

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 November, a month we celebrate days like All Saints Sunday and Thanksgiving, we will explore what it looks like to be "Thankful 24/7". We hope to see you in worship Sundays at 8:15 a.m., 10:50 a.m., 5:00 p.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.

**November- food collection:
Canned Fruit**

FIRST
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Life. Downtown

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



We begin a new sermon series for November entitled, "Thankful 24/7." In his first letter to the Thessalonians, Paul writes, "Give thanks in every situation because this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." (1Thess. 5: 18) In another letter Paul writes: "Do not be anxious about anything, but

in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." (Phil. 4: 6) The Psalms are filled with prayers and songs of gratitude. God is good and giving thanks is a life-long journey of grace and gratitude. Paul learned to be content in all things and to pray continually,

always with thanksgiving. In a month where we will be inundated with commercials to buy happiness for the holidays, Thanksgiving can offer a respite. Thanksgiving is an invitation to gather round a table and to be grateful. So join us for the next few weeks as we focus on being, "Thankful, 24/7".

■ November 4, All Saints Sunday
"Thankful for the Saints"
Revelation 21: 1-6, Luke 6: 27-31

■ November 11, "Thankful for Today"
1 Kings 17: 8-16
1 Thessalonians 1: 2-10

■ November 18, Thanksgiving Sunday
"Thankful in All Things"
Psalm 100
1 Thessalonians 3: 6-13

■ November 25, Christ the King
"Thankful Year"
1 Thessalonians 5: 12-24
Matthew 6: 25-34

Thanksgiving Mission Lunch

Do you know a neighbor or friend that will be spending the Thanksgiving season alone? Do you have family coming in early for Thanksgiving? Is there someone in your class or group that you haven't seen in a while? Invite them to join us for our Thanksgiving Mission Lunch!

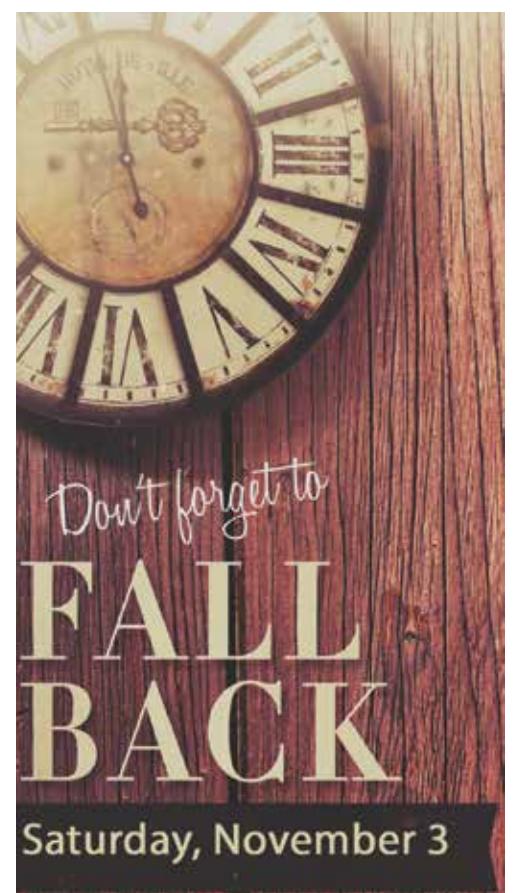
Is someone in your group homebound and unable to attend, but would love a good meal, take a to-go box or 2 or more with you and you can share it with family, friends and neighbors during this season of thanks!

The 2nd Annual Church-Wide Thanksgiving Mission Lunch is November 18. This is the Sunday prior to Thanksgiving and a perfect time to have lunch with your church friends and invite others to share it with you.

We encourage you to make reservations for



the Mission Lunch so that we can cook enough for everyone! Reservations will be accepted until Monday, November 12. You may send your reservations to annettes@firstwichita.org or leave a message at 267-6244 Ext. 320. Paper reservations will be available in classes, the A-B and D desks, and in the Mission brochure display in the Narthex.



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 Nov. 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 2019

We hope you have enjoyed our Stewardship emphasis for 2019, “Practicing Extravagant Generosity” and have grown with the daily readings in “Practicing Extravagant Generosity Daily Readings on the Grace of Giving” by Robert Schnase, to explore the abundance of God’s grace and the Christian’s need to give, rather than on the church’s need for money.

