

FIRST LIGHT

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Join us for inspiring worship at 8:15 a.m., 10:30 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 May we will explore how Jesus moved out of the tomb and into the lives of those that loved him and followed him in the sermon series, "Jesus on the Move". We hope to see you in worship Sundays at 8:15 a.m., 10:30 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.

**May food collection:
Canned Fruit**

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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.

EASTER SEASON

Jesus On the Move: Offering New Life

Jesus moves out of the tomb and into the lives of those who loved him and followed him. Jesus is preparing them for the time to come, when they would need to be on the move in the world as children of God and followers of Christ. This season is always filled with several important celebrations: graduation, Memorial Day and this year the 150th anniversary of the United Methodist Women. Celebrating new life in Christ is an invitation to be moving in a new direction in the world! Join us for worship this May!

May 5

"Jesus Moves through
Hunger"
Revelation 5: 11-14
John 21: 1-19

May 12

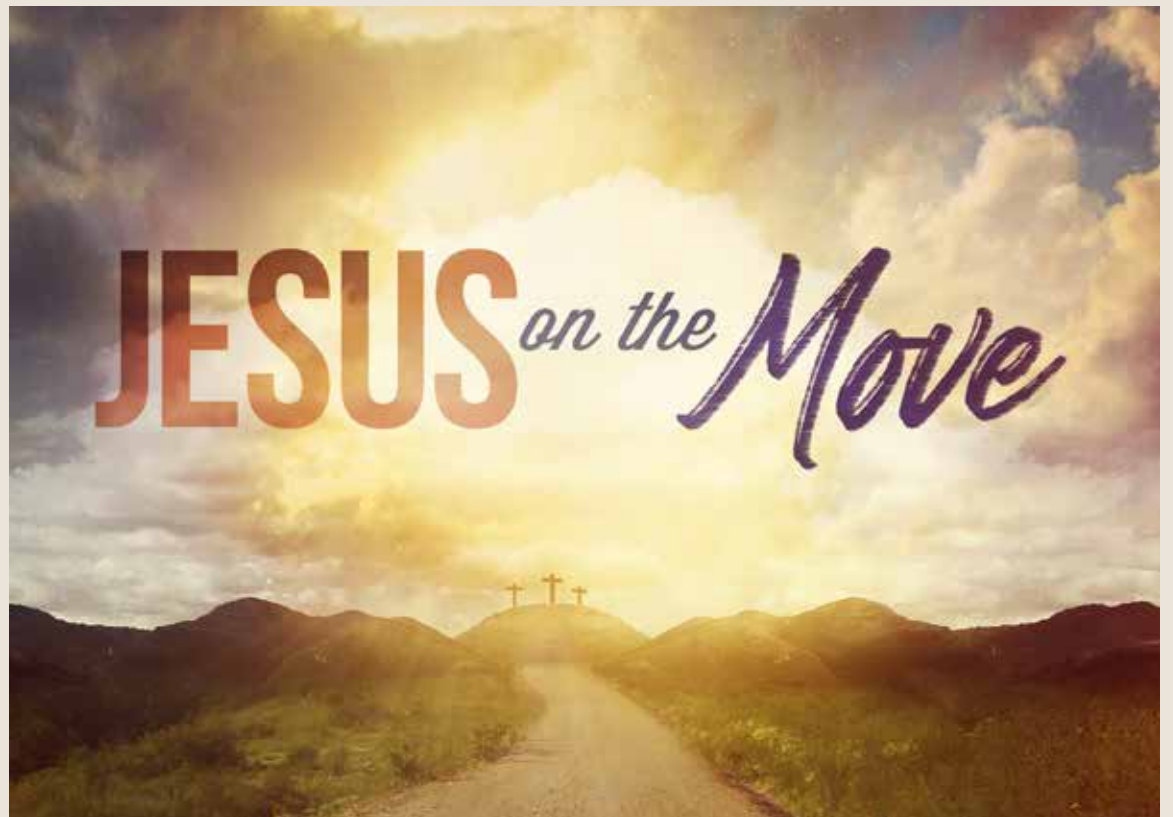
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"Jesus Moves through
Remembering"
Revelation 21: 1-7
John 14: 23-29



Pastor Rebecca to be Ordained

We are excited to announce Pastor Rebecca will be ordained as an Elder in Full Connection in the United Methodist Church! Her ordination service will be May 31 at 7 p.m., at the Kansas Expo Center in Topeka, Kansas. Anyone who would like to attend this service to show their support is encouraged to attend. Congratulations Pastor Rebecca!

