

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 • Church School and small groups for all ages meet Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

THIS SUNDAY

This month we continue our Eastertide series, “You Shall Be My Witness,” exploring transformative encounters with the resurrected Jesus. 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.

**May food collection:
Canned Fruit**

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

Mother’s Day-Father’s Day Baby Diaper and Baby Wipes Drive



Changing Wichita: Diaper Drive

Between Mother’s Day (May 13) and Father’s Day (June 17), First Church is hoping to collect at least 10,000 diapers and baby wipes during the annual Diaper Drive! Help us care for families in our community in need.

Diapers brought to First Church will be donated to Open Door, and the Sedgwick County United Way, which will make these diapers available to charitable agency in our area for distribution.

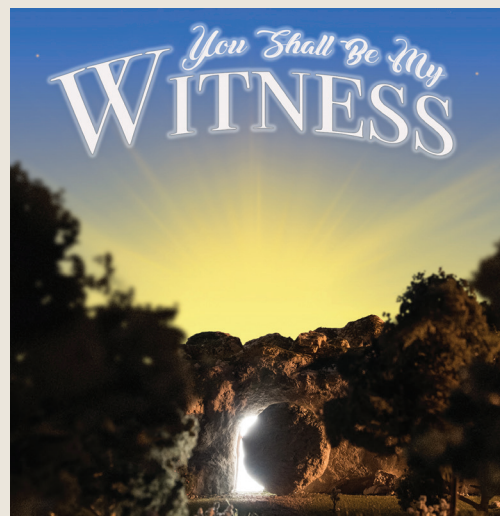
Please bring donations to the AB or D entrances.

Did you know?

- It is illegal for parents to use food stamps (SNAP) or welfare (TANF) to buy diapers.
- It is illegal to wash cloth diapers in a public laundromat.
- It costs approximately \$80/month to keep a child in diapers!
- The average baby under 6 months requires at least 70 diapers per week!
- Child care requires parents provide 10 disposable diapers per day for each child.
- First Church Wichita Diaper Bank is trying to collect at least 10,000 diapers and baby wipes in May and June. Last year we collected 11,836 diapers; 18,197 wipes; and received \$1,070 in monetary donations! Can we pass that this year?

Eastertide Series Continues

Join us for worship in May as we continue our Eastertide series, “You Shall Be My Witness”. During the season of Easter we will ponder all the experiences that people have with the Risen Christ. Jesus changed lives and those changed lives, transformed communities. Plan on joining us as we explore what it means to be a witness for the life changing grace offered in Christ Jesus!



■ May 6- UMW Sunday
“Witnesses to Christ in
the Ordinary”
1 John 2: 24-29
Luke 24: 13-35

■ May 13- Mother’s Day
“Sent as Witnesses”
1 John 3:16-24
Luke 24: 36-53

■ May 20
“Pentecost Promise”
Acts 2: 1-8, 12-21
John 14: 15-21

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

Prayers

Email prayer@firstwichita.org to ask for prayer from the people of First United Methodist Church.

Email pastoralcare@firstwichita.org to ask for a visit, call, or private prayer from the congregational care team.

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

Our Mission

Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Our Vision

Changing lives—transforming communities

Our Purpose

To create a Christian community where anyone can become a completely committed follower of Jesus Christ.

