

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 January we will begin a new sermon series, "Sacred Resistance". 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.

**January food collection:
Dried Beans**

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SACRED RESISTANCE

January Sermon Series: "Sacred Resistance"

"Our resistance is 'sacred' because it is driven not primarily by self-interest or fear or even only a benevolent wish for the good of an oppressed group. It is 'sacred' because it is driven by God at work in and through us. It is 'sacred' because it is grounded in God's vision of wholeness—a wholeness that embraces difference and delights in the surprises of unlikely friendship, a wholeness that calls us to take up the cross, a wholeness that is worth our suffering and sacrifice. When it is God who inspires our action, sustains our action, and provides the ultimate vision that is the goal of our action we are engaged in 'sacred' resistance."

—Ginger Gaines-Cirelli, Foundry UMC Washington, DC

Happy New Year! First Church will begin 2020 with "Sacred Resistance". January is the first month the Traditional Plan, that was passed at the Special General Conference in 2019, will be in effect. UMC NEXT is encouraging local churches to follow monthly themes leading up to General Conference 2020. January- Resistance, February- Love, March- Lament, April- Resurrection, May-Witness. Although the harm caused in the global Methodist church is significant, there are many ways that living our lives as Christians today requires sacred resistance. Each week in this series we will follow lectionary texts that show us how the Bible is filled with examples of resisting harm and sharing radical love. The study guide for each week will include

practical ways to implement sacred resistance in your life, like writing to representatives, participating in local marches, and attending Martin Luther King Jr. events around Wichita. This lifestyle of sacred resistance is our Christian calling, and by beginning the new year with sacred resistance we will orient our lives toward Christ's love and transformation. If you are looking for a personal study to enhance the series, Ginger Gaines-Cirelli's "Sacred Resistance; A Practical Guide to Witness and Dissent," is an excellent book! A website to keep up with throughout the series is, <https://resistharm.com/>. Be sure to check First Church's Facebook page and website frequently through this series as there will be updates on local ways to resist in Wichita!

■ **January 5**
"Resistance as Non-Compliance"
Jeremiah 31: 7-14
Matthew 2: 1-12

■ **January 12**
"Resistance as the Underground"
Isiah 42: 1-7
Matthew 3: 13-17

■ **January 19**
"Resistance as Protest"
Isiah 49: 1-7,
John 1: 29-42

■ **January 26**
"Resistance as the Movement"
Isiah 9: 1-4
Matthew 4: 12-23

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 January 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:

Mary Hartman

Holiday Building Hours

The church building will be closed the following days:

Wednesday, January 1
New Year’s Holiday

Monday, January 20
Martin Luther King Jr. Day

150th Anniversary Theme Contest

In April 2020 First United Methodist Church will celebrate 150 years of ministry! This big milestone in our church’s legacy of vibrant ministry in the past while looking to the future with hopes to continue changing lives and transforming communities is a grand opportunity to celebrate and organize. The 150th anniversary planning committee is asking YOU for possible themes for the 150th anniversary. This theme or slogan will be used throughout 2020 to guide the church into the next phase of life downtown at 3rd and Broadway. There are submission forms outside the business office, as well as a submission mailbox. There is no limit to how many submissions you make. Be innovative, be creative, be original! Submissions are due by January 19. Contact Pastor Rebecca with questions.

150th Celebration- Save the Dates 2020!

- April 19 – Everyone is invited “home” to celebrate 150 years! Catered meal following worship
- June 13-14 – 50th Anniversary “Free” Reunion
Know any “Free” alumni? Encourage them to join our Facebook group, The “Free” 50 Reunion!
- October 4 – World Communion Sunday and Celebration of Missions including 2021 Mission Team Reveal
- November 15 – Details to come!

Interim Organist Named

Staff Pastor Parish is announcing the hiring of an interim organist beginning in January 2020. Ralph Phillips will play for the Heritage, Downtown Alive service and accompany the DTA Choir. Later this spring, a formal search for a permanent organist will be conducted. Ralph Phillips, a Valley Center native, began piano at age 5 (Dorothy Addy being one his teachers) and organ at age 13 with Robert Pellett (who succeeded Dorothy at Central Christian when she began playing at First Church in 1961). Ralph’s first church job, begun at age 15, at Fairview Christian (original home of Christ Chapel’s organ). Other organ positions held include a four-year stint at East Heights United Methodist under choir director Edla Hiltz (who began directing at First Church in 1977). Ralph holds bachelor’s degrees in both Organ and Electrical Engineering from Wichita State University. He is thrilled that much of his past can be related to the hallowed halls of First Church!