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Jim Matthews, as he recovers from recent surgery; 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 June 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.



Fire up the Grills for Pentecost!

Save the Date: June 9 after Downtown Alive

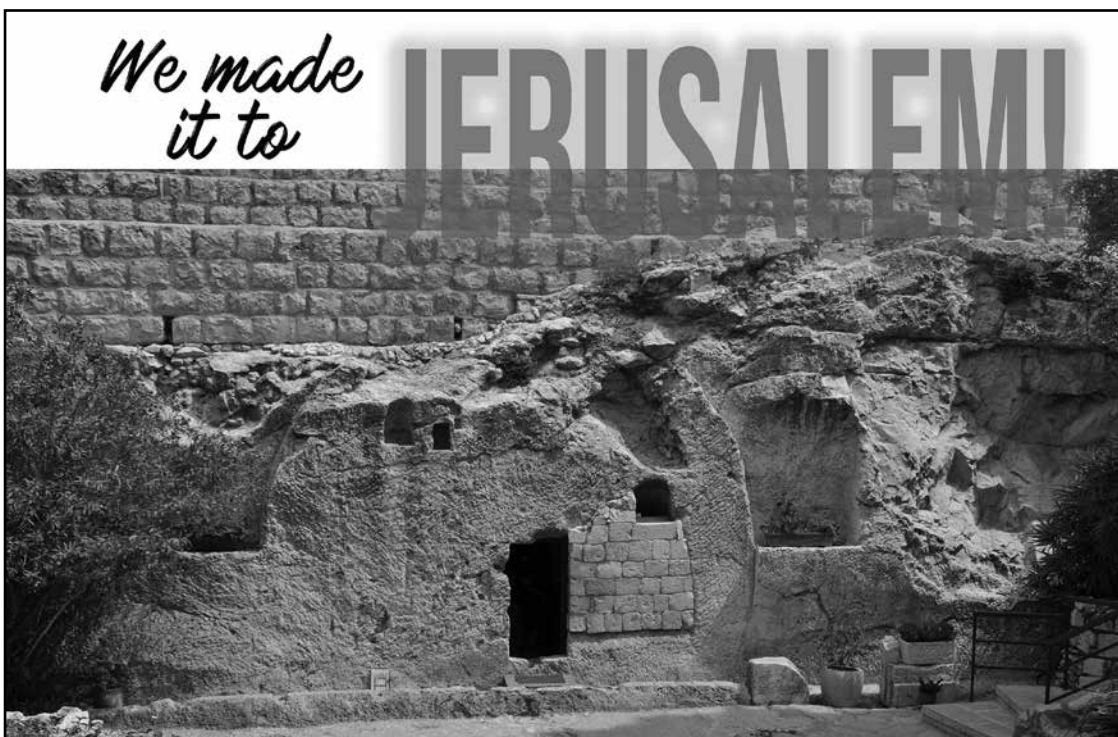
What: A church-wide Pentecost Picnic
Where: First Church Front Lawn
Burgers, hot dogs and drinks will be provided by discipleship ministries. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

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



We made it to Jerusalem!

With over 9,675 miles traveled, we had more than enough miles to reach our destination of Jerusalem by Easter Sunday. Thank you to everyone who joined us on the Journey to Jerusalem during the season of Lent!



Downtown Alive Programming Note Sunday, May 26

Our Sunday morning broadcast on May 26 will be pre-empted on KAKE-TV due to network programming. However, the service will be broadcast live at 11 a.m. on ME-TV, channel 10.2 (over the air) or 669 (Cox Cable). We will also still appear live on the web at sundaystreams.com/go/firstwichita, at 11 a.m. We will return to our regular schedule on Sunday, June 2.



Memorial Day

First Church will be closed, Monday, May 27, 2019, in observance of Memorial Day.