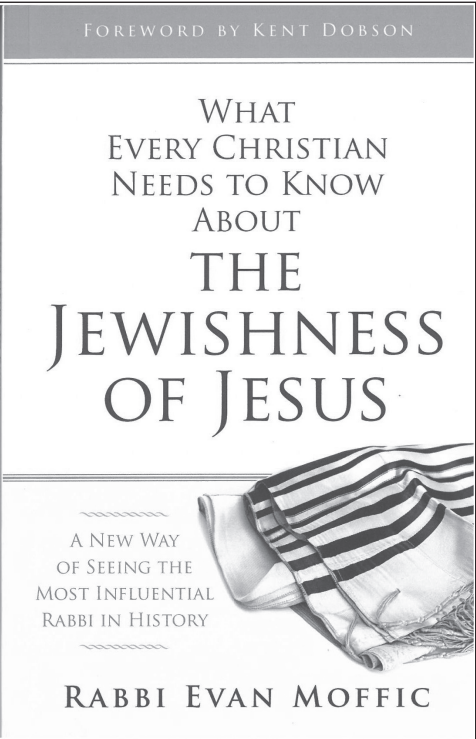
Apple Core Begins New Study in May

Apple Core Women’s Book and Bible study will begin a new series in May. The text, by Rabbi Evan Moffic, is “What Every Christian Needs to Know About The Jewishness of Jesus.” Participants in this study will gain a new perspective on how Jesus’ Jewishness shaped his ministry and message. New information will be explored on why Jesus’ teachings were unfathomable, miracles unimaginable, and love uncompromising, especially in light of his cultural heritage and the times in which he lived.

Apple Core is a group of women who meet every Wednesday at noon at the

church to share life and care for one another. We study, pray, and laugh together. Some bring their lunches. All women are invited to participate in this study which will take us through the summer.

Libby Eaton is Apple Core facilitator. If you want more information or wish to join us, contact Rev. Rebecca Mohr at church, rebeccam@firstwichita.org. Or, you are welcome to join us in 302B, any Wednesday. You will be welcomed and enriched!



Please join us for Gina’s Reception

A reception honoring Gina Buster’s years of service and leadership to First Church and Mead’s Corner will be held on Sunday, May 20 following the Downtown Alive service. Please join us in sharing your appreciation for Gina and her time at First Church!

The CORNERSTONE INITIATIVE

“Challenges of Aging” Resources Available

The Cornerstone Initiative organized four workshops last fall that focused on the challenges of aging, featuring experts in various fields. Two of the workshops addressed – “End of Life Decisions” (Deanna Smith, Palliative Care Specialist) and “Conversations that Matter: Honoring the Spiritual Dynamics of Aging” (Pastor Cindy). A common theme: it’s important to have these conversations in community with other people you trust, where you might turn for spiritual support. To support that goal, and at the recommendation of a speaker, the following resources have been donated to the church for your benefit:

Book: “It’s Okay to Die” by Monica Williams Murphy and Kristian Murphy

A comprehensive look at end-of-life issues from an ER physician and her husband. The authors argue for a dignified death, a “good death” and provide a path for making peace with death. The book includes easy-to-follow guidelines/steps to plan for the end of life and describes the important contributions of palliative medicine and hospice care.

The book can be found in the library on 3B, and the CareNotes are located in the display rack right outside of the library.

CareNotes: (booklets that address a very specific topic)

Using Hospice Care When a Loved One is Terminally Ill
End of Life Concerns: A Guide for Families
Final Conversations With a Dying Loved One
Feeling Overwhelmed by a Loved One’s Illness
Caring for Yourself When You’re Caring for Someone Ill
Healing Your Body Mind and Spirit Together

Tax Aide at First Church

Thanks to First Church for providing the space for the Downtown AARP Tax-Aide site this year. The D lobby was used to greet people and the tax preparers worked in the RNC. At our location, taxes were prepared at no cost for approximately 270 persons in our community. Many folks from First Church took advantage of this service, but the majority of clients were from the community. Most were seniors, but we also helped students and others who just couldn’t afford the cost of tax preparation.

The all volunteer crew included tax preparer, Gary Wagner; greeters Mary Herrin, Dale and Kathy Strattman, Tom and Vicki Tanner, and Libby Eaton who also coordinated appointments. Our downtown location combined with convenient parking and easy building access was appreciated by all. Libby Eaton

OUR GIFTS

MARCH 2018 OFFERING
\$114,181.82
RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE
\$379,159.85
BUDGET YEAR-TO-DATE
\$363,332.00
EXPENSES YEAR-TO-DATE
\$301,378.34

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS
MISSIONS
\$1,510.00
RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE
\$1,682.00

CAPITAL FUNDS
\$160.00
RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE
\$2,200.00

VAN MAINTENANCE FUND
\$0.00
RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE
\$0.00

ORGAN MAINTENANCE FUND
\$0.00
RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE
\$0.00

TELEVISION MINISTRY
\$20,501.70
RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE
\$84,262.10
BUDGET YEAR-TO-DATE
\$62,787.75
EXPENSES YEAR-TO-DATE
\$65,635.96

TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS
\$136,353.52
RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE
\$467,303.95



Thank You to the Members of
First United Methodist Church

On behalf of the Finance Committee, thank you for your financial support during the first quarter of this calendar year as well as your support in meeting our goal for the Great Plains 1% Apportionment that provides funding for special mission agencies. Through your tithes, offerings, and prayers, First United Methodist Church continues to make a positive impact in a variety of ways on the everyday lives of many people.

