

FIRST LIGHT

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Join us for inspiring worship at 8:15 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 10:45 p.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 February, the month of love, we will begin a new sermon series, "Love Anyway". We hope to see you in worship Sundays at 8:15 a.m., 10:45 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.

**February food collection:
Peanut Butter**

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Faith at Work in the World



February 2
"When Blessings Become Curses"
1 Corinthians 1: 18-31
Matthew 5: 1-12

February 9
"When Facing Darkness"
1 Corinthians 2: 1-12
Matthew 5: 13-20

February 16
"When Confronting Brokenness"
1 Corinthians 3: 1-9
Matthew 5: 21-37

February 23
"When Coming Down the Mountain"
2 Peter 1: 16-21
Matthew 17: 1-9

February is the month for "love" not only in the retail world, but also within the UMC Resist Movement. After the focus on sacred resistance, the focus on love might seem a bit sentimental or light weight. It is neither. Love truly is the most powerful force in heaven and on earth. We underestimate what truly can happen when we love God and love one

another. More than Valentine's Day, love changes lives, changes hearts, transforms individuals and communities. When we quote the verse, "God is love" we tend to minimize the content of those three words. God is love, God's love created the universe, the world and each and every one of us unique and unrepeatable. The whole of the law is summed up

in two commands: Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength and your neighbor as yourself. Love is the whole of all that we are to do as believers. Now loving is the easiest and hardest thing in the world. Love is not a blank slate to behave in any way possible. In fact when weighing any behavior, one needs to set it on a scale with

love of God and love of others. Jesus sharing of the Beatitudes shows exactly how difficult the law of love and the behavior of faith can be. During February, we will focus on those Beatitudes and Paul's words to the church at Corinth will challenge us to deepen our love and to make that love real in our world today.

We will begin the season of Lent this month with our traditional Ash Wednesday services. In addition to our 7 p.m. service in the Sanctuary, we will also gather over the noon hour in the Chapel. This service is designed for people on lunch break or who prefer to worship during the daytime. Chapel doors will open at 11:20 a.m. for an opportunity for persons to pray before the service begins at Noon. During the service- expect singing, a short homily, scripture reading and imposition of ashes. Spread the word to friends and family who work downtown. Whichever service you choose, we hope you will join us for one of these meaningful services.

Ash
W E D N E S D A Y



February 26

12:00 p.m.-CHAPEL
7:00 p.m.-SANCTUARY

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Clifford Vickery, 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 March 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:

Kathryn L. Hawk,
mother of Patrick Myers

Barbara Nelson

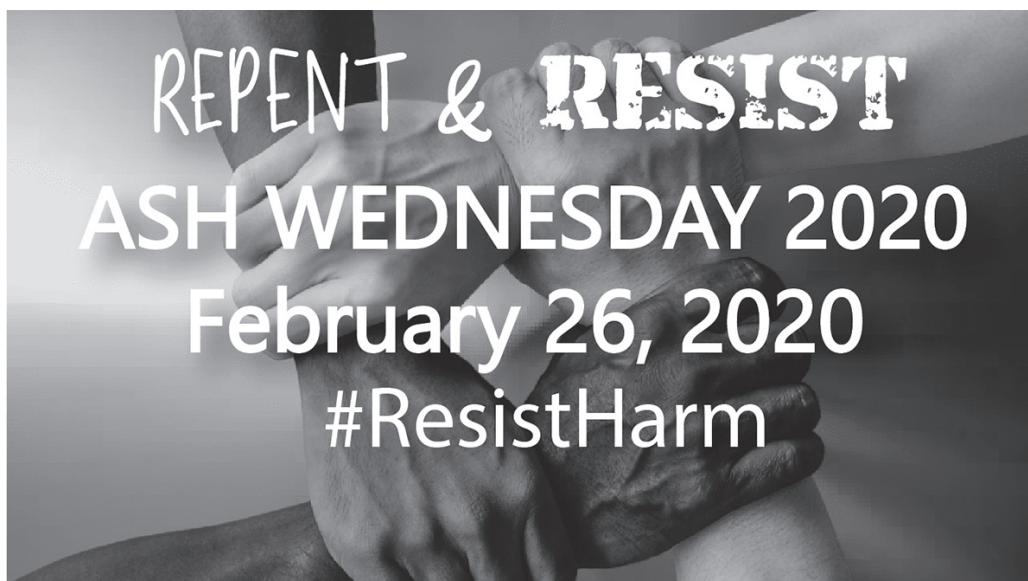
David Tittsworth,
son of
Wanda Tittsworth-Wright,
brother of Rev. Tal Tittsworth