OUR GIFTS

March 2019 OFFERING

\$136,995.32
 RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE
 \$409,644.97
 BUDGET YEAR-TO-DATE
 \$375,758.97
 EXPENSES YEAR-TO-DATE
 \$306,891.71

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS

MISSIONS
 \$5,072.00
 RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE
 \$6,392.00

CAPITAL FUNDS

\$110.00
 RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE
 \$3,090.00

VAN MAINTENANCE FUND

\$0.00
 RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE
 \$0.00

ORGAN MAINTENANCE FUND

\$0.00
 RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE
 \$150.00

TELEVISION MINISTRY

\$17,509.26
 RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE
 \$56,991.26
 BUDGET YEAR-TO-DATE
 \$58,287.75
 EXPENSES YEAR-TO-DATE
 \$71,553.78

TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS

\$159,686.58
 RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE
 \$476,268.23

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.

A special thank you to Linda Hopper, chairperson of the Senior Saints Committee for organizing our Easter lily deliveries this year. Thank you to the Guardian Angels, church members, staff and friends who assisted with this year's deliveries. Below is a list of individuals who contributed to the Easter lily ministry and the names of those who are being honored or memorialized:

Donor

Mark Brown & Pansy Brown
 Betty Butler
 (Covenant Discipleship Group)
 Mary Barton, Kathy Hampton,
 Donna Fisher, Eloise Kennedy
 Charles & Jean Eby
 Chrystal Dlabal
 Beth Elliott
 Tom & Carol Fox
 Don and Terry Grabendike
 Mary Havey
 Glenna Hendershot
 Paul & Betty Hodson

In Memory

James Brown and Jamie Brown Menees
 Mendell "Mitch" Butler
 Roberta Alexander, Eleanor Deterich
 Harlan, Bea & David Casper, Martin & Pauline Eby
 Orrin & Mildren Hantla
 Willis Elliott
 Elsie & Bud Huson, Jessie & Grover Fox
 Norma & Verlyn Griffith
 Todd Havey, Helen Halstead
 Maurice Hendershot
 Paul Leroy Hodson

In Honor of

Vicki Patrick, Patty Harding,
 Noris Henderson, Karim Salahaldin
 Jolena White

Wayne & Dorothy Holt
 N. David (Dave) Johnson

our parents
 Billie Johnson (Wife); Christ Johnson (Son),
 N. Russell & Rubie Johnson (parents) & Rev. R. Paul Johnson (Brother)

Lois Jordan
 Sallie Kelso
 Betty Lygrisse
 Judith & John Oswald
 Bruce & Diane Quantic
 Kenneth & Bonnie Rupe
 Lois Short
 Ronda Snyder
 Bill Thompson
 Sharon Thompson
 Celia Turner
 Cindi Ubben
 Alex & Aaliyah Wise

Jim Jordan
 John Kelso
 V. E. Gene Lygrisse
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 Harry & Mabel Quantic, Ruth Dufva, Mariwilla Dufva and L.C. Dufva
 Mr. & Mrs. H.A. Rupe, Mr. & Mrs. Alden Rupe, Rev. & Mrs. Robert B. Brown
 Ken Short
 Vinola Moore, Karen Swarts
 Doris Thompson
 Carol Peterson, Leah Luch and Anna Christensen
 Bill Turner
 David Ubben, George Kirkendall,
 Orville & Phyllis Wise

Blossom Kirkendall



United
 Methodist
 Women

May 1 UMW Expanded Executive
 Committee
 10:30 a.m., Room 101B

May 1 Church Women United
 1:00 p.m., Reformation Lutheran
 Church, 7601 E. 13th St. N.
 United Friendship Day

May 8 Circle Meetings

Elizabeth and El Mesias Circles
 1:00 p.m., 304B, \$5
 Program: Dental Kits
 Hostess: Lois Stewart, 266-4313

Rachel Circle
 12 noon, 107B, \$5
 Program: Nancy Anderson and her
 trip to Haiti and Lydia Patterson
 Hostess: Jan Doggett and Carolyn
 Vosburg, 522-0267

Sarah Circle
 12 noon, 6327 Oneida, \$3
 Program: Prayer and Self Denial/
 UMW Birthday Party
 Hostess: Janet Lively, 312-2163

May 12 UMW Sunday
 Join us as we celebrate United
 Methodist Women Day at First Church
 as well as Mother's Day. We will be
 celebrating big with balloons and
 cupcakes as we commemorate 150
 years of United Methodist Women!



UMW Book Cart Recommendations

The United Methodist Women continue to add books to their reading cart. They are timely and most are filled with humor and all are a must read. Below is a sampling of what is available. Please stop by the church library on 3C to check them out!

"When Did Everybody Else Get So Old"
 by Jennifer Grant
 A good humored and hope filled look at
 the transitions of middle age.

