

FIRST LIGHT

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As we transition into a new year we kick off a new sermon series that encourages us to "Choose Joy"! We hope you will continue to worship with us on Sundays at 11:00 a.m. on KAKE TV or live on the web at firstwichita.org or at 5:00 p.m. on livestream or facebook.com/thegatheringworshipservice.

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FEED THE HUNGRY

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

**January food collection:
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"Joy is much bigger than happiness. While happiness is often seen as being dependent on external circumstances, joy is not."

-Archbishop Desmond Tutu

After nine months of a global pandemic and more months ahead, what if we started the new year with an intentional journey into joy? Typically joy is reserved for the holiday season and then January and February are a hangover from the overindulging of the holidays. As many spiritual giants have pointed out, joy is not happiness. Happiness

is fragile, and often comes fast and leaves quickly. Joy is deeper and is a connection to the grace and love of God. During this series, we will focus on how we can "Choose Joy" and experience joy even in the darkest days. Daily practices will be shared that provide ideas of things to do when we may feel helpless. Utilizing the book, "The Book

of Joy, Lasting Happiness in a Changing World" by Dalai Lama and Desmond Tutu, we will explore some of the obstacles to joy: fear, despair, loneliness, adversity and also discover the pillars of joy: humor, forgiveness, compassion, generosity and more. Join us in worship in the new year as we "Choose Joy"!

■ JANUARY 10

"God's Beloved Masterpieces"
Psalm 139: 1-14, Mark 1: 4-11

■ JANUARY 17

"In a World of Anger & Frustration:
Choose Acceptance"
1 Corinthians 1: 18-29, Mark 1: 21-28

■ JANUARY 24

"In a World of Stress & Anxiety:
Choose Humor & Humility"
Philippians 2: 1-4, Mark 1: 32-39

■ JANUARY 31

"In a World of Grief & Sadness:
Choose Forgiveness"
Ephesians 4: 29-32, Mark 2: 1-12

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Continuing Concerns: the hospitalized, our members and attenders with long-term and terminal illness, the homebound, and those who are in long-term care facilities and nursing homes. Also please pray for all the family members and caregivers who may be unable to spend time with their loved ones currently because of restrictions in place at hospitals and most of the care facilities and nursing homes. Continued prayer for the doctors, nurses and medical personnel caring every day for the medical needs of their patients. Pray for our Guardian Angels and Stephen Ministers and the pastoral care staff who continue to care for the spiritual well-being of individuals. Please remember to pray for the safety, physical and emotional well-being of children, students, teachers, and school administrations in our local community, our state, and beyond.

Articles for the next edition of *First Light* are due Jan. 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.

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.

HOMELESS BREAKFAST
Through the month of January

Monetary donations for the purchase of food can be mailed to the church given online with "Homeless Breakfast" in the memo.

Homeless Breakfasts in January

Once again, this January, First Church will be supporting the Homeless Overflow Breakfasts at HumanKind (formerly known as Inter-Faith). This year, we will be collecting donations to purchase food to feed the homeless. With the

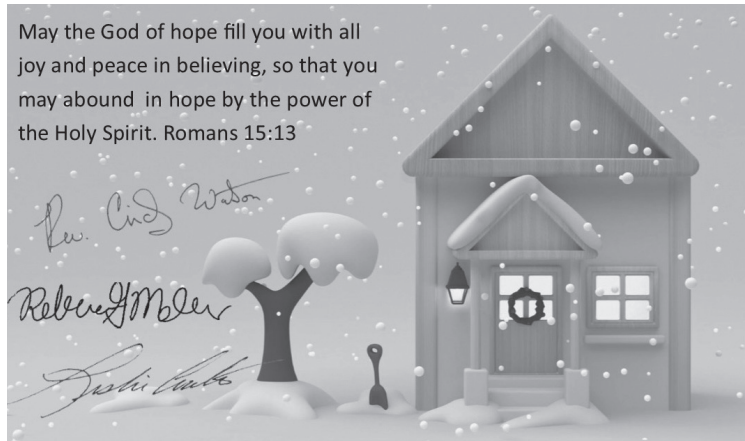
funds donated, we will order food from Sam's and Costco, and deliver it to HumanKind to provide breakfasts in the month of January.

How can you help? Make your donation via check, made payable to "FUMC" and mark

on the memo line: Feeding the Homeless, or give a donation through the church app or on our website, firstwichita.org. Members of the church will shop and deliver the food to HumanKind. Thank you for your assistance.

