



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 November we will continue our 2020 stewardship sermon series, “The Life Cycle 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.

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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**

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

Stewardship 2020 – Commitment Sunday November 10

*O God, our source in all things, you have showered us with blessings.
Help us to be rooted and established in your Word and your love
so that we may be like trees planted by streams of water, yielding fruit in season.
Pour out your spirit on us as your people and guide us in our
praying, serving, giving, and living.
May we offer the best of our lives and gifts out of our faith in Jesus;
it's in Christ's name we pray. Amen.*

Psalm 1 reminds us that the Lord sees those who trust in Him as trees planted by the rivers of water. Their roots run deep. They are strong and fruitful, drawing upon the grace, glory and strength of God.

These past weeks, through the imagery of the life cycle of a tree, we have been encouraged to rekindle, nurture, examine and grow our faith.

Trees play an important role

in God's creation. Yes, they add beauty to our world, but they also clean our air and provide oxygen. Trees can cool our homes and also prevent soil erosion. Trees mark the seasons. Is it winter, spring, summer or fall? Look at the trees. Trees also provide shelter and food for a variety of birds and small animals. These are only a few of the ways trees make a difference in our world.

God calls each of us to

also make a difference. One way we answer this call is by faithfully participating in the ministries of our church with our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness.

November 10 is Commitment Sunday, when we dedicate our gifts to God for the coming year. Yes, our monetary gifts are needed to pay utilities, salaries and other expenses. These gifts

are also used to underwrite the ministries for our children, youth and adults and for our outreach and evangelism. Our gifts not only change us, they change the world.

Please prayerfully consider what God is calling you to do in 2020, remembering that we are built on the roots and we stand in the shade of those who have faithfully traveled this road before us.



The 3rd Annual Church-Wide Thanksgiving Mission Lunch is **Sunday, November 24**. This is a perfect time to have lunch with your church friends and invite others to join you. *Do you know a neighbor or friend that will be spending Thanksgiving 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 with you and you can share it with family, friends and neighbors during this season of thanks!

We encourage you to make reservations so that we can cook enough for everyone! Reservations will be accepted until Monday, November 18 and may be sent to annettes@firstwichita.org or leave a message at 267-6244 Ext. 320. Paper reservations are available at the church. We will be having a dessert buffet and ask that you bring your favorite dessert. You can note on the reservation form if you will be bringing a dessert.



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 November 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 deaths of:

Thomas Stanley,
brother of Sarah Stanley

Rose McMullen,
mother of Lynda Miller

Mildred Estes



150th Anniversary Planning Team

Are you ready for a celebration? Pastor Cindy is currently assembling a team of volunteers who are interested in helping plan the 150th anniversary of First Church in 2020! If you would like more information, contact Pastor Cindy's office, 267-6244 ext. 310.



FOUR COMMITMENTS OF UMCNEXT

We believe these commitments are essential to a hope-filled future for the global Methodist movement as we make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world:

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| <p>1 We long to be passionate followers of Jesus Christ, committed to a Wesleyan vision of Christianity, anchored in scripture and informed by tradition, experience and reason as we live a life of personal piety and social holiness.</p> | <p>2 We commit to resist evil, injustice and oppression in all forms and toward all people and build a church which affirms the full participation of all ages, nations, races, classes, cultures, gender identities, sexual orientations, and abilities.</p> |
| <p>3 We reject the Traditional Plan approved at General Conference 2019 as inconsistent with the gospel of Jesus Christ and will resist its implementation.</p> | <p>4 We will work to eliminate discriminatory language and the restrictions and penalties in the Discipline regarding LGBTQ persons. We affirm the sacred worth of LGBTQ persons, celebrate their gifts, and commit to being in ministry together.</p> |

Implementation Team | November 7, 6:30 p.m., 106B

On Monday night, October 7, Church Council voted to affirm the 4 Commitments of UMC NEXT. You can find them listed here. In addition to affirming the 4 commitments of UMC NEXT, Church Council adapted a statement of welcome that the Youth Group of First Church wrote.