If you have returned your Commitment Card thank you. If you are prayerfully considering your commitment, thank you. We look forward to receiving your card when you have finished this process. If you don’t feel you are ready to make a commitment at this time but will continue to support the church, returning a card to tell us that would be appreciated and we thank you for your continued support.

The Heart Cards have been a blessing during this program. We hope you had a chance to read them as they were posted around the church. The following are some of the thoughts shared:

Things I Love About My Church –
Because it helps me keep my faith strong, ministers, music, Sunday school class,



beautiful building, many ways to serve, lots of activities, sermons, TV broadcast, work teams, school partnerships, Christmas Eve service, the people, all people are welcome.

Who do you love in our church? - *Loyd Hamrick and Brian Hopper, Diane and Brett and the choir members, Jolena, Teresa, Patty Harding, the business office, Diana, Sharon Hamrick, Peg Baldwin, Leslie Swearingen, Hope Class, Hand in Hand Class, Apple Core, Bible Study, Libby, Pastor Cindy, Pastor Rebecca, Patricia*

Special Charge Conference

November 5, 2018 | 6:00 p.m., 101B

This Special Charge Conference will take place during our normally scheduled Church Council meeting. Church Council will begin at 5:30 and the Wichita District Superintendent will call the Charge Conference to order at 6:00 and when that business is concluded, Church Council will resume. The purpose is to vote on the following agenda item:

It is moved that the mission church, El Mesias, along with all assets, tangible property, and members who choose to be united with Wichita First UMC be transferred to Wichita First UMC and retained for the purpose of furthering God’s Kingdom amongst Hispanic person and maintaining ministry to the Spanish speaking community of Wichita.

Annual Church Conference

November 18, 2018 | 5:00 p.m., Aldersgate UMC

This year’s Church Conference will once again be held by networks. Aldersgate United Methodist Church will be the host church this year as we gather with several other area United Methodist churches. The conference will begin at 5:00 p.m. at Aldersgate, 7901 West 21st Street North, Wichita, KS.

November United Methodist Women

Church Women United

November 2, 1:00 p.m.
Hillside Unitarian Church,
8330 W. Douglas
Program: World Community Day

UMW Expanded Executive Committee Meeting

November 14, 10:30 a.m., Room 101B

UMW Unit Meeting

November 14
12:15 p.m.: devotions in Meredith Hall
12:30 p.m.: Lunch
Program: “Just Say Yes!”
by Dixie Brewster, Wichita West District
UMW President
She will also be installing our UMW officers and circle chairpersons. There will be a Special Mission Recognition by Janet Robinson. Circle duties for Unit meeting are by Rachel circle.

This will be the last time our lunch will be served by Sharon Hamrick, Delaine Hartman, and Nonie Hollowell. We appreciate so much and thank them for the wonderful luncheons they have prepared for us these past few years.

Prayer Time for First Church

Join others to pray for the falling anew of the Holy Spirit on First Church. Each Sunday morning we will meet between 10:35 and 10:55 (just before Downtown Alive). We will gather in the pews on right front of the Sanctuary to pray for our church—for the worship service and all who participate on TV or in person, and especially asking Our God to bless and uphold our pastors and staff as they lead First Church and our members and all who worship with us as we seek to obey the call of Christ. Look for Ernie Krehbiel near the tall stain glass windows in pews behind the TV camera.

OUR GIFTS

SEPTEMBER 2018 OFFERING

\$64,545.82

RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE

\$839,134.67

BUDGET YEAR-TO-DATE

\$846,265.00

EXPENSES YEAR-TO-DATE

\$854,848.21

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS

MISSIONS

\$100.00

RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE

\$3,027.00

CAPITAL FUNDS

\$110.00

RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE

\$3,462.00

VAN MAINTENANCE FUND

\$0.00

RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE

\$0.00

ORGAN MAINTENANCE FUND

\$2,000.00

RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE

\$7,444.00

TELEVISION MINISTRY

\$16,036.00

RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE

\$188,868.97

BUDGET YEAR-TO-DATE

\$202,363.25

EXPENSES YEAR-TO-DATE

\$186,809.44

TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS

\$82,791.82

RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE

\$1,041,936.64

Stove Builders of Guatemala and Giving Tuesday

Many of you know that the Stove Builders of Guatemala project was started at First Church Wichita in 2011. This project was created to help build cleaner and safer stoves for the indigenous Mayan people of Guatemala. As the project expanded, more funding was needed so other Methodist churches were invited to be partner churches to help spread the word and increase the areas in which new funding could be obtained. In 2016, this project was approved to be an Advance project with the United Methodist Board of Global Ministries. This opened the project to be supported by United Methodist churches across the world. In 2017, it was decided to move the administration of this project to one of the partner churches in Texas, First United Methodist Richardson. The project has continued to grow and by this fall, the project will have provided over 1,400 stoves to the Mayan families, since its inception in 2011.