The Church Business Office has distributed individual financial stewardship statements for the first quarter of 2018. It is important that you review your individual statement and

contact the church business office staff at 316-267-6244 if there are any adjustments that need to be made. Our goal is to be accountable stewards of all of the financial resources that God has provided through your tithes and offerings.

It is also important that each of us take an active part in supporting our church through our individual gifts of time, talent, and financial support. Please consider getting involved in the many activities and programs available at our church where each of us can have an impact on the lives of individuals and our community.



United Methodist
Women April

UMW Expanded Executive Committee
May 2, 10:30 a.m., Room 101B.

Church Women United
May 4, 1:00 p.m., Meredith Hall
Celebrating May Friendship Day.

United Methodist Women Sunday
May 6

UMW Circle Meetings
May 9

Elizabeth Circle
1:00 p.m., Room 107B - cost - \$5
Hostess: Carol High Schmitz - 461-3795

Rachel Circle
12:00 p.m., First Church Parlor - cost \$5.00
Hostess: Carolyn Vosburg/Jan Doggett - 522-3360

Sarah Circle
Noon - cost - \$3
1602 May (Prairie Homestead- Main Banquet Room)
Hostess: Sally Dewey - 990-2674

OUR FAMILY

We grieve the deaths of:

Alberta Kodras

Vernell Kaufman, sister of Glen Goering

Maude Riggs, sister of Virginia McCoskey

Lorriene Lansdowne

Melvin Whiteman, husband of Margery Whiteman

Celebrate the worldwide mission of
United Methodist Women!

May is traditionally the time that United Methodist Women celebrate their call to mission with the entire church on a special Sunday, which is May 6 this year. You are invited to celebrate with them in worship at 10:50 a.m. and enjoy a cookie reception following the service. UMW is known to be one of the largest Christian women’s organizations in the world with approximately 800,000 members, and indeed they are on every continent. Their purpose is not for themselves, but to bring all women

together for a supportive fellowship that seeks to serve women and children in need. Our work encompasses issues of hunger, homelessness, education, social justice and global health and security.

This is the 150th anniversary of UMW and a number of our women will be journeying to the international Assembly in Columbus, Ohio in May. There they will be taking workshops, and worshipping God in new ways with their worldwide sisters. In addition, during April, nine

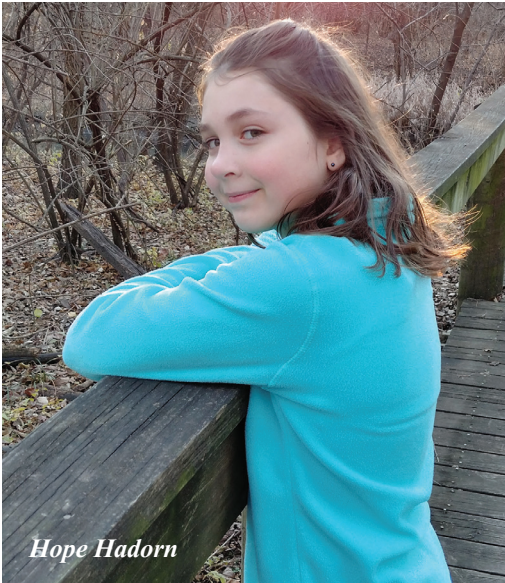


of our local women participated in First Church’s third all-women mission team to Della Lamb in KC, MO, a UM national mission institution that serves 2,000 people a day who are living in poverty. Let us give God thanks for United Methodist Women who lead the way to mission service in local church and everywhere there is a need!

Meet our Core-Kids Students!

This month we continue with the series “Meet our Students”, highlighting First Church-El Mesias students who are excelling and being active in their schools and community.