“First United Methodist Church will live out the love of Jesus Christ by including everyone, accepting others for who they

are, treating others the way we would want to be treated, respect all, love all, and affirm the full participation of all regardless of nationality, race, class, culture, gender identity, sexual orientation, ability, and age.”

Church Council has offered leadership by affirming the work that you all have participated in. This is indeed good news, however there is a lot of work still to be done. I am asking each of you to consider joining the

IMPLEMENTATION TEAM, this team will look at how we actually live out the four commitments of UMC NEXT. The IMPLEMENTATION TEAM will meet for the first time on Thursday, November 7 at 6:30 p.m. in 106B. Please contact Pastor Rebecca if you plan to attend, or if you would like to be part of the implementation team but are unavailable on that particular date.

Annual Church Conference
November 17
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 p.m. at Aldersgate, 7901 West 21st Street North, Wichita, KS.



November
United
Methodist
Women

■ Church Women United
November 1, 1:00 p.m.
St. Paul Lutheran Church,
925 N. Waco
World Community Day

■ Expanded Executive Committee
November 13, 10:30 a.m.
Room 101B

■ Unit Meeting
November 13, 12:15 p.m.
Meredith Hall
Program: Jennifer White from ICT SOS- End Human Trafficking. There will also be Installation of officers/ circle persons and Special Mission Recognition with Janet Robinson. Circle duties by Elizabeth Circle. Lunch: \$7 Taco Bar by Two Brother's Barbeque

OUR GIFTS

SEPTEMBER 2019 OFFERING

\$73,095.66
RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE
\$858,897.39
BUDGET YEAR-TO-DATE
\$880,931.99
EXPENSES YEAR-TO-DATE
\$893,192.50

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS
MISSIONS
\$4,662.00
RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE
\$14,227.00

CAPITAL FUNDS
\$110.00
RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE
\$5,559.19

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
\$12,235.00
RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE
\$163,011.76
BUDGET YEAR-TO-DATE
\$181,863.25
EXPENSES YEAR-TO-DATE
\$204,179.69

TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS
\$90,102.66
RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE
\$1,053,259.34

LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE 2019

The vision for the United Methodist Church expressed at the Leadership Institute at Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, KS Sept. 25-27 was “a church that teaches the word of God and a church that loves all people.” About 2,500 United Methodists from all over the United States, including Pastor Rebecca Goltry-Mohr and me, attended.

The annual Institute ordinarily shares ideas for ministry with people from every denomination, but this year the event was limited to Methodists - clergy, laity, bishops, administrators, professors – to discuss the future of the United Methodist Church after the implementation of the controversial Traditional Plan passed by the Special General Conference this past February. The Traditional Plan takes effect Jan. 1, 2020.

Most of the people who attended the Institute this year described themselves as centrist or progressive, although the event was open to anyone.

The Institute sessions began with a look at how the Methodist church has wrestled over the years with the command to “love one another.” In the long struggle against racism and the fight to grant clergy rights to women, the church found opportunities for ministry. There is deep appreciation for those who stayed in the church despite the difficulties they experienced. Institute speakers pointed out that most mainline Protestant churches—Evangelical Lutherans, Presbyterians, and Episcopalians--have changed their policies to affirm full membership for all people, support principles of non-discrimination, remove restrictive language, and allow pastors, congregations, and regional bodies to make decisions.

The Rev. Dr. Steve Harper, a former Asbury Theological Seminary vice president, spoke

about how his traditional views on the LGBTQ community changed after spending one Lenten season reading the Book of Common Prayer. He noted that, with respect to sexuality, there are faithful interpretations of scripture other than a traditional, conservative way.

Report on the 2019 Leadership Institute

By Deb Seely,
Co-Lay Leader

We learned about United Methodism’s Reconciling Ministries, which equip and mobilize United Methodist congregations to promote honest conversations and educate people about human sexuality. Reconciling Ministries believe that God’s welcome is to all of us, including traditional, centrist, and progressive members.

