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Join us for inspiring worship at 8:15 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 March, we begin our Lenten sermon series, "Complex Questions". We hope to see you in worship Sundays at 8:15 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.

March food collection:
Tuna

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



A Lenten Journey

In the season of Lent, our lectionary passages, from the gospels and almost all from the Old Testament are filled with questions. Some are accusatory, some are deeply philosophical or theological, some rhetorical and some are indirect. All seem to point to the underlying drive of most human beings: *Why are we here? What does this mean? Does God care? Do we have a purpose?*

Lent is a time to go deeper, to use the "tithes" of time to ponder and pray over the hard questions. The questions raised in the lectionary are a way to go deep into who we are, whom do we worship, what are we willing to commit and how are we willing to live out the faith we have in Christ. As

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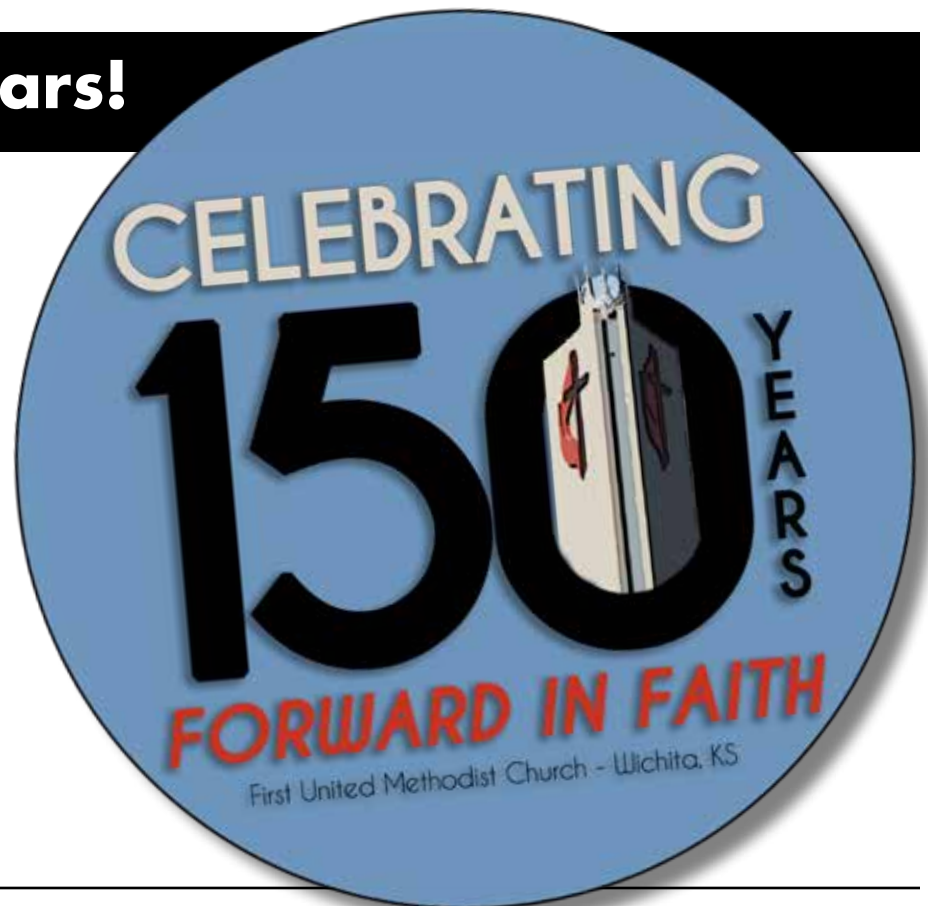
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United Methodists in downtown Wichita, Lent is an invitation to intentionally ponder where our core values lie and how they and our faith will lead us into an uncertain future. Join us this March for "Complex Questions: A Lenten Journey".

Celebrating 150 years!

Save the Date April 19, 2020

In 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. Sunday, April 19 promises be a wonderful day of celebration at First Church! There will be a special combined worship service at 10:50 in the Sanctuary, followed by an all church catered meal in Meredith Hall featuring memories over the past 150 years. Be sure to put this important date on your calendar and plan to join us in celebrating 150 years of ministry at First United Methodist Church in downtown Wichita!