However, there are still many families who could use a stove and that brings us to Giving Tuesday. Giving Tuesday is a “giving event” established, in 2012, to allow individuals to make charitable contributions to the non-profit of their choice. Giving Tuesday, this year, is Tuesday, November 27. The Stove Builders of Guatemala would greatly appreciate your consideration of a donation to the project to help continue the building of stoves for Mayan families. How to give: go to the United Methodist Global Ministries website, www.umcmission.org/Give-to-Mission/Search-for-Projects/Projects/3022040. This link takes you directly to this project; when you are there, just click on “GIVE NOW”. The Stove Builders of Guatemala project thanks you, in advance, for any donation you may give.



2018 KANSAS ABOLITION CONFERENCE

“Executions, Innocence, and Abolition”

November 17, 2018 from 1:00 – 4:30 pm

First United Methodist Church

330 N. Broadway, Wichita, KS 67202

Come listen to our diverse panel—Floyd Bledsoe, Richard Ney, and Bob Weeks—provide a variety of perspectives on the problem of innocence and the death penalty.



Floyd Bledsoe
Kansas Exonerée



Bob Weeks
Host,
“Voice for Liberty”



Richard Ney
Attorney

The ANNUAL MEETING of the KCADP will start at 1:00 pm. All KCADP members are invited to attend. The brief meeting will include the election of new officers and board members. The panel will start immediately afterwards.

This event is **FREE** and **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!**
Pre-registration recommended; contact us at 785-235-2237 or info@ksabolition.org. Same day registration begins at 12:30 pm.

PO BOX 2065 | TOPEKA KS | 785.235.2237 | KSABOLITION.ORG | INFO@KSABOLITION.ORG



Did you know?

First Church is a big place and a lot is going on. As Rev. Evelyn Fisher says, “A church should be doing so many things that nobody knows everything.” This column is intended to introduce you to some of those things that you may have yet to learn about.

Room 208C is now being used as a Wichita office for EmberHope/Youthville. Their main office is in Newton. The office here at First Church is used by Lori Gonzales, Chief Program Officer. She would be glad to say hello to visitors.

As explained on the organization’s website, a century ago, “the United Methodist Church recognized the need for a residence for homeless and abandoned children. The mission was adopted to provide shelter and care to these children.”

First Church is helping to fulfill that mission by providing office space as well as space for training prospective foster parents. There are eight families enrolled in the foster parent training right now. Currently, there are 208 foster homes in Kansas. EmberHope/Youthville also serves 45 girls at the residential campus in Newton.

Now you know... so...be in prayer for EmberHope/Youthville, its staff, foster parents, and the children and youth that they care for. You can learn more at Emberhope.org.

OUR FAMILY

We welcome new member:

Annette Van Blaricum,
Ken Van Blaricum,
Nancy Dinell, David Dinell,
Ashley Dinell,
Sarah Stanley

We celebrate the baptism of:

Sarah Stanley
Thomas Smalley

We grieve the deaths of:

Florence Walter,
sister of Beth Elliott

Gene Lygrisse,
husband of Betty Lygrisse

Xury Hole,
father of Ken Hole

Reception for the Tristan Family November 11



With gratitude and love, we say good bye to Patricia Tristan and her family as they leave First Church to begin a new adventure with Global Ministries in Argentina. A reception honoring Patricia for her leadership of Kids' Discipleship will be held November 11 immediately following the Downtown Alive service in the Narthex. If you would like to participate in a card shower/love offering, there will be a basket for the cards at the reception or you may leave them with the front desk receptionist.

1st Annual First Church Friendly Christmas Competition

Open House December 5 • 6-8 p.m.

Come check out all the decorations and enjoy holiday refreshments!
Judges will be deciding who will be declared our first winner!

It's not too late to join in on the fun!
Entries are due November 5.
Contact Leslie Coates for more information.

Thank you Notes From Park

Since the beginning of school, several letters of thanks have been sent by Park students to our First Church Congregation. Enjoy the excerpts which follow:

Thank you for the uniforms and helping us.

Thank you for the school supplies.

Thank you for your generosity.

We appreciate you.

First United Methodist Church, You shine in your own way!