Scholarship Fund Named in Honor of Brett Valliant

In honor of Brett Valliant’s 21 years playing our organ, being our director of music and faithfully raising funds to pay off the organ as well as establishing an organ fund for long-term maintenance, the Staff Pastor Parish and Finance committees have created a new invested fund. This fund, called the Brett Valliant Organ Scholarship/Internship Fund, will underwrite a scholarship or internship for an organ student to play alongside our future organists and learn to play our great Schantz organ. Each year, according to our investment policy, a percentage of the fund will be used to underwrite the scholarship and/or internship. We have received donations and pledges for over \$19,000. Many of them will be given during 2020. If you would like to donate, please send a check in care of the church with “Brett Valliant Scholarship fund” in the memo.

Notifications: Weather Policy and Church Closures

During the winter months we want to inform you of procedures in the event of inclement weather. First Church will follow the closing of Wichita School District, USD 259 during the regular business hours. If the decision is made to close schools, the church offices will also be closed. The decision to cancel regularly scheduled church programming will be made by the Senior Pastor in consultation with the church staff. Closing notices are reported to several outlets. Look for updates on the First Church website, firstwichita.org, on the local television



stations and/or their websites: Channel 3 (KSN), Channel 10 (KAKE), Channel 12 (KWCH). Some of these media outlets only post church closings on their websites. Updates will also be shared through our First Church App, E-news and on our social media sites via Facebook and Twitter. If you are not yet connected with us, download the app by texting “Firstwichita app” to 77977 and go to our Facebook page and “Like Us” and to our Twitter page and “Follow Us”. If you need assistance, feel free to contact Erin at the church.



Pastor Cindy Study Leave

A reminder that during January, Pastor Cindy will be on a month study leave. Pastor Rebecca will be in charge of all pastoral duties and assignments during Pastor Cindy’s study leave (as well as Pastor Tal and all our other staff). The SPPRC enthusiastically supports and encourages our clergy in their continuing education.

New Member Class

Are you interested in learning more about becoming a member of First United Methodist Church?

Come to an informational meeting on Thursday, January 30 from 6-7:30 p.m. in the First Church Parlor.

Contact Pastor Rebecca, rebeccam@firstwichita.org if you plan to attend.

OUR GIFTS

NOVEMBER 2019 OFFERING
\$79,708.93
RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE
\$997,338.82
BUDGET YEAR-TO-DATE
\$1,045,051.33
EXPENSES YEAR-TO-DATE
\$1,081,533.97

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS
MISSIONS
\$97.00
RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE
\$14,917.00

CAPITAL FUNDS
\$110.00
RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE
\$5,779.19

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
\$21,694.72
RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE
\$194,549.48
BUDGET YEAR-TO-DATE
\$232,721.75
EXPENSES YEAR-TO-DATE
\$247,820.85

TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS
\$101,610.65
RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE
\$1,224,148.49

The Faithfulness of Fred and Margaret Ricks

Fred and Margaret Ricks were active and devoted members of First United Methodist Church for many years. They extended their generosity in life with a legacy gift to First Church made through their estate. With deep gratitude, the Board of Trustees received their gift of over \$300,000 in mid-2019.

Under Peg Baldwin's leadership as Board president, considerable deliberation has gone into how this substantial gift can be used to honor Fred and Margaret. They plan to continue that thoughtful approach as the gift is designated over time toward the ministry of First Church.

To date, the Ricks' estate has funded the following projects:

- New glass doors to replace the original exterior wood doors that provide access to the Chapel from Broadway. The larger doors better accommodate funerals, while the visibility of the glass provides a level of security.
- Upgrade to the D-entrance door to enable it to function correctly and also to be controlled with the Door Lock system.

Fred consulted with attorney John Griffin through the Kansas Area United Methodist Foundation to finalize their estate planning. And, he was happy to share with others his very positive experience in working with Mr. Griffin.

