

FIRST LIGHT

August 2019
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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 August we will continue our sermon series on food, faith and fellowship, "Setting the Table". 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.

**August food collection:
Peanut Butter**

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On Broadway between 2nd & 3rd Streets
in downtown Wichita.

Setting the Table

FOOD, FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP



Throughout the Bible, food is present either as an imagery for God's goodness and generosity or as a warning against the evils of idolatry and selfishness and greed. Food and fellowship become a way of understanding and deepening our spirituality and our faith. This month we will continue to explore Jesus at the table and food and hospitality as

a discipleship practice. Sunday mornings will have focus on specific biblical foods and images from Jesus' life and ministry. There are also opportunities outside of worship to explore this series with cooking classes with Pastor Cindy as well as a film series all focused around cooking and food. We hope you will join us this summer for this series!

■ August 4
"Host of Heaven, Bread of Life"
Psalm 104: 1-6
Luke 9: 10-17

■ August 11
"Salt Covenant of God"
Leviticus 2: 4-10, 13
Matthew 5: 10-13

■ August 18
"The Sweetness of God's Abundance"
Micah 4: 1-4
Luke 13: 6-9

■ August 25
"The Oil of Healing"
James 5: 13-16
Luke 10: 25-37



There is still time to participate in one of Pastor Cindy's cooking classes. Classes are for beginners as well as experienced cooks. Each date will offer two sessions, one during the lunch hour, beginning at 10:30 a.m. and one during the supper hour beginning at 5:30 p.m. The cost is \$10 each week to cover the cost of the food. After cooking together, we will sit down and enjoy the meal we have prepared. Contact Teresa teresaf@firstwichita.org in Pastor Cindy's office to make reservations for the following two classes.
August 15: Daniel's Feast-vegetarian fare will be featured
August 22: Jesus at the Table-a simple dinner to enjoy life

First United Methodist Church & community partners present:

Downtown Friday Films

7:00 p.m. | Free | The Wilke Family Life Center
330 N. Broadway, Wichita, KS



*Nursery Care provided

Downtown Friday Films 7 p.m., Wilke Family Life Center

We are once again partnering with local arts organizations to bring you a summer film series during the month of August. This year our theme is, "Setting the Table," and we are watching films related to food and the relationships created around the table. Our partners are Forum Theatre Company, Tallgrass Film Festival, and Harvester Arts. The first film, "Ratatouille", will be hosted by First Church. This is a free event and open to all.

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 August 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 FAMILY

We grieve the death of:

Robert D. "Stretch" Cather,
father of Connie Green

Myrtle Oswald
mother of John Oswald

Greeter Information Meeting

September 9 at 6:00 p.m.
Room 107B

Join us as we gather to review safety policies and procedures, best practices, and scheduling strategies. If you have been a greeter for many years, or are interested in helping for the first time please join us for this relaxed evening of learning and improving our ministry. A BBQ dinner will be served, so please let us know if you can make it. RSVP to lesliec@firstwichtia.org.

Small Group Opportunities

Therapy for the soul! Crafts- Creativity-Fellowship

Join us for a time of fellowship and making crafts on August 1 and August 15 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Youth Center/El Mesias.

Please sign up at the front desk or send an e-mail to Ileana Krum, ileanak@firstwichita.org. Cost for each session will be \$8.00



"Dare To Dream" Creating a God-Sized Mission Statement For Your Life

Beginning August 14
Wednesdays: 6:30 – 8 p.m.
Bilingual session in English & Spanish
Thursdays: 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Facilitator: Ileana Krum

Are your goals too small? Are you living the "just get by" plan? Or is there a greater "God dream" for you that, if lived to the fullest, could permeate and

inform every move you make? "Dare to Dream" is a startling and inspiring program by popular author and pastor Mike Slaughter that draws on the Bible and a lifetime of ministry to help us discern God's dream for us and learn to live it out, prayerfully and enthusiastically. Participants will learn how to develop a life mission statement that helps them fully commit to a

God-directed lifestyle.

Book topics to be discussed include:

- Dreaming the Dream – Wake up to God's dream inside you.
- Discovering Your Birthright – You were created with a purpose.
- Your Burning Bush – Be aware of those illuminating God moments in your life.
- Lose Your Big Buts – Allow God's strength to be displayed in your weakness.
- What Is in Your Hand – Identify and utilize the ordinary gifts God has given you.
- Perseverance – Discover a dream for your life far greater than your own.