"The Soulmaking Room"
 by Dee Dee Risher
 The author weaves experiences from her
 life with the biblical story of the prophet
 Elisha and the Shunammite woman.

"Threading my Prayer Rug"
 by Sebeeha Rehman
 A sweetly funny and refreshing view of
 an American life through Muslim eyes.

"Eleanor"
 by Harold Ivan Smith
 A spiritual biography of Eleanor
 Roosevelt's and the spiritual influences
 that made her active in social justice
 issues.

"The Hidden Life Awakened"
 by Kitty Crenshaw and Cathy Snapp
 The story of Betty Skinner who journeyed
 from desperate clinical depression to
 sholeness and profound wisdom well
 before antidepressants and mindfulness
 were mainstream. By changing her thought
 patterns, she changed her life.

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

Our Vision
 Changing lives—
 transforming communities

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

OUR FAMILY

We grieve the death of:

Yvonne Brandes
 wife of Glenn Brandes

Albert "Prince" Granon,
 husband of Mary Granon

Rosalee Allen

Ray Dodge



What's Happening with CORE Kids and Youth!



Youth 2019

We will be taking 5 students and 3 adults to YOUTH 2019 this summer, July 10-14, 2019. We will have the opportunity to attend workshops, do service projects and experience wonderful worship. Stop by the youth table at the June All Church Picnic, to learn more about the Youth 2019 experience

Youth Group - Wednesday Nights in May

May 1 - Bible Study Lesson
 May 8 - Service Project
 May 15 - Faith Sharing
 May 22 - Last Wednesday Night - BOWLING with RNC - Northrock Lanes -6:30 p.m.

Summer Camp

Don't forget about CAMP at Horizon. Scholarships are available to help with costs. We are planning to attend, week 2, June 10-14. If you are interested contact Brad Remington.

Confirmation

If you are 7th-9th grade and are interested in Confirmation, please talk with Brad or Pastor Cindy. We are looking at several fun opportunities for this summer and fall. Please let them know you want to be a part of it.

Acolyte Training

If you are 3rd grade - Middle School and are interested in being an acolyte, then we have a great opportunity for you. Brad will be leading acolyte training on Wednesday, May 29. We will meet at 6 p.m., have a meal and then go through the training. We should be done by 7:30 p.m. Sign up sheet is on Brad's door!

THANK YOU - I wanted to take a moment and thank the congregation, all the wonderful volunteers, the Staff, EmberHope and of course the children and families for a successful Easter Family Event. We had about 120 people here for the event. Around 40 children and 30 RNC members went through the stations and had a blast.

- Brad Remington, Dir. Family Ministries.



Core Family Easter



CORE Kids @ Camp Horizon

Pizza at Washington

On Thursday, April 4, Washington School students and their families were invited to the school to experience an evening of science centers and experiments provided by Exploration Place. Included in their evening was a pizza dinner furnished by First Church School Ministries. Thanks to First Church volunteers who served over 400 pieces of pizza, and to the Great Plains UMC for a grant to help underwrite the cost.



LOVE

First Church



On April 6, 45 people gathered in Meredith Hall to share a light breakfast and then work on various projects throughout the church. We worked from 8:45 until noon on the front lawn, Meredith Hall Kitchen, the Sanctuary and balcony, the Parlor, D Building entrance and multiple classrooms. Thank you so much for your help.

Flood Cleaning Buckets

Nebraska has been hit hard with flooding from snow and rain storms. First Church immediately responded by preparing flood buckets. We met on, March 31 in Meredith Hall for pizza and filled 103 flood buckets. We also received buckets from Augusta UMC, St. Paul's UMC and FUMC in Arkansas City and Grandview UMC in Winfield.

In less than one hour, buckets were

filled, taken up to the alley for loading into the trailer, and ready to go to Nebraska the next day. Thank you, Eddie and Connie Green for delivering the items to York, Nebraska, where they will be sent to those needing them.

Thank you all for your help – for your monetary gifts, for your purchases of needed items, for shopping and picking up needed items.



A Personal Note

As I sit in an empty, quiet Meredith Hall, which had been filled earlier in the day with buckets needing to be filled and all the items needed to fill the buckets, and all the people who volunteered to come fill flood cleaning buckets, I am filled with a sense of awe. I love First Church and you continue to amaze me. You are shining examples of faith in action and living your vows: To faithfully participate in its ministries by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness.