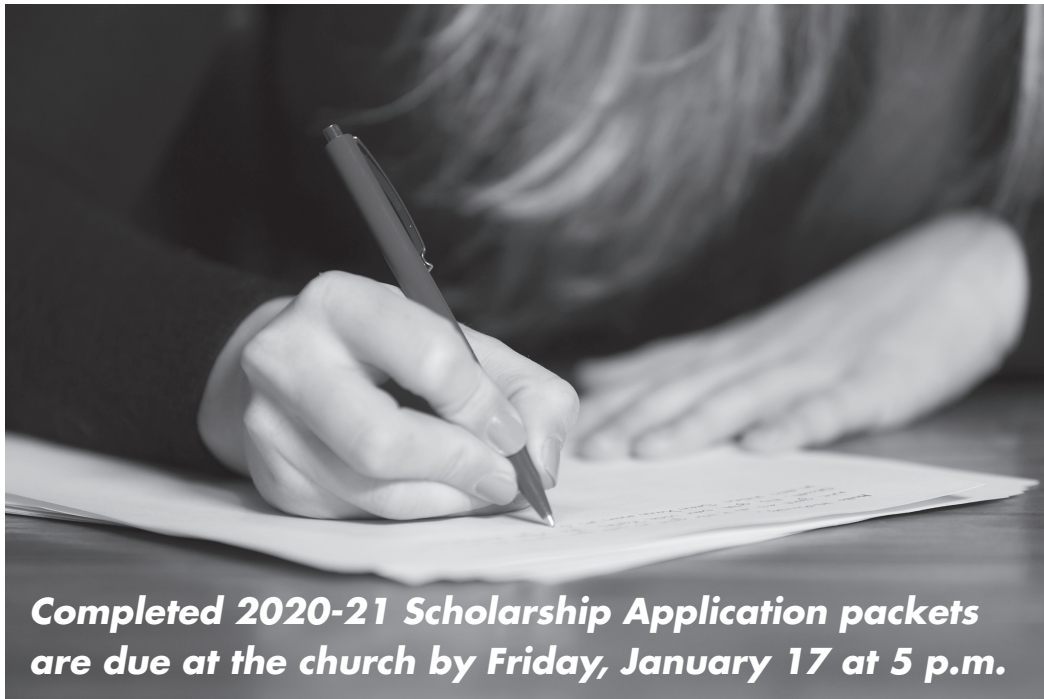
The Foundation (and Cornerstone Initiative) considers estate planning an important matter of stewardship for families, irrespective of financial benefit for First Church. And, we encourage you to consider this resource in your own life.

Kansas Area United Methodist Foundation

Website: KAUMF.org (Informational resources)

Contact: Lee Sankey, Director of Stewardship Services to set an appointment with John Griffin
888-453-8405

2020-21 Scholarship Applications now available



Completed 2020-21 Scholarship Application packets are due at the church by Friday, January 17 at 5 p.m.

Each year, the Scholarship Committee of First United Methodist Church awards scholarships to church members who wish to pursue a post-secondary education. This includes, but is not limited to, graduating high school seniors, students already attending college, and seminary students.

Scholarships are funded through named endowments and other gifts to the church

specified for scholarships. Students are eligible to receive a scholarship from the church for up to five years, provided they meet the scholarship requirements. A new application is required each year. Scholarship Application forms are available at the information centers in the A/B and the D entrances and at firstwichita.org and are due January 17th by 5 p.m.



January United Methodist Women

UMW Expanded Executive Committee

January 8, 10:30 a.m.
Room 101B

The Circle Meetings January 15:

Elizabeth Circle

1:00 p.m.
First Church- 107B
Hostess: Judy Sunderland
721-1485
Cost - \$5
Program: Pledge Service

El Mesias Circle

10:00 a.m.
First Church- 201D
Hostess: Arena Raymundo
807-7386
Cost - \$3
Program: Pledge Service

Rachel Circle

12 noon
6512 W. Mirabella St.
Hostess: Diane Elder
648-0409
Cost - \$5
Program: Pledge Service -
Lynda O'Neal

Sarah Circle

10:00 a.m.
First Church - 101B
Hostess: Connie Helm and
Darlene Snyder
686-9268
Cost - \$3
Program: Pledge Service and
Prepare Dental Kits

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.



Children's Ministry
Wednesday Nights in January
Come join us for a great start to the NEW YEAR!

January 1 – NO Children's Ministry-New Year's Day
January 8 – Lesson on Jesus Being Baptized
January 15 – Lesson on Jesus Bringing the Good News
January 22 – Lesson on Jesus sends the Disciples
January 29 - Magic Show with RNC



Youth Group – Wednesday Nights in January
Hope you can join us for a great kick off to the NEW YEAR!