First Church Welcomes New Marriage Family Therapy Students



Janae Llamas



Raneisha Hunter



Nicole Ensminger

First United Methodist Church welcomes Janae Llamas, Nicole Ensminger, and Raneisha Hunter of Friends University's Marriage and Family Graduate Program to our church this spring. They are part of "Cohort 55" and represent our sixth year in partnership with Friends University. Our church is a placement site for the graduate students completing their required hours for graduation from the

MFT Program. While here, they are able to offer therapy to our community at no charge. This is a vital part of their education, and the service they offer is a vital part of the ministry we offer to others. If you, or anyone you know, is in need of couples, family, relational, or personal counseling, please contact our program at studentmft@firstwichita.org, or call 316-267-6244 ext. 304.



Celebrating Downtown Alive in August

Get ready to celebrate our TV Ministry during the month of August! We will be sharing blasts from the past all month long. If you are a TV viewer, please join us in person on Sunday, August 18, for Viewer Appreciation Sunday. We would love to have the opportunity to meet and welcome you. We are also planning a special fundraising event. Stay tuned for future details.

OUR GIFTS

June 2019 OFFERING

\$73,990.40
 RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE
 \$630,385.71
 BUDGET YEAR-TO-DATE
 \$611,204.98
 EXPENSES YEAR-TO-DATE
 \$569,453.42

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS
 MISSIONS
 \$115.00
 RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE
 \$9,235.00

CAPITAL FUNDS
 \$110.00
 RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE
 \$3,920.00

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

ORGAN MAINTENANCE FUND
 \$3,114.00
 RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE
 \$11,464.00

TELEVISION MINISTRY
 \$13,112.75
 RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE
 \$110,026.76
 BUDGET YEAR-TO-DATE
 \$116,575.50
 EXPENSES YEAR-TO-DATE
 \$134,379.07

TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS
 \$90,442.15
 RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE
 \$765,031.47



Join a Weekly Quilting Group

The Thursday First Place Quilters have “moved up in the world”. After meeting in the “D” sub-basement for many years, they now have a new spacious room –304D. This location is elevator accessible, so there are no stairs. An invitation is extended to anyone who would like to join this group that meets from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. every Thursday. They hand quilt and are working on three quilt frames each work day. Besides making items for the fall auction, they quilt for hire for other people.

The Wednesday First Place Quilters have been “up in the world” for some time as they



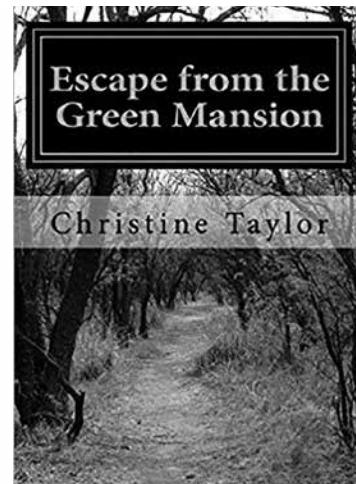
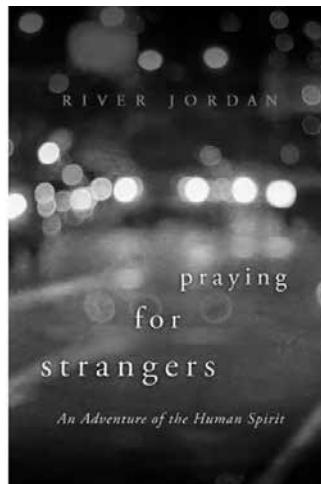
meet in 308B. They meet each Wednesday at 11:00 and work all afternoon. Anyone who is interested in quilting is urged to contact one or both of these groups and check out the programs. You are guaranteed to have a good time with good friends. Both groups meet in rooms that are elevator accessible. For the Thursday group, contact Paulette Dibbern (371-0716). For the Wednesday group, contact Judith Oswald (681-3078)

