

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

During September we will spend some time discussing what we believe about the Bible, a special blessing of the animals and toward the end of the month we will kick off our stewardship campaign. We hope to see you in 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.

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FEED THE HUNGRY

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

**September- food collection:
Tuna**

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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Life. Downtown.

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

Bible 101

■ September 9

"What is this Bible and How Can I Understand It?"

Psalm 119: 97-105

John 1: 1-5, 14-16

■ September 16

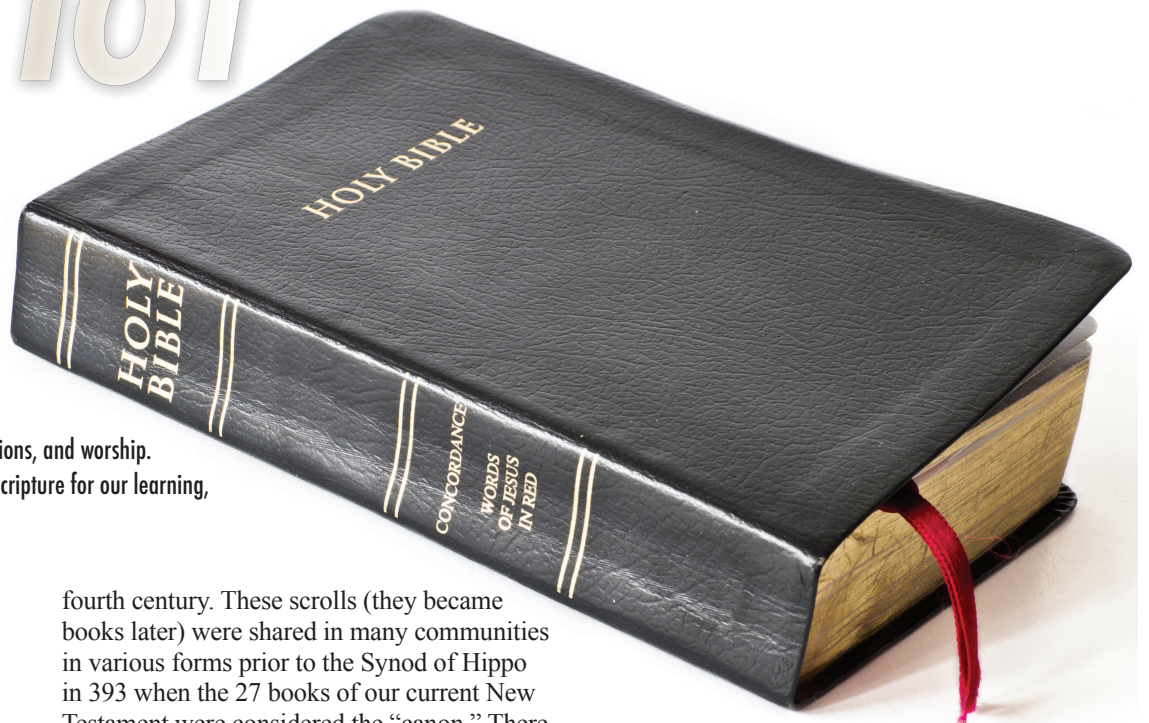
"What does the Bible Mean and Why Does it Matter?"

Proverbs 4: 1-14

2 Timothy 3: 14-17

Bring your favorite Bible, the one you use for study, devotions, and worship.

It can be a book, a phone or tablet and we will bless this scripture for our learning, growing and deepening spiritual life.



The Bible, the Holy Scriptures have some of the most hotly debated topics. What can you believe? Do you have to believe every word? If you don't does that mean you are not a Christian? Over a two week period we will reflect and study what it means to take the Bible seriously, but not literally. The time that our scriptures reflect is several thousand years, but what has been written and passed down, was written over a couple of thousand years and then canonized in its current form in the early

fourth century. These scrolls (they became books later) were shared in many communities in various forms prior to the Synod of Hippo in 393 when the 27 books of our current New Testament were considered the "canon." There were references a few years prior to that, and certainly over the centuries there have been other conversations as to what would be accepted as the Holy Bible. For followers of Jesus, deepening one's faith means wrestling with scripture. This "Word" of God is a living

word and one that invites us into a deeper spirituality and a deeper faith. For two weeks we will dig deep, learn some history of how scripture came to be and how we, in the twenty first century can still be led by these words that become the Word.