Bobbie Grable,
wife of Jack Grable

Jeanne Littell

Jack Morris,
husband of Marlane Morris

Webster Quinius



Born out of conversation of UMC Wichita Welcoming Clergy, this is an opportunity for United Methodists to resist the Traditional Plan in Great Plains Annual Conference and beyond. First Church is signed up to pray on February 26 at 8:00 a.m. for an hour shift. Prayers will be at East Heights UMC (4407 E. Douglas) in the chapel. Contact Pastor Rebecca for more information.

A message from Brett Valliant

To my First Church family,

I would like to say how sincerely thankful I am for the many good wishes, cards, letters, and gifts which were given to me after my concert in December. It has taken me several weeks to read everything and I have enjoyed every minute. The moment when Pastor Cindy told me about the organ scholarship fund, on December 22 during worship, was one of the biggest surprises of my life, and certainly a great honor. I am grateful and humbled by the many contributions to the scholarship fund and know that great things will happen with these resources.

God bless you all,
Brett Valliant



DVD Available
If you are interested in a DVD of Brett's 2019 Christmas Concert, copies are now available at the AB Information Desk. There is no charge, however, donations to the Television Ministry are gladly welcome.

"Faithful and Inclusive" Video Series Begins in February

On Sunday, February 16, 2020 at 9 a.m. in Meredith Hall, the powerful video, "A Plea to the United Methodist Church" by Rev. Dr. Dick Wilke will be presented. This video lasts about 20 minutes and brings a personal message to the United Methodist Church about current issues facing the church.

This video will be repeated at noon on Tuesday, February 18, 2020 also in Meredith Hall. So, bring your lunch and share time with others. A facilitator will be present to help with questions and discussion.

On Sundays mornings, February 23 thru March 29 at 9 a.m. in Meredith Hall, the "Faithful and Inclusive" video series by Rev. Rob Fuquay will be presented to all wanting to know more about what the Bible says regarding the human sexuality matters that the United Methodist Church is dealing with.

These 50-minute videos will also be presented

on Tuesdays at noon, February 25 thru March 31. Bring your lunch and spend time learning about our path forward.

- **Week 1:** How United Methodists Interpret Scripture
- **Week 2:** Old Testament Passages
- **Week 3:** The Influence of Culture on How We Read the Bible
- **Week 4:** New Testament Passages
- **Week 5:** The Jesus Ethic: What Did Christ Say?
- **Week 6:** Where Does the UMC go from here?

A facilitator will be present to help with questions and discussion.

This great opportunity is offered by the UMC NEXT Education Team. We do appreciate our First Church members and guests having interest in learning more about this time in our denomination's life.



Saint Mark and First Church
Community Meal
February 23 at
6 p.m.

In continuation of our growing relationship with Saint Mark UMC, First Church has been invited to a community meal to celebrate Black History Month with our sisters and brothers at Saint Mark Church (1525 N Lorraine, Wichita, KS 67214).

Saint Mark will be providing a Baked Potato Bar and an engaging presentation in their Family Life Center. First Church participants are encouraged to provide desserts. Contact Pastor Rebecca with questions.



We're moving
to the Chapel
February 2!

Sundays/Domingos
10:45 am

OUR GIFTS

DECEMBER 2019 OFFERING
\$117,341.89
RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE
\$1,113,680.71
BUDGET YEAR-TO-DATE
\$1,189,813.00
EXPENSES YEAR-TO-DATE
\$1,210,182.73

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS
MISSIONS
\$2,207.90
RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE
\$17,124.90

CAPITAL FUNDS
\$100.00
RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE
\$5,879.19

VAN MAINTENANCE FUND
\$25.00
RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE
\$25.00

ORGAN MAINTENANCE FUND
\$-4,075.98
RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE
\$7,448.02

TELEVISION MINISTRY
\$42,758.54
RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE
\$237,308.02
BUDGET YEAR-TO-DATE
\$253,701.00
EXPENSES YEAR-TO-DATE
\$280,280.08

TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS
\$158,357.35
RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE
\$1,382,505.84

A Brief Summary of the Proposed Protocol of Reconciliation & Grace Through Separation

If adopted by the General Conference of the UMC at its meeting May 5-15, the protocol will allow United Methodist churches who wish to take a “traditionalist” stance to withdraw and create a new denomination. Churches who do not wish to take the traditionalist stance will remain the United Methodist Church. (Theoretically, other groups could also decide to withdraw from the denomination, but that is far less likely.) While some things are not yet decided, the provisions of the protocol specify that:

1. Local churches and Annual Conferences choosing to leave the UMC will retain their assets and property, responsible for paying any loans they may have from the Annual Conference and for paying mission shares to the date of their withdrawal.

2. The UMC will pay a total of \$25 million to the new traditionalist denomination over the next four years to support its formation. An additional \$2 million will be placed in escrow for payment to any other denominations established before the specified deadline.

3. To address the impact of racism, violence, and exploitation, an additional \$39 million will be set aside over the next 8 years to strengthen ministries to marginalized communities. (\$13 million of this amount is a contribution from the Traditionalist Churches, as a result of their decision to forgo the funds). Local churches in the traditional denomination may apply for grants from these funds, along with those remaining in the UMC)

4. The post-separation UMC may create four regional denominations (such as Africa, Phillipines, etc) with the freedom to adapt the Book of Discipline for their own context

5. The current pension plans will remain in place for all current clergy and lay employees now affiliated with the UMC. All assets of the UMC, including its boards and agencies, continue unchanged as a result of the protocol

6. There is a “moratorium” on the prosecution of any charges against a pastor for being a self-avowed practicing homosexual or for performing same-sex weddings

7. There is also a moratorium on closing local churches who do not ask to close.

8. A stepwise process is provided for decisions about affiliation to be made by annual conferences and local churches. (See timeline)

While not yet adopted, this protocol is a breakthrough because representatives of all sides came to the table with prominent mediator Kenneth Feinberg and agreed to support this plan, as well as to try to persuade the groups they represent to support it.

An Agreed Timeline for Implementation of the Protocol

• **April 23-25, 2020** The Judicial Council (the Supreme Court of the UMC) considers the constitutionality of legislation to implement the protocol

• **May 5-15** The General Conference votes on legislation implementing the protocol

• Immediately after the General Conference adjourns, space will be provided on site for those interested in forming new denominations

• **A session of the post-separation UMC, likely to be held in conjunction with the May General Conference,**

will consider the formation of the proposed Regional Conferences. Changes in the current Book of Discipline, including the repeal of the Traditional Plan will also be considered.

• **Jurisdictional Conferences will decide at meetings in the summer of 2020** if they wish to withdraw from the UMC and join the newly created denomination. The Great Plains Conference is in the South Central Jurisdiction, which meets July 15-18 in Houston.

• **A special session of the Great Plains Annual Conference (likely in September)** will provide an opportunity for the conference to decide whether it wants to withdraw or to remain. (Should the South Central Jurisdiction decide to withdraw, the annual conference can choose to remain.)

Any local church which then wishes to withdraw from the Great Plains Conference will have until December 31, 2024 to make that decision. If the Great Plains Conference chooses to withdraw, any local church can take action to remain.



February United Methodist Women

Church Women United
February 1, 1:00 p.m.
Inter-Faith Ministries, 829 N. Market
Key Woman’s Koffee

UMW Expanded Executive Committee
February 13, 10:30 a.m.
Room 101B

UMW Unit Meeting
February 13, 12:15 p.m.
Meredith Hall
Program: Carrie Corliss,
Volunteer Director of the Board for Family Promise
Please bring new or gently used kitchen utensils, bath items and bedding for Family Promise families. Emphasis: Legacy Fund

Unit Lunches
2 Brother’s BBQ will be catering for us this year.
February 13 menu:
Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, Dinner roll and cobbler.
Price: \$7

L.E.A.F.
The Legislative Event
February 17-18
FUMC- Topeka

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.