Hope Hadorn: A 5th grader who is home schooled and regularly attends Sunday school at CORE-56 and Wednesday night programming. Her parents are James and Heather Hadorn, also CORE-56’s Sunday School leaders. Hope has an older sister in college, Lydia and an older brother in high school, Isaac. Hope is a sweet and compassionate girl, always looking for ways to help others. She loves to read the Bible and is a leader. She is active with East Wichita Co-op where she participates in drama class, student council, art, and book club. Hope loves ballet and has danced for seven years. This last year she has started taking piano lessons. When



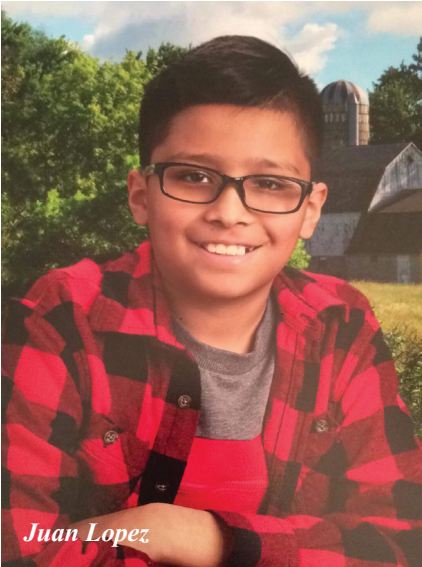
Hope Hadorn



she grows up she would like to dance with Misty Copeland and work with children who struggle with learning disabilities. Hope loves her church family and is excited to return to camp Horizon this year.

Juan Lopez: A 4th grader who regularly attends Sunday school and on Wednesday nights. Juan is a smart boy and always wants to understand the Bible stories. He is excited to be moving up to CORE-56 next year. Juan was born in Mexico where he still has many family members. Juan’s parents are Juan and Fabiola Lopez and his little brother is Leonardo. He has one cat and three fish that he considers part of the family as well! In his spare time he loves to listen to music, build Legos and watch Netflix. His favorite food is pizza and of course his mom’s food. He is a sweet boy and is always ready to help someone else as he has learned in his Cub Scout unit. He loves to come to church and he is learning to play guitar through the Harmony program our church provides in partnership with El Mesias. Juan wants to become an engineer when he grows up.

Sean Steinbacher: A 3rd grader who regularly attends on Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights. Sean is an active



Juan Lopez

boy with a lot of energy and is always laughing. Sean loves basketball, playing since he was 3 years old he is currently a member of the Grizzlies team. He also likes baseball and is a member of the Cubs U9 team. Sean has been part of First Church since he was a baby and attended First Church Preschool. Sean loves to make pictures and color them; he also likes to spend time with his niece Madison. Sean loves school and he is not happy when he has to miss; he has earned perfect attendance many times. Sean wants to become a professional basketball player.

Core-Kids Ministry is proud of our children and asks the congregation to be in prayer for them. If you would like to be involved in ministry with us, contact Patricia Tristan, Director of Kids’ Discipleship.

Summer Camp!

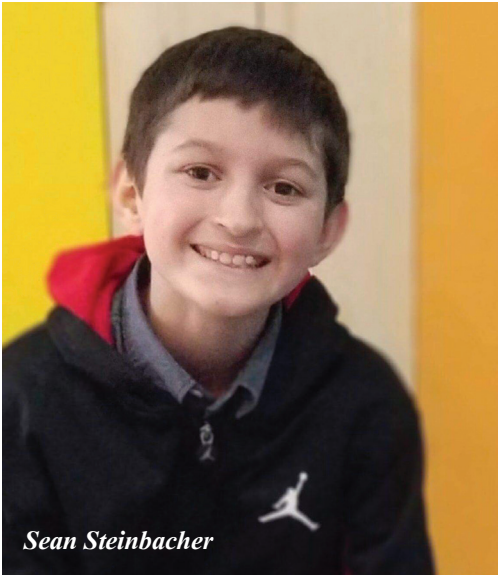
There is still time to sign up for Summer Camp! Core-Kids will be going to summer camp the last week in June (25-29).