PLEASE PRAY FOR

Continuing Concerns: 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 welcome new members:

Max and Catherine Boatright
Paul Jones

We grieve the deaths of:

Lillian Urquhart
Melba Satterlee
Claud DeWitt

Kansas Wesleyan University Choir in Concert

The Kansas Wesleyan Philharmonic Choir and Wesleyan Chorale, under the direction of Dr. Anne Gassmann, will perform a free concert, Friday, March 13 at 7 p.m., in the First Church Sanctuary. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Budget Update

Friends,
As many of you know First Church was facing a budget shortfall for 2020. The response to our Stewardship campaign was strong, with many choosing to increase their estimate of giving and several first time commitments. Unfortunately that did not make up for other revenue streams that are simply not there for this year.

We have been receiving around \$80-\$90,000 from the Great Plains Conference in grants for some of our ministries. One was for the Transition into Ministry (TiM) program. Since Pastor Rebecca has moved from phase one to phase two, we no longer receive that money. We are delighted that she was re-appointed to First Church, but it did mean we were then responsible for the whole of her salary package. We have also previously received a one time

grant for our Hispanic Ministries with El Mesias. We are no longer receiving that grant.

The last few years we have had what we call excess receipts to put into the following years budget. The last three years that was anywhere from \$20-\$35,000. That money was given to the church and was left over when we had paid our bills. We rolled that money into the next year's budget as income. We also had a few small memorial/estate gifts that added up to around the same amount of money.

So, you can do the math, we had around \$125,000-\$150,000 that is not available to the church in 2020. Then we received the information that the building insurance went up 30% which meant we were looking at a \$190,000 shortfall.

In order to be good stewards of the gifts we receive, the Budget Committee, Finance Committee and Staff Pastor Parish Committee went

to work to trim the budget in order to balance what we believed in good faith would come in and match it with expenditures. On February 3, the Church Council approved the budget with the cuts that had been proposed. Out of that came some difficult decisions around staff, around program budgets and other places where we trimmed so that we could with integrity offer a balanced budget. Some staff positions were eliminated, others were reduced in hours. These were not easy decisions and I believe were handled as delicately as possible.

I am deeply grateful for all the work that went into this process and continue to be excited about our future and the ministry we have before us. I invite you to continue to pray for the church, the staff and all the lay leadership as we continue to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Graced to serve,
Pastor Cindy



Church Surplus Sale

First Church is taking spring cleaning seriously this year as we gear up for a Church Surplus Sale. All items sold in the sale are excess items in the church, we are not accepting home donations for this sale. All proceeds will go to benefit First Church's general budget. Please contact Lark Anton if you are interested in volunteering.

UMW Bake Sale and Concession Stand at Church Surplus Sale

Be sure to bring some extra money and stop by the D entrance during sale hours to purchase tasty treats to benefit First Church United Methodist Women!

Church Surplus Sale

March 19 - 20 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

March 21 - 7:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

Wilke Family Life Center



Lenten Devotionals Available

"The Sanctuary for Lent" daily devotionals are available at the church to assist you in your Lenten journey. These devotionals will be used during the season of Lent in place of our weekly study guides. In addition, a calendar is included with the devotionals, encouraging random acts of good and loving deeds for each day of Lent. We are also participating in a Rethink Church photo challenge through

social media. Every day of Lent provides a word for you to pause and reflect upon and then share an illustration of how you perceive each word. You can share a photo, poem, etc. on Instagram, Twitter or Facebook using the following hashtags: #rethinkchurch, #um-rethinkchurch, #firstumcict, #life-downtown, #lent. We hope these resources bring meaning to your Lenten journey!