Much of the Institute was centered around the work of UMC Next, the group that has outlined four commitments, affirmed by the Great Plains Conference and our Church Council, that support full participation for all people and opposition to the Traditional Plan. There are United Methodists at either end of a spectrum of full participation who feel they cannot remain with the denomination if it accepts a view they disagree with. But most United Methodists fall into a category of “compatibilists”—either traditional, centrist, or progressive—who are willing to stay in the denomination with people who do not share their view. UMC Next acknowledges that most United Methodists want to remain

together, and that there is much opposition to the Traditional Plan. When the Traditional Plan goes into effect next year, UMC Next has made plans for what churches can do to resist its implementation, work to eliminate discriminatory language, and affirm the sacred worth of LGBTQ persons.

Some steps our church can take next year toward opposing the Traditional Plan are: pray, have conversations, make intentional outreach, connect with other supportive groups, and connect with UMC Next and Reconciling Ministries.

We were briefed on three of the plans that will be presented at the next General Conference, in May of 2020. The Indianapolis Plan calls for dividing the United Methodist Church into three different denominations: Traditional, Centrist, and Progressive. The UM Forward Plan dissolves the United Methodist Church and creates four new expressions. The Next Generation UMC Plan, advocated by UMC Next, does not call for division. It calls for a repeal of the Traditional Plan, the removal of discriminatory language from the Book of Discipline, and a way for churches to depart the denomination if they choose to. The Next Generation Plan also supports a proposal to make the US a separate central conference.

We had the opportunity to meet with other members of the Great Plains Conference to discuss ways to resist the Traditional Plan. Most of the discussion centered on sharing our stories, education, conversation, and working with other churches. To find out more about UMC Next activity in the Great Plains Conference, you can go to www.gpumcnext.com.

Now the work comes back to our congregation. May God guide us and bless us as we work together for the future of our church.



Stephen Ministry

What Is Stephen Ministry?

Stephen Ministry is the one-to-one lay caring ministry that takes place at First Church.

Stephen Ministry congregations equip and empower lay caregivers—called Stephen Ministers—to provide high-quality, confidential, Christ-centered care to people who are hurting.

Stephen Ministers are congregation members trained by Stephen Leaders to offer high-quality, one-to-one Christian care to people going through tough times. A Stephen Minister usually provides care to one person at a time, meeting with that person once a week for about an hour. Twice a month, Stephen Ministers gather with their Stephen Leaders for supervision and continuing education.

Care Receivers are people—congregation members and others in the community—who receive care from a Stephen Minister. These are people struggling through a difficult time in life—experiencing grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, or some other life crisis. Some important guidelines for this caring relationship protect both the care receiver and the Stephen Minister: The relationship between a care receiver and a Stephen Minister is confidential. Men are matched with men; women with women. When a care receiver’s needs exceed what a Stephen Minister can provide, the Stephen Ministry team makes a referral to an appropriate mental health professional or other community resource.

If you are interested in becoming a Stephen minister please reach out to Tal Tittsworth, and he can inform you on the upcoming training series beginning in January. If you would like to be assigned a Stephen Minister please contact Tal Tittsworth or Pastor Rebecca.

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.



No Youth or Children’s activities will be held, Wednesday, November 27, due to the holiday. Wishing you a very blessed Thanksgiving!

What’s Up With Our Student Ministries

Confirmation Sunday
We hope you all can join us on November 17, at Downtown Alive as our confirmands prepare and deliver the service as part of their journey through Confirmation. What a great class we have had this fall. Congratulations to all of our confirmands, we are proud of you!

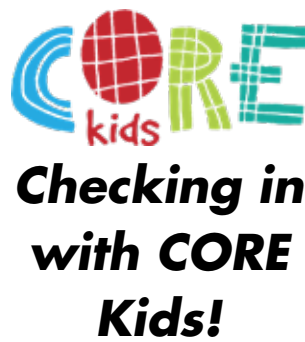
Youth Group – Wednesday Nights in November
This month, the youth not involved in confirmation will be studying about being BOLD in their faith, led by Leslie Coates. Come join us for dinner first then a lesson and if time allows we will have the game room open!