The church provides transportation and scholarships are available. Below are the dates and fees for day camp and weeklong camp.

Please see Patricia Tristan for more information or sign up online at horizoncenter.org

Week 4 – June 25-29

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| Day Camp - June 26 | 1st-3rd | \$45 |
| Young Wonders | 3rd-4th | \$250 |
| Elementary Explorers | 5th-6th | \$260 |
| Junior High Journey | 7th-9th | \$270 |



Sean Steinbacher

Vacation Bible School – July 16-20, 5:15 - 8:00 p.m.

Join First Church and El Mesias as we partner to host a Vacation Bible School to remember! Babylon: Daniel’s Courage in Captivity. Torn from his homeland and forced into a foreign King’s service, Daniel maintained his steadfast faith because he knew God was with him through it all! Kids will meet him and hear his story during this action packed week. Each day, kids will sing, dig deeper at tribe time, visit ancient Babylon, and more! Register children Pre-K through entering 5th graders starting, May 7 by filling out a card or at firstwichita.org.



Vacation Bible School Needs Adult Disciples!

There are many ways YOU can be involved in Vacation Bible School, here are some of the discipleship opportunities available:



Center Leaders are the core of Babylon VBS; these are the people who lead a variety of Bible time’s activities with the kids and other adults.

- Palace Playground – lead tribes in high-fun, low-tech games
- Music Shop –make a musical craft and share your beliefs with kids
- Jewelry Bazaar – lead children in making a beautiful keepsake necklace
- Mosaic Studio – lead children in making a special mosaic memory box
- Metalworking Shop – show children how to make metallic nameplates
- Astronomy School – lead children making a unique glow globes
- Gardens Nursery – show children how to make a miniature hanging garden
- Cylinder Seal Shop – help children make their own cylinder seals
- Food Court –provide children with an opportunity to taste yummy foods

Tribe Leaders will be traveling with a group of children and an assistant tribe leader to the different centers. Tribe leaders don’t have to set up anything; they just come each day, follow their manual, help facilitate discussions, and have lost of FUN. Babylon needs 12 tribe leaders and 12 tribe assistant leaders.

There are other opportunities to serve. Be a photographer, greeter, cook, be part of the set up or clean up teams. We need friendly people to register children or help count offering. There are endless possibilities; we just need a willing heart.

For a more detailed list of jobs please visit one of our display tables in A-B entrance or D entrance starting May 7. If you are ready to say yes, contact Patricia Tristan at 267-6244 ext. 318. or email patriciat@firstwichita.org.

West Heights / First Church Mission Team at UMCOR Depot

Last month, three members from First Church, joined the mission team from West Heights to Baldwin, Louisiana to spend the week working at the UMCOR Depot. Once there, the 14 members of the team joined with 56 volunteers from several states to learn about the available work opportunities. They were surprised at the variety of opportunities including work in the community, helping the citizens of Baldwin as well as tasks on the grounds of the Depot.

Volunteers dispersed each day to work at the various projects. Some were involved in building a handicap ramp for a home, others worked with elderly residents that needed house cleaning and others helped with a social event at a senior center. Volunteers also helped around the grounds of the Depot, but the bulk of the volunteers spent the week working in the Depot, assembling several types of kits (school supply, bedding and birthing). They also double



checked the huge amount of flood buckets that have arrived over the last few months. There were numerous kits assembled and over 900 flood buckets checked over the week.

Working at the Depot was very enjoyable. It was a great opportunity to get to know fellow Methodists from several states while working in mission to help others in need. The staff at the Depot were very hospitable and made every one feel welcome. They continually told us how much they appreciated the work we were doing and the work at the Depot wouldn't get done without volunteers like us. The members of our team returned home knowing that others would benefit from the work.