Photo-A-Day Challenge

March 1: CELEBRATE
March 2: SIGNS
March 3: ENTER
March 4: SPIRIT
March 5: TEACHER
March 6: TESTIFY
March 7: SAVED

OUR GIFTS

JANUARY 2020 OFFERING
\$176,267.91
RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE
\$176,267.91
BUDGET YEAR-TO-DATE
\$180,485.52
EXPENSES YEAR-TO-DATE
\$150,248.37

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS
MISSIONS
\$579.00
RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE
\$579.00

CAPITAL FUNDS
\$1,050.00
RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE
\$1,050.00

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

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

TELEVISION MINISTRY
\$37,756.53
RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE
\$37,756.53
BUDGET YEAR-TO-DATE
\$19,429.14
EXPENSES YEAR-TO-DATE
\$27,707.85

TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS
\$215,678.44
RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE
\$215,678.44

“Faithful and Inclusive” Video Series Continues

The “Faithful and Inclusive” video series continues this March on Sundays mornings at 9 a.m. and again on Tuesdays at noon in Meredith Hall. This video series by Rev. Rob Fuqua is a great opportunity for anyone wanting to learn more about what the Bible says regarding the human sexuality matters. Rev. Evelyn Fisher and Rev. Cindy Watson continue to facilitate these sessions to help with questions and discussion. This 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.

March 1/3: Old Testament Passages
March 8/10: The Influence of Culture on How We Read the Bible
March 15/17: New Testament Passages
March 22/24: The Jesus Ethic: What Did Christ Say?
March 29/31: Where Does the UMC go from here?



March United Methodist Women

UMW Executive Committee
March 4, 10:30 a.m.
Room 101B

Church Women United
March 6, 1:00 p.m.
Mennonite Church of the Servant,
2401 N. Woodland
World Day of Prayer

UMW Circle Meetings
March 11

Elizabeth Circle
1:00 p.m.
Room 107B
Hostess: Tricia Whitney
Program: Prayer and Self Denial,
Judy Sunderland
Cost: \$5

Rachel Circle
12:00 p.m.
13413 W. Links Ct.
Hostess: Lois Short and
Eileen Hawkins
Programs: Prayer and Self Denial
Cost: \$5

Sarah Circle
10 a.m.
Room 101B
Hostess: Mary Beals and
Vicki Patrick
Program: Ember Hope –Youthville
Cost: \$3

**South Central Jurisdiction
Quadrennial Meeting**
March 28-29
Little Rock, AR

AARP Tax-Aide Appointments Available

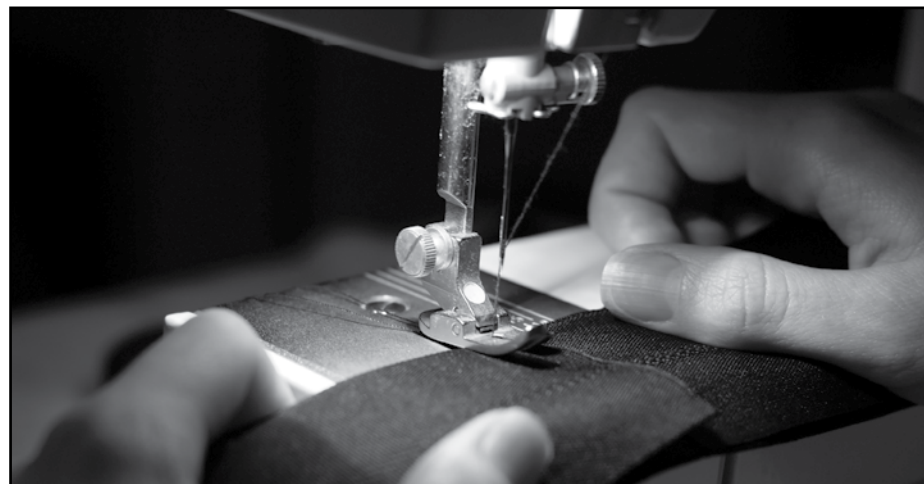
First Church is very pleased to once again host the AARP Tax-Aide community-based tax preparation service. February 4 through April 9, appointments will be available for free assistance with AARP Tax-Aide certified volunteer preparers. The hours will be Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:00 a.m.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

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.



Sewing Classes Resume

Starting Thursday, March 12 at 10 a.m., First Church will resume the beginner sewing class in Room 201D. All supplies as well as sewing machines are provided onsite at First Church. Contact Pastor Rebecca, rebeccam@firstwichita.org, 316-267-6244, if you plan on attending or would like more information.