Thank you for the chair back pockets. (Judith Oswald designed and made 25 chair back supply holders for a second grade class.)

We appreciate the college gear shirts.

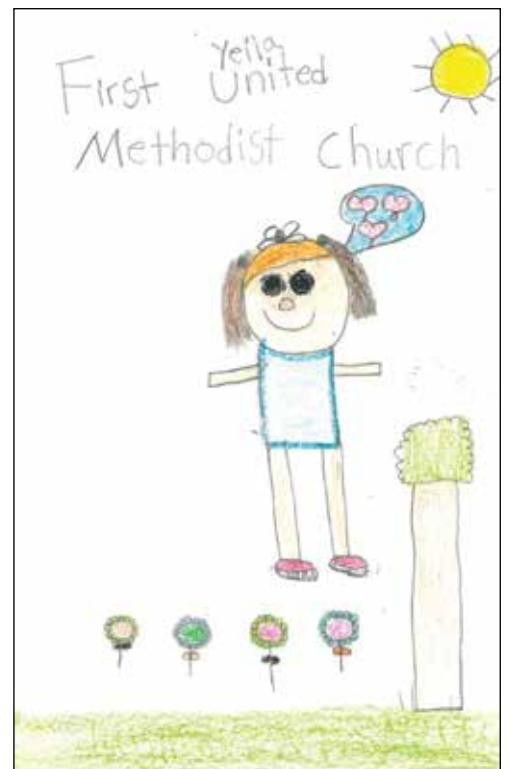
God will always love you

Thank you for helping our school and being our partner.

I like you.

We all appreciate you and we all are very grateful to have you help us.

We all love you very, very, very much!



The mission emphasis for November is collecting gloves to warm the hands of our neighborhood children. Park School Social Worker, Lori Mueller, shared that many more children are walking to school this year, and they are in desperate need of gloves. Of course, coats and hats are always welcome, but the real missing piece of protective outer wear seems to be gloves.

Our Park School community hovers at about 97% poverty, even though parents are working one or two jobs. Lori recently stated, "Our poor children just seem to be getting poorer." That may seem odd to us, but the wages are not rising at the same rate as the cost of groceries, clothes, utilities, etc.

All types of gloves are requested, from



those for little children's hands through adult sizes. Stretchy type gloves that are packaged in sets of 2 or 3 and sell at a lower price are welcomed as well as

gloves with more lining. Mittens are also a good choice.

The donation of cold weather outer wear for our neighborhood children is

appreciated throughout the winter. With the closing of Mead's Corner and the loss of the Tip Jar donations from there, funds to purchase items for the children has declined. Thus, financial contributions are always appreciated and the School Ministry Task Force will use donations for current needs for our families. Checks should be made to the church with the notation of "School Ministries." They may be placed in the offering or the vault drop outside the office, or mailed to the church.

As the cold weather arrives, it's time to dig out your own gloves and find a pair to share. We have about 350 neighborhood children at Park. Let's try to warm all 700 hands!



Would you like to get up on Thanksgiving Day and make room in your belly for the great meal that is coming? Join us at the 8th Annual "Say Grace" 5K Thanksgiving race, November 22 at 9:30 a.m. The race starts at 10th and Topeka and finishes at 10th and Emporia. You can walk/jog/run the course.

How about your class or group forming a team? Or you can be an individual participant. You can dress as a pilgrim, a turkey, a pumpkin pie or just dress for the weather!

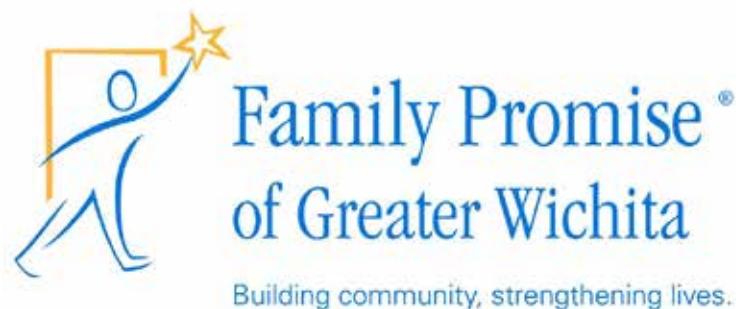
For more information, go to <https://graced.org/say-grace-race>. Be sure to tell them that you are with Wichita First United Methodist Church.

Thank You

At the September 30 Mission Lunch to benefit General Work Teams, almost \$400 was raised. Thank you for your support.

