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

THIS SUNDAY

This month we begin the season of Lent. We will explore the many faces of Jesus, during our series, "Who is This Man?" 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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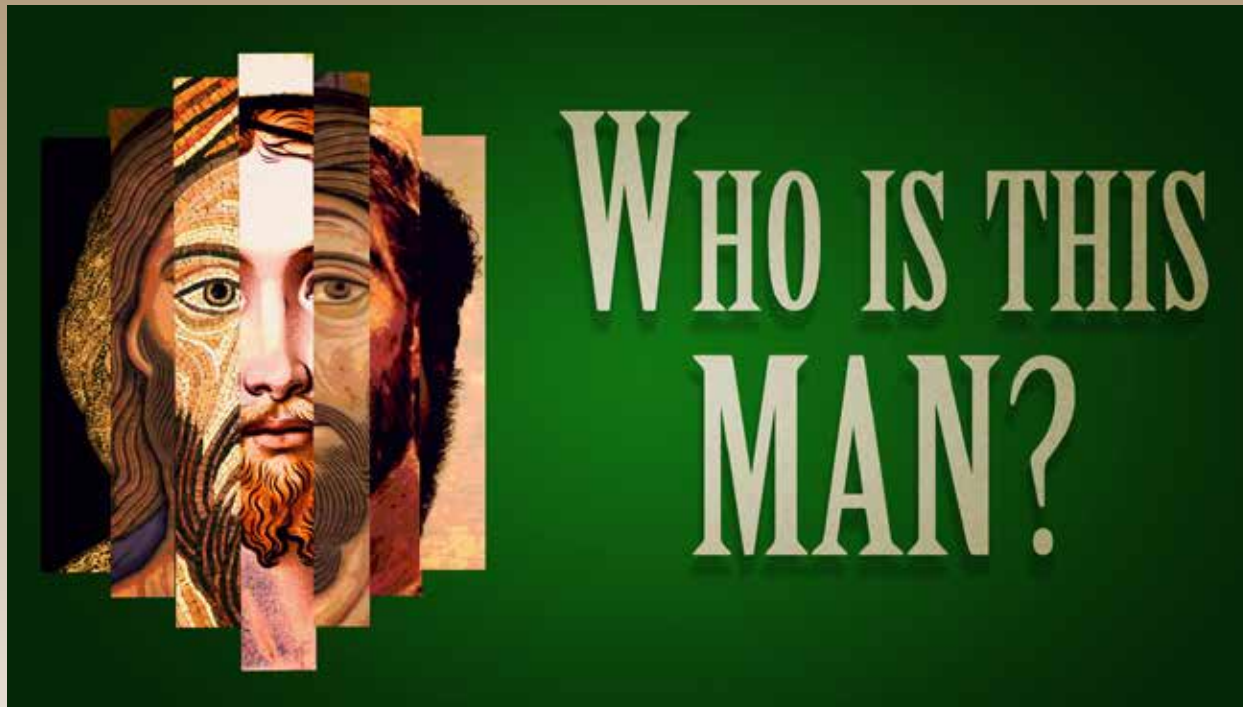
FEED THE HUNGRY

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

**February food collection:
Peanut Butter**

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The forty days of Lent are more than just a way of getting people to give up something in order to be healthier physically and spiritually. They are a "tithe" if you will of the year, a ten percent focus on how much God

loves us. In Advent and Christmas we focus on the incarnation in terms of the birth of the baby Jesus. Lent focuses on the man, on his ministry and on his willing sacrifice for all of us. This Lent, our sermon series

is "Who is This Man?" Jesus has a thousand faces, and they are all the face of God for each of us. Plan on joining us beginning Ash Wednesday as we learn about Jesus and his many ways of teaching us about God.

February 14, 2018
Ash Wednesday Services
12:00 p.m. - Mead's
Corner
7:00 p.m. - Sanctuary

February 18, 2018
"The Tempted Jesus"
1 Peter 3: 13-17
Mark 1: 9-15

February 25, 2018
**"The Compassionate
Jesus"**
Jeremiah 23: 1-6
Mark 6: 30-34



Midweek Music and Prayer
*An Invitation to pause,
to pray, to refresh the soul*

New this Lenten season is an opportunity to pause in the middle of the week for a time of prayer and music in the First Church Chapel. Every Wednesday of Lent, beginning February 21, we will gather for Midweek Music and Prayer over the noon hour. Each week will offer a different prayer form as well as differing guest musicians. We hope you will join us as we pause during our busy week to pray and refresh our souls as we prepare for Easter!