Join us September 23 at Heritage and Downtown Alive

Please bring your beloved companions to worship as we have a special blessing of the animals. Dogs need to be on leashes, runaway animals and cats need to be in cages. You may bring photos or drawings of pets, and also bring stuffed animals.

Following Blessing of the Animals during worship, First Church will have a booth at

Open Streets ICT with animal blessings and pet tags. This is a wonderful opportunity for outreach so come by our booth and share about your love of pets and love of First Church with folks participating in Open Streets ICT. If you are interested in helping to replenish water and treats for our furry friends please sign up in the Narthex or at the AB or D entrances.

OPEN STREETS | ICT



Open Streets ICT
Sunday, September 23
12-4 p.m.
Douglas Ave.

Open Streets ICT is a FREE community-building event that closes a usually busy street to traffic and opens it for biking, walking, running, dancing, yoga, and more! All Wichitans are invited to join in the fun, and to stop at the local Douglas Avenue businesses, restaurants, street vendors, and the five major activity hubs situated every mile along the four-mile stretch.

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 Sept. 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

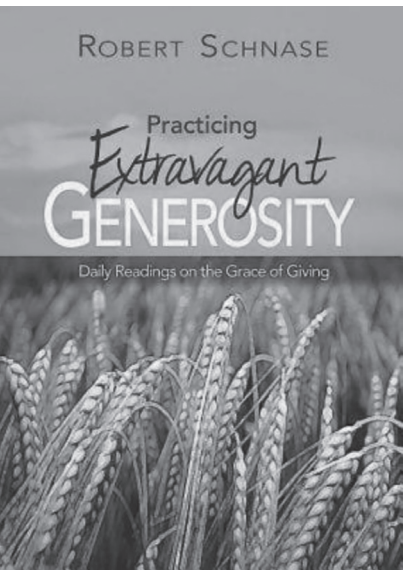
Changing lives—transforming communities

Our Purpose

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

Stewardship Sermon Series
“Extravagant Generosity” Begins September 30

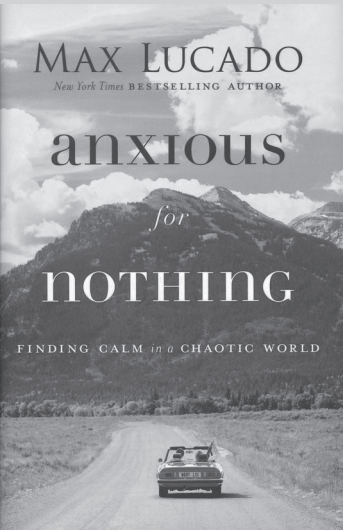
Our 2019 Stewardship series, “Extravagant Generosity” will begin September 30 with, “Generous Hearts and Spirits”. Generosity is a fruit of the Spirit, a sign of our spiritual growth, an aspect of character. Generosity extends beyond money. It includes generosity with time, with talent, with our treasures, our prayers, our presence in worship, and generosity with our witness. Stewardship and generosity support the mission and ministries in our neighborhood, state and the world, as we care for our neighbors, serve the lost, maintain our church, extend our welcome to our neighbors and explore the ministry opportunities God brings to us.



During this series, we will be invited to join in daily readings in the book, “Practicing Extravagant Generosity Daily Reading on the Grace of

Giving” by Robert Schnase. Each family will receive a copy of this book, to explore the abundance of God’s grace and our need as Christians to give, rather than on the church’s need for money. Sunday school classes or small groups may want to study this book in October.

Yes, we do talk a lot about money in the church, because Jesus did. The Bible speaks of money and property more often than almost any other subject. Jesus teaches that we are stewards of what God has given us. During October, we will focus on all the gifts we receive from God and how we respond in faith to his generous provision for us.



Apple Core
Wednesdays
at Noon

This September, Apple Core women’s book and Bible study group will explore Max Lucado’s new book, “Anxious For Nothing, Finding Calm in a Chaotic World”. Delving into the text from Philippians 4: 6-7, Lucado presents thoughts on how to deal with the anxiety which seems to surround us today. Books will cost around \$10 and will be ordered by the church.

Apple Core meets Wednesdays from noon to 1:00 at the church. This group of 12-14 ladies come together to study, share life, pray, and laugh a lot! Some bring their lunches. Libby Eaton is the facilitator. We would welcome others to join us for a rich experience. Please contact Rev. Rebecca Mohr for more information or to join Apple Core. You will be blessed!