EVENTS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Youth Sunday School— Middle School and High School

The Middle School Youth will be back in the Middle School Room – Room 311C. Thank you to Noah and the staff for getting in cleaned up and ready to use. The High School Youth will meet in the High School Room 201D for Sunday School. Come join us this Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in your age group.

Youth Group – Wednesday Nights in March

March 4- Confidence – How we get it?
 March 11- Sharing of Faith
 March 18- SPRING BREAK – WILL NOT MEET
 March 25- City Arts Event with RNC

Children’s Ministry – Wednesday Nights in March

March 4- Confidence – How we can be confident
 March 11- Compassion
 March 18- SPRING BREAK – WILL NOT MEET
 March 25- City Arts Event with RNC

March 16-20 – SPRING Break Opportunities for Children and YOUTH

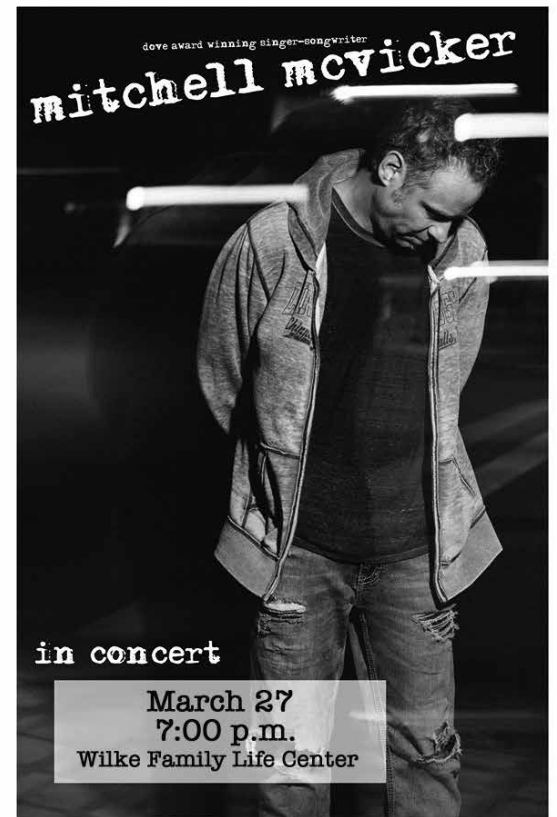
March 18: Day of Service to First UMC--10 a.m.-2 p.m.
 Help sort and get items ready for the all church garage sale. Lunch provided
 March 19: Day of Fun – 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
 Meet at church and be sure to bring socks. Lunch included

MARCH 27 – Mitch McVicker in Concert, 7 p.m.

Christian Recording Artist Mitch McVicker will be in concert at First UMC in our Wilke Family Life Center. Mitch will bring joy and a smile to your face as he plays some fun and meaningful music. This concert is OPEN TO ALL and we hope you can join us.

Coming in April – Family Easter Event – April 8

Be sure to put April 8 on your calendar and plan to join us for a walking tour of the Easter Story, crafts and of course food. We hope all families can join us from 6:30-8:00 p.m. for a Family Easter Event in Wilke Family Life Center.



Valentine’s Party!

What a great time the children, youth and the Religious Nurture Center had at our Valentine’s Party. Everyone had the opportunity to make crafts, play games, watch a movie and even create their very own ice cream sundae with all the toppings! With around 60 people in attendance, everyone had a blast!



Hannibal, Missouri Family Work Team

The Henderson Settlement Family Work Team has been changed to the Hannibal, Missouri Family Work Team. A meeting will be held on Sunday, March 15 at 12:15 p.m. in Room 101B. Come and learn more about this team!

March Mission Project: School Supplies for Argentina

The Argentina Work Team will be taking school supplies for the children in Concordia, Argentina. Can you help this team?

Please bring items to the A-B Entrance and place in the plastic container.

