Elizabeth Circle**- 1 p.m.  
 Glenna Matson, 721-4570  
 1220 Wilbur - Cost: \$5  
 Program: Subunit Journey to Ecuador - Bonnie

**Lois Circle** -10 a.m.  
 Emily Rude, 685-0586  
 First Church 107B- Cost: \$3  
 Program: Awakening Venue  
 Leader - Chris Edmiston

**Naomi Circle** - noon  
 Maralee Rounds, 630-8438  
 Larksfield, 7373 E. 29th St. N.  
 Cost: \$7.50

Program: "Missionary to Nepal"  
 Micah Williams

**Rachel Circle** - 12 noon  
 Barbara Decker, 722- 1081  
 The Westerly #1122,  
 4700 W. 13th St. - Cost: \$5  
 Program: Stepstone Project  
 Brenda Wasinger