February 21, Noon
Brett Valliant and guest

February 28, Noon
*Trevor Stewart, viola and
chapman stick*

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 Feb. 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

Discipleship Opportunities

Integration Meetings

Discipleship at First Church is how worship, outreach, group study and personal spiritual development all come together in our daily journey with Jesus Christ. Starting this Spring- Children's Council, Youth Council, Adult Council, and the Hospitality Team will begin a series of collaborative meetings to discuss ways of encouraging lifetime discipleship from the first encounters a child has with Christ all the way to end of life spiritual care. If you are interested in visioning the future of discipleship at First Church, please join us the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. for an open forum. For more information, contact Pastor Rebecca.

Discipleship Retreat

You have an opportunity to participate in a one day retreat to vision the future of discipleship at First Church. With many transitions already in process with the discipleship staff at First Church, there is a great opportunity for laity to find innovative ways to support and pave a new path for the future. Rev. Evelyn Fisher and Corey Godbey will be facilitating this retreat, by strategizing ways staffing and programming for all age ministries can align with our common vision as a church.

Saturday, February 24

9 a.m.- 4 p.m. (lunch and light snacks provided)

RSVP by February 20 rebeccam@firstwichita.org or ext.313

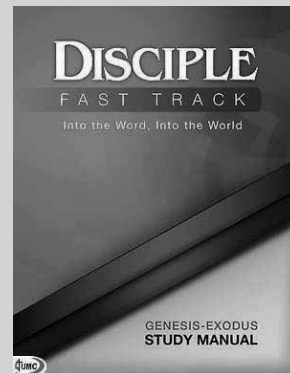
Disciple Fast Track "Into the Word, Into the World" (Luke/ Acts Study):

Starting Wednesday, February 21, at 6:30 p.m. Pastor Rebecca will be leading a 12 week Disciple Fast Track Small group on Luke/ Acts. There will also be a lay led class offered starting February 22 on Thursday mornings at 10:00 a.m. Please sign up at the AB desk to reserve your spot in the class and purchase your book for \$12. Contact Pastor Rebecca if you have questions.



Prayer Group

Prayer is how we stay rooted in who God calls each of us to be and how we show compassion in our community. Following each Chapel Worship Service and Downtown Alive there will be an intentional prayer time with pastoral staff and laity. Each week, there will be a different prayer practice to emphasize how to deepen one's prayer life as well as to time to address intercessory prayers of the people in our church.



Church Wide Tables of 8

Tables of 8 is one way to strengthen fellowship and Christian community. Each table consisting of 8 people includes a host couple, and 6 others who gather together for dinner at the host's home.

The host sets the menu and has the option of preparing the entire meal themselves, or letting the attendees contribute food that complements the main course. The tables of 8 will be assigned with diverse groupings of ages, backgrounds, and church involvement with an attempt of finding common threads that will enhance the opportunity for each table to grow in fellowship. Adult Council will contact each host with their table of 8, then the host will be responsible for contacting that table of 8 regarding details of the meal, the location of the meal, as well as setting **three dates** to dine together throughout Spring.



The goal is to become better connected with people in our church, to extend invitational hospitality to friends who have not found a community within the church, and to reach all generations who are hungry for thought provoking conversations while breaking bread together. This is one tangible way to branch out of your comfort zone and get connected through story, conversation and a meal, three important things Jesus did while in ministry.

If you are interested in becoming a host, please contact Pastor Rebecca ASAP, if you are looking to participate in a table or are interested in inviting a friend, please fill out an availability form that can be found in your Sunday School class or at the AB entrance. Please sign up by Sunday, February 25. Hosts will begin contacting their table of 8 in the beginning of March.

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.

OUR GIFTS

DECEMBER 2017 OFFERING
\$109,657.09
RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE
\$1,095,271.36
BUDGET YEAR-TO-DATE
\$1,144,623.00
EXPENSES YEAR-TO-DATE
\$1,175,527.50

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS
MISSIONS
\$1,521.50
RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE
\$28,791.00

CAPITAL FUNDS
\$41,445.70
RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE
\$132,366.24

VAN MAINTENANCE FUND
\$25.00
RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE
\$300.00

ORGAN MAINTENANCE FUND
\$19,746.92
RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE
\$24,261.77

TELEVISION MINISTRY
\$63,540.38
RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE
\$292,196.49
BUDGET YEAR-TO-DATE
\$278,650.00
EXPENSES YEAR-TO-DATE
\$289,324.02

TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS
\$235,936.59
RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE
\$1,573,186.86

New Church Directory Planned



We are gearing up for a new pictorial directory! Photos will be taken on a variety of dates this spring. Dates are available March 12 through 15 and April 11 through 14. We encourage everyone in our church family to participate. You will need to schedule a date and time for the photograph by visiting our website, www.firstwichita.org and clicking on the portrait sign-up button. If you are

unable to access the web, please call the church 316-267-6244 for assistance.