A Note from your Pastoral Care Team

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13



We Wish You a Happy New Year 2021

As we begin the new year, we continue to have many of the same challenges and visitation restrictions that were in place most of 2020. If you or a member of your household are in need of pastoral care, or are admitted to the hospital, the best way for us to obtain this information is for you to contact the church. Please e-mail us at pastoralcare@firstwichita.org, or call the church during business hours and let our receptionist know and she will

forward the messages to us. We also continue to have emergency weekend on call pastoral care available, so if you reach the church after hours, those messages are given directly to the pastor on call during the evening or weekend.

We are currently making daily phone calls to our church family who are in the hospitals, but we are hopeful and optimistic that later in 2021, we will be able to resume in person visitation to our church family in hospitals.

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. Rebecca Goltry Mohr,
Leslie Coates

We are also looking forward to being able to visit our homebound members, including those in nursing care facilities.

Finally, please let us know if you would like us to add you to our homebound list or the TV bulletin mailing list.

COVID-19 Update

During the latter part of December, the Re-opening Task Force did not meet. The positivity numbers in Sedgwick County have remained high as have the hospitalizations. The committee will resume meeting in early January to begin the process once again of re-opening when the numbers decline significantly. With the vaccination process beginning, we all know that in time large gatherings will become safer. When we re-open again for in person worship and small group gatherings we will follow our already established guidelines. You can find those on our website: firstwichita.org/covid-19. Once the vaccinations become more wide spread, we will be able to discern when and how to relax some of our precautions until the time comes when the vaccines are readily available to all. There is hope and we know that God is with us as we wait and prepare for the time Covid 19 no longer has a grip on our world. Please continue to pray for all our frontline and essential workers, for those distributing the vaccines and for all those families separated from their loved ones in facilities and hospitals and all those grieving loved ones lost from this terrible coronavirus.

Farewell from Tal

Thank you all so much for all of the nice cards and comments regarding my time and retirement from First UMC!

I have been so honored to help serve this congregation for the past 9 1/2 years.

I will forever cherish so many friendships nurtured over these years. Thank you for all of the cards and the gifts given upon my retirement.

Thank you also for all the cards and comments about Mom upon her death, as well. We were very blessed as a family to have her with us for so many years. I know so many of you, along with us, will miss her for years to come. Thank you all so much and may God bless each and every one of you.