Mission Lunch
Sunday, May 27
11a.m. - 1 p.m.
Meredith Hall

Menu
Oven fried chicken
Macaroni and Cheese
Garden Salad
Roll
Ice cream bars
Ice cream sandwiches

To benefit Camp Horizon

MISSIONcalendar

May – June 2018: Baby Diaper and Baby Wipes Drive
May 3: Puerto Rico Work Team Information Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Room 101B
May 5-6: Camp Horizon Team
May 27: Mission Lunch to benefit Camp Horizon
June 3: Camp Fontanelle Family Work Team Information Meeting, 12:15 p.m., Room 101B
June 3: Africa University Work Team Information Meeting, 1:00 p.m., Room 101B

Special Missions Collections

- May/June: Baby diapers and baby wipes drive for United Way
- July/August: School Supplies Drive
- September: Feminine Hygiene Products Drive
- October: Christmas in a Shoebox
- November: Salvation Army/Operation Holiday
- November 22: "Say Grace" 5K Walk/Run for GraceMed
- December: Toilet Paper Drive

New Leaf Book Mercantile

We now have 2 barrels in the A-B entrance. They are no longer collecting magazines. We do not have an "end" date for this, so keep bringing items. You may also request a pick-up at your home. Check with Jolena White at the A-B Information Desk or Annette Schmidt for more information.

Thank you!

900 adult diapers were collected for Open Door during the March Adult Diaper Drive!

Class News & Notes

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

Double Ring 106B

We have continued our study of Jesus and those who were with him through the crucifixion and the resurrection. We are truly blessed to have a teacher like Jack Focht. We enjoyed an “Afternoon at the Movies” during our social last month by watching a great movie called, “Wonder.” We shared snacks and played games on April 24 in the Parlor.

Our class is supporting the Women’s Initiative Network (WIN) and Spring Fling. Our members are a loving group of people who will open our hearts to anyone who is searching for a class so stop by and see us— you’ll be glad you did!

50/50 107B

Our class enjoyed preparing for our 70th anniversary class banquet. We shared many memories, had good food and enjoyed each others company. We hope the church members enjoyed seeing our classroom, 107B on April 22 and the past 70 years of our class. We are so lucky to have people willing to teach our class. It was nice to have John Rhoads, Evelyn Fisher, Leslie Coates and Libby Eaton teach our class this past month, we enjoyed each of them.

We hope you have noticed our banner over our classroom door. We have had fun seeing pictures of our members and what they looked like in 1948 and talk about “Remember When...” It’s been busy getting everything together, but it was enjoyable to see the outcome of the last 70 years. Don’t hesitate to stop by and say hello.

Hand in Hand 101B

During May, Cliff Bertholf will be teaching from 2nd Timothy and Titus. We invite anyone who would like to hear the lessons to come visit our class. We always have coffee, tea, and tasty treats.

We celebrate our class’ activity in missions! Two of our class members participated in the Della Lamb Work team to Kansas City. We also recognize the Spring Fling work team led Charles Eby at Trees for Life, now focusing on Teach for Life.

Social opportunities include a ladies lunch at the Rib Crib in Derby on May 11 at Noon. We will celebrate ladies with April and May birthdays. Contact Sawny Klaassen if you need directions.

Koinonia 303D

Koinonia class members are studying and discussing “24 Hours That Changed the World” by Adam Hamilton. Planned social activities for May include Sunday lunch at 12:30 p.m. at Neighbors on May 6, Spears on May 13, Dempsey’s Burger Bar on May 20, and Mission Lunch on May 27. Plans also include dinner on Friday evening at 6:30 p.m. at Outback Steakhouse at Maple & Ridge on May 4 and at Chico’s on May 18.

We invite you to join Koinonia for our Sunday morning discussions of “24 Hours” and join us for lunch on Sunday or dinner on Friday evening.

People’s Open Doors 300D

People’s Open Doors has continued to experience spiritual growth with the study of the Book of Acts presented by Barbara Simons. We have guest speakers planned for the future including Stuart Mack providing information on Camp Horizon, and Leslie Coates sharing on Foster Families. We will then continue with our interesting study of Acts with the assistance of Kathy Hampton. Our class enjoyed attending the combined Sunday School class gathering. We also plan to assemble dental kits on June 2. We always have plans to contribute to the needs of First Church and that of the community.

We enjoyed our Spring Luncheon held in April at Caesar’s Table Restaurant. In our prayer circle led by Velma Fox, we remember those class members who are not able to be with us and pray for rich blessings for our church, all pastors, staff and all members and visitors. Our doors are always open with a warm and friendly invitation. We welcome everyone who is looking for a smaller class who shares the study of the Bible and Christian fellowship.