United Methodist Women

UMW Expanded Executive Committee will meet September 12 at 10:30 a.m. in Room 101B. The Unit meeting will meet at 12:15 p.m. for devotions in Meredith Hall. Our luncheon will follow at 12:30 p.m., the cost is \$7.00. The program will be from the attendees of the UMW Assembly, Libby Eaton, Emilie Petersen, Nancy McKellar, and Vicki Tanner. The theme of Assembly was “The Power of Bold”. The emphasis will be the 2019 budget approval and election of officers and chairpersons. We will also be voting on the revision of the Standing Rules. Circle duties for the Unit meeting is the Sarah Circle. Church Women United will not meet in September.



New Member
Classes
Sept. 13, 20, 27
6:30–8 p.m.
Parlor

Classes will explore basic Wesleyan doctrine and theology as well as connect persons into the life of First UMC through relationship, service, study, and commitment. This class will be received into membership on September 30 in Downtown Alive. If you are interested in becoming a shepherd and sponsoring a new member please contact Pastor Rebecca.



Join us!

All Church
Sunday School
Sept. 30

Join us September 30 in Meredith Hall for a video on the Special General Conference in St. Louis, February 23-25, 2019. There will be prayer stations as well as informational handouts on how we begin to discern issues in regards to human sexuality as a church. The following weekend, on October 6, Bishop Rueben Saenz will be in Wichita for two listening sessions about the General Conference. They will be held at Chapel Hill UMC from 10 a.m.-Noon and West Heights UMC from 3-5 p.m.

OUR GIFTS

JULY 2018 OFFERING
\$76,773.98
RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE
\$674,199.26
BUDGET YEAR-TO-DATE
\$671,790.00
EXPENSES YEAR-TO-DATE
\$644,860.89

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS
MISSIONS
\$350.00
RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE
\$2,842.00

CAPITAL FUNDS
\$112.00
RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE
\$3,242.00

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

ORGAN MAINTENANCE FUND
\$1.00
RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE
\$1.00

TELEVISION MINISTRY
\$15,395.00
RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE
\$138,858.47
BUDGET YEAR-TO-DATE
\$146,504.75
EXPENSES YEAR-TO-DATE
\$142,608.27

TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS
\$92,631.98
RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE
\$819,142.73



If you seek a fresh way to understand and share our faith—a way that makes sense in our current reality, you are invited to join Pastor Rebecca, Thursdays in September for “Pizza Lunch and Learn”. The goal is to read the book, “Gladhearted Disciples” by Chris Folmsbe in September, then continue with a discipleship strategy and system in October. Please contact Rebecca to reserve a copy of the book or if you plan to attend.

September 6:
Picasso’s Pizza in Delano

September 13:
Il Vicino in Crown Heights

September 20:
DeFazio’s on North Amidon

September 27:
Ziggy’s Pizza in Clifton Square

Book Review: “Gladhearted Disciples” takes a radically different and welcome approach to evangelism and discipleship. It is a winsome and accessible book with two audaciously important messages. First, Christian discipleship is grounded in grace, characterized by humility, upwardly focused in gratitude, and outwardly-turned in compassion. Second, Christian communities should be marked by the same. Every church would do well to heed this prophetic yet hopeful message. --Robert K. Martin, Dean and Professor of Christian Formation and Leadership, Wesley Theological Seminary

OUR FAMILY

We grieve the deaths of:

Sue Green, sister of
Harvey Childers

Ted Deubner, husband of
Margaret Deubner

Rev. Fred Pinkerton

Joy Rogers

Company is coming!

Help us share the Love of God
with our Family Promise guest

First Church is excited to welcome three families in the Family Promise program this Fall/Winter for one week per quarter. The families will arrive at the church about 5:30 p.m. each day. We will provide the evening activities and spend some time getting to know them. Sleeping areas will be in the 3D classrooms. Each morning we will provide a grab and go breakfast and items for sack lunches. The families will leave about 6 a.m. in a Family Promise van.

Family Promise is a 501(c) with a board and staff. There are over 5,000 congregations participating nationwide in 42 states. This program has been in existence since 1986. Families coming into the program are under case managements. By bringing together the resources of the community – specifically its congregations – Family Promise affiliates are able to address the issue of family homelessness and change the lives of families and children in their own communities. Family Promise has a strong success rate: 76% of those served by Family Promise find sustainable housing.

How can you help?