UMW Reading Program

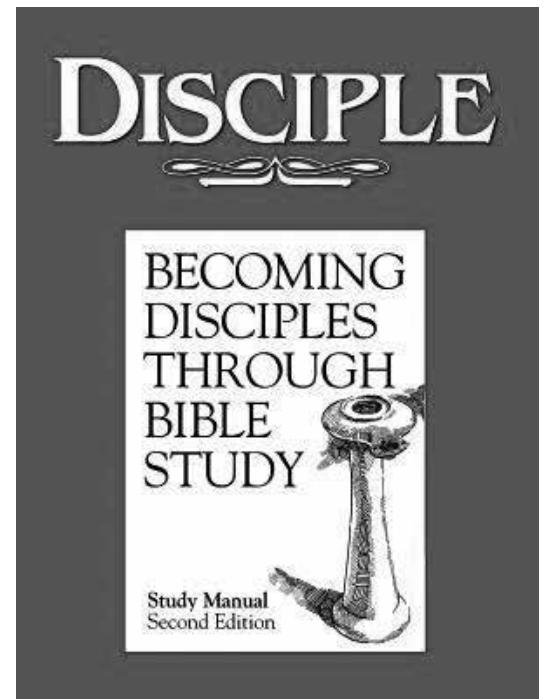
The United Methodist Women have many books on a variety of topics available through their UMW Reading Program. Listed below is a sampling of the titles that are available. Stop by the church library on 3C to check them out!

“The Hidden Life” -- About a woman who suffered severe depression in the ‘60’s before there were medicines to help treat the disease. It tells of her slow recovery to mental health.

“Escape from the Green Mansion” – A fast read about human trafficking of young Chinese girls to San Francisco in the 1870’s to 1906. It tells of the courageous Methodist and Presbyterian women missionaries who fought for these women trapped in deplorable situations.

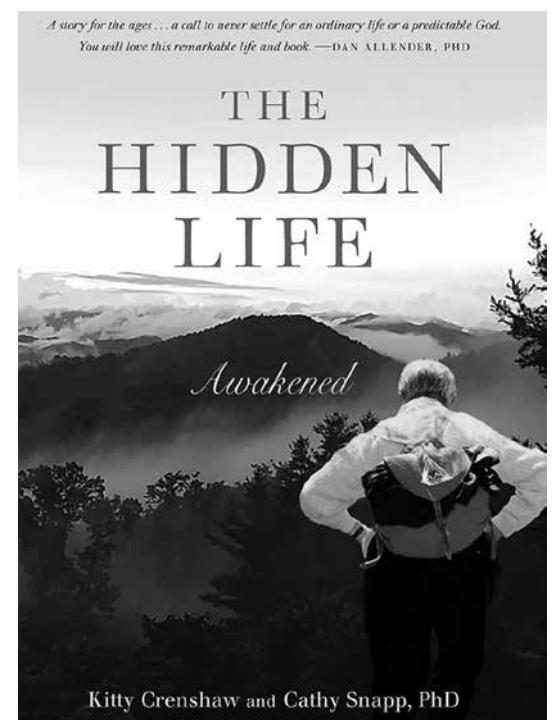


“Praying for Strangers” – This is a delightful read about the author’s year-long endeavor to pray for strangers. She approaches these people to just let them know that she will be praying for them. The responses she gets is both heartwarming and amazing.



DISCIPLE I Bible Study

We are getting ready to start a new round of DISCIPLE I. This class will meet on Wednesday nights for 34 weeks, from 7-9 p.m. and will be led by Pastor Rebecca. This is a big commitment of time immersed in the Bible, time in the classroom connecting with peers and opening yourself up to the Spirit for Christian formation while doing rigorous Bible study. If this is a study that you might be interested in, or might have further questions, contact Pastor Rebecca, rebeccam@firstwichita.org.



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.

What's Happening in August!

- August 7 – Wacky Wednesday with Brad – Last one – Summer End Party 10-2 p.m.
- August 11 – Blessing of the backpacks at Downtown Alive worship service
- August 18 – Sunday School begins – Move up to your new age group
- August 21 – Wednesday Night starts back up at 6:30-8:00pm in Youth Center

We are looking for Sunday school teachers!

All classes have curriculum and all the leader has to do is share the material with the kids. Can teach one Sunday a month, two Sundays or all fall. Please consider your gift and talents and lead the children and youth of our church in Sunday school. We are looking for teachers for the following age groups:

- 3-4th grade
- Middle School
- High School

Confirmation Class

We will soon be starting a Confirmation Class. All 7-9th grade students and older who have not been able to go through this class are encouraged to talk with Brad and get signed up!