January 1 – NO YOUTH –New Year's Day
January 8 – Youth Bible Study Lesson –
What is your Resolution for the New Year
January 15 – FUN NIGHT – Bring a Friend
January 22 – Sharing of Faith
January 29 – Magic Show with RNC

Youth Renew Event – FOR ALL MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

The Renew Event – Reflect and Pursue.
January 4, 2020

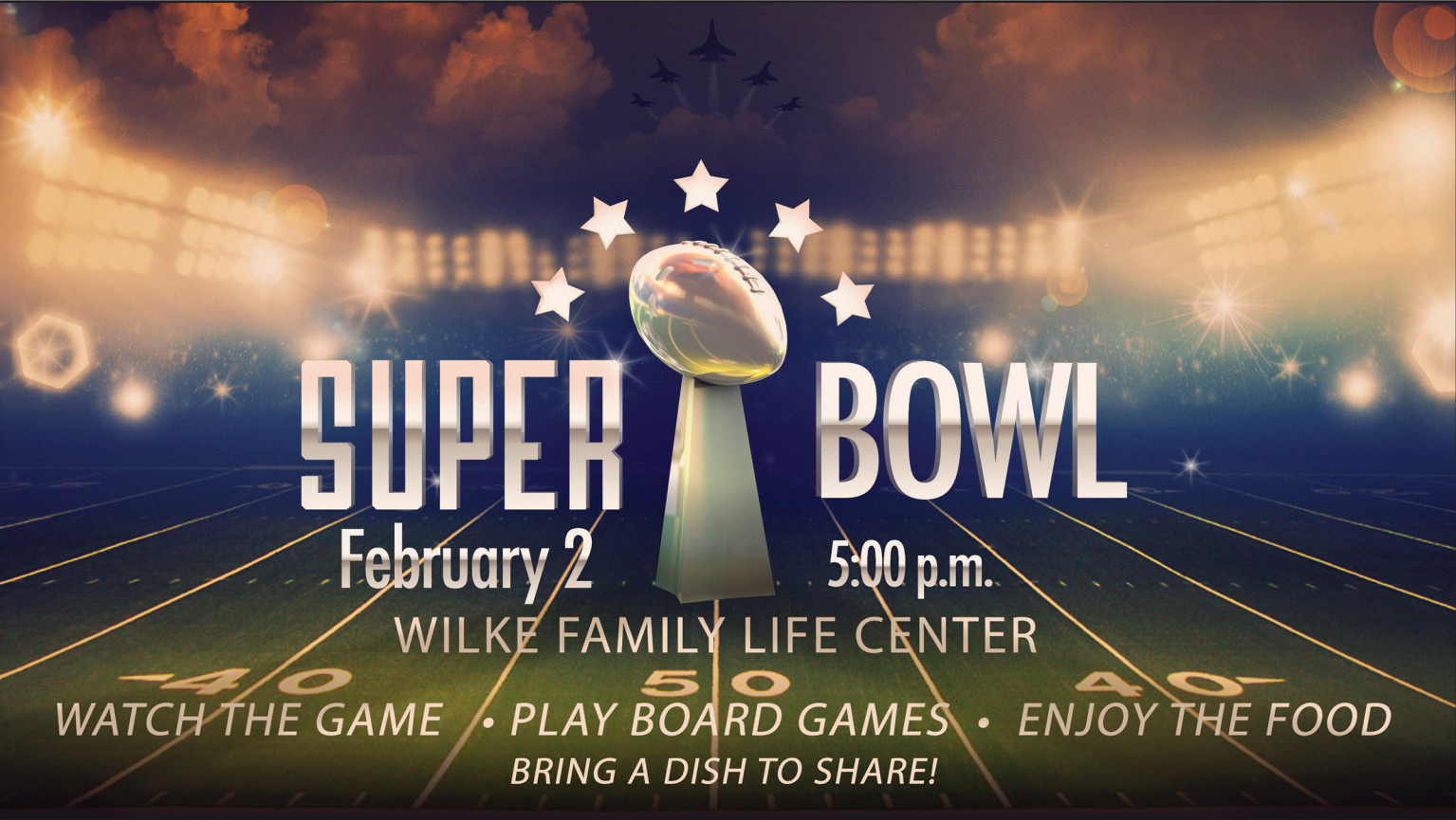
10 a.m. – 8 p.m. at Calvary United Methodist Church.