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 through May. If you are interested, please let Brad know ASAP!



Family Movie Night

November 13, 6:30 p.m.
Join us for a Family Movie Night on November 13 in the Wilke Family Life Center. Please bring a favorite snack to share with the crowd. We will provide popcorn and drinks. This is a great opportunity to invite your neighbors and friends! The fun starts at 6:30 p.m.



Children’s Ministry
Wednesdays- 6:30 p.m.
This fall we are studying a new curriculum, “Loving God, Loving Neighbor”. The lesson is broken into four parts:
1. Gather
2. Explore
3. Respond
4. Bless.
Join us Wednesdays in 112C.

Spooktacular Sunday Thank You
A special thank you to all who volunteered to make this fall community event a great success! To those who donated candy or decorated a door or helped with games and crafts and so much more, we are grateful for you!

COMING in December
You won’t want to miss the All Church Christmas event on Wednesday, December 4! The church will be bustling with activity including crafts, hot chocolate, cookie decorating, games and FOOD! See you there!

School Ministries Update

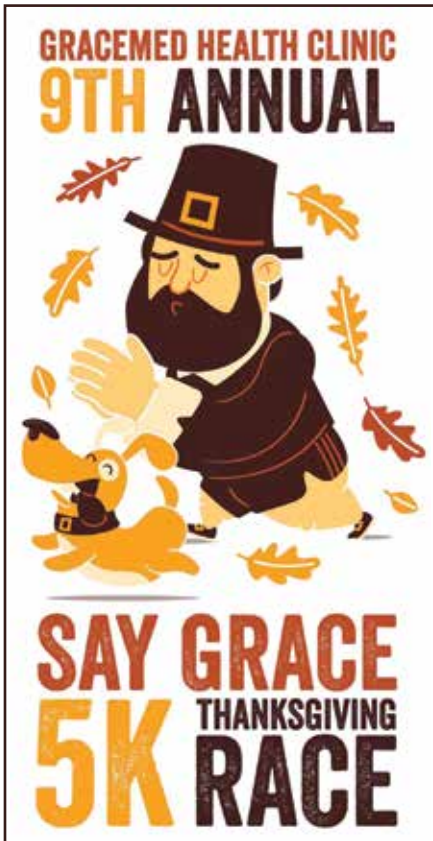
The Park Ministry Task Force is excited to announce the award of a \$1,000 “Serving With Others Education Partnership mini-grant.” This grant is given by the Great Plains Conference of the United Methodist Church in support of our partnership at Park and Washington.

We have also received a number of thank you messages from the students and staff of our partner schools. Take time to read the cute notes posted on the bulletin board outside room 107B.

This is a very busy time for School Ministries. We provided a meal for the Washington staff during parent-teacher conferences, we are providing concessions for the Tallgrass Film Festival as a fund raising project, and we will furnish a pizza dinner for the Washington community on their “Exploration Place” educational evening. Delivery of clothing and school supply needs is a weekly occurrence at both schools.

Thanks to the congregation for their continued support of our mission to our neighborhood children.





Thursday, November 28
9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

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 9th Annual “Say Grace” 5K Thanksgiving Race on Thursday, November 28 at 9:30 a.m. If you would like to be in the race, but won’t be in Wichita this Thanksgiving, you can still register and get your “Race-in-a-Box.” For more information, go to <https://gracemed.org/say-grace-race>. Be sure to tell them that you are with Wichita First United Methodist Church.



Transportation Ministry Meeting

Come to the Transportation Ministry Meeting on Sunday, November 10 following Downtown Alive, in Room 101B and hear about the exciting new ministry. Drivers and navigators will be needed. Not sure about this ministry, need more information, and/or want to find out more? Then this is the meeting for you. If you are unable to attend, please contact Leslie Coates or Pastor Rebecca.



We were blessed with some hard-working volunteers from First Church this past weekend! These delightful men and women came to our residential house to trim trees and bushes, rake leaves, spread mulch, and plant flowers and grass seed. The difference is simply amazing and we’re all inspired by both the beauty of our landscape and the generous hearts of these humble servants. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.



