

# 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 October we will begin our 2020 stewardship sermon series, "The Lifecycle of Giving". 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](http://firstwichita.org).

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## FEED THE HUNGRY

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

**October food collection:  
Canned Vegetables**

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

## Join us in October for "Lifecycle of Giving"



■ October 13, 2019

"Nurturing the Seed of Faith"

2 Timothy 1: 6-14, Luke 17: 11-19

■ October 20, 2019

"Encouraging Growth and Faith"

2 Timothy 2: 1-10, Luke 18: 1-8

■ October 27, 2019

"Anticipating the Fruit from the Flower"

2 Timothy 2: 14-15, 22-25, Luke 18: 9-14

During this year's stewardship sermon series we will utilize the image of a tree, from seed, to sprout, to sapling, to fruit bearing and back to seeding for the next generation. As First Church ends 2019, we have an opportunity to look ahead to 2020 praying and working for a new vision, a new way of being in ministry at Third Street and Broadway. The year 2020 will be our 150th anniversary. Being good stewards of the gifts of those who have gone before us, means that those who follow us will have the resources available for years to come. Our tithes and gifts mean the daily, weekly and monthly ministry (and the bills that come with those ministries) are funded. We are all at different stages of our growth in our walk with Christ, but each of those stages have gifts to share. We can visualize the image of the tree, bearing fruit and encouraging and nurturing the trees beginning to mature and those yet to come. We hope you will join us in October, for "Lifecycle of Giving".

## 26th Annual Quilt Auction and Chicken Noodle Dinner

Saturday, October 26 • Doors open at 5 p.m.

The 26th annual Quilt Auction and Chicken Noodle Dinner will be held on Saturday, October 26 in Meredith Hall. The United Methodist Women will provide a wonderful chicken noodle dinner and bake sale. It is a great time to buy "goodies" to store in your freezer for the upcoming holidays. Proceeds from this will support the programs of the United Methodist Women.

The First Place Quilters have been very busy making beautiful one-of-a-kind items for the live auction, the silent auction and the Country Store. These items range from placemats to king sized quilts. The Country Store will feature priced goods while the others

will be sold by bids. The proceeds from these events will go to the TV Ministry and the Religious Nurture Center. Once again, US Auctions led by Mike King will handle the live auction. This company has been very generous to donate their time to make the auction a big success.

Dinner tickets are \$10/adults and \$7.50/children under 12. Doors open at 5:00 p.m., dinner is served at 6:00 p.m. and the live auction starts promptly at 7:00 p.m. Tickets will be available at the church prior to the event. Reservations for tickets can also be made by calling Diane Elder at 648-0234 or email at [d\\_delder@hotmail.com](mailto:d_delder@hotmail.com).





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 October 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](mailto:prayer@firstwichita.org) to ask for prayer from the people of First United Methodist Church.

Email [pastoralcare@firstwichita.org](mailto: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 deaths of:

Howard Hamilton,  
father of Bonnie Beuning

Sharon Thom

Arden Strole,  
father of Peggy Baldwin



Stewardship 2020

Our 2020 Stewardship series, “Lifecycle of Giving” will begin October 13 with “Nurturing the Seed of Faith”. Just as a plant lifecycle progresses through many stages, from a seed that sends out roots and leaves, through a mature plant that produces fruit and seeds to continue the cycle, so we may be in different stages of faith and giving. The seed of faith sends out roots and leaves to every aspect of our spiritual growth and character. It prompts us to be good stewards of our time, our talent, our treasures, our prayers and our witness. Financial stewardship supports 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. As we consider the lifecycle of faith and giving, let us be encouraged by Paul’s prayer for the Ephesians. “I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord’s holy people to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge – that you may be filled to measure of all the fullness of God.”