— Tal Tittsworth

OUR GIFTS

NOVEMBER 2020 OFFERING
\$57,891.70

RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE
\$889,730.13

BUDGET YEAR-TO-DATE
\$965,210.32

EXPENSES YEAR-TO-DATE
\$1,003,451.74

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS
MISSIONS
\$410.00

RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE
\$6,259.00

CAPITAL FUNDS
\$110.00

RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE
\$33,150.00

VAN MAINTENANCE FUND
\$0.00

RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE
\$0.00

ORGAN MAINTENANCE FUND
\$0.00

RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE
\$10,735.00

TELEVISION MINISTRY
\$26,795.17

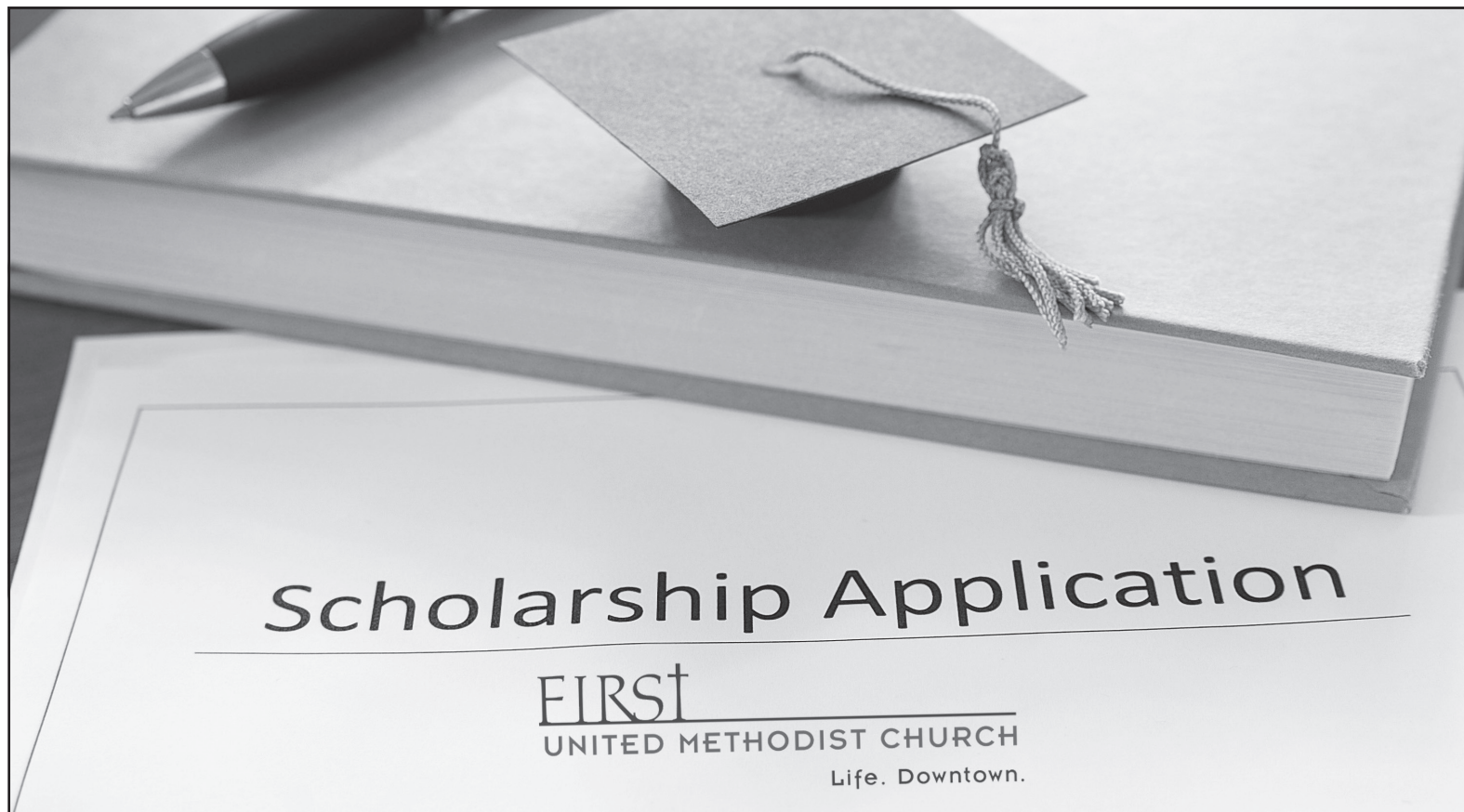
RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE
\$279,736.58

BUDGET YEAR-TO-DATE
\$220,721.74

EXPENSES YEAR-TO-DATE
\$250,734.65

TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS
\$85,206.87

RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE
\$1,219,610.71



2021-22 Scholarship Applications now available

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 firstwichita.org.

Completed 2021-22 Scholarship Application packets are due at the church by Friday, January 15 at noon.

The application due date is in January in order to help students who are applying for other matching United Methodist scholarships. Earlier scholarship award decisions and announcements will also facilitate spring

recognitions of First Church's high school seniors. If you have any questions regarding the scholarship process, please contact Dr. Mike Willome, Scholarship Committee chairperson, at 943-9306.

OUR FAMILY

We grieve the death of:

Wanda Tittsworth-Wright,
wife of Victor Wright,
mother of Tal Tittsworth

Phil Enegren,
husband of Linda Enegren,
father of Mandy Enegren

Christine Vogt,
wife of Rev. Jerry Vogt

Louise Orndoff,
mother of Karen Orndoff

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studentmft@firstwichita.org
316-267-6244 ext. 304

Children and Youth in January!

Children and Youth Ministries on Wednesdays: remaining online in January

With the numbers still high in Sedgwick County, we will remain meeting online through ZOOM for Children and Youth in January. We will try to do some fun things and maybe look at gathering in person in February for an event. We will keep you up to date!



**Wednesday Nights
in January for Children
6:00PM on ZOOM**

January 6
NO CHILDRENS MINISTRY MEETING

January 13
New Year's Resolutions
What New Year Resolutions will you make?
What is a Resolution?

January 20 –WHAT IS IT?
We'll play our own version of this game, popular from Jimmy Fallon's Late Night Show. (Check out this clip to see how it works: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Md4QnipNYqM>)
We'll take turns finding the "weirdest" thing we can in each of our houses and seeing if we can stump the other participants. Join us to play along!