There is no cost to you or the church to have your photograph taken, and for participating you will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait and a directory. You will be able to view your images electronically immediately after you are photographed. At that time,

Mark your calendars — Photos for the new church directory will be taken March 12-15 and April 11-14

you will have the opportunity to purchase additional portraits to share with family and friends. Bring a food item donation and receive a special coupon at check-in!



United Methodist Women February Meetings

February 2

1:00 p.m.
Church Women United
Key Women's Koffee,
Inter-Faith Ministries,
829 N. Market

February 14

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

12:15 p.m.

Unit Meeting
Meredith Hall
Salad luncheon
Program: "That Handful of Women," a skit on the beginning of UMW
Emphasis: Legacy Fund

OUR FAMILY

We grieve the deaths of:

Sonya Foster,
daughter of
Arlene Klingsporn

John Evans

UMW Prepares to Celebrate 150 Years Being in Mission! March 23, 2019



To celebrate this upcoming achievement, United Methodist Women will participate in a skit entitled, "That Handful of Women" at their February 14, 2018 Unit Meeting that re-enacts the beginning of the UMW, nearly 150 years ago.

One stormy night on March 23, 1869, Mrs. Edwin Parker and Mrs. William Butler, wives of two missionaries to India, told six women at the Tremont Street Methodist Episcopal Church in Boston, Massachusetts, they discovered that girls in India were

uneducated and there were only male doctors who would not treat women. They had a plan that required them to be a bit unruly but not do anything that would upset the men. The plan was to raise money to send Clara Swain, a doctor, and Isabella Thoburn, an educator, to India as missionaries to serve the women of that nation. The six women decided to raise money by wearing calico dresses instead of silk, etc. and with a pledge of 2 cents per week, raised enough money to send these two women to India.

UMW members today contribute to the Legacy Fund, giving over and above their yearly pledge. Monies received by March 23 are matched dollar for dollar. The Legacy Fund, a forward looking permanent endowment, assures a firm foundation for future generations of United Methodist Women to do mission work with women, youth and children.



Summer Camp Scholarship Outreach Lunch

Please join us on Sunday, February 11, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. in Meredith Hall for a lunch to raise funds to send many children to summer camp. Last year, we provided 23 children with partial scholarships for summer camp; we are hoping that many more can attend this year. When children go camp they have the opportunity to enjoy outdoors games, swim, hike, camp fire and experience awesome worship and fellowship time. Fees are between \$250 and \$275 per camper and many of our families have more than one camper to send.

Mission Lunch
 February 11
 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
 Potato Bar, Dessert,
 Drinks
 Donation

There are several ways you can help! We need volunteers to: cook, serve, clean, and host for this luncheon. We would also gladly accept monetary donations to purchase food. We also need people who would like to dine on a delicious lunch! The menu will be a potato bar with all the fixings and great desserts.

When you donate to this program you will also be helping Horizon Summer Camp. Ten percent of the funds we raise will be donated to the camp's aquatic fundraiser. See you then!



CORE-Kids in Mission

CORE-Kids have been involved in mission in our community by collecting canned foods. During October, November, and December the children collected 74 cans of vegetables, fruits, beans, and macaroni and cheese. Through mission work, children learn to share their blessings and to understand how important, is to give to those who are in need. Children continue to ask for opportunities to bless our community. Our next project will be during Lent and our largest mission project is during Vacation Bible School. Please continue to pray for our children and their mission and for those who take on the ministry of leading our children in discipleship.

Work Team Information Meetings

Sunday, February 25



Camp Horizon Family Weekend
February 25, 1:00 p.m. in Room 101B

This is a family team, but all are welcome. Camp Horizon is our UMC Camp located in Arkansas City, Kansas. We will be working on landscaping, painting, doing some carpentry, and general camp clean-up.