Sunday, October 13, 2019

4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Worship

Guest Preacher: Reverend Elizabeth Evans

5 p.m. - 6 p.m. Fellowship, Booths, Art

Wichita Area Welcoming Clergy invite you to attend a collaborative worship service on Sunday, October 13 beginning at 4 p.m. at College Hill UMC. Liz Evans, a Wichita native, who now lives in Chicago, will share her experience of coming out and the role the church can play in supporting the LGBTQ community. First Church will help serve drink refreshments at the reception following, please contact Pastor Rebecca if you can help with providing drinks. [rebeccam@firstwichita.org](mailto:rebeccam@firstwichita.org)



Covenant Bible Study  
Beginning October 2

Beginning October 2, we will offer two opportunities to participate in the Covenant Bible study. A Wednesday afternoon option at 3:30 p.m., will be taught by Ileana LaTorre-Krum. If you prefer an evening time, a class will also be held at 6:30 p.m., taught by Pastor Rebecca. Both classes will meet in Room 101B

The first session of classes will meet from October 2- November 20 and will pick back up again on January 8.

For more information please see the table outside the narthex, or contact Pastor Rebecca.

2nd Annual First Church  
Friendly Christmas Competition

Save the Date!  
December 4

Start Assembling Your Decorating Team!

Time to form your teams for this year’s Friendly Christmas Decorating Competition! On Wednesday, December 4 we will be adjudicating our efforts at our annual Christmas Open House. This will be a great time to celebrate our community and the space we call our church. Be on the lookout for more details, and be thinking of Open House decorating ideas!

OUR GIFTS

AUGUST 2019 OFFERING

\$87,094.52  
RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE  
\$785,801.73  
BUDGET YEAR-TO-DATE  
\$808,518.32  
EXPENSES YEAR-TO-DATE  
\$793,846.24

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS  
MISSIONS  
\$30.00  
RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE  
\$9,565.00

CAPITAL FUNDS  
\$1419.19  
RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE  
\$5,449.19

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

ORGAN MAINTENANCE FUND  
\$0.00  
RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE  
\$11,564.00

TELEVISION MINISTRY  
\$27,426.00  
RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE  
\$150,776.76  
BUDGET YEAR-TO-DATE  
\$162,434.00  
EXPENSES YEAR-TO-DATE  
\$183,982.82

TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS  
\$115,969.71  
RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE  
\$963,156.68

“They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.” -Acts 2:42



First Church Prayer Team

Motivated by God’s given task to grow and equip disciples and inspired by John Wesley’s Covenant Prayer, Adult Discipleship Director, Ileana Krum, together with people devoted to prayer are initiating the First Church Covenant Prayer Team.

God has called his people to intercede and “pray without ceasing”. Though, prayer is probably one of the spiritual disciplines with which we may struggle the most. As Methodists we find that John Wesley adapted the Covenant Prayer from the Puritan tradition. This prayer describes the life of a participant with Christ in his mission. It is a practical description of what Jesus was talking about when he said, “If any want to become my

followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me” (Luke 9:23). The Covenant Prayer helps us remember what this Jesus-way of life looks like and what loving God with all our heart, soul, and mind and loving our neighbor as ourselves requires of us.

Wesley and the early Methodists annually prayed the Covenant Prayer presuming everyone was part of a class meeting or band that met weekly for accountability and support for living this prayer. And everyone had a discipleship coach in their class leader who encouraged and prayed for them.

From [umcdiscipleship.org](http://umcdiscipleship.org)

Join us the 2nd or 4th Thursday of the month as we come together as God’s covenant people and Jesus’ disciples of this age!

Prairie Fire Marathon

Sunday, October 13, the 2019 Prairie Fire Marathon will be held in downtown Wichita. Various street closures in the area may cause some delays, so please plan accordingly!