Work Day at ‘Raise My Head’

On Saturday, October 12, Local Missions was pleased to sponsor a workday for Raise My Head Foundation. We began with prayer and a wonderful breakfast for our 15-member crew. We had a beautiful morning for fall yard clean up.

Raise My Head provides a 2-year residential program for women breaking free from sex trafficking and away from damaging influences. RMH provides an array of healing support services to give these women the opportunity for recovery, growth, and transformation.

Mission Calendar

- November Mission Project: Toilet Paper Drive
- November Food of the Month: Canned Fruit
- November 10: Transportation Ministry Meeting, Room 101B 12 p.m.
- November 24: 3rd Annual Thanksgiving Mission Lunch
- November 28: “Say Grace” 5K Walk/Run for GraceMed
- December Mission Project: School Partnerships
- December Food of the Month: Macaroni & Cheese
- December 15: Christmas Mission Brunch
- January 2020: “Feed the Homeless” breakfast

November 24 3rd Annual Thanksgiving Mission Lunch

Meredith Hall
11:00 – 1:00
R.S.V.P. by November 18

Menu

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

*Donations benefit our
School Partnerships*



November Mission Project

During November we will be collecting Toilet Paper for Open Door. You may drop off toilet paper in the A-B Entrance. You can also donate money and Missions

will do the shopping. Be sure to mark the memo line on your check with “Toilet Paper Drive”.



Cleaning (Flood) Buckets Assembly Event Postponed

Our assembly event on November 3 has been postponed to a later date. However we are still accepting donations for the purchase of items for our next assembly event. You may drop your donation at the Business Office. Please note on the memo line of your check “Flood Buckets”. Thank you.

class News & Notes

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

Double Ring 106B

We completed our study on racism and immigration by honoring our pledge to love God and love our neighbor. This month we started a study of Adam Hamilton's book, "Simon Peter-A Flawed but Faithful Disciple". We are grateful for a new and improved sound system to hear these lessons! We have recently supported several missions like the diaper drive, blood drive, Park and Washington school supplies and serving the homeless via Open Door.

We mourned the deaths of Arden Strole and Gordon Steinkrauss, both were dedicated servants at First Church. We continue to pray for all with serious health challenges and ask that God heal and comfort them. We celebrated the 70th anniversary of Jim and Sydney Aronis and 60 years of marriage for Don and Loretta Hogg. A group of women in our class enjoyed fellowship in the Parlor with a salad luncheon. Please join us Sunday mornings in 106B, for an hour of love and learning. You'll be glad you did!

Hand in Hand 101B

Diane Tombaugh is teaching us, "When Christian's Get it Wrong" from Adam Hamilton's book "Half Truths". It has been very interesting! Ernestine Krehbiel will teach on the "Prophecy of Christ's Coming" the last two weeks in November. Then Diane Quantic will teach an Advent series in December.

Class members continue participating in a number of activities. Several were involved in the Quilt Auction and the Chicken Noodle Dinner. Marcia Hillman and Sawny Klaassen decorated a door for Spooktacular Sunday. Several helped with concessions at the Tallgrass Film Festival to benefit Park and Washington Schools. Plan to help fill buckets or donate money for supplies for the Flood Bucket assembly event. Three from our class are taking the Covenant Bible Study and are finding it very interesting. We have many opportunities to learn and serve in the community.

The Ladies luncheon will be on Nov. 8 at De Fazio's at 12 noon. The Christmas Party is scheduled for Dec. 7 at Larkfield. Grace Brooks is once again hosting us. Stop by our class if you want a cup of coffee or tea and then stay for our lesson!

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 study and discussion. Our class eats together twice a week: lunch on Sunday at 12:30 p.m. and dinner on Friday at 6:30 p.m. Guests are welcome at any of our planned events. Stop by room 204A for a schedule.

People's Open Doors 300D

We appreciate Barbara Simons as we continue our book study, "Responding to God's Grace". Our weekly Bible lessons have taken us on a remarkable journey, as we find answers to "How do we respond to God's Grace"? Our discussions have given us an opportunity to express our feelings and ideas in regards to this question.