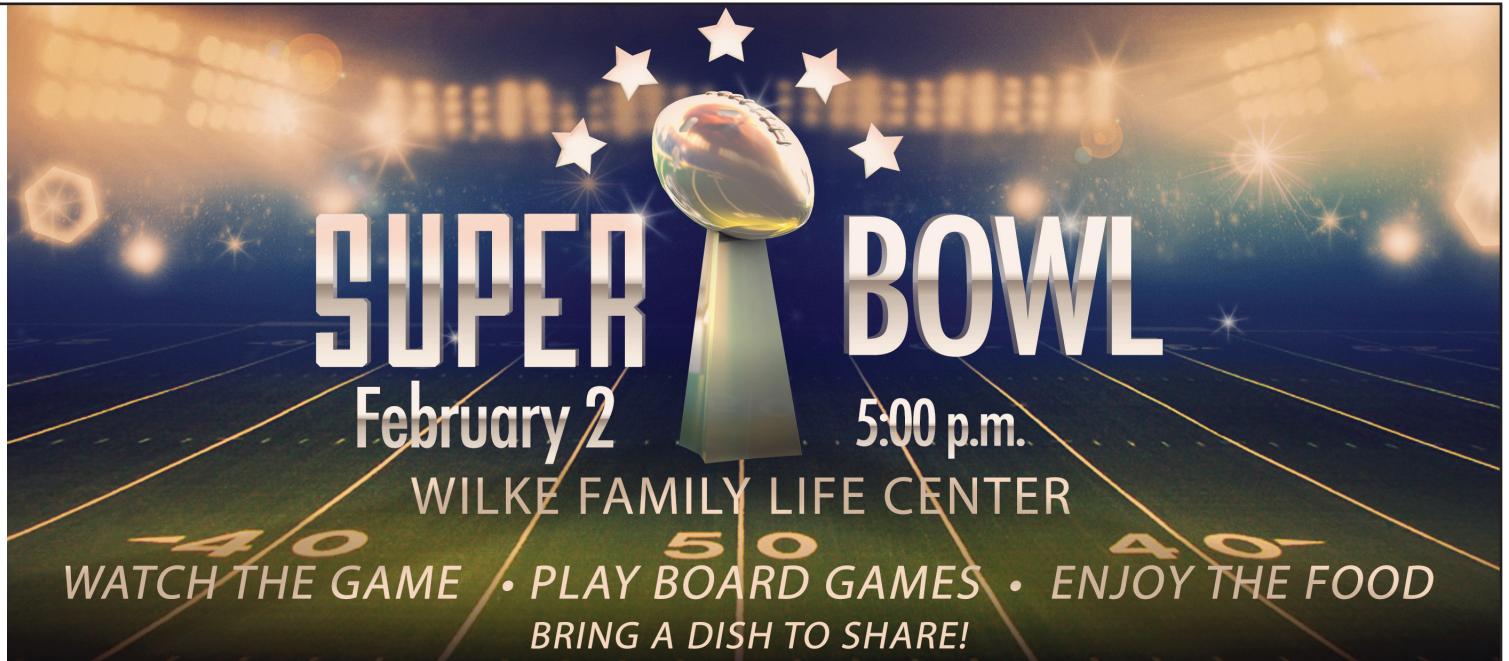
AARP Tax-Aide Appointments Available

First Church is very pleased to once again host the AARP Tax-Aide community-based tax preparation service. February 4 through April 9, appointments will be available for free assistance with AARP Tax-Aide certified volunteer preparers. The hours will be Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. 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. Appointments are required. 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.

Super Bowl Sunday Party February 2

Come join in the fun as we project the big game in Wilke Family Life Center. Whether you are a fan of the game, the commercials, board games, or potluck food, there should be good times to be had. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. with the kickoff to follow shortly. Bring your favorite snack, wear your favorite team jersey and come watch the game on the big screen!



■ Youth Group in February

Wednesdays, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
 February 5 – Lesson: Fitting IN
 February 12 – Valentine’s Party
 February 19 – Lesson: Leadership
 February 26 – Sharing of Faith

■ Youth Sunday School – Middle School and High School

All high school youth will now meet in Brad’s office (318C). The middle school youth will continue to meet in the Youth Center (201D) for Sunday

school. Come join us this Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in your age group.