Vacation Bible School Thank you

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make VBS 2019 a great success! We could not have done it without you! Thanks again for helping us journey, "To Mars and Beyond"!

Youth 2019

Our students had a wonderful time in Kansas City for Youth 2019. During their week they were able to worship together and hear from some amazing speakers. Thank you to all who supported our time at this national gathering of United Methodist Youth.



Vacation Bible School 2019



CORE
STUDENT LIFE MINISTRIES
YOUTH 2019



Wolf Point, Montana Work Team Report



We left Friday morning, June 14, 2019, on a mission trip to Wolf Point, Montana. Our calling was to help the teachers repair their houses by painting, cleaning, and mowing – anything that might help the incoming teachers who will be living in those houses. Tikkun Olam means repair our world. We were there serving in the Lord's name. Those teachers will have a nice clean house to stay in during the school year teaching the native children. We found out that 9 out of 10 kids were born meth babies. We met a lot of people who are passionate about our Lord as well as about their mission and what they do for their community.

-Payton Nusz, Team Member, Augusta FUMC

On our work team to Wolf Point, Montana, I saw how wise and clever God is! In addition to helping to clean and repair



houses used by Tikkun Olam teachers, we want people to know about Tikkun Olam and about First Church work teams. Several months ago, I remembered a stop at Carhenge (carhenge.com) on another work team about 10 years ago. So, I

added a stop at Carhenge to our itinerary as a surprise for the team. There, in the middle of western Nebraska, we encountered graduate students from The New School in NYC who are traveling around the US in order to make documentaries.

Our First Church work team shirts got their attention. They talked with us and even filmed us explaining what both work teams and Tikkun Olam are all about. Think of the probabilities of all this happening... Yes, God is very clever!



Park School Supply List

■ Classroom Supplies:

Clorox type wipes, Black Expo Dry Erase Markers, Kleenex, Quart and Gallon Ziploc bags, Backpacks, Umbrellas, Colored Pencils

■ Uniform Needs:

children's sizes 6-16:

Tops: New or gently used White, Red or Navy tops of any style but with no decoration

■ Bottoms:

New or gently used Khaki, Black or Navy in color or Jeans with no holes or large decoration. (shorts, pants, sweats, or skorts).

■ sneakers:

New or gently used

■ College themed shirts:

Children's sizes or small adults.

Mission Calendar

August Mission Project:
School Supplies
August Food of the Month:
Peanut Butter
August 25: Mission Lunch

Mission Lunch

Aug. 25, Meredith Hall
11:00 – 1:00
To Benefit General Work Teams

Menu

Hamburger and Cheeseburger Sliders
Hot Dogs
Homemade Potato Salad
Fresh Fruit
Peach Cobbler

Mission Project:

School Supplies

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.



First UMC hosted a full rotation of three families on July 7-14, including 3 parents, (one pregnant mother), and six children.

We provided them a safe place to sleep, good food to eat, fellowship, and a loving environment.

If you are interested in volunteering for the next rotation this November, you will need to complete the training. The next training opportunity will be on Sunday August 4 at 9:30 during Sunday School in the Seekers classroom (306B). There will also be a training at Pathway Church (2001 N. Maize Rd Wichita) on August 12 at 6:30 p.m. If you are interested, please email Dena at daviddena67@gmail.com

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

Double Ring 106B

We hope that all of our classmates who are traveling this summer are enjoying their vacations with family and friends. Even with the hot/humid weather outside, we enjoyed a lakeside cookout in an air-conditioned pavilion and several members attended the Senior Summer Sizzle and had a great time.

The subject of our lessons has primarily focused on how the church will move forward with the language in the Book of Discipline, how we got to this point (history of the Methodist Church), and how we might use the Bible responsibly and not as a weapon. We want to focus on 1. Love God, 2. Love your neighbor as yourself. We pray for God's guidance for each individual and His blessings for unity in our church.

50/50 107B

It is always enjoyable to read the other classes notes in the church paper. The 50/50 Class enjoyed meeting together the Sunday before the 4th of July. Our members brought delicious food to snack on, while each member shared how their families celebrated the 4th of July when they were a child. Several of our members were raised on a farm and told many interesting stories.