- Provide an evening meal for up to 14 guests
- Provide food for a “grab and go” breakfast
- Provide food for packing a lunch
- Fellowship Volunteer: Read a book, help with homework, play a game, etc.
- Overnight Host: We provide an air mattress for you to sleep on and bedding. You bring your own pillow. You will be there if someone needs something during the night.
- Setup and/or Takedown Volunteer: Help unload and set up cots OR help take down and load the cots on the final Sunday.
- Laundry Volunteer: Twin bedding will be provided for our guests and we need someone to take home the bedding, wash it, fold it and return to the church.
- Pick up a “Supplies Needed” card in the A-B or D entrance and bring the supplies on your card(s) to the church.
- Pray for our volunteers and our guests.

Contact Annette Schmidt with questions or to arrange a volunteer to speak to your group, annettes@firstwichita.org, 267-6244.



**Acolyte Training
September 5**

All 3rd grade through seniors in high school students are invited to join us for Acolyte training on September 5 at 6:30 in the Sanctuary. Please bring your calendars and be prepared to sign up for Sundays for your children and youth to “bring in the light.” Please contact Patricia Tristan or Pastor Rebecca for more information.

**CORE Parent Meeting
September 5**

CORE Kids and CORE Youth parent meeting will be September 5 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in Room 204A. Pastor Rebecca and Patricia Tristan will go over fall calendars, request snack volunteers, and answer any questions about student ministries at First Church. Contact Patricia Tristan or Pastor Rebecca for more information.

**Youth Movie Night
September 7, 6 p.m.**

6th- 12 grade
dinner, movie, time for fellowship

**Wednesday Night Kick Off
September 12**

CORE Kids, **CORE Youth**, and the RNC will meet in the Wilke Family Life Center, September 12 at 6:30 p.m. This will be an opportunity for all teachers, students, volunteers and spiritual guides to come together and kick off the 2018-2019 school year with new energy. You won’t want to miss this!

Discipleship Team Update

Room 311C is now the CORE Middle School Room- it was formally CORE56. We are currently looking for teaching assistants on Sunday morning and teachers and assistants for Wednesday night programming. Please contact Pastor Rebecca.

**Wacky Wednesday
& Trunks**

The Discipleship team is inviting everyone to be part of Wacky Wednesday & Trunks. Sign up to bring your decorated trunk and give out candy to children from our community. Last year, we served 400+ kids and families. Wacky Wednesday & Trunks will be Wednesday, October 24 from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. We will have games, pumpkins, face painting, and a costume show for all ages in the Wilke Family Life Center and trunks in the North parking lot. Many volunteers are needed! Please sign up in the A-B or D entrance for a trunk or to help with a center.

Candy Needed

We need candy for Wacky Wednesday & Trunks! Please bring your wrapped candy to the A-B Receptionist, between Monday, September 17 and Monday, October 22.

For more information on how to get involved in this fun outreach, please contact Patricia Tristan, Director of Kid’s Discipleship.



**A Missionary
in our Midst**

Rev. Sergio Felipe Tristán is a missionary with the General Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church assigned to the Great Plains Annual Conference through the National Plan for Hispanic/Latino Ministries. Sergio has served as the director of Hispanic/Latino Ministries for the conference as well as congregational developer for Nueva Evangelica UMC in Garden City, Kansas. Nueva Evangelica was a renewal ministry for what is historically one of the first Hispanic/Latino congregations in the conference.

A native of Nueva Rosita, Coahuila, México, Rev. Tristán is an elder of the Great Plains Annual Conference. He received his high school diploma at the San Juan de Sabinas School in Coahuila, and then went to Guatemala with Quaker missionaries to study at the Berean Bible Institute. He studied there for two years before earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in Religion from Barclay College in Haviland, Kansas. He later attended Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Austin, Texas, where he earned a Master of Divinity degree. He is currently serving as a missionary pastor at El Mesias UMC, Wichita, KS sharing facilities with First UMC Wichita, where he has been for four years, developing a ministry



Rev. Sergio and his wife Patrica and their two sons, Yitzak and Sergito.

for the Spanish speaking families in the community.

Rev. Sergio Tristan recently announced he will be taking a new path in his mission call. Beginning October 1, he has been assigned to work in Argentina as the Coordinator for Lay Pastors in the Latin America and Caribbean extension of Global Ministries. The Tristan family is thankful for this

wonderful opportunity to continue being the hands of Christ in the world! We ask you to continue to pray for the Tristan family in this new mission adventure and for El Mesias UMC as the church will continue to worship and hold activities in our building. Children and youth will continue to be part of the family ministries and will continue to grow in their faith in our midst.