Saturday, May 5– Sunday, May 6
Cost: \$30.00/individual; \$90/family

**Lake Michigan UMC
Camp & Retreat Center**
February 25, 2:00 p.m. in Room 101B

This is an adult-only team. We went to this beautiful camp last year and will be helping prepare the camp for campers. Last year we built and painted bunk beds, cleaned the pathways of debris from the trees, and cleaned the basketball courts.

June 9 – June 17
Team Leaders: Tom Tanner and Annette Schmidt

Mission Lunch

Sunday, February 25
11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., Meredith Hall,
Donations support the Della Lamb Work Team



MISSION thank you

■ Breakfasts for the Homeless

Thank you for your support on the Feeding the Homeless Breakfast in January. We had it organized differently this year and Inter-Faith was very pleased with how it worked. With your donations of food and money, it was a very successful project. Thank you again for caring.

■ December Mission Brunch

Thank you for your participation in the Christmas Mission Brunch to support our missionaries. Over \$1000 was raised and is being sent to Larry and Jane Kies at Africa University. Thank you so much!

■ January Hygiene Drive for Open Door

Thank you for your help in the Toilet Paper Drive! As of January 17, we've received 960 rolls of toilet paper and \$180.00 to buy toilet paper.

Missions February Calendar

All month:

- UMCOR Hygiene Kit Collection

February 25:

- Mission Lunch to benefit the Della Lamb Work Team
- UMCOR Hygiene Kits assembly event (during and after Mission Lunch)
- Camp Horizon Family Work Team Info Meeting, Room 101B, 1 p.m.
- Lake Michigan Work Team Info Meeting, Room 101B, 2 p.m.

UMCOR Hygiene Kits

This month we will be gathering items for UMCOR Hygiene Kits. You may bring items and/or monetary donations at any time. Donations by checks should be made payable to First United Methodist Church, with a note on the memo line to indicate UMCOR Hygiene Kits. On Sunday, February 25, we will be assembling the Hygiene Kits in Meredith Hall during and after the Mission Lunch. The Sager-Brown work team will then deliver the assembled kits in March!

The following items will be needed:

■ 1 hand towel

- 15 x 25 inches to 17 x 27 inches
- Kitchen, cleaning, and microfiber towels not acceptable

■ 1 washcloth

■ 1 comb

- Comb needs to be sturdy and longer than 6 inches long
- No pocket combs or picks please
- Rattail combs and combs without handles are acceptable with a minimum of 6 inches of teeth

■ 1 metal nail file or nail clippers

- No emery boards, please

■ 1 bath-size soap

- 3 oz. and larger sizes only
- No Ivory or Jergens soap due to moisture content
- Do not remove from original packaging

■ 6 adhesive bandages

- ¾ inch to 1 inch-size
- Common household Band-Aids

■ 1 plastic bag

- One-gallon size sealable bag only

■ \$1.00 to purchase toothpaste



Class News & Notes

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

Double Ring 106B

Our class has been led into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ due to our series of lessons this month. We have been studying the life of Jesus, exploring the Jewish culture of the time. Our teacher, Jack Focht, does a great deal of research for his lessons and ensures the class discussion and Bible study helps each of us to determine our own personal truth as God leads us.

The class social for January was a chili feed with fun and games enjoyed by all who could be there. Thanks to Mary Hill, Social Chair, for coordinating these monthly events. We celebrated Beth Elliott's 90th birthday with her family bringing in a delicious cake! February is a Valentine Day lunch at the Wichita Country Club.

We continue to pray for our homebound members, those in the hospital and those traveling. We send our love and we welcome everyone to come visit Double Ring. You'll be glad you did.

50/50 107B

We will celebrate 70 years together as a class in April! Plans for many exciting, fun and interesting things are in process for the banquet. That calls for a celebration!

Pastor Cindy visited us January 7 with a cheerful message. On January 14, we were delighted to see Sonja Alseike and her daughter in class. She told us news about their family since they moved to Arizona. Another visitor, Fred Ricks' grandson, also visited and spoke to us about his interesting work with Shell Oil Company. We always enjoy visitors in our classroom. Stop by for a chat and have a hot cup of coffee one of these cold winter mornings.

Hand in Hand 101B

We are continuing our series on Timothy taught by Cliff. Dave Seely and Ernie Krehbiel are both leading lessons this month. The ladies had a nice time at Spears on January 12 and we'll choose a spot on the "east side" for March 9. Bonnie Jo has purchased many breakfast items for the Overflow shelter with funds from the class treasury. Ken and Annette Van Blaricum are moving back to Wichita- what a joy! On a sad note, John Evans, passed away, January 15. He was a bright, funny, and knowledgeable in many areas, and a real asset to our class. He is already missed with his warm smile and cheerful greeting.