Thank you, Lord, for Wichita First United Methodist Church.
-Annette Schmidt, Director of Missions



Mission Lunch

May 26

Meredith Hall

11:00 – 1:00

To Benefit the Cherokee, NC

Family Work Team

Menu

Pulled Pork

Cole Slaw

Baked Beans

Potato Chips

Buns

Fresh Homemade Cookies

May Mission Project:

Baby Diapers and Wipes

Our Mission Collection for May is baby diapers and wipes. Items may be placed in the Missions Closet in 1B Hallway. If you would like assistance, please let the receptionist know and we will get help to get your items to the Missions Closet. Thank you for your support.



Camp Horizon

Our Mission Lunch in March was to benefit our Camp Horizon Work Team. Thank you for your support.

You can still sign up to go to Camp Horizon Saturday, May 18 and Sunday, May 19 in Arkansas City. Check with Stuart Mack or Annette Schmidt for more information the Missions Closet. Thank you for your support.

Family Promise

Our next hosting dates are May 26 - June 2.

Contact Schyeaster McPherson at schyeaster@gmail.com or 316-285-5991 or Dena Davis at davidena67@gmail.com or 316-200-3721 if you would like to volunteer.

Visit www.familypromisewichita.org for more information.

Current needs at the day house are bleach, diaper wipes, and cleaning products for mopping (Spic & Span, Pine Sol).

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

Double Ring 106B

During the last few weeks and into May we are studying religious preferences, religious discrimination, religious freedom, the Religious Freedom Act, and the separation of church and state. We know that Jerusalem was and is important to all three major religions; Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. By studying scripture we learn how stories associated with all of these things, plus many recent events, shape the divisiveness we see in our world today and how we, as individuals, might change it.

We look forward each week to enhancing our understanding of scripture and subsequently growing closer to our Heavenly Father. Please join the Double Ring class as we share in Christian fellowship and love in Room 106B!

50/50 107B

There is so much beauty in our city, with the blooming trees and flowers. The Sunday School year is ending soon, as our new year starts in May. The reign of Mary Lou Roedell and Glenna Hendershot is ending soon. We enjoyed our annual banquet, on April 26. Our parties and banquet have been organized with the help of Dorothy Filson and Celia Turner. We have enjoyed their help.

Several class members helped clean our classroom for the church's annual cleaning day April 6. Pastor Rebecca taught our class April 7 and gave us lots of interesting facts to discuss. It was very informative. It is always enjoyable to meet with other church members as they pass by our room on Sunday mornings.

Hand in Hand 101B

Ken Van Blaricum has been leading us in a study from the book, "Renegade Gospel: The Rebel Jesus," by Mike Slaughter. We enjoyed Cliff Bertholf speaking to our class about his experience as a missionary in the Congo. Cliff will continue with 1 & 2 Peter & Jude after our Lenten study concludes.

In conjunction with Love First Church on April 6, Marcia Kurtz cleaned our windows and blinds and the class purchased new sheers for the sparkling windows. Hand in Hand had an April social in conjunction with the Lion's Club pancake feed. Ken Holmes and Cliff Bertholf are both members of the Lion's Club and organized the social for good food, fun, and supporting a worthy cause. Several class members helped with the Easter Egg 5K. We celebrated Easter morning with our annual brunch and fellowship with our class members and guests. Thanks to Marcia Kurtz for organizing this wonderful event.

Our next ladies lunch is May 17 at Noon at the Wichita Country Club hosted by Jean Eby. We will be celebrating some special birthdays that day! The original date had some conflicts so note the change of date. Come join us on Sunday mornings for coffee, refreshments, and fellowship.

Inspire Parlor

The Inspire class ironically is studying "Inspired," by Rachel Held Evans. This book teaches us how to fall in love with the Bible again. We have more books available, and usually make use of a study guide each Sunday. Our class meets in the Parlor, during the Sunday School hour. Inspire has been growing! We welcome ALL to our class, which is made primarily of those in their 20's, 30's and early 40's. Come for lively discussion and sharing while learning together.

Koinonia 204A

The Koinonia class invites other singles to join us on Sunday morning in our classroom. Enjoy a cup of coffee and fellowship with us, then stay for an interesting lesson and class discussion.

Guests are welcome at any of our planned events which include eating out together on Friday at 6:30 p.m. and on Sunday at 12:30 p.m. Stop by 204A for a schedule of our plans, then join us!