January 27
HOME SCAVENGER HUNT
This is a fun way to engage students on Zoom, while getting them up and moving! We'll have fun finding random items in our homes and competing to see who can find them fastest!



**Wednesday Nights
in January for Youth
7:00PM on ZOOM**

January 6
NO YOUTH MINISTRY MEETING

January 13
New Year's Resolutions
What New Year Resolutions will you make?
What is a Resolution?

January 20 – WHAT IS IT?
We'll play our own version of this game, similar to the popular skit from Jimmy Fallon's Late Night Show. (Check out this clip to see how it works: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Md4QnipNYqM>)
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CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES SUNDAYS

- Zoom for Children Sunday School will continue at 10 a.m. on Sunday mornings.
- Zoom For Youth Sunday School will not Meet in January

If you have a child or youth that would like to participate in any of these activities or if you have any questions about Family Ministries at First Church, please contact Brad Remington, Director of Family Ministires at bradr@firstwichita.org!

January Mission Project Winter Wear



DECEMBER / JANUARY SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS

The First Church mission project for December and January is designed to keep the children in our neighborhood warm during the wintry weather. We will be providing winter coats and jackets, hats, gloves, and scarves for both girls and boys ages 5 to 12. These items will be distributed through the social workers at both Park and Washington Schools.

The School Ministries Task Force will purchase needed items for the children. Thus, financial gifts to cover these expenses may be sent to the church marked, "School Ministries winter wear". Our neighborhood families are very grateful to the congregation for winter items given to their children.

Depending on the future of the pandemic, the church may open for you to bring donations, new or gently used. Watch the First Church weekly notes for information about donation opportunities.

"As each has received a gift, employ it for one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace." —1 Peter 4:10

Notes of Thanks

The church has recently received the following notes of thanks for our participation of support throughout the community. Thank you, First Church, for your generosity!

Missions Calendar

January Mission Projects:

- School Partnership – Winter Wear (coats, mittens, gloves, scarves)
- Feeding the Homeless

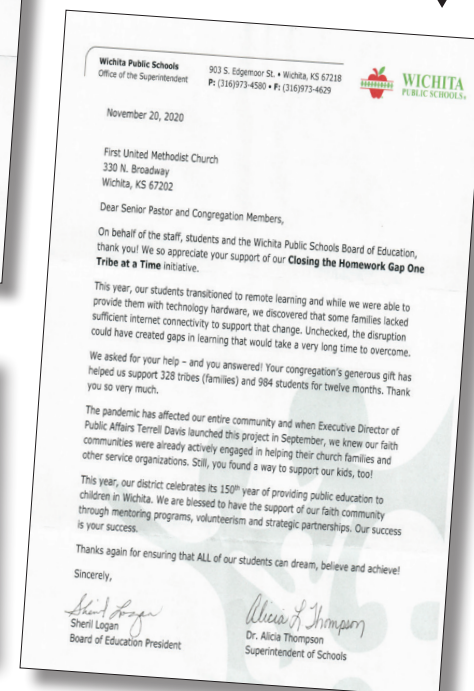


◀ **Open Door** - In addition to the food donations received in our October and November Drive-Thru Events, First Church provided over \$1,900.00 to Open Door to purchase food for the 30th Annual Turkey Drive. We have received a "Thank You" letter from Open Door expressing their appreciation in feeding over 5,000 families.

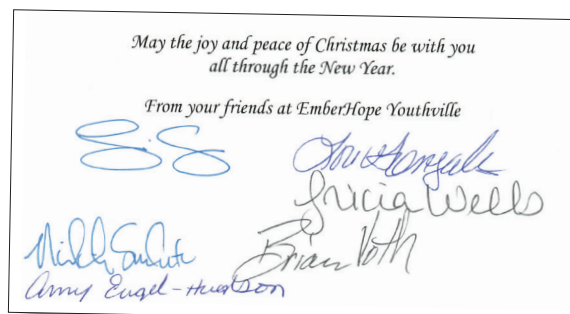
▶ **Park Elementary School** – Kristi Franks, Principal of Park Elementary, recently sent a Thank You letter for "the tremendous support for our Park Elementary students and their families during this challenging school year and community time". She specifically thanked us for "donations of coats, gloves, hats, shoes and so much more". She also mentioned that we were able to help a Park Elementary family when they were affected by a fire in the apartment next to them.