Mission Lunch – El Mesias UMC September 9

Join El Mesias UMC for a Mission Lunch on September 9 from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. in Meredith Hall. The menu includes enchiladas, rice, beans, and dessert. During the lunch the Harmony Guitar players will share some of the music they have learned during the spring and fall ses-

sions. Proceeds will support the ministries of El Mesias. El Mesias meets every Sunday for worship in the Youth Center at 10:30 a.m. They also hold a Bible study on Wednesday nights and a women’s Bible study on

Wednesday mornings. They continue to reach out to families in the neighborhood, including our partnership school, Park Elementary.



New 30' roller slide



Camp Fontanelle Team

Camp Fontanelle Family Work Team

The Camp Fontanelle team consisted of 24 people, from across Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, Arkansas, Alabama, and Florida! We departed on Sunday, July 29, for the Methodist camp located an hour west of Omaha, Nebraska. We worked hard and played hard every day, all day. The site director, Trent Meyer, gave us a list of projects he wanted us to work on. The most challenging project was constructing a 30' roller slide. Team member, Steve Laycock, watched a video and studied the construction, before he left home. Even though Steve was our "chief engineer", it took a real team effort to complete the task. The slide was made from PVC pipes, with metal pipes running through them. The metal pipes were then installed through a wood frame. The team got to enjoy the "fruits of their labor" on the last afternoon of camp. Other projects included, wood chipping, splitting logs, gutter repairs, painting 32 picnic tables, weeding and gardening, shoveling sand around two large



bouncing pillows, cleaning cabins, pulling weeds, and clearing brush for the new slide and new fire ring.

Each day, we found time for extra fun activities including: swimming, zip lining, jumping, going through the corn maze, visiting the petting barn, tree climbing with ropes, playing in a 2 story fort, sliding down a long soapy slide into a pool of

water, visiting the Omaha Zoo, and last, but not least, enjoying the newly installed roller slide.

We felt a real sense of accomplishment at the end of the week. We finished Trent's list and more. We left Camp Fontanelle feeling we had been the hands and feet of God all week and loving each team member more than when we arrived.

Camp Fontanelle motto: "A Place To Grow With God In Any Season".



MISSION

Missions Calendar

September: Feminine Hygiene Products Drive
September 7: Open Door First Friday
September 20-23: Bailey, CO Work Team
September 30: Mission Lunch

Mission Lunch

September 30
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Meredith Hall
To benefit our General Work Team
2019 Work Teams will be announced

Menu

Pork Loin
Sweet Potatoes
Green Bean Casserole
Waldorf Salad
Roll
Cherry Cheese Cake

Food of the Month Calendar:

September: tuna
October: canned vegetables
November: canned fruit
December: pasta/ mac and cheese

September Mission Drive – Feminine Products

What does a woman do when she can't afford feminine hygiene products? Did you know "food stamps" cannot be used to purchase them? The \$4 to \$5 dollars a month to buy them is often needed to buy other necessities. Most women who need these hygiene products would be in the age range to have children at home. Living under the poverty level with children is a constant budget juggling act. This is an opportunity for First Church to be compassionate and to assist women in retaining their dignity.

In September, the Local Mission Commission is collecting feminine hygiene products for Open Door. Bring donations to the AB or D entrances and place in the provided container. If you would rather give a monetary donation, please indicate "Sept. mission drive" in the memo of your check.

Thank You

At the July Mission Lunch to benefit General Work Teams, over \$400 was raised. Thank you for your support. We hope you are enjoying Mission Lunches. If you have any comments or ideas, please contact Annette Schmidt (annettes@firstwichita.org).

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 continues to be blessed by the lessons from Jack Focht and the lively discussions of those who have over half a century of experiences. From the future of the world’s religions to what it takes to become a dedicated follower of Jesus, Jack uses the Bible, story-telling and various materials for our lessons. It is always thought provoking.

Double Ring has donated funds to the Park/Washington school’s needs. We’ll also sponsor the Annual MS Bike Ride through the Flint Hills.

We have a number of members who are experiencing health challenges and the class showers them with cards, visits and prayer. You are all welcome to come visit our class where we learn and love!