Cost is \$40 per person (scholarships available).

There will be small groups, sacred space, worship and a concert. Lunch and dinner included in cost!

**SUPER BOWL PARTY
February 2, 2020**

Bring your favorite snack, wear your favorite team jersey and come watch the game on the big screen in the Wilke Family Life Center! The fun will start at 5:00 p.m. Hope you all will mark this fun time on your calendar and come join us!





VISTA

Volunteers in Service to America

First Church to Host Americorps Vistas

Beginning January 11, First Church will be hosting 12 Americorps Vistas who are assigned to work at Wichita Habitat For Humanity. These young adults will be staying in the D building for a month while they begin the building season with Habitat. This partnership not only allows for the Vistas to share with our congregation about their work in the local community, but they will also be working

on projects throughout the church facility as determined by Director of Facilities, Noah Naughton.

The biggest thing we, as a congregation can do to support this team of volunteers is to help provide evening meals for them. This is not a requirement but would be much appreciated as they are given a very small food allowance. If you or a small group are interested in preparing a meal

for the Americorps Vistas please contact Pastor Rebecca, rebeccam@firstwichita.org and she will give you available dates for meals to be served.

<https://www.nationalservice.gov/programs/amicorps/amicorps-programs/amicorps-vista>

Tax-Aide Preparation Service Available at First Church



First Church is very pleased to once again host the AARP Tax-Aide community-based tax preparation service. Beginning February 4th, 2020 through April 9th 2020, appointments will be available for free assistance with AARP Tax-Aide certified volunteer preparers. The hours will be Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9 AM until 3 PM. This service was created especially for people aged 50 and older or those who have limited income to pay tax preparers. This year we also will have preparers certified in Military tax preparation. Many struggle

with tax preparation while others just don't know about benefits for which they qualify.

Preparation services will be held in the RNC room using the D entrance so there are no accessibility barriers. Two or three tax preparers will be on hand each day for this free service.

Appointments are required. Beginning the second week in January, the 90 minute daytime appointments may be made by calling 316-258-5157. Clients will receive a list of materials that are needed for the appointment.



Family Promise[®]
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If you are interested in volunteering for Family Promise in the new year, join us for a meeting on January 30 at 6 p.m. in the Family Promise storage room (D bldg basement - old quilting room).

In 2020 we will transition into serving as a support church for Northwest Free Methodist Church. At this meeting we will discuss how we will be helping them support the families. If you have questions please contact Dena Davis at 316-200-3721 or by e-mail davisdena67@gmail.com.

January Mission Calendar

■ Monthly Mission Project:
Feeding the Homeless Breakfasts

Food of the month:
Dried Beans

January 26
Mission Lunch
Meredith Hall
11:00 – 1:00

Menu

Homemade Lasagna
Garden Salad
Garlic Bread
Chocolate Sheet Cake

Donations benefit the Heifer Ranch Work Team (Women)

Thank You

We raised over \$1400 for School Partnerships at the 3rd Annual Thanksgiving Mission Lunch! Nearly 250 people attended this event and we are already planning our 4th Annual Thanksgiving Mission Lunch for 2020!

On a cold, wet December 15, we served over 100 people in Meredith Hall and in classrooms for our Christmas Mission Brunch. We served less than we had planned, due to the weather, but it was still a successful brunch. We took in \$1100 and it looked like we will be sending approximately \$700 to UMCOR! Thank you for your support!

Feeding the Homeless Breakfast in January

Have you signed up to help feed the homeless breakfast in January? If not, please contact Annette Schmidt at annettes@firstwichita.org or call the church and ask for Annette or leave her a message.

Class News & Notes

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

Double Ring 106B

Happy New Year to all of our First Church friends! In December we completed the book study of, "Simon Peter; A Flawed But Faithful Disciple", by Adam Hamilton. We donated to our monthly mission, Debs (women's group) donated to Operation Holiday in memory of Sally Dewey, and gave to Open Door. Rolling Hills Country Club was the site of our Christmas Brunch on Sunday, December 8.

We mourned the loss but celebrated the lives of four of our Double Ring friends; Arden Strole, Gordon Steinkrauss, Bob McCoskey, and Lorine Kieler. Each week we take a portion of our class for "Getting to Know You"; with Jack Focht interviewing a classmate, learning about their birthplace, their early years, where they worked, etc. It has become a real treat to learn more about our dear friends. Recent lessons have been on the life of Mary, mother of Jesus. We would love for you to join us in the New Year!