Towels

Do you have any gently-used towels that are looking for a new home? We have received a request from Open Door for towels. Open Door provides showers for the homeless. Missions will accept towels any time and will then get them to Open Door.



Family Promise Update Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to help with Family Promise! The first 3 families will be here the week of December 16. Do you have a little time that you could help by volunteering? Here is what we need.

- One driver to take families to the Day Center in the morning and a driver to pick them up in the evening from the Day Center and bring them to the church. You will drive the Family Promise van. You must have a valid driver's license.
- A family, group or individual to bring an evening meal and serve to the families (about 15 people). You may also eat with the families and get to know them. You can also drop off a meal to be served. (Meals will be served Sunday night through Saturday night.)
- Food donations for a "to-go" breakfast and items to make a sack lunch.

- Each night we will need one adult male and one adult female to stay overnight in the D building with the families. You will be there to answer questions, help in an emergency and sleep.
- In the evening we would like to have an individual spend some time with the families. Play games, read to the children, help with homework for both children and adults.
- A laundry volunteer to wash bedding and towels at the end of the week.
- Volunteers to help after Downtown Alive on Sunday to set up cots and the rooms. The following Sunday we will also need volunteers to help prepare the rooms for classes.

All volunteers will be required to have Safe Gatherings and will also have a brief training session with Family Promise, on Sunday, December 2 at 4:00 p.m. Sign-up sheets are available at the A-B or D Information Desks and in the Narthex



Operation Christmas Child

Be sure to turn in your Operation Christmas Child to the Missions Department no later than the first week of November!

Handmade Cards Available at Thanksgiving Mission Lunch

We are excited to welcome members from the Augusta UMC to our Thanksgiving Mission Lunch on November 18! This congregation has a special ministry making a variety of beautiful cards including, sympathy, Christmas, get well, and thank you cards. The proceeds from the sale of these cards supports their ministry which sends cards and care packages to deployed military personnel.

Several members of Augusta UMC have participated with our Work Teams. In fact, our Lake Michigan Work Team reunion this year was held at Augusta UMC, when we were able to visit their card room. Please support our sisters in Christ at Augusta UMC and their ministry to our deployed military by purchasing handmade cards at this month's mission lunch.

*If you know anyone who is currently deployed, please bring their name and address so Augusta UMC may send them a package.

MISSION

Missions Calendar

November: Collect gloves and outer wear for School Partnerships

November 18: 2nd Annual Thanksgiving Mission Lunch – to benefit School Partnerships

November 18 2nd Annual Thanksgiving Mission Lunch, Meredith Hall

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

R.S.V.P.

Invite your family and neighbors!

Menu

Turkey
Gravy
Stuffing
Mashed Potatoes
Cranberry Salad
Rolls
Green Beans
Dessert Buffet

SAVE THE DATE: December 16 Mission Brunch

You may order in advance as a class or group and have brunch delivered to your room. Or you may eat in Meredith Hall. The choice is yours! The Mission Brunch will benefit Disaster Recovery (UMCOR).

Menu:

Biscuits and Gravy
Cinnamon Roll Cake
Scrambled Eggs
Bacon
Bagels & Muffins
Cream cheese
Fruit
Juice
Coffee

Missions Projects

November: School Partnerships

November 22: "Say Grace" 5K Walk/Run for GraceMed

December: Toilet Paper Drive

Food of the Month:

November: canned fruit

December: pasta/ mac and cheese

Class News & Notes

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

Double Ring 106B

Happy Fall everyone! How fortunate we are to enjoy the changing seasons and the beautiful autumn colors! Our class has been fascinated by the story of Rev. Charles Claycomb during a near fatal illness in 2006. Over six Sundays he shared vivid dreams he had while in SICU at Wesley Hospital. We recommend you invite him to your class—you won't be disappointed.

We attended the Chicken & Noodle Dinner and Quilt Auction as many of our ladies were involved. We pray for all of our friends experiencing health and emotional challenges. Our love of God and our love for each other will see us through.

50/50 107B

This fall our class enjoyed taking the church vans to the Benton Airport. We had fun visiting and laughing together while we ate good food and watched the planes.

We have enjoyed our Sunday mornings with Ernestine Krehbiel as she talked to us about prayer. Libby Eaton was our teacher October 7. We are busy preparing for our Christmas party together. Stop by 107B for a quick handshake as you pass our room.