50/50 107B

We continue to enjoy Sunday mornings together for good fellowship, music and worship. We have enjoyed our teachers this session. Students from our church shared about their experiences at Camp Horizon. Larry Harris taught us about the Commission on a Way Forward and the future of the UMC. Rev. Rebecca Mohr talked to us in August about neighbor-ing.

Stop by for a friendly smile and handshake as you pass the 107B classroom. We enjoy everyone who stops by.

Hand in Hand 101B

Ken Van Blaricum finished the series on Moses. Cliff Bertholf is teaching the new series entitled “The Good Neighbor Experiment,” it coordinates with our sermon series.

We celebrate with Ken and Annette Van Blaricum who celebrated their 50th anniversary on Aug. 4 in Pratt, KS. We have had many receptions this summer of all kinds!

We are saddened by the death of Marcia and John Kurtz’s beloved family members. We continue to pray for class members who are sick and in need of healing.

Many class members have been on work teams or will be going on them soon. Many also continue helping with Park and Washington schools in many ways. We have members in need of visits in their home or care centers, and members have stepped up to the plate. Yes, we are family and we are happy to grow with visitors and new members.

Inspire Parlor

Our class has been using Adam Hamilton’s “Making Sense of the Bible” as our basis for study and discussion. We will be nearing the end of the study in September. Inspire is primarily for those 20-ish to 30 somethings who desire to grow in their understanding of scripture, enjoy lively discussions, like to hear different points of view and wish to join others in an accepting, small group setting. We meet in the Parlor during the Sunday School hour. Come join a great group of people!

Koinonia 303D

Our hearts are saddened by the death of class member Ted Deubner, husband of Margaret Deubner. We will miss Ted. Our prayers and sympathy go to their family.

Koinonia is participating in “The Good Neighbor Experiment” curriculum from SoCe Life. Class members donated school supplies and helped with VBS. Koinonia enjoys meals together on Sunday at 12:30 p.m. and Friday at 6:30 p.m. Come to our room for a schedule of planned events, then join us for a friendly meal.

We invite you to join us on Sunday morning in Room 303D for fellowship and study. Visitors are always welcome.

Join us October 14

We will gather for one combined Sunday morning service, October 14 at 10:50 a.m. in the Sanctuary, due to the Prairie Fire Marathon and potential street closures.



People’s Open Doors 300D

We appreciate Barbara Simons, leading us through the SoCe Life curriculum, “The Good Neighbor Experiment.” Reaffirming to us the key ingredients of building meaningful relationships in our lives and neighborhood.

People’s Open Doors continues participating in church wide events, including the Senior Sizzle, Friday Night Movies, and Brett’s 20th Anniversary Celebration Concert. What blessings and enjoyment we all receive from these special church functions.

We have had a number of members with health challenges. We have had reports of good recoveries and we look forward to seeing these members back with us soon. We always hold dear in our prayers all class and church members.

We are planning a lunch to welcome in the fall season. We would welcome anyone who would like to join us in our studies and Christian fellowship.

Pneuma 302D

Pneuma is participating in “The Good Neighbor Experiment” curriculum. Joe Mohr was our guest leader on the first Sunday of the study. Seven Pneuma members are starting another school year as teachers, librarians, as a counselor, and as an administrator in four different school districts. We also have one member who teaches at the post-secondary level. We would ask that our First Church family keep all educators in your thoughts and prayers as they serve the children in our community.

We enjoyed meeting for dinner and attending the August film, “The Burbs.” We enjoyed it so much that we met again for “The Sandlot.” Pneuma Ladies were hosted by Linda Ebright in August and will be at the home of Lavonne Beadle in September.

Our celebrations include the birth of a grandson, Riley, to Shelley and Phil Davis. We will be gathering for a wedding shower for Michael Bond and Erienne Wyrick.

Please know that you are always welcome to be a part of Pneuma.

RNC 100D

We will resume our Wednesday schedule on September 5. Activities for the month include BINGO, Magic Show and a Musical Concert. Our group celebrated the achievement of Anita Adams, who was recognized by Goodwill Industries for 10 years of high quality work. Anita proudly displayed the plaque she received. We were able to make another enhancement to the ministry by adding a karaoke machine, thanks to the Klingsporn Memorial funds. Our Sunday school lessons for September will focus on the uplifting story behind the popular Christian songs, “I Can Only Imagine.”