People's Open Doors 300D

People's Open Doors celebrated the beauty of Spring and Easter by enjoying our Spring Brunch held at Spear's Restaurant. Our special time together was very much enjoyed, as we had wonderful attendance.

Our Lenten Study of the book "Wind in the Wilderness," has been a great journey of learning and discussion. Our special food for thought, was the statement: "Our greatest journey in our life is when our question mark about Jesus turns into an explanation mark through actions." We express our appreciation to Barbara Simons and Kathy Hampton for leading us in this study. Our next study will be on 1st Peter.

The POD Class continues to take great joy in participating as volunteers in our church events. Members have contributed to preparing the Flood Buckets, Love First Church, Easter Egg 5K, Maundy Thursday, and the Easter Family Event. We are pleased to have members back with us who have been experiencing health challenges. We always remember our members and our church in prayer as we close with our circle of prayer. Please come join us at any time. Our doors are always open!

Pneuma 302D

During Lent, Ray Hull blessed us by opening with a special devotion. Dan has led our reflections on the previous week's devotions from "The Sanctuary for Lent." In addition, we have been looking at the wording in the Book of Discipline and Social Principles as it relates to the recent vote at the special General Conference. We are grateful that Pastor Rebecca spent a Sunday with us, reflecting on her journey to ordination and the impact of the vote on her and many of her friends.

Pneuma has been active in the life and mission of the church. We helped with the Mission Lunch, supporting the Camp Horizon work team. Our class, as well as individuals, donated a number of flood buckets. The church's assembled buckets were delivered to Nebraska by the Greens. Pneuma members were at the church helping clean during Love First Church. We also had volunteers working at the Easter Egg 5K that benefited the school ministries.

Connie Barnum was our hostess for Pneuma Ladies in March. Lucinda Smetana-Hull will be hosting in April. The Ebrights hosted NIT watch parties as we cheered on the Shockers. We mourn with Shelley Davis in the death of a cousin to cancer and with Rhonda Willome in the sudden death of an uncle. We continue to support class members dealing with the health issues of family members, as well as their own health issues. We celebrate with the McKaig's on Ben's recent move to New York and his internship and coaching opportunity at Fordham University; with the Rogers on daughter Alyssa receiving a contract to teach art at Bishop Carroll; and with the Hulls as daughter Courtney was initiated into Mortar Board at WSU. Pneuma is always happy to welcome new members to our "family" as we grow together in faith.

Seekers 306B

The Seekers are enjoying the great outdoors! In April we visited Botanica Gardens during the peak of tulip season. In May, we are planning a trip to Chase County to eat lunch in Cottonwood Falls and visit Z-Bar Ranch.

We continue to study Acts. The Seekers women are meeting the third Tuesday evening of the month. May is the month for the retired men to meet for breakfast. Come join us as we celebrate this wonderful time of the year!