October United Methodist Women

■ First UMC UMW  
Expanded Executive Committee  
October 2  
10:30 a.m.  
Room 101B

■ Church Women United  
October 4  
1:00 p.m.  
Inter-Faith Ministries,  
829 N. Market  
Program: The Listening Forum

■ First Church UMW Circles  
Meet October 9:

Elizabeth Circle  
1:00 p.m.  
Hostess: Helen Smith  
721-3582  
First Church- Room 107B  
Cost: \$5.00  
Program: All Saints Day

Rachel Circle  
Noon  
Hostesses: Barbara Decker  
722-1081 & Shirley Ross - 651-0544  
The Westerly #1122  
Cost: \$5.00  
Program: Missions

Sarah Circle  
Noon - Cost- \$7.50  
Hostess: Maralee Rounds  
630-8438  
Address: Larksfeld,  
7373 E. 29th St. N.  
Cost: \$7.50  
Program: Pastor Rebecca

First Harvest Chicken Noodle Dinner  
and Quilt Auction  
October 26  
Meredith Hall

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.





This year we are doing something different. We are changing Wacky Wednesday to Spooktacular Sunday! We will meet on Sunday, October 27, from 3-5 p.m. at the church for games, pumpkins, face painting, and a costume show for all ages in the Wilke Family Life Center. Kids can also trick-or-treat throughout the C building on the first 2 floors.

**Volunteer Opportunities**

Please contact Brad Remington if you are interested in volunteering with our children or youth! [bradr@firstwichita.org](mailto:bradr@firstwichita.org) or 316-267-6244.

**Sunday Mornings**

Please consider teaching a Sunday school class for 3rd-4th grade, middle school or high school. Sign up for 1 Sunday a month, 2 Sundays or all fall. Curriculum is provided.

**Wednesday Night Children Activity Leaders, 6:30-8:00 p.m.**

In need of 1 or 2 persons to help lead our Children's Ministries on Wednesday nights. Can you help 1 or 2 nights a month or maybe you would be willing to help every Wednesday.

**Wednesday Night Children's Ministry**

We will meet in Room 112C – We have an exciting new curriculum this fall called, "Loving God, Loving Neighbor". This lesson is broken into 4 parts:

1. Gather
2. Explore
3. Respond
4. Bless

**Decorate a Door and Hand Out Candy**

The Family Ministry team is inviting all who want to be a part to sign-up to decorate a door or room in the C building. There are eleven doors available to decorate and hand out candy to children from our community and Church. Last year, we served over 400 kids and families!