▶ **USD 259 "Closing the Homework Gap One Tribe at a Time"** - We received a Thank You letter from the Wichita Public Schools for our participation in 'Closing the Homework Gap'. USD 259 was able to support 328 families and 984 students with internet access for 12 months. Wichita First United Methodist Church provided internet access for 2 families.



▶ **EmberHope Christmas Connection** - We received a Thank You note from EmberHope Youthville for the donations to 61 children, along with some extra items, for their Christmas Connection. They provided gifts to 800 children throughout the State of Kansas. The congregation has expressed their joy to be able to participate in this project and would like to continue our participation in this project in 2021!



Class News & Notes

Double Ring

Our class met via Zoom at Jack Focht's place over the holidays. Members discussed how they celebrated with friends and family while social distancing. On a happy note, Rev. and Barbara Decker and Carolyn Vosburg welcomed two more great grandchildren. Another joy is our own Wesley Powell celebrated his 90th birthday. As the year comes to a close, we mourn the loss of so many of our classmates; most recently Paul Longhofer, Wanda Tittsworth and Phil Enegren.

Jack shared letters from Paul and discussed the role of women in the duties and responsibilities in the early church. It is good having two ministers in our class who added information on the standing of women in the Methodist church. Another class topic was the Common Lectionary. While the Jews used scrolls, many churches today use lectionary for their sermon topics.

Also popular Christmas movies, despite being comedic, emphasize the preparations and the heartfelt joy of love and thinking of others.

Our sincere wish for 2021 is for all of us to stay safe and have faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Hand in Hand with 50-50

We finished the year with Diane Quantic leading two lessons on Christmas. On December 13, we studied the Wise Men and on December 20 we learned about Christmas music. December 27 we had a "Social Zoom" at our regular Zoom time of 10 a.m. on Sundays.

Beginning in January Ken Van Blaricum will once again lead us in the study of "Unafraid: Living with Courage and Hope in Uncertain Times" by Adam Hamilton.

We would love to have more join us on our Zoom class at 10 AM on Sunday mornings. Currently we have a nice class of 12-15 each week.

Our class members were encouraged to participate with the Reverse Advent boxes of food as well as the Park and Washington School warm coats and blankets fund. Checks can be sent to the church with "School Ministries" notes in the memo line.

Several of us sent cards to our 50-50 Class Members as a bit of a treat in lieu of Senior Saints not being able to deliver Poinsettias.

We wish you a Happy New Year. I think we are all looking forward to 2021!

Koinonia

The Koinonia class would like to say thank you to the ministers and staff for everything you have done during 2020. You have continued to inspire and uplift with your sermons and music even though in-person worship has not been possible during most of 2020. You have provided many creative opportunities including Zoom meetings for small groups and drive-through food donations. Thank you.

People's Open Door

People's Open Door was blessed the third Sunday of Advent to share our blessings of Joy with those in our community who are less fortunate than we are. We gave \$200 to each of the following agencies so that they could better serve those in their midst: EmberHope, Camp Horizon, Open Door, Kansas Food Bank and Share the Season.

Kathy Hampton brought us a beautiful lesson on Joy as we study the book "Unwrapping the Names of Jesus". We lift in prayer all in our class who cannot share with us on Zoom and ask that anyone looking for a class that studies the scriptures in depth visit us any Sunday.

We are grateful for our church leadership who are working diligently to bring us the gospel message during this time of Covid 19. The gift of TV Ministry has been a wonderful blessing during this last year and we realize that our church had a step ahead of others because our forefathers had started this ministry some 43 years ago.

We pray that all are looking for Peace, Hope, Joy and Love as they prepare their hearts for God's greatest gift, Jesus the Baby in the Manger.

See you in the New Year!

Pneuma

During this time of Advent, Pneuma has been focusing on the Advent devotions as well as the theme of each Advent Sunday.

We continue to have Pneuma members, as well as friends and family, struggling with COVID. We are grateful that we are able to see each other through Zoom and support each other through calls, cards, and prayer. We look forward to the time when we can once again hold hands in our circle and give hugs without the fear of causing harm to one another.

Pneuma enjoyed our Pneuma Zoom-a-Yuletide Un-Dinner Party which took the place of our annual progressive dinner. It was a special joy to welcome Pastor Cindy and Andrew and Bishop Scott Jones and Mary Lou Reece. We are grateful to Alan Ebright for organizing our get together.

During January, we will be gathering items to help April, a resident at the Raise My Head house, as she graduates from the program and moves to her new home. We rejoice with April as she reaches this milestone.