Calendar May @ First Church

1 10:30 AM	Wednesday UMW Expanded Executive Committee - 101B	11 8:00 PM	Saturday Forum Theater Shear Madness - Wilke FLC	5:00 PM	The Gathering @ New Covenant UMC Life Support Center
11:00 AM 12:00 PM 5:30 PM	Daytime Quilters - 308B Apple Core - 302B Downtown Alive Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary	12 8:15 AM 8:30 AM 9:30 AM	Sunday Heritage Worship - Chapel Religious Nurture Center - 100D Core Kids Sunday School K-5th-106C, 108C	20 3:30 PM 5:30 PM 7:00 PM	Monday Local Missions Commission - 101B SPPRC - Pastor Cindy's Office Global Missions Commission - 101B
6:15 PM 6:30 PM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Religious Nurture Center -100D Core-Kids K-5th Grade - 111C Core Youth - 200D El Mesias Bible Study - 201D Bell Choir Rehearsal - 305A	9:30 AM 9:30 AM 9:30 AM 10:30 AM 10:50 AM 11:00 AM 2:00 PM	Sunday School - Church Wide Core Youth Small Group - 200D CORE-Middle School - 311C El Mesias Worship - 200D Downtown Alive Worship - Sanctuary Core-Pre-K - 200C Forum Theater Shear Madness - Wilke FLC	21 5:30 PM 5:30 PM	Tuesday Stephen Ministry Supervision - 302B DTA Committee - Media Suite
2 9:00 AM 8:00 PM	Thursday First Place Quilters - D Sub Basement Forum Theater Shear Madness - Wilke FLC	5:00 PM	The Gathering @ New Covenant UMC Life Support Center	22 11:00 AM 12:00 PM 5:30 PM	Wednesday Daytime Quilters - 308B Apple Core - 302B Downtown Alive Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary New Member Class- Parlor Religious Nurture Center - Bowling El Mesias Bible Study - 201D Core-Kids-K-5th Grade - Bowling Core Youth - Bowling Bell Choir Rehearsal - 305A
3 8:00 PM	Friday Forum Theater Shear Madness - Wilke FLC	13 5:30 PM 5:30 PM	Monday Hospitality and Integration Meeting - 107B Religious Nurture Center Council - 100D	6:00 PM 6:15 PM 6:30 PM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Thursday First Place Quilters - D Sub Basement
4 10:00 AM 8:00 PM	Saturday Trust Based Relational Intervention Training - 200D Forum Theater Shear Madness - Wilke FLC	14 2:00 PM 5:30 PM 5:30 PM 7:00 PM	Tuesday Caregiver Support Group & Respite - 200D Stephen Ministry Supervision - 302B Board of Trustee - 308B Family Ministry Council - 310C	23 9:00 AM	Sunday Heritage Worship - Chapel Religious Nurture Center - 100D Core Kids Sunday School K-5th - 106C, 108C
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 John 21: 1-19

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 Acts 9: 36-43
 John 13: 31-35

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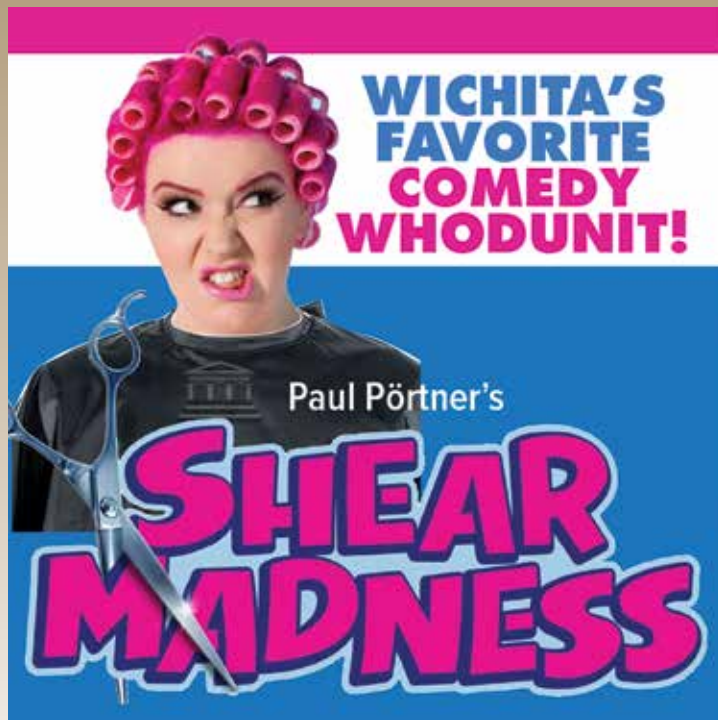
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EASTER Run

First Church was excited to partner with The Wichita Running Company to host the first annual 5K Easter Run and Bunny Hop. Over 300 runners gathered at the church on a chilly Saturday morning, April 13. Thirty First Church volunteers were assigned to a variety of tasks at the church and along the route. A percentage of the profit from this run was given to First Church in support of our School Ministries. Thanks to all for helping connect church and community, while supporting our neighborhood children through this fun event!



**The Forum Theatre
 Wichita Presents:
 Shear Madness**

The Forum Theatre Wichita's 2018-2019 season continues on stage with Shear Madness. The longest-running play in the history of American theatre! Shear Madness combines madcap improvisation and spine-tingling mystery that audience members help solve. The story unfolds at a hairstyling salon where topical humor erupts as spontaneously as the passion. Between a shampoo and a style, a murder is committed and you'll have the opportunity to spot the clues, question the suspects, and solve the funniest mystery in the annals of fake crime. The outcome is never the same, which keeps audiences returning for more Madness!

April 25-May 19: Live on stage in the Wilke Family Life Center | Tickets available at forumwichita.com or 316-618-0444.