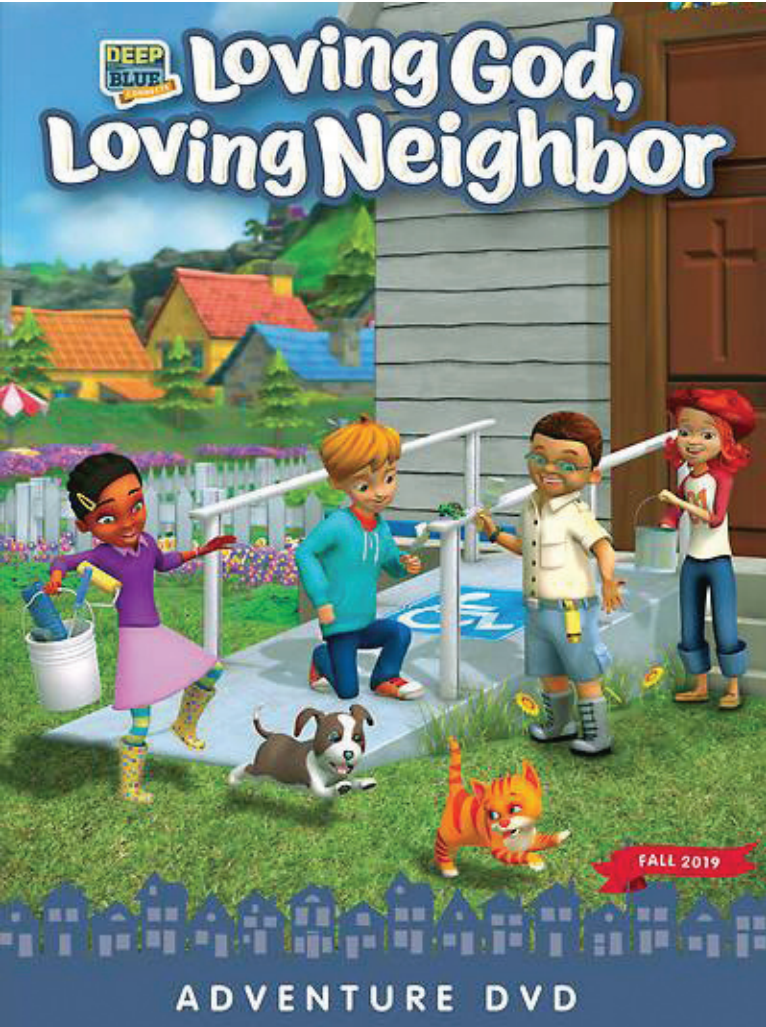
**Volunteers Needed**

We need many volunteers. Sign up will be available at A-B entrance or D entrance. To reserve a door or room, contact Brad Remington ASAP, [bradr@firstwichita.org](mailto:bradr@firstwichita.org)



**Candy Needed**

We need candy for Spooky Sunday! Please bring your wrapped candy to A-B Desk. Drop off candy by Monday, October 22.



**Confirmation**

We are now meeting on Wednesday Nights with a good solid group of 5 youth. We are digging deeper into our Methodist history and finding more about our own faith.

**Youth Group – Wednesday Nights in October**

6:30 p.m.  
Leslie Coates will be leading the other youth not in confirmation on a study about being BOLD in your faith. Come join us for dinner first then a lesson and if time allows we will have the game room open!

**Youth Meals**

We are still looking for groups to prepare or provide a meal for the youth on Wednesday Nights. We have a group that has volunteered for the first Wednesday of the month from September-May. If you are interested, please let Brad know ASAP!



## Mission Project: October Operation Christmas Child

It's time to start saving new items for needy children worldwide! Millions of children have been touched by Operation Christmas Child, a project of Christian relief and evangelism organization, Samaritan's Purse. Through this project, we have the opportunity to reach out to children in desperate situations around the world. Suggested gifts include: toys, school supplies and hygiene items.

Pamphlets and some shoeboxes are in the A/B entrance the month of October. Please read all instructions carefully. Collection of the Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes will take place the entire month of October at the A/B Entrance. Questions? Contact the Missions Department.



### Mission Calendar

■ **October Mission Project:**  
Operation Christmas Child

■ **October Food of the Month:**  
Canned vegetables

■ **October 20: Mission Lunch**  
to benefit Disaster Relief  
Meredith Hall  
11:00 – 1:00  
To Benefit Disaster Relief  
Menu  
Meat Loaf  
Mashed Potatoes  
Garden Salad  
Green Beans  
Roll  
Pumpkin Pie Crunch

■ **November: UMCOR  
Cleaning (Flood) Buckets –**  
Sunday, November 3

■ **November Mission Project:**  
School Partnerships

■ **November 24: Traditional  
Thanksgiving Mission Lunch**  
Sunday, November 24  
Meredith Hall  
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

## Coats for a Cause through October 18

This year First Church is joining KAKE TV for the Coats for a Cause campaign, collecting new and gently used coats, sweaters, and blankets for our neighbors in need. It's how the coat you never wear can still make you feel warm all over! Drop items off at the church from September 30 - October 18. In the Bag Cleaners will clean all items, and the Salvation Army will distribute them to those in our community who otherwise might be left in the cold.



## Looking for a way to support storm survivors? Fill a Flood Bucket!

Missions will be sponsoring Cleaning (Flood) Buckets during November. The easiest way to help is with cash donations. The Missions Department can then purchase the items needed for the assembly event on November 3.

We will NOT be sending any teams to the Bahamas at this time. The Bahamas are overwhelmed at this time. As they sort through this disaster, we will be advised when teams are needed. Are you interested

in possibly serving on a team to the Bahamas? If so, please notify the Missions Department so that you can be notified once we receive information concerning teams going to the Bahamas.