Requested items:

Staplers
Scissors
Crayons
Markers

Paper
Construction Paper
Playdough



Mission Calendar

School Supplies for Argentina
March 12-15: Heifer Ranch Work Team, Perryville, Arkansas (Women)
March 22: Mission Lunch

Mission Lunch March 22

11:00 – 1:00, Meredith Hall
Donations benefit the Argentina Work Team

Menu

Meatloaf
Mashed potatoes
Carrots
Roll
Chocolate sheet cake

Food of the Month:

Tuna
Have you seen the "Food of the Month" large bookmark in the Narthex? It lists the "Food of the Month" for all 12 months in the year. It is easy to place on your refrigerator so that you can see the "Food of the Month" when you are making your grocery list. Thank you, Erin Davis, for making these lists for us!

January Mission Lunch Update

Thank you for your support of the January Mission Lunch, benefitting our team to Heifer Ranch. We received almost \$800 in donations and made a profit of almost \$500. The money earned will go towards the expenses of our Heifer Ranch Work Team heading out this March! In addition, we raised \$78.75 towards the purchase of a lamb, which costs \$120!

Thank You Notes

The church recently received thank you notes from Heifer International and HumanKind Ministries.

"Thank you for your generous gift to Heifer, which is already helping lift families and communities out of hunger and poverty – permanently. We're so grateful you have chosen to support our work."

-Heifer International

Wow! Thank you so much for your generosity. Humankind is beyond thankful to you and your congregation for providing breakfast to our clients at the Emergency Winter Shelter during January. We absolutely could not do what we do without the support of amazing community support.

Thank you!

- Greer Horning, HumanKind Ministries



School Partnerships

Thanks, First Church folks, for the generous donations of hats, mittens, coats, and scarves given during December for our neighborhood children at Park School! Some items were also given to Washington students. Financial contributions helped fill in where needed, especially purchasing coats. On one day alone, eleven children received coats! What a gift on a cold day!

Many may have heard about the school bus accident on the turnpike on Feb. 12 which involved fifth graders and their teachers from Park. The children had been treated to a field trip to Topeka, but never made it as the bus left the road south of Emporia en route that morning. Please continue to pray for emotional and physical healing for the students and staff at Park. This accident was a very frightening experience for all involved.

2nd Annual Easter Egg 5K Saturday, April 4



Join us for the second annual Easter Egg 5K and Lil Bunny Kids Run at the First United Methodist Church on April 4 at 8 a.m. Participants receive a custom race shirt and finishers medal and compete for age group and overall awards. Funds raised support our school partnerships fund. Sign up online for both the race and to volunteer, at wichitarunningcompany.com.



Family Promise Update

First Church will be supporting NW Free Methodist Church with volunteers during their hosting weeks in 2020 (3/29, 5/31, 9/21 and 12/20). If you would like to be put on the e-mail list to sign up to volunteer, please contact Dena Davis davisdena67@gmail.com or 316-200-3721.

All volunteering will take place at NW Free Methodist 3224 N. Tyler Road, Wichita KS 67205.

For more information about Family Promise, please visit familypromisewichita.org.

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

Double Ring 106B

During the past few years our class has mourned the deaths of many of our members. After attending funeral services and listening to the eulogies of these special friends, someone said, "I was so surprised to learn about them, I had no idea! Wouldn't it be nice to know about the lives of our friends while they are still alive?" Hence, the feature called, "Getting to Know You" started and has been a blessing to all of us in Double Ring. Many of those who have been interviewed have held long, interesting careers while making sacrifices with their spouse, moved around the country, raised children they can be proud of and demonstrated their faith in ways that have surprised us. We love and admire them and it brings us closer together. Thank you to Jack Focht for conducting these sessions with love, humor and discretion so that we celebrate each life now. Come and join us anytime, you'll be glad you did.

Hand in Hand with 50/50 107B

Cliff Bertholf will be teaching our lessons during Lent using the book "Wind in the Wilderness" by DJ del Rosario. Another educational option is the "Faithful and Inclusive Video Series" on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. or Tuesdays at noon in Meredith Hall.

The Ladies Luncheon will be March 10 at Caesar's Table, 125 N. Market at 12 noon. Sign up in class or call Sawny Klaassen for reservations. Several church activities are forthcoming including the Church Surplus Sale in March. Call Lark Anton for more information. Help is needed for Family Promise, contact Dena Davis. Stop by our class for coffee and treats and stay for the lesson!