■ Children’s Ministry in February

Wednesdays, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
 February 5 – Lesson: Being a leader in the community
 February 12 – Valentine’s Party
 February 19 – Lesson: David
 February 26 – Lesson: The servant girl

Valentine’s Party

February 12, 6:30 p.m.
 Youth Center

Come play games, crafts, make cards for shut-ins, decorate a sundae with your favorite flavors. You won’t want to miss this night of fun for all ages and families. Come and join us in the Youth Center for different activities.



Coming in March! Christian recording artist Mitch McVicker

Christian recording artist Mitch McVicker will be in concert here in our Wilke Family Life Center, Friday, March 27 at 7:00 p.m. Mitch will bring joy and a smile to your face as he plays some fun and meaningful music.

This concert is **OPEN TO THE ENTIRE CHURCH** and we hope all can join us!

in concert
 March 27
 7:00 p.m.
 Wilke Family Life Center



Bishop Saenz

Lindsey Keith

Worship Outreach

2020 CONFIRMATION RALLY
 EXPLORE & CONNECT



MAR 28
 9:30AM
 3:00PM

LOCATION
 McPherson FUMC
 1200 E Kansas Ave
 McPherson, KS 67460

SIGN UP BY MAR 1

REGISTER AT: WWW.MCPHERSONFUMC.COM/CONFIRMATIONRALLY



VISTA

Volunteers in Service to America



Help Feed Our AmeriCorps Guests!

First Church is pleased to welcome our 12 guests from AmeriCorps who are staying at our church for three months. They are working for Habitat

for Humanity four days a week, and assisting with tasks at our church on the fifth day. If you would like to provide a meal for this great group of college-

age youth on a Monday or Thursday in March, contact Pastor Rebecca.



Family Promise[®] of Greater Wichita

Building community, strengthening lives.

Family Promise Update

First Church will be starting their role as a support church beginning the week of March 29.

We will be providing volunteers at our host church location, NW Free Methodist Church, 3224 N. Tyler

Wichita KS 67205, through an online sign-up process. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact First Church Family Promise coordinator Dena Davis at 316-200-3721 or daviddena67@gmail.com. We will need meal donations, volunteers to stay overnight, drivers, and fellowship volunteers. Volunteer training (initial

and refresher) will be held Saturday, February 8 at 9:30 a.m. at Derby Friends Church, 1034 N. Woodlawn, Derby.

Please continue to keep Family Promise in your prayers! For more information about the ministry of Family Promise, please visit their website at <http://www.familypromisewichita.org>

Mission Calendar

■ **February Mission Project:**
Shampoo and Soap for Open Door

■ **February 9: Work Team Information Meetings, Room 304B**

■ **12:15 p.m.: Henderson Settlement Family Team**

■ **1:15 p.m.: McCurdy Team**

■ **February 23: Mission Lunch** to benefit the Heifer Ranch Work Team (Women)

February 23 Mission Lunch Meredith Hall

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

To benefit the Heifer Ranch Work Team (Women)

Menu:

Chicken Casserole
Green Beans
Salad
Cherry Cobbler

Food of the Month:

Peanut Butter



Thank You

In December we sent \$320 to Heifer International, which was raised at our September Mission Lunch. By waiting until December we were able to triple the amount to \$960! Heifer International was tripling any donation. Thank you, First Church!

Class News & Notes

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

Double Ring 106B

We have been learning about Mary, mother of Jesus. Although she is mentioned only 10 times in the New Testament, she is an important figure. She was a very young, ordinary woman from Nazareth who was made pregnant by God in a sinless way. She was first and foremost a mother who worried about her child, was protective of him as she saw the ridicule he experienced. And she was with him at the cross as he took his last breath. We'll study her more as we move closer to Easter.

We grieve the death of David Tittsworth, the son of Wanda Tittsworth Wright. Services were held in Washington, D.C. We welcomed our friend Dave Johnson back from open-heart surgery.

Our Valentine's luncheon will be February 9 in Meredith Hall. It will be catered by Rib Crib. If you're looking for a Sunday School class with a great teacher and loving people, please join us!

Hand in Hand with 50/50 107B

Our class will continue to study "Unafraid", by Adam Hamilton with Ken Van Blaricum teaching. If individual members wish to join the church study "UMC Next" they are welcome to do so. It is a 7-week video series during Sunday school and on Tuesdays over the lunch hour.