## Top four worst, and best, ways to help after a disaster

By SUSAN KIM, INTERPRETER MAGAZINE

When disaster strikes, often we see heart-wrenching images on television. We immediately want to help – a good intention that stems from compassion for our fellow human beings. However, be certain to couple your compassion with good judgment on the best ways to help disaster survivors.

Here are the four most common pitfalls into which helpers fall after a disaster – and what they should do instead.

Resist the urge to drive to the disaster site. Clogged interstates, a worsening gasoline shortage, and volunteers arriving in droves divert the attention of emergency personnel. What to do instead? Respond immediately – with prayer or a cash donation.

Donations of used clothing are commonly called “the second disaster.” Clothing piles up at a disaster scene, it must be stored, hauled away or sorted by volunteers who could better use their time helping disaster survivors. Instead, cash donations help

disaster survivors purchase needed items from local businesses, which boost an economy weakened by disaster.

Well-intentioned donors often give money or relief-supply kits only while a disaster is prominent in the news headlines. In fact, for a major disaster, recovery can take years. If donations dry up after a week or two, responders no longer have the resources to help disaster survivors. Those survivors feel forgotten, and their recovery doesn't progress.

Don't forget your own disaster preparation and training. If you want to respond in a safe, helpful way, seek disaster-response training. Preparing can be as simple as forming a plan with your neighbor, or as involved as becoming a specialized responder who serves on a United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) Early Response Team.

The next time disaster strikes, respond through prayer, cash donations, relief-supply kits, training and volunteering.

class News & Notes

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

**Double Ring    106B**

The class has been studying relevant topics in the news today although none of them are actually new. Homelessness, immigration and racism are a few of the issues that have divided this country. By discussing some of our personal experiences, role-play, and asking ourselves, “What would Jesus do?” we seek to change hearts and minds.

Many of our classmates are suffering from health challenges and more are becoming homebound. We ask prayers for all of our dear friends.

During the past month, we supported missions, donated to Open Door and enjoyed fellowship and some great entertainment at an ice cream social. Our women gathered together for a salad luncheon in the Parlor.

We encourage any of you who are seeking to join a loving group of people, Double Ring is the place for you!

**Hand in Hand    101B**

Doug Morphis has been leading our class and teaching about near-death dreams and the significance of dreams in the Bible and our lives. Ken VanBlaricum completed his last lesson on “Taste and See”. In October Diane Tombaugh will lead us through Adam Hamilton’s series “Half Truths.”

Ken and Annette VanBlaricum attended the Bailey, Colorado work team to do work on the church where our members Bruce and Diane Quantic attend during the summer months.

We are saddened by the loss of Sharon Thom. Her funeral was September 28 and our class supported the family by hosting a reception.

**Inspire    Parlor**

The Inspire class is a group of young adults who gather each week for refreshments and a biblical lesson. Currently, the class is working through a curriculum that navigates the lectionary, called the “The Present Word.” All books are stored in the Parlor, so all you need to bring is yourself. Hope to see new young adults and grow in biblical knowledge and fellowship.

**Koinonia    204A**

The Koinonia class invites other single adults to join us on Sunday morning for a cup of coffee and fellowship. Stay for an interesting discussion as we continue our study of, “Revival: Faith as Wesley Lived It” by Adam Hamilton.

The class and individual members purchased supplies for the School Supply Drive. Guests are welcome at our planned events. Stop by Room 204A for a schedule of our plans.

**People’s Open Doors    300D**

We have enjoyed our journey exploring 2nd Peter. We are looking forward to our new study, “Responding to God’s Grace”. We can respond to God’s grace in four ways. (1) We ask for what we need (2) We ask with an open mind (3) We watch for the ways God responds and (4) We pass His response on. When we love one another, we pass on God’s life to others.

Our class continues to contribute to First Church in as many ways as possible. We participated in the celebration of Grandparent’s Day. Our class will be partnering with the RNC for the Spooktacular Sunday, by volunteering and providing support in many ways.