Pneuma 302D

Pneuma has completed a study focused on the Kingdom of God. We also welcomed Leslie Coates and Vickie McArthur to class as they shared the state of our foster care system in Kansas and how we might respond as individuals, a class, and as a church. On May 13 we will begin a 6 week series led by Rev. Charles Claycomb as he shares his near death experience and the six dreams he had during the time he was in a coma. Many Pneuma members participated in Spring Fling. The first weekend of May the majority of the class will be traveling to Camp Horizon to help prepare for the summer camping season. Pneuma Ladies met at the Raise My Head Foundation house in March. We enjoyed sharing a meal and conversation with the residents of the house. Pneuma Ladies were hosted by Marlene Geier in April and Sandra Rogers will host in May.

If you are looking for a place where you can be a part of a “family” of faith and fellowship, we hope you will consider coming and being a part of Pneuma.

Religious Nurture Center 100D

The theme for our Sunday school lessons have focused on the story of the “Good Samaritan”. Jesus teaches that we are all neighbors and we should love and serve one another. We have used clips from the movie “All Saints” which tells the true story of a pastor who welcomes a group of refugees from Southeast Asia into his struggling church that ends up planting the seeds for a future that saves them all. Activities for May include BINGO, a magic show and an outing to the bowling alley. We look forward to again distributing carnations to the women of First Church on Mother’s Day.

Seekers 306B

Our teacher, David Brant, suggested that our prayers should be ACTS—Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving and Supplication. We have been sharing all for which we are thankful—and the list goes on and on. This month we are grateful to have Bob Sawyer feeling well enough to attend Sunday School, Jim Schmidt looking great after his surgery, and Lynn Lunsford slowing regaining her mobility. We appreciate Janet, Emily, Bonnie and Nancy going on a women’s work team to Kansas City. Seekers have been traveling around the nation and elsewhere, visiting children, seeing national monuments and relaxing by the water; we are grateful to have their safe return to our class. We have enjoyed having Evelyn Fisher in our class discussing the characteristics of the current different generations and what it means to Church growth. In May, David Brant will return with his series on Catechism for Adults. Don’t forget Baby Boomers, you are invited to an Open House at the Oswald’s home on June 2 from 3-7 p.m. to celebrate the importance of 1948! See you there.

Calendar

May

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| 1 5:30 PM | Tuesday Stephen Ministry Supervision - 302B | 10 9:00 AM | Thursday First Place Quilters - Quilters (D Sub Basement) 10:00 AM Disciple Fast Track - 204A 10:00 AM Hand Up - A-B Entrance 3:00 PM Scholarship Committee- 302B 5:00 PM Harmony Guitar Program AM - 200D 6:00 PM Mead's Corner Operations Committee - Mead's Corner Upper Room | 20 8:15 AM 8:30 AM 9:30 AM 10:30 AM 10:50 AM 11:00 AM 11:30 AM 5:00 PM | Sunday Heritage Worship - Chapel Religious Nurture Center - 100D Sunday School All Ages- Church Wide El Mesias Worship - 200D Downtown Alive Worship - Sanctuary Core-Kids Worship - 110C Agape Redeemed Church (ARC) - Chapel The Gathering @ Mead's Corner |
| 2 10:30 AM 12:00 PM 1:00 PM 5:30 PM 6:15 PM 6:30 PM 6:30 PM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM | Wednesday UMW Expanded Executive Committee- 101B Apple Core - 302B Daytime Quilters - 308B Downtown Alive Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary Religious Nurture Center - 100D Core-Kids - 106C, 108C, 110C, 311C Disciple Fast Track - 204A El Mesias Bible Study - 301D Bell Choir Practice - 305A UMM Bible Study - 103 B | 11 6:30 PM 7:00 PM | Friday El Mesias Band Rehearsal - 200D Frankie Valens Musical Ministries – Wilke FLC | 21 3:30 PM | Monday Local Commissions Mission – 101B |
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| 4 1:00 PM 6:30 PM | Friday Church Women United – 203B El Mesias Band Rehearsal - 200D | 13 8:15 AM 8:30 AM 9:30 AM 10:30 AM 10:50 AM 11:00 AM 11:30 AM 5:00 PM | Sunday Heritage Worship - Chapel Religious Nurture Center - 100D Sunday School All Ages - Church Wide El Mesias Worship - 200D Downtown Alive Worship - Sanctuary Core-Kids Worship - 110C Agape Redeemed Church (ARC) - Chapel The Gathering @ Mead's Corner | 23 12:00 PM 5:30 PM 6:00 PM 6:30 PM | Wednesday Apple Core - 302B Downtown Alive Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary Religious Nurture Center Magic Show - 100D El Mesias Bible Study - 301D |
| 5 | Saturday Camp Horizon Family Workteam | 14 9:00 AM 1:00 PM 5:30 PM 5:30 PM | Monday Caring Comforts - 106B, 110B Archives – 208B Senior Saints – 100D SPPRC – Pastor Cindy's Office | 24 9:00 AM 10:00 AM 5:00 PM | Thursday First Place Quilters - Quilters (D Sub Basement) Hand Up - A-B Entrance Harmony Guitar Program AM - 200D |
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| 7 5:30 PM | Monday Church Council – 101B | 16 12:00 PM 1:00 PM 5:30 PM 6:15 PM 6:30 PM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM | Wednesday Apple Core - 302B Daytime Quilters - 308B Downtown Alive Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary Religious Nurture Center - 100D Disciple Fast Track - 204A El Mesias Bible Study - 301D Bell Choir Practice - 305A UMM Bible Study - 103 B | 26 | Saturday |
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COMING IN WORSHIP