Hand in Hand 101B

Cliff Bertholf taught us in October about *Extravagant Generosity*. There are many ways to be generous. Just to name a few that we participated in are donating feminine hygiene products, cans of fruit and vegetables, candy for Halloween and taking a box or two to fill for Operation Christmas Child through Samaritan's Purse.

October 13 we had a nice afternoon with a fast and furious game of Mexican Train. Plans are in the works for our Christmas party. We look forward to welcoming Rev. Evelyn Fisher, teaching our class in November on, "How Culture Shapes Generations and Their Experience of God." Come join us. We always have treats, coffee and a good lesson.

Inspire Parlor

We began a new series, "The Good and Beautiful God: Falling in Love with the God Jesus Knows", by James Bryan Smith. This study will give us ideas and practices for enhancing our spiritual formation. All are welcome. We are primarily made of people who are 30-40-ish. Come meet, discuss and learn with us, in the "B" Parlor each Sunday.

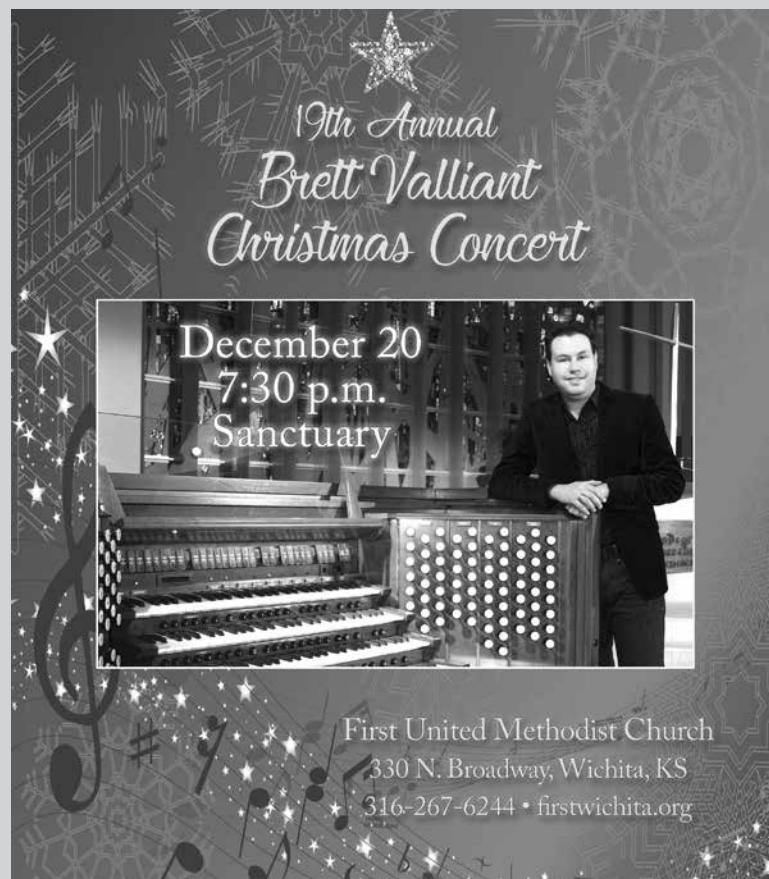
Koinonia 303D

November 10, we will attend "Barrymore" at the Forum Theater. We attended "Bonnie & Clyde" in October. Our class members eat out together on Sunday at 12:30 p.m. and on Friday at 6:30 p.m. We welcome anyone who would like to join us. Koinonia invites everyone to join us Sunday morning in Room 204A for fellowship, study, and discussion.

People's Open Doors 300D

We welcome the beauty of fall and the continuation of Christian growth through our "Extravagant Generosity" and Acts studies, and we look forward to our Advent study.

We are blessed to support and participate in church and community events. This includes the RNC pecan fundraiser, assembling dental kits, and attending the Chicken Noodle Dinner and Quilt Auction. Class member Karen Hudson assisted in the coordination of the UMW Bake Sale. We are looking forward to participating in the Christmas Decorations contest. We are also involved in Family Promise, class member Barb Simons is on the planning committee. We are always pleased to welcome visitors to share in our Christian fellowship and studies. Our doors are open to all.



Pneuma 302D

During October, our lessons focused on conflict and how we sustain relationships amid differences. Lessons were centered on what the Bible says about conflict; how the body and mind influence disagreements; and navigating conflict in the church. Evelyn Fisher and Dan Lord led these lessons. In November, we will focus on refugees and immigrants and engaging the challenges of human migration today. Libby Eaton and Nancy Smith will be leading these lessons.