The ladies certainly braved the weather in January for lunch at Livingston's. We will have another luncheon the 2nd Friday in March. We celebrated Jim Matthews' birthday on January 25. A wonderful time was had at Botanica! Others in our class in January have special birthdays. Grace Brooks is one of those, but it will be celebrated in June.

Our class donated money for Homeless Overflow breakfast meals and also volunteered to provide meals for the AmeriCorps volunteers staying in our church.

Koinonia 204A

The Koinonia class invites other single adults to join us in 204A on Sunday morning for coffee and fellowship. Stay for an interesting study and discussion. We are currently studying the book, "Working Together, Sharing the Bounty; Becoming the People of God" by Wayne G. Reece.

Our class eats together twice a week - lunch on Sunday and dinner on Friday evening.

Plans for February also include attending "Desperate Measures" at the Forum Theatre. We invite you to join us in our classroom or for a meal.

People's Open Doors 300D

As People's Open Doors Class looks back on last year, we realize how much we have to be thankful for at First Church. With the start of a new year, our class wants to experience and feel the hope, love, and faith the year, 2020 can bring to us and others.

We are thankful for the biblical study we continue to share. Through the study, "The Present Word", we have learned much about God's grace and promise to the world. We appreciate Barbara Simons and Kathy Hampton for leading us through our studies.

Our class has been active in participating and entering our ideas for the name of First Church's 150th celebration. We will be serving a meal to the AmeriCorps group. We are grateful for their service to the community and to the church.

We welcome all visitors to our class. Our doors are always open to everyone.

Pneuma 302D

Pneuma began a six week study on January 16, "Considering a New Decade - Expectation and Response from a Community of Faith". We will be considering the following topics: Human Population, Earth Environment, Social Environment, Technology, Human Identity & Meaning, and Personal Lifestyle. Please feel free to join us for any or all that might be of interest to you.

Pneuma members are involved in the life of the church serving on committees; providing meals for the AmeriCorps volunteers; helping with AARP Tax-Aide; and being part of the UMC Next implementation team. We are grateful for those who are able to volunteer their time and talent to those activities.

Pneuma Ladies met at the home of Peggy Baldwin in January. We are looking forward to our annual Super Bowl gathering at the home of Connie and Bob Bishop. The men will once again be hosting the ladies of the class at our annual Valentine Banquet.

Our hearts go out to Tal and Debbie Tittsworth and Wanda Tittsworth Wright, in the death of their brother and son, David Tittsworth. We are also remembering Bishop Scott Jones and Mary Lou, as they celebrate the well lived life of Scott's mother.

Religious Nurture Center 100D

Religious Nurture Center activities for February include Christian music concert, Valentine's Day celebration and participating in the Ash Wednesday service. Our Sunday School lessons for the month will focus on discussions from the inspirational faith based sports movie "Overcomer." This story, about a high school cross country runner has important themes of atonement, compassion, humility, perseverance and communication.

Seekers 306B

During the uncertain times in our church, nation and community, the Adam Hamilton study "Unafraid", seemed very appropriate. Our next lessons will be the familiar Bible stories we learned as a children—David and Goliath, Noah and the flood, etc. but viewed from an adult perspective. If you have a particular story you would like Dave Brant to present, please contact him.

The Seekers will provide dinner to 12 AmeriCorps guests along with the Youth on the February 5. We will provide a potato bar—so bring your favorite toppings and join us. On the first Friday in March we will provide the lunch for Open Door across the street.

One more member joined the rank of "retired"—congratulations to Wendy Ramsey. We send our best wishes and prayers to all our class members dealing with health issues. Know you are loved fiercely by your Seeker family. The coffee is hot, the refreshments tempting, the community welcoming and the lessons thought-provoking. We hope you will check us out.