Our teachers have given us many interesting lessons. Ernestine Krehbiel, Libby Eaton and Janet Doughty have taught our class recently. Bill Thompson showed us a film about Martin Luther which was very informative. Always remember to stop by our classroom 107B, so our greeter can greet you or just stop by to visit.

Hand in Hand 101B

Lorrie Donham shared about the Montana work team in July, Carolyn Mayfield was also a member of the team. Our next lesson series is a six week study led by Ken Van Blaricum. The lessons are taken from the book, "Taste and See - Discovering God through Butcher, Bakers and Fresh Food Makers", by Margaret Feinberg. We invite anyone to join us for this interesting series.

Several ladies helped with VBS by preparing meals and leading groups. The Adult Council hosted another Senior Summer Sizzle with several present from our class.

Our class supports the school partnerships and school supply and uniform collection.

Instead of our usual August party, we encourage you to attend the Downtown Friday Films, Aug. 2,9,16 and 23 at 7:00 p.m. Yes, they too are all food orientated! We plan to have a social in September, send ideas to Charlie and Jean Eby! Guests are encouraged to attend our social events as well as our SS lessons!

Inspire Parlor

Come join us in the Inspire class as we finish our reading, study and discussion of Adam Hamilton's book "Moses". Life presents us with experiences in the "wilderness" that can be life changing. Samantha Wike Aldrich has taken the lead as our most recent teacher/facilitator. Hopefully, we are finding our way through these trials by our communal study and prayer with this class, targeted for those who are 30-ish. The class functions as a small group that cares for each other personally and spiritually. We have literally and figuratively, been swimming our way together. Inspire meets in the Parlor, Sundays at 9:30. We'll have the coffee and water for tea ready for you! If you have questions, or know anyone who might enjoy our group, please refer them to Class Sponsors, Ken and Denise Hole or Lorrie Donham.

Koinonia 204A

Koinonia invites other adults to join us on Sunday morning for a cup of coffee and an interesting discussion. We are reading and

discussing "Revival: Faith as Wesley Lived It" by Adam Hamilton.

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. Come to 204A for a schedule of our plans.

People's Open Doors 300D

People's Open Doors are continuing to enjoy the journeys of Christian study together with talented class leaders and open discussion. As we studied about "The Way Forward", we shared our insights as to what that meant as a church. We now are continuing to learn from 1 Peter and have appreciated Barbara, Kathy, and Crystal as they have led our class study and further discussion.

Our involvement of time in the church as volunteers has been with VBS, Senior Summer Sizzle, and the First Friday Lunch to serve the Open Door Ministry. We have contributed to the School Ministry program. We are looking forward to our class social to be held at Botanica, as we enjoy the Honey Bee Tour organized by Tom Gdisis. We are remembering in prayer our class members Eloise Kennedy, Brenda Triplett, and Violet Sipes as they continue to recover from health challenges. Please come join us for fellowship and inspiring Christian study. Our doors are always open to everyone.

Pneuma 302D

Pneuma has been taking part in the Way Forward lessons and discussions. We are grateful for our class members who have been a part of developing lessons for Sunday classes, as well as the Way Forward meetings on Wednesday nights. We were also blessed to have a Sunday set aside to hear part of Nancy Smith's life journey. We look forward to continuing that conversation as her schedule allows. Pneuma members have been involved with Family Promise, VBS, the youth trip to Kansas City, Senior Summer Sizzle, and Mission dinners. We will be helping with the Raise My Head Foundation graduation on August 3. In addition, members will be helping with the back to school luncheons for the Park and Washington teachers.

Our class has begun planning for our 40th anniversary celebration to be held the last weekend in September. Linda Ebright hosted Pneuma Ladies in June. We were happy that Mary Lou Reece was able to join us. Our July hostess is Laura Sherard. The men have also been enjoying their dinners out at different restaurants across the city. Many of the class will be attending a celebration of life service for the father of Connie Green. We ask that you remember Connie and Eddie in the days and weeks ahead.

We welcome all who would like to join us as we continue to journey through life, study His word, and work together to find a Way Forward.

Seekers 306B

The Seekers have been busy with summer activities and travels but always find it good to be home in our classroom on the third floor of B Building! We are finishing up the Bible Study of Acts with David Brant leading the discussion. Family Promise gave a presentation to the class in July and a training session in class on July 22.