Pneuma Ladies were hosted by Lavonne Beadle in September and Jean Artz in October. We celebrate the marriage of the McArthur's daughter, Carly. Pneuma members helped serve the chicken noodle dinner. We also helped with concessions and information about our School Ministry at the Tallgrass Film Festival. We hope you will feel welcome to join us as we gather for fellowship and study.

Religious Nurture Center 100D

Our Sunday lessons have used the memoir "Riding the Bus With My Sister", which tells the true story of a successful writer and professor who reconnects with her sister, who has a developmental disability and whose lifestyle revolves around riding the city bus. She learns from her sister that she has not prioritized the right things in her life and neglected having meaningful relationships and also learns to respect the self-determination of her sister's lifestyle choices.

Thanks to everyone who has generously supported our annual Pecan Fundraiser and for the Quilters gifting us half the proceeds from the Quilt Auction.

Seekers 306B

We have just started the study of Acts using the book from the Life Change series, so it isn't too late to join us!

We have some important events coming up. On November 11 we will have a potluck in the Parlor after Downtown Alive. In addition to a delicious dish to share, be prepared to share about a "gratitude." On December 8 we will have our annual Christmas celebration. Details will follow.

Our love and prayers go out to those experiencing health problems. Jim, Bob, and Lynn you are in our prayers. During November we are grateful for each Seeker and all the blessings we receive because we are part of First United Methodist Church-Downtown!

Calendar November @ First Church

<p>1 9:00 AM 10:00 AM 6:30 PM</p>	<p>Thursday First Place Quilters - D Sub Basement Hand Up - A-B Entrance God and Dogs - Parking Lot</p>	<p>11:00 AM 12:15 PM 5:00 PM</p>	<p>Core-Pre-K - 200C Seekers Thankful Brunch - 205B The Gathering @ New Covenant UMC Life Support Center</p>	 <p>The church building will be closed Thursday, November 22 & Friday, November 23 for the Thanksgiving holiday</p>		
<p>2 11:00 AM</p>	<p>Friday Open Door Lunch Prep - MH Kitchen</p>	<p>12 1:00 PM 5:30 PM</p>	<p>Monday Archives - 208B Congregational Health/Senior Saints - 100D SPPRC - Pastor Cindy's Office Hospitality and Integration- 107B</p>		<p>20 5:30 PM 5:30 PM 6:00 PM</p>	<p>Tuesday Stephen Ministry Supervision - 302B DTA Committee - Media Suite Foster Parent Training - 110B</p>
<p>3</p>	<p>Saturday</p>	<p>5:30 PM 5:30 PM</p>	<p>Tuesday Caregiver Support Group - 200D Board of Trustees - 308B Foster Parent Training- 110B Kids Council - 310C</p>		<p>21 11:00 AM 5:30 PM</p>	<p>Wednesday Daytime Quilters - 308B Downtown Alive Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary Religious Nurture Center -100D Core - Youth - 200D Men's Bible Study - 103B</p>
<p>4 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 11:00 AM 5:00 PM</p>	<p>Sunday Heritage Worship - Chapel Religious Nurture Center - 100D Core Kids Sunday School K-5th-106C, 108C, Sunday School - Church Wide Core Youth Small Group - 200D CORE-Middle School - 311C El Mesias Worship - 200D Downtown Alive Worship - Sanctuary Core-Kids Worship - 110C Core-Pre-K - 200C The Gathering @ New Covenant UMC Life Support Center</p>	<p>13 2:00 PM 5:30 PM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM</p>	<p>Wednesday UMW Expanded Executive Committee- 101B Daytime Quilters - 308B UMW Unit Meetings - Meredith Hall Apple Core - 302B Downtown Alive Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary Religious Nurture Center - 100D Family Movie Night - Wilke FLC Core - Youth - 200D Men's Bible Study - 103B</p>		<p>22 23 24</p>	<p>Thursday - Thanksgiving Day BUILDING CLOSED</p> <p>Friday BUILDING CLOSED</p> <p>Saturday</p>
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COMING IN WORSHIP