Hand in Hand with 50/50 107B

We had a lovely Christmas party at Larksfield Place on Dec.7. with Grace Brooks as our hostess and the 50-50 class as our guests. We were pleased that Pastor Cindy and Andrew were able to stop by early and that Pastors Rebecca and Joe were able to join us for dinner. We had time to get acquainted which is easier at a Christmas gathering than in Sunday School. Our gift exchange was lots of fun and something Hand in Hand has been doing for years. Ruth Martinez and Eliana Nobach provided Christmas music! They have blessed both our classes in the past.

For our next lesson series, Ken Van Blaricum will teach Adam Hamilton's "Unafraid: Living with Courage and hope in Uncertain Times". We now meet in 107B. Gary Wilson will continue to be the "Coffee Man" and hopefully we'll have treats each week provided by class members. We will gradually move some pictures from Hand in Hand into the lovely 50-50 room. We wish you all a Happy 2020!

Koinonia 204A

The Koinonia class invites other single adults to join us in 204A on Sunday mornings for a cup of coffee and fellowship. Stay for an interesting study and discussion. We are currently studying, "Faithful - Christmas Through The Eyes Of Joseph", by Adam Hamilton.

Our class eats together twice a week - lunch on Sunday at 12:30 p.m. and dinner on Friday at 6:30 p.m. December included attending "A Christmas Carol" at the Forum Theatre and celebrating Christmas with a white elephant gift exchange. Guests are always welcome to join us.

People's Open Doors 300D

It is the belief of the People's Open Doors Class that Christmas reminds us that wonderful things can happen, as long as we "believe." Our Advent study, "Before Christmas", by Bill Chowder has helped us develop a greater understanding of what it means that "the Father sent his son to be the Savior of the world." Our series has promoted much discussion and sharing. We are grateful to Barbara Simons and Kathy Hampton for leading our class down this outstanding journey of study.

We continue to stay very involved in the life of First Church. Our class attended the Thanksgiving Mission Lunch and provided volunteers. Our entry into the "Friendly Christmas Decorating Contest" gave us an opportunity to create a snowman village with lots of friendly faces to admire. We appreciated Christmas brunch brought to our room and enjoyed the fun and conversation as we ate the delicious brunch. We were surprised with decorations in the classroom that brought us the beauty of Christmas season. Our appreciation to Karen Hudson for bringing the sparkle of Christmas to our room.

We voted to send donations to Ember Hope, Camp Horizon, the Share the Season program, and the Overflow Shelter. Our class represents a smaller village of people who are studying God's word and responding with an open heart to provide support to our church and the needs of the community. It is our hope that our congregation experiences a peaceful Christmas filled with the spirit of joy, peace, and love. Please come and visit our class, as our doors are always open.

Pneuma 302D

Pneuma has been enjoying the Advent study as we reflect on four hymns associated with this special season. We look forward to the coming year as we begin new courses of study. Special thanks to Linda and Alan Ebright, Lucinda Smetana-Hull, Libby Eaton and Laura Sherard for decorating the Parlor. We hope that you have stopped by to enjoy the peacefulness of the setting.

Connie Green hosted Pneuma Ladies in December while the men met at the new Neighbors. We enjoyed having this time of fellowship before we all became so scheduled with the season. In January, the ladies will be meeting at the home of Peggy Baldwin. Our annual progressive dinner was on the night of the 15th. Appetizers were enjoyed at the home of the Beadles, followed by the main course in the Parlor, and then on to the Ebrights for dessert. We were happy to welcome many of the staff during the evening. On the 19th the class was invited to the Rogers for pizza followed by caroling at the Westerly. We are grateful to Westerly residents, Nonie and Delaine, for helping with arrangements for the caroling.

Our hearts grieve with Jennifer Ream in the death of her mother, Faye Chrisman; Suzanne McKaig in the death of her cousin; and with Harold Kieler in the death of Lorine, who was a friend to so many. Please know you are welcome to join us as we continue to share life in the year ahead. Pneuma wishes you all a very Happy and Blessed New Year.

Seekers 306B

Seekers closed 2019 with a delicious holiday dinner and the traditional, but with a new twist, white elephant exchange at the Estancia Club House. Thank you Judy Sawyer, Janet Robinson and Nancy Dinell (and their husbands) for all the planning and work that went into this fun evening. Dave Brant has finished the study of Acts. We learned much about Paul, his world and his message that is still applicable to our world.