Seekers 306B

To many of us, September is the start of a new year. Watch for announcements about Family Promise, and the return of some programs. The Quilt Auction on Oct. 27, breakfast for the Overflow Homeless Shelter in January, and poinsettia delivery in December are to name a few. So prepare your “What I Did This Summer” stories and join us as we practice being a good neighbor.

Continue praying for class members dealing with health issues, travel and dealing with life changes.

Calendar

September @ First Church

2 8:15 AM 8:30 AM 9:30 AM 9:30 AM 9:30 AM 10:30 AM 10:50 AM 11:00 AM 5:00 PM	Sunday Heritage Worship - Chapel Religious Nurture Center - 100D CORE Kids Sunday School- 106C (K-2nd), 108C (3rd-5th) CORE-MS- 311C HS-200D Sunday School - Church Wide El Mesias Worship - 200D Downtown Alive Worship - Sanctuary CORE-Kids Worship - 110C The Gathering @ New Covenant UMC Life Support Center	5:30 PM 5:30 PM 11 2:00 PM 2:00 PM 5:30 PM 12 10:30 AM	Hospitality and Integration Meeting - 107B SPPRC - Pastor Cindy's Office Tuesday Caregiver Support Group - 200D Dementia Caregiver Support Respite - 200D Board of Trustees - 308B Wednesday UMW Expanded Executive Committee- 101B Daytime Quilters - 308B Apple Core - 302B UMW Unit Meetings - Meredith Hall DTA Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary Religious Nurture Center -100D Wednesday Night Kick Off – Wilke FLC	20 9:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:00 PM 6:30 PM 23 8:15 AM 8:30 AM 9:30 AM 9:30 AM 9:30 AM 10:30 AM 10:50 AM 11:00 AM 12-4 PM 5:00 PM	Thursday First Place Quilters - Quilters (D Sub Basement) Hand Up - A-B Entrance Lunch w/ Pastor @ De Fazio's New Member Class- Parlor Sunday Heritage Worship - Chapel Religious Nurture Center - 100D CORE Kids Sunday School - 106C (K-2nd), 108C (3rd-5th) CORE-MS- 311C HS-200D Sunday School - Church Wide El Mesias Worship - 200D Downtown Alive - Sanctuary CORE-Kids Worship - 110C Blessing of the Animals @ Open Streets ICT The Gathering @ New Covenant UMC Life Support Center
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Ephesians 4: 11-16
Matthew 5: 1-16

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“What is this Bible and How Can I Understand it?”
Psalm 119: 97-105
John 1: 1-5, 14-16

September 16
“What Does the Bible Mean and Why Does it Matter?”
Proverbs 4: 1-14
2 Timothy 3: 14-17

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Genesis 1: 24-31
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Malachi 3: 7-12
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First Church Choir Scholarship Singers



Chenille Hawkins

We are entering our second year with choir scholarship singers at First Church. This is a wonderful program where college students who sing with college choirs in the area join our Chancel Choir during the fall and spring semesters. The generosity of donors to our choir scholarship fund has enabled us to have this program. The scholarship program provides the students the opportunity to sing with an established adult church choir on a regular basis and benefits our choir by adding more voices to each section of the choir.



Gunnar Marcum

This September we will welcome Nathaniel Wheatley to the bass section and Marleah Mullen to the alto section. We also have two returning scholarship singers: Chenille Hawkins in the soprano section and Gunnar Marcum in the tenor section. All of our scholarship students this year are studying at Friends University. When you see our singers on Sunday morning, please welcome them to First Church.



Nathaniel Wheatley



Marleah Mullen

Teachers and Staff Enjoy Back to School Luncheons



Meredith Hall was buzzing with the excitement as Back-to-School luncheons were served to Park staff on Aug. 7 and to Washington staff on Aug. 9. The School Ministries Task Force prepared the luncheon and welcomed members of the First Church staff to join the school staffs on both days. Thanks to the Double Ring class for underwriting the cost of the meat for the taco salads.

The Park staff was excited to return to their building laden with donations of backpacks and school supplies from our First Church congregation. The Task Force will continue to take donations to Park.

Back-to-School night on Monday, Aug. 13, was a little soggy at both Park and Washington, but First Church School Ministry volunteers weathered the rain to welcome students and their families at both schools. Italian Ice treats were given to everyone who visited Park, and a yummy hot dog dinner was provided at Washington School.

If you are interested in helping at Park, please contact Libby Eaton or Annette Schmidt. Sharing God’s love by helping teachers and students in our neighborhood is a rewarding experience. You will be blessed!