Our class contributed to the Flood Buckets ministry. We had a fun time as we joined in with RNC in the celebration of the Spooktacular Sunday. We served popcorn and greeted at the D entrance in costume. We also participated by volunteering or attending the Quilt Auction and Chicken Noodle Dinner.

Our fall gathering was a great success as we enjoyed touring the Wichita Art Museum and lunch in the Muse Café. We look forward to a social event being planned during Thanksgiving and Christmas. We all have so much to be thankful for. The POD class always ends our time of Christian study together in our prayer circle. We pray for our class members, church members, and staff. Please know that our doors are always open to guests and potential members.

Pneuma 302D

Pneuma had a great celebration of our 40th year as a class. It was wonderful to have so many with us on Saturday night, including Bishop Dick Wilke and Bishop Scott Jones and Mary Lou. We were blessed on Sunday to have special guests Lois Jordan, a class sponsor, and Jim Beasely, who taught the class after Julia Wilke, join with original class members to reflect on the early days of the class. We continued our celebration by sitting in church together, just as Julia had the early Pneuma members do each week. We are grateful for the love and support given to Pneuma in those early days by the Stroles, Jordans, Julia, and Jim.

We are also busy in the life of the church, volunteering at the Raise My Head house; helping with concessions at the Tallgrass Film Festival, which supports school ministries; volunteering for Spooktacular Sunday; serving at the quilt auction; and preparing for Family Promise. Pneuma Ladies met at the home of Lavonne Beadle in October. We will be at the home of Connie Bishop in November. In October, the Pneuma Men met at Doug Hye's home for food and fellowship. Thanks to the Rogers for opening their home for a potluck and an evening of conversation, laughter, and a time to just relax.

Our class mourns with Sarah Stanley in the unexpected and tragic death of her brother, Thomas. We also remember Lynda Miller on the death of her mother and Jeanne Brooks on the death of her father. Our Pneuma family grew with the birth of granddaughters to Vicki and Jack Bond and also to Nancy Smith. Please feel free to join us as we continue our study of Adam Hamilton's book, "Making Sense of The Bible".

Seekers 306B

Members of the Seekers Class have been busy—in October we roasted hot dogs on the shore of the Ninnescah Creek, served chili dogs to the Youth, prepared the First Friday Lunch for Open Door, assisted with Sunday Mission Lunches, enjoyed chicken and noodles before bidding on quilts at the annual auction and meet for dinner out! Notice a trend—a lot of our service projects have to do with food! But we, also as a group, recognize the need for spiritual substance. Every Sunday morning Dave Brant leads us in a Bible study that not only deals with the cultural context of the scripture but also how it can be valuable to us today! If you are looking for a connection to people who enjoy good food, service to others, learning about God and his plan for our lives and who support one another in good and bad times, check out the Seekers Class.