November 4
"Thankful for the Saints"
 Revelation 21: 1-6
 Luke 6: 27-31

November 11
"Thankful for Today"
 1 Kings 17: 8-16
 1 Thessalonians 1: 2-10

November 18
"Thankful in All Things"
 Psalm 100
 1 Thessalonians 3: 6-13

November 25
"Thankful Year"
 1 Thessalonians 5: 12-24
 Matthew 6: 25-34

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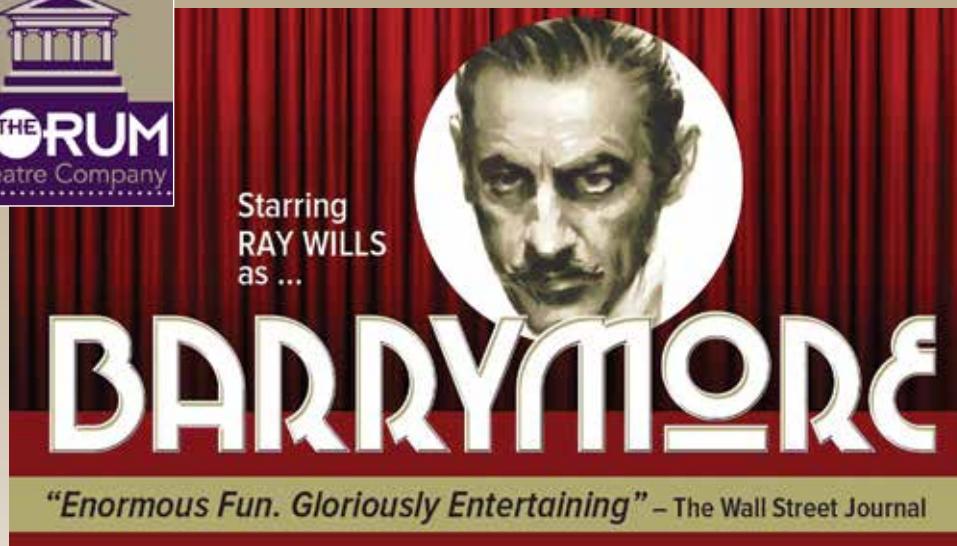
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Happening this month in the Wilke Family Life Center



The Forum Theatre Wichita's 2018-2019 season continues in November with "Barrymore".

No longer a leading box office star and matinee idol, John Barrymore must reckon with the ravages of his life of excess as he prepares for a comeback. Barrymore has rented a grand, old theatre to rehearse for a backer's audition for his triumphant return to Broadway as Richard III. But memorization fails him while memories claim him, as he playfully and poignantly looks back on the highs and lows of his stunning career and remarkable life.
 Live on stage in the Wilke Family Life Center, Thursday through Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m., November 1 through November 11. Tickets available at forumwichita.com or 316-618-0444.

HEALING YOUR HOLIDAY GRIEF

100 PRACTICAL IDEAS FOR BLENDING MOURNING AND CELEBRATION DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON



ALAN D. WOLFELT, PH.D.

Surviving the Holidays

November 7 at 1:30 p.m. or
 November 8 at 6:30 p.m.
 Parlor

For the second year, First Church Pastoral Care Staff is hosting a "Surviving the Holidays" event for persons who have experienced death of a loved one, loss, depression or grief. Participants will view a video and will also learn from others who have wrestled with holiday grief. There will be time for guided discussion and sharing. Each participant will receive resources for how to make it through the holidays. There is no cost for this seminar, but registration is requested so that plenty of materials will be available. Call or e-mail Rebecca at church if you wish to attend, rebeccam@firstwichita.org.

With Thanksgiving upon us, and the season of Advent to follow, it's the perfect time to reflect upon our many blessings, and the special people who have blessed us. One of the First Church traditions is to deliver poinsettias to our homebound at Christmas time. For our homebound members, this ministry is a special way to express how much we care for them, and it also strengthens their connection to First Church. You can participate by giving a donation to honor or remember a loved one, or by being part of a delivery team. If you would like, you may want to consider doing both! Please contact Linda Hopper at 722-0771 for delivery details.

If you would like to make a donation to our Flower Ministry Fund, please complete the attached form and return to the business office by December 15. Donors and honorees/memorials will be acknowledged in the January "First Light".

If you would like to be part of a delivery team, poinsettias will be available for pick up December 2-9. We request that all deliveries be completed by December 16. **Additionally, as part of the First Church updated Safe Gathering guidelines, two persons are required for each delivery, and at least one must be Safe Gathering certified. For more information about becoming Safe Gathering certified, please contact Rebecca Mohr.**

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In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

YES, I'm Safe Gathering certified and I would like to be a part of the delivery team

Please complete the form along with your donation and return it to the *First United Methodist Church, 330 N. Broadway, Wichita, Kansas 67202. Make your check payable to F.U.M.C. with 'Flower Ministry Fund' in the memo.*