May 6
“Witnesses to Christ
in the Ordinary”
1 John 2: 24-29
Luke 24: 13-35


May 13
“Sent as Witnesses”
1 John 3: 16-24
Luke 24: 36-53

May 20
“Pentecost Promise”
Acts 2: 1-8, 12-21
John 20: 19-31

May 27
Memorial Day

Celebration Concert

Schantz 20th Organ Anniversary



August 21, 2018 • 7:30 p.m.

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Washington Students
Enjoy Wonderland

Students at Washington School returned from spring break to a delightfully decorated Wonder-land! Thanks to First Church congregants who helped make paper flowers and donated many items for this fun event. The staff wore Wonderland costumes and treated the students to a tea party, which was sponsored by First Church School Ministries and Mead’s Corner.

The objective of the day was to create a welcoming exciting environment where students can dream and believe in success, especially with the state testing season in place. First Church is pleased to partner with Mead’s in helping our neighborhood students believe in themselves and their future options for success!

Local Recipients Celebrate Tip Jar Support

Representatives from this year’s Tip Jar recipients recently gathered at Mead’s Corner for our Tip Jar Celebration, to share about how the funds they received will be used. These organizations included Raise My Head, ICT SOS, and the two schools involved in the School Ministry Fund - Park and Washington Elementary. Since 2008, the tip jar at Mead’s Corner has received \$94,000 that has in turn supported several community missions/ ministries!

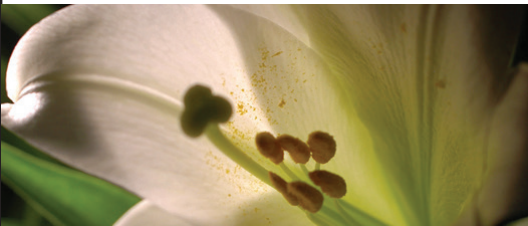


Easter Lilies Honor First Church Friends and Loved Ones

Thank you to everyone who donated toward the purchase of Easter lilies that were delivered to our homebound members. Our Senior Saints Committee sponsors

this important ministry every year. It is a tremendous blessing to our recipients, and a truly meaningful First Church tradition. Included is a list of individuals who

contributed to the Easter lily ministry and the names of those who are being honored or memorialized:



Donor
Dave Johnson

Mary Havey
Mary Lou Roedell

In Memory
Billie J.Johnson (wife),
Chris E. Johnson (son)
Todd Havey and Helen Halstead
Floyd Roedell

In Honor of
N. Russell & Rubie Johnson (Parents)

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