Due to the busy Christmas season, the Seekers women did not meet in December but will gather on January 21 at the Old Spaghetti Factory at 13th and Webb. Thanks to all our class members that have been in leadership roles this past year. They led us in study, mission outreach, membership care and in social events. They have helped us to continue our strong sense of community.

The 2020 slate of officers are; President: Tom & Vicki Tanner and Tammy Esposito; Vice-President: Emilie Peterson; Treasurer: Melody Lindensmith (Gary Unruh - backup); Membership care: Larry Harris; Hospitality: Kay Unruh (Brenda Case - backup); Communication Secretary: Phyllis Schanbacher; Socials: John Oswald, Eileen Hawkins, Diana Gulick, Janet Gasser, Kathy Strattman; Recording Secretary: Judith Oswald. Projects and Outreach duties are assumed by volunteers as needed, i.e. Open Door First Friday lunch in March, First Wednesday suppers for Youth. We welcome all to join us for an exciting new year.

Calendar January @ First Church

1 Wednesday NEW YEARS DAY BUILDING CLOSED	10:45 AM El Mesias Worship - 200D 10:50 AM Downtown Alive Worship - Sanctuary 11:00 AM Nursery - 200C 2:00 PM Forum Performance - Wilke FLC 5:00 PM The Gathering @ New Covenant UMC	22 Wednesday 11:00 AM Daytime Quilters - 308B 12:00 PM Apple Core - 302B 3:30 PM Covenant Bible Study - 101B 5:30 PM Downtown Alive Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary 6:15 PM Religious Nurture Center - 100D 6:30 PM Youth Activities - 200D, 201D 6:30 PM Children Activities - 110C, 111C 6:30 PM Covenant Bible Study - 101B 6:30 PM El Mesias Bible Study - 103B 7:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal - 305A
2 Thursday 9:00 AM First Place Quilters - 304D	13 Monday 6:00 PM Family Ministry Council - 101B 5:30 PM SPPRC - Pastor Cindy's Office	23 Thursday 9:00 AM First Place Quilters - 304D 5:30 PM Investment Committee - 308B
3 Friday	14 Tuesday 5:30 PM Board of Trustee - 308B	24 Friday
4 Saturday	15 Wednesday 10:00 AM UMW El Mesias Circle- 201D 11:00 AM Daytime Quilters - 308B 12:00 PM Apple Core - 302B 1:00 PM Elizabeth Circle - 107B 3:30 PM Covenant Bible Study - 101B 5:30 PM Downtown Alive Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary 6:15 PM Religious Nurture Center - 100D 6:30 PM Youth Activities - 200D, 201D 6:30 PM Children Activities - 110C, 111C 6:30 PM Covenant Bible Study - 101B 6:30 PM El Mesias Bible Study - 103B 7:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal - 305A	25 Saturday
5 Sunday 8:15 AM Heritage Worship - Chapel 8:30 AM Religious Nurture Center - 100D 9:30 AM Sunday School - Church Wide 9:30 AM Core Youth Small Group - 200D 10:45 AM El Mesias Worship - 200D 10:50 AM Downtown Alive Worship - Sanctuary 11:00 AM Nursery - 200C 5:00 PM The Gathering @ New Covenant UMC Life Support Center	16 Thursday 9:00 AM First Place Quilters - 304D 6:00 PM Pub Theology - Aero Plains Brewery	26 Sunday 8:15 AM Heritage Worship - Chapel 8:30 AM Religious Nurture Center - 100D 9:30 AM Sunday School - Church Wide 9:30 AM Core Youth Small Group - 200D 10:45 AM El Mesias Worship - 200D 10:50 AM Downtown Alive Worship - Sanctuary 11:00 AM Nursery - 200C 5:00 PM The Gathering @ New Covenant UMC
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10 Friday	21 Tuesday 5:30 PM Stephen Ministry Supervision - 103B 5:30 PM Stephen Ministry Training - 101B	31 Friday
11 Saturday 8:00 PM Forum Performance - Wilke FLC		
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COMING IN WORSHIP

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January 12
Baptism of the Lord
“Resistance as
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Joshua 2: 8-15
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phone number and e-mail address
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Thank you to everyone who donated
toward the purchase of poinsettias that
were delivered to our homebound members.
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