People's Open Doors 300D

In January we began again with our study of the book of Acts. Currently we are in chapter 9. This in depth study is being led by Barbara Simon who brings interesting background information each week. It usually leads to a lively discussion. Come join us to learn more about the Acts of the Apostles. Our class will be assembling dental kits on March 3 at 10 a.m. Just like our name, our door is always open to all ages!

Pneuma 302D

Pneuma has begun a study of the book "Right Here - Right Now" by Amy Oden. Dan is leading us in this study of Christian mindfulness. We have been supporting the mission of the church by providing breakfasts at the overflow shelter and collecting toilet paper for Open Door. We look forward to collecting items for the UMCOR Hygiene Kits in February. Pneuma Ladies met at the home of Peggy Baldwin in January. Suzanne McKaig will be our hostess in February. We will be gathering at the home of Connie and Bob Bishop for our annual Super Bowl party. The men are planning our annual Valentine Banquet on the 17th. We welcome all who would like to join us for fellowship, faith, and fun.

Religious Nurture Center 100D

Our Sunday school lessons for the month will use clips from the television series, "Highway to Heaven". Michael Landon's character is an angel who is given assignments by God to help various troubled souls overcome their problems. Activities for the month of February include Ash Wednesday service, a concert, Valentine's party, magic show and visit from a group of pet therapy dogs.

Calendar *February*

1 9:00 AM 6:30 PM	Thursday First Place Quilters - D Sub Basement Mead's Corner Operations- 204A	13 2:00 PM 2:00 PM	Tuesday Caregiver Support Group - Wilke FLC Dementia Caregiver Support Respite - 100D	21 9:30 AM 12:00 PM 12:00 PM 1:00 PM 5:30 PM 6:30 PM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM	Wednesday Stephen Ministries - 302B Apple Core - 302B Midweek Music & Prayer- Chapel Daytime Quilters - 308B Downtown Alive Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary Core-Kids- Wilke FLC, 106C, 108C, 110C, 311C El Mesias Bible Study - 301D Bell Choir Practice - 305A United Methodist Men Bible Study - 103 B
2 6:30 PM	Friday El Mesias Band Rehearsal - 200D	5:30 PM 5:30 PM 6:30 PM	Adult Council - 204A Board of Trustee - 308B Kids Council - 310C		
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COMING IN WORSHIP

February 4

“Loving God with All Our Strength”
Isaiah 40: 21-31,
Mark 1: 32-39

February 11

“Loving God and Loving Others”
1 Corinthians 13,
Mark 9: 2-8

February 18

“The Tempted Jesus”
Mark 1: 9-15

February 25

“The Compassionate Jesus”
Mark 6: 30-34



Bassel & The Supernaturals Return to First Church

We are excited to welcome Bassel & The Supernaturals, for the third time, as they travel from their home town of Chicago to the SXSW Festival in Austin, TX. Join us Sunday, March 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the Wilke Family Life Center. A Free Will Offering will be collected.

*“Combining neo-soul with indie and funk, Bassel & The Supernaturals aim to bring political awareness to their friends through lyrics about life, love, loss and war. As a Syrian-American, vocalist Bassel Almadani’s family was affected by a war in Syria along with over 10 million others.” *Excerpt from Huffpost article*



Bassel & The Supernaturals will return to First Church, Sunday, March 11 in the Wilke Family Life Center.

FIRST LIGHT

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ARTICLES FOR FIRST LIGHT

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

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Forum Theatre Returns with “The Royale” February 8-February 25

The Forum Theatre Company will return to the Wilke Family Life Center to open their next production, “The Royale”, this February. If you are interested in volunteering or supporting Forum Theatre Company in any way, please contact Leslie Coates.

Jay “The Sport” Jackson is a legend in the making. He’s set on becoming the heavyweight champion of the world. This thrilling drama by Marco Ramirez goes ringside for the fight of the century. A play, not about life in the ring but a play about the life of the outsider in American culture. Inspired by the true story of trail-blazing boxer Jack Johnson and the sister who protected and motivated him, The Royale follows one man’s quest for victory against all odds.

Show dates:
Thursdays – Sundays,
February 8 through
February 25
Time: 8 p.m. (Thu-Sat)
and 2 p.m. (Sun)
Cost: \$23-\$25

Tickets:
forumwichita.com
or call 316-618-0444