We look forward to our fall social gathering at the Wichita Art Museum and then dining together in the Muse Café. As the beautiful season of fall approaches, we are aware of the beauty of the changing colors each day brings, just as we experience the changes in our lives as well. We pray for our class members and church wide members. Please know that our doors are always open to guests and potential members.

**Pneuma    302D**

Pneuma has begun a study using Adam Hamilton’s book, “Making Sense of The Bible”. We are grateful for the leadership of Dan Lord and Evelyn Fisher as they lead us through this study.

Pneuma members prepared and served lunch at Open Door in September. We will be helping with a work day at the Raise My Head house on October 5.

Suzanne McKaig was our hostess for Pneuma Ladies in September. The men met at Ziggy’s for an evening of food and fellowship. Pneuma Ladies will be at the home of Lavonne Beadle in October. The last weekend in September, nearly 100 current and former members gathered to celebrate our class’ 40th anniversary with a dinner in Meredith Hall.

Our thoughts and prayers have been with Peggy and Phil Baldwin, in the death of Peggy’s father, Arden Strole. Arden and his wife, Carol, sponsored and nurtured our class when it was formed forty years ago. Please know that you are welcome to join us as we continue to journey through life.

**Seekers    306B**

Greetings from the Seekers! We are looking forward to a month of Bible study, fun outings and care giving to members of our class and to members of our community.

We are providing a supper for the Youth on the first Wednesday of each month. In September, we served “walking tacos” and it will be chili dogs in October. We are enjoying an opportunity to learn the faces of this important part of our church. Money, cookies (always cookies) and your presence is wanted.

Several Seeker women are quilters and have been working all year to prepare for the 26th Annual Quilt Auction at First Church on October 26! The meal is at 6 p.m. and the “live” auction begins at 7 p.m., an exciting way to raise money for the RNC and TV ministry.

Our social committee has been working overtime to provide different fun events. In August we toured the Frank Lloyd Wright home; in September our inner child was challenged with a game night at the church. In October we will enjoy an autumn afternoon and evening on the creek bank at Glenn Brandes’ farm. Watch for details.

Sympathy is extended to class members who have lost family members recently. We remember to include in our prayers those who are dealing with major medical issues.

All are welcome to join us for a cup of coffee or tea and for all our activities.