Calendar February @ First Church

1	Saturday	2:00 PM 5:30 PM 5:30 PM	Caregivers Support Group-200D Board of Trustee - 308B Stephen Ministry Training - 101B	6:30 PM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Covenant Bible Study - 101B El Mesias Bible Study - 307C Bell Choir Rehearsal - 305A						
2	Sunday	8:15 AM 8:30 AM 9:30 AM 9:30 AM 10:45 AM 10:50 AM 11:00 AM 5:00 PM	Heritage Worship - Chapel Religious Nurture Center - 100D Sunday School - Church Wide Core Youth Small Group - 200D El Mesias Worship Service - Chapel Downtown Alive Worship - Sanctuary Nursery - 200C Super Bowl Party-Wilke FLC	12	Wednesday	9:00 AM 10:30 AM 11:00 AM 12:00 PM 12:15 PM 3:30 PM 5:30 PM	AARP Tax Aide - 100D UMW Executive Meeting - 101B Daytime Quilters - 308B Apple Core - 302B UMW Luncheon - Meredith Hall Covenant Bible Study - 101B Downtown Alive Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary Religious Nurture Center - RNC - 100D	20	Thursday	9:00 AM 9:00 AM 6:00 PM 8:00 PM	First Place Quilters - 304D AARP Tax Aide - 100D Pub Theology - AeroPlains Brewing Forum Performance - Wilke FLC
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 Brokenness"
 1 Corinthians 3: 1-9
 Matthew 5: 21-37

February 23
 "When Coming Down
 the Mountain"
 2 Peter 1: 16-21
 Matthew 17: 1-9

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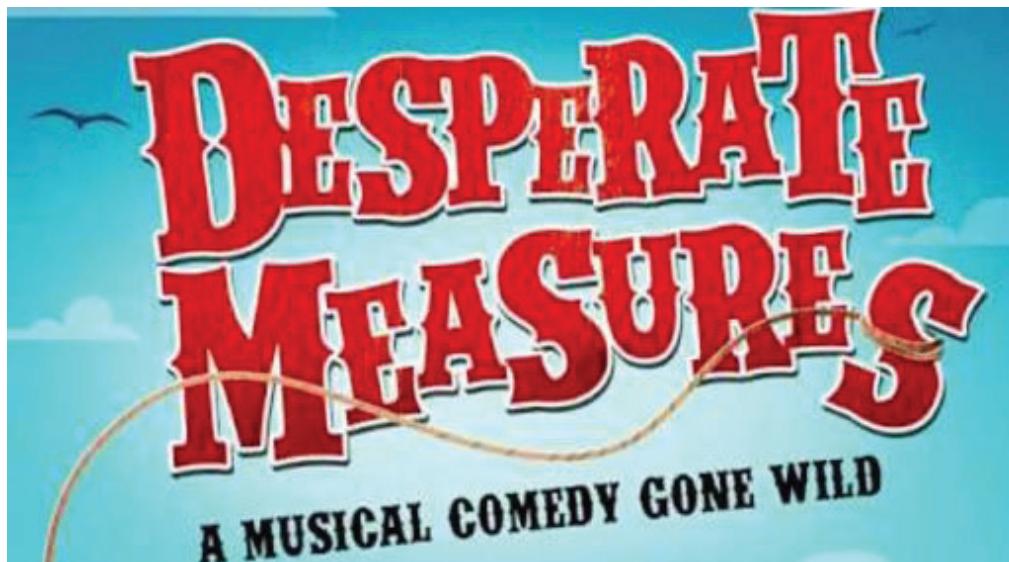
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The Forum Theatre Wichita Presents:
"Desperate Measures"

The Forum Theatre Wichita's 2019-2020 season continues in February with "Desperate Measures". Live on stage in the Wilke Family Life Center, Thursday through Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m., February 13 through March 1. Rated: G
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The Apple Core Woman's Group will be studying the Beatitudes in March and April. Using the book, "The Power of a Focused Heart" by Mary Lou Redding, they will undertake short daily readings and reflections in order to gain new insight from Jesus' Words in Matthew 5. Apple Core is a group of woman who meet every Wednesday at noon at the church. They share life with one another, reading, praying, and exploring the scriptures for new meaning in their lives. If you are interested in Apple Core or wish to join for this study, please contact Pastor Rebecca or Libby Eaton, who facilitates this group.

Poinsettias honor First Church
 Friends and Loved Ones

Thank you to everyone who donated toward the purchase of poinsettias that were delivered to our homebound members. Our Senior Saints Committee sponsors this important ministry every year. It is a tremendous blessing to our recipients, and a truly meaningful First Church tradition.

A special thank you to Linda Hopper, chairperson of the Senior Saints Committee for organizing our Poinsettia deliveries again this year. Thank you to everyone who assisted with this year's deliveries. The names below, complete the list of individuals who contributed to our flower ministry in 2019 and names those who are being honored or memorialized:

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