We enjoyed an old fashion ice cream social in a brand new home complete with tubs of ice cream, toppings and desserts. Thanks to Bob and Janet Robinson for sharing their new digs! We will visit the Frank Lloyd Wright house in August. It's a stunning place and our guide will highlight stories about the architect, the history of prairie style, and the many construction methods employed. Watch for the details to come soon in class and by e-mail. The local mission emphasis is school supplies—for those of us who love shopping for new notebooks and crayons, here is your chance! School uniforms and shoes are always needed.

Prayers go out to all the Seekers who are experiencing health issues and have family and friends going through tough times.

Calendar August @ First Church

1 9:00 AM 10:30 AM 5:30 PM 6:30 PM	Thursday First Place Quilters - 304D Ladies Creative Fellowship - 201D Cornerstone Initiative - 107B God and Dogs - Parking Lot	12:00 PM 5:00 PM	Double Ring Lunch - 205B The Gathering @ New Covenant UMC Life Support Center	21 11:00 AM 12:00 PM 5:30 PM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Wednesday Daytime Quilters - 308B Apple Core - 302B Downtown Alive Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary El Mesias Bible Study - 201D Bell Choir Rehearsal - 305A
2 8:00 AM 7:00 PM	Friday Forum Theater Fundraiser - Wilke FLC Downtown Friday Film - Wilke FLC	12 5:30 PM 5:30 PM	Monday SPPRC - Pastor Cindy's Office Hospitality and Integration Meeting - 107B	22 9:00 AM 10:30 AM 5:30 PM 6:30 PM	Thursday First Place Quilters - 304D Cooking Class with Pastor Cindy - Meredith Hall Cooking Class with Pastor Cindy - Meredith Hall God and Dogs - Parking Lot
3 8:00 AM	Saturday Forum Theater Fundraiser - Wilke FLC	13 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 7:00 PM	Friday Downtown Friday Film - Wilke FLC
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10	Saturday	20 5:30 PM 5:30 PM	Tuesday Stephen Ministry Supervision - 302B DTA Committee Meeting - Media Suite	31	Saturday
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The need is constant.
 The gratification is instant.
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 SUNDAY, AUGUST 25
 9:00 A.M.--3:00 P.M.
 WILKE FAMILY LIFE CENTER

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A Great Time Was Had By All

This group of Double Ring classmates are smiling wide as we welcome summer together with a picnic at a SBEA Lake Pavillion. Rocky Janes was organizer and chief cook. Side dishes and desserts were provided in abundance. Special thanks go to Rev. Rebecca Goltry Mohr and Brett Valliant for attending. Photo provided by Don Hull.

Summer Sizzle!



The Senior Summer Sizzle on July 10 was a blast! We played get-to-know you games, had nice refreshments including sherbet floats, and played several rounds of BINGO! Adult Council hosted this wonderful social event for senior adults at our church. Thank you for all who came, we will see you next Senior Event!

CHORAL SPECTRUM
 KANSAS CITY
 Unity Tour

Michael Robert Patch
 Artistic Director and Conductor

Monday, August 24, 2019 @ 7:30PM
 FREE Admission
 \$10 Suggested Donation

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**Choral Spectrum
 Tour Comes to
 First Church**

Choral Spectrum is a Kansas City based LGBT and supporting chorus. Their 2019 summer tour is their "Unity" tour which endeavors to make a positive impact on our world through a message of love and acceptance.

The 25 voice choir is made up of men and women who love to sing and share their message. Choral Spectrum is directed by Michael Patch, son-in-law of Dave and Debra Seely.

Join us for this evening concert on August 24 at 7:30 p.m. in the First Church Sanctuary.



Way Forward Follow Up

Thank you to the leaders and teachers of the "Way Forward Curriculum" Deb Seely, Libby Eaton, Dan Lord, Alan Ebright and Pastor Rebecca. June 30 was the kick off during the All Church Sunday School in Meredith Hall. Individual Sunday school classes shared a lesson together on July 7 about "who is in their circle." On July 10 Libby and Deb led a powerful lesson on how First Church has a tendency to adapt to the needs present in a community and take action. Each lesson there were candles lit to signify the different ministries of inclusion in our church. The candle with the rainbows was not lit as we continued to search for how to become a church that is inclusive of the LGBTQ community. Please note that as this was written the lessons had not been completed, please stay tuned for what outcomes came from ALL of the lessons.