# Calendar

## October @ First Church

<b>1</b> 5:30 PM	<b>Tuesday</b> Stephen Ministry Supervision - 302B	10:30 AM 8:00 PM	Crafts for a Mission - 201D Forum Performance- Wilke FLC	<b>21</b> 3:30 PM	<b>Monday</b> Local Missions Commission - 304B
<b>2</b> 10:30 AM  11:00 AM 12:00 PM 3:30 PM 5:30 PM  6:15 PM 6:30 PM 6:30 PM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM	<b>Wednesday</b> UMW Expanded Executive Committee- 101B Daytime Quilters - 308B Apple Core - 302B Covenant Book Study - 101B Downtown Alive Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary Religious Nurture Center -100D Youth Activities - 200D, 201D Children Activities - 110C, 111C Covenant Study Group - 101B Bell Choir Rehearsal - 305A	<b>11</b> 8:00 PM  <b>12</b> 8:00 PM  <b>13</b> 8:15 AM 8:30 AM 9:30 AM 9:30 AM 9:30 AM 10:30 AM 10:50 AM 11:00 AM 11:00 AM 2:00 PM 5:00 PM	<b>Friday</b> Forum Performance - Wilke FLC  <b>Saturday</b> Forum Performance- Wilke FLC  <b>Sunday</b> Heritage Worship - Chapel Religious Nurture Center - 100D Sunday School K-5th C Building Sunday School - Church Wide Core Youth Small Group - 200D El Mesias Worship - 200D Downtown Alive Worship - Sanctuary Core-Kids Worship - 110C Core-Pre-K - 200C Forum Performance - Wilke FLC The Gathering @ New Covenant UMC Life Support Center	<b>22</b> 5:30 PM  <b>23</b> 11:00 AM 12:00 PM 3:30 PM 5:30 PM  6:15 PM 6:30 PM 6:30 PM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM	<b>Tuesday</b> Stephen Ministry Supervision - 302B  <b>Wednesday</b> Daytime Quilters - 308B Apple Core - 302B Covenant Book Study - 101B Downtown Alive Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary Religious Nurture Center - 100D Youth Activities - 200D, 201D Children Activities - 110C, 111C Covenant Study Group - 101B Bell Choir Rehearsal - 305A
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<b>4</b> 8:00 PM	<b>Friday</b> Forum Performance- Wilke FLC	<b>14</b> 5:30 PM 5:30 PM 6:00 PM	<b>Monday</b> SPPRC - Pastor Cindy's Office Hospitality and Integration - 107B Family Ministry Council - 101B	<b>25</b>  <b>26</b> 9:00 AM	<b>Friday</b>  <b>Saturday</b> Chicken Noodle Dinner and Quilt Auction- Meredith Hall
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<b>7</b> 5:30 PM	<b>Monday</b> Church Council - 101B	<b>17</b> 9:00 AM 9:00 AM 6:00 PM	<b>Thursday</b> First Place Quilters - 304D Tallgrass Film Festival - Wilke FLC Pub Theology - AeroPlains Brewing	<b>28</b> 5:30 PM 7:00 PM	<b>Monday</b> Finance Committee - 308B Global Missions Commission - 304B
<b>8</b> 2:00 PM  5:30 PM 5:30 PM	<b>Tuesday</b> Caregiver Support Group & Respite - 200D Stephen Ministry Supervision - 302B Board of Trustee - 308B	<b>18</b> 9:00 AM	<b>Friday</b> Tallgrass Film Festival - Wilke FLC	<b>29</b> 5:30 PM	<b>Tuesday</b> Stephen Ministry Supervision - 302B
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COMING IN WORSHIP  
Coming in Worship

October 6  
“Connecting at the Table”  
Philippians 2: 1-4  
Luke 17: 4-10

October 13  
“Nurturing the  
Seed of Faith”  
2 Timothy 1: 6-14  
Luke 17: 11-19

October 20  
“Encouraging Growth  
and Faith”  
2 Timothy 2: 1-10  
Luke 18: 1-8

October 27  
“Anticipating the Fruit  
from the Flower”  
2 Timothy 2: 14-15, 22-25  
Luke 18: 9-14

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What’s Happening in Wilke Family Life Center!

The Forum Theatre Wichita Presents: “Memphis”



The Forum Theatre Wichita is back in the Wilke Family Life Center for their 2019-2020 season with “Memphis”! From the underground dance clubs of 1950’s Memphis, Tennessee, comes the Tony and Olivier Award-winning musical that bursts off the stage with explosive dancing, irresistible songs and a thrilling tale of fame and forbidden love. Inspired by actual events, “Memphis” is about a white radio DJ who wants to change the world and a black club singer who is ready for her big break. Come along on their incredible journey to the ends of the airwaves – filled with laughter, soaring emotion and roof-raising rock ‘n’ roll.

Live on stage in the Wilke Family Life Center, Thursday through Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m., September 26 through October 13. Tickets available at [forumwichita.com](http://forumwichita.com) or 316-618-0444.



Wilke Family Life Center and First Church will once again host Tallgrass Film Association and their Tallgrass Film Festival this October. Check [tallgrassfilm.org](http://tallgrassfilm.org) for a complete 2019 schedule and the films that will be featured at our venue.

It’s Pecan Time!

Religious Nurture Center is again selling pecans to support our ministry.

Over \$1,500 in profit from last year’s sales supported our group attending a Wichita Thunder Hockey game, two Forum Theatre events with meals, a field trip to City Arts to do an art project and a karaoke machine for our room.

All pecan 16 oz bags and 12 oz bags of chocolate, dark chocolate, caramel and cinnamon glazed will stay the same price of \$12.

Completed order forms can be submitted to AB entrance desk or with Matthew Schrock in the RNC.

**Deadline for orders are October 20.**

Thank you for your support!