Calendar November @ First Church

1 11:00 AM	Friday Open Door Lunch Prep - Meredith Hall Kitchen	11:00 AM 12:00 PM 5:00 PM	Core-Pre-K - 200C Transportation Ministry Meeting-101B The Gathering @ New Covenant UMC Life Support Center Family Promise - D Building	18 3:30 PM 4:30 PM	Monday Local Missions Commission - 304B Adult Council - 205B
2	Saturday	5:00 PM		19 5:30 PM 5:30 PM	Tuesday Stephen Ministry Supervision - 302B DTA Committee - Media Suite
3 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 5:00 PM 5:00 PM	Sunday Heritage Worship - Chapel Religious Nurture Center - 100D Core Kids Sunday School K-5th - 106C, 108C, 110C, 200C, 311C 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 The Gathering @ New Covenant UMC Life Support Center Family Promise - D Building	11 5:30 PM 5:30 PM 5:30 PM 6:00 PM 12 2:00 PM 5:30 PM 5:30 PM 13 10:30 AM 11:00 AM 12:00 PM 12:00 PM 3:30 PM 5:30 PM 6:15 PM 6:30 PM 6:30 PM 6:30 PM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM 14 9:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:00 PM 6:30 PM 15 16 17 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 5:00 PM 6:00 PM	Monday SPPRC - Pastor Cindy's Office Hospitality and Integration Meeting - 107B Religious Nurture Center Council - 100D Family Ministry Council - 101B Tuesday Caregiver Support Group & Respite - 200D Stephen Ministry Supervision - 302B Board of Trustee - 308B Wednesday UMW Expanded Executive Committee 101B Daytime Quilters - 308B Apple Core - 302B UMW Unit Meetings - Meredith Hall 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 El Mesias Bible Study - 103B Bell Choir Rehearsal - 305A Thursday First Place Quilters - 304D Prayers @ the Chapel - Chapel Quilters Luncheon - 107B Grief Share Surviving the Holidays - 205B Friday Saturday Sunday Heritage Worship - Chapel Religious Nurture Center - 100D Core Kids Sunday School K-5th - 106C, 108C, 110C, 200C, 311C 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 The Gathering @ New Covenant UMC Life Support Center Pub Theology – Aero Plains Brewing	20 11:00 AM 12:00 PM 3:30 PM 5:30 PM 6:15 PM 6:30 PM 6:30 PM 6:30 PM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM 21 9:00 AM 10:00 AM 22 23 24 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 11:00 AM 5:00 PM 25 5:30 PM 7:00 PM 26 5:30 PM 27 11:00 AM 12:00 PM 5:30 PM 7:00 PM 28 29 30	Monday Local Missions Commission - 304B Adult Council - 205B Tuesday Stephen Ministry Supervision - 302B DTA Committee - Media Suite Wednesday 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 El Mesias Bible Study - 103B Bell Choir Rehearsal - 305A Thursday First Place Quilters - 304D Basic Sewing Classes Outreach - 201D Friday Saturday Sunday Heritage Worship - Chapel Religious Nurture Center - 100D Core Kids Sunday School K-5th - 106C, 108C, 110C, 200C, 311C 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 Mission Lunch - Meredith Hall The Gathering @ New Covenant UMC Life Support Center Monday Finance Committee - 308B Global Missions Commission - 304B Tuesday Stephen Ministry Supervision - 302B Wednesday Daytime Quilters - 308B Apple Core - 302B Downtown Alive Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary Bell Choir Rehearsal - 305A Thursday – Happy Thanksgiving BUILDING CLOSED FOR Thanksgiving HOLIDAY Friday BUILDING CLOSED FOR Thanksgiving HOLIDAY Saturday

COMING IN WORSHIP

Coming in Worship

November 3
All Saints Sunday
“Celebrating the Fruits”
2 Timothy 3: 14-17
Luke 18: 18-27

November 10
Consecration Sunday
“Harvesting Faith”
2 Timothy 4: 1-9
Luke 19: 1-10

November 17
Confirmation Sunday

November 24
Thanksgiving Sunday

FIRST LIGHT

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Open House and Friendly FUMC Christmas Competition

This year we will be celebrating the Advent and Christmas season by hosting our 2nd Annual Open House and FUMC Friendly Christmas Competition. We are inviting our neighbors and friends to join us for an open house on December 4 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

with activities for families and children and decorations and refreshments for everyone. To help ready our “house,” we are inviting you to join together in teams to help decorate the building. This is a wonderful way to help newcomers and guests feel welcome and

excitement in our building. To participate, simply form or join a decorating team and get creative! You may register your team and learn details at the AB reception desk. Please join together in celebrating our space this holiday season!



Surviving the Holidays

November 14, 6:30 p.m.

The First Church Pastoral Care Staff is once again 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.

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With Thanksgiving almost upon us, and the season of Advent to follow, it's the perfect time of year 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 Christmastime. 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.

If you would like to make a donation to our Flower Ministry Fund, please complete the form below and return it with your check to the church business office by December 15. Forms are also available at the AB desk. We will acknowledge all donors along with honorees/memorials in the January *First Light*.

Enclosed is \$ _____ towards the Flower Ministry Fund.

Donor Name _____

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In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

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.