Koinonia 204A

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

Members of Koinonia, plus friends and family members, eat meals together twice a week - lunch on Sunday and dinner on Friday evening. Plans for March include celebrating three March birthdays at Kobe. Stop by 204A for a schedule of our plans. Everyone is welcome to join us.

People's Open Doors 300D

People's Open Doors has finished our study from the book, "The Present Word". This series gave us the comfort in knowing, if we hold on to God's faith, we will experience his promise of grace. Our Lenten study will be, "Entering the Passion of Jesus" by Amy Jill-Levine.

We gathered for a social at Spears for a delicious breakfast. We are making plans for a St. Patrick's Day party. As a class we continue to contribute meals to the AmeriCorps group, we are

fortunate to have at First Church. This group is contributing many hours to Habitat for Humanity, and lending a helping hand to projects in our church.

People's Open Doors will be relocating to room 101B this month. We want to extend our gratitude to the Hand in Hand class for sharing their previous room with us. The new location will accommodate our class member's needs nicely.

We want to remember our class members with prayer, who are experiencing health issues. Our doors are always open to others. Come join our Christian fellowship and Bible studies.

Pneuma 302D

Pneuma is continuing our lesson series on topics as they pertain to a new decade. Please feel free to join us as we finish this series and begin our Lenten journey.

Pneuma Ladies were at the home of Deb Seely in February. Our hostess in March will be Marlene Geier. We had a large group cheering on the Chiefs at the home of Connie and Bob Bishop. This was our 20th year of gathering for the Super Bowl. It is certainly one we will never forget! The ladies were once again treated to a wonderful catered meal; a variety of cheesecakes prepared by the men; and fabulous entertainment provided by the Pneuma Knights at our annual Valentine Banquet.

On March 15, Pneuma and Seekers will be co-hosting a shower for Pastor Rebecca and Joe. We are all looking forward to helping them prepare for the arrival of their baby girl in April.

Seekers 306B

The Seekers are looking forward to a spring filled with study, service and socializing. We finished Adam Hamilton's book "Unafraid" and will begin a study led by Dave Brant on familiar Bible stories viewed from a different perspective. Come join us on Sunday morning for an adult version of all those stories you learned as a child.

On the first Friday of March, class members will be preparing and serving lunch for our neighbors at Open Door.

We have several fun activities planned for the spring. During the rather chilly month of February we enjoyed soup and games at the Hawkin's club house. In March, the Seeker's women are looking forward to joining the women from the Pnuema for a baby shower honoring Rev. Rebecca and family. May 9, we are planning to see "Robin Hood" at the Forum. In June we have planned a night at the new ball park to cheer for the home team and in July we are planning on getting up close and personal with bison at the Maxwell Game Preserve. Come to class or contact a class member for details! The Seekers welcome you.

Calendar March @ First Church

1	Sunday 8:15 AM Heritage Worship - Chapel 8:30 AM Religious Nurture Center - 100D 9:00 AM Faithful and Inclusive-Meredith Hall 9:30 AM Sunday School - Church Wide 9:30 AM Core Youth Small Group - 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 Life Support Center	11	Wednesday 9:00 AM AARP Tax Aide - 100D 10:00 AM UMW El Mesias Circle- 201D 11:00 AM Daytime Quilters - 308B 12:00 PM Apple Core - 103B 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 Covenant Bible Study - 101B 6:30 PM Youth Activities - 200D, 201D 6:30 PM Children Activities - 110C, 111C 6:30 PM El Mesias Bible Study - 307C 7:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal - 305A	6:00 PM Pub Theology – Central Standard Brewing	
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The Principals

March 17, 2020, 7:30 p.m.
 Exhibition Hall at Century II

Looking for an opportunity to hear Brett Valliant on the organ in Wichita? Here's your opportunity!

Two of the country's top performers, **Richard Elliott** and **Brett Valliant**, take turns in a friendly battle at the Wurlitzer console, spanning classical, jazz and contemporary music favorites.

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