We wish you all well and His many blessings as we begin a new year.

Seekers

The Seekers Class wishes all a Happy New Year with hope that 2021 will bring an end to the pandemic and healing. We look forward to a year when we will be able to meet face to face in our classroom but in the meantime, we are grateful for all the technology that allows us to continue with our class. We appreciate a time to share joys and concerns and to study together.

We did not let COVID keep us from celebrating the holidays with our annual white elephant exchange. We did discover that all that "stay at home" house cleaning and trips to Goodwill resulted in a higher quality of gifts! Thank you to the social committee headed by Kathy Stratman for the creative plans.

The 2021 slate of officers has stayed the same with the exception of Nancy McKellar sharing the presidential duties instead of Tammy Esposito.

Don't forget to continue to support our class financially even if we are not meeting in our classroom. Seekers are still helping to support several outreach ministries.

We are finishing our study of Hebrews. Dave Brant has used these lessons to illustrate the meaning of Advent; the birth of Jesus and his death on the cross for our sins being the ultimate atonement. We welcome all to join us in our class and Bible Studies.

Connect with First Church

Worship

Downtown Alive worship Sundays at 11 a.m. through our live-streaming, on KAKE-TV, or live on our Facebook page. You can also watch past services at your convenience on our website. The Gathering worship service is live on Facebook, Sundays at 5 p.m., [facebook.com/thegatheringworshipperservice](https://www.facebook.com/thegatheringworshipperservice) and now also available on our livestream at: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/f9yfyjzko2esfwfc5vkn>

Register your worship attendance

Let us know how you are worshipping with us by registering your attendance online! Click on the Register Attendance button on our website home page or through the First Church app or through the link, [firstwichita.org/register-attendance](https://www.firstwichita.org/register-attendance).

First Church App

Have you downloaded the First Church App to your phone or tablet? This is an easy place to access online worship, online giving, submit prayer requests, read weekly scripture as well as receive important information quickly. Simply text "FIRSTWICHITA APP" to 77977 and you will be directed. If you have questions or issues downloading the app, contact Erin Davis at erind@firstwichita.org.

FACEBOOK

Have you connected with the church through Facebook? This is another great tool to stay informed of what is happening with your First Church family. We regularly share information through this platform and we are also now posting our broadcast on Facebook Live every Sunday morning. Join us at [facebook.com/wichitafirst!](https://www.facebook.com/wichitafirst!)

Sign up for a Small Group

New groups are forming this January. Check out the full list of opportunities in this edition of "First Light" or on our website at [firstwichita.org/small-groups](https://www.firstwichita.org/small-groups).

Weekly E-News

We send an e-news out each Friday with information about what's happening in worship that Sunday as well as other news and happenings in the upcoming week. We have also been sending an additional update each week to keep you informed of important information related to Covid-19 and how the church is proceeding. If you would like to be added to this list, please e-mail Erin Davis, erind@firstwichita.org with your request.

Phone

If you have a concern or need, please feel free to call the church, 316-267-6244. If you do not get an answer, please leave a message and someone will contact you as soon as possible.

Prayer Requests

Feeling overwhelmed, sad, anxious? Share your prayer requests through our website: [firstwichita.org/prayer](https://www.firstwichita.org/prayer), or by e-mail, prayer@firstwichita.org

ZOOM

Many Sunday school classes and small groups are connecting each week through Zoom. If you would like more information or have questions about how you can access Zoom, contact Erin Davis at erind@firstwichita.org.

Online Giving

It's important to remember, the work of the church cannot continue without your support! Giving can be sent to the church by mail, 330 N. Broadway, Wichita, KS 67202 or through online giving on our website, [firstwichita.org](https://www.firstwichita.org) or through the First Church app. Online giving provides options for donating to the general budget, TV ministry, as well as various missions collections and memorials.



COMING IN WORSHIP

January 3
Epiphany Sunday "Everyone Counts"

January 10
"God's Beloved Masterpieces"
Psalm 139: 1-14, Mark 1: 4-11

January 17
"In a World of Anger & Frustration:
Choose Acceptance", Mark 1: 21-28

January 24
"In a World of Stress & Anxiety:
Choose Humor & Humility"

January 31
"In a World of Grief & Sadness:
Choose Forgiveness"
Isaiah 40: 1-11, Luke 1: 5-25

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ARTICLES FOR FIRST LIGHT

We welcome content and story ideas for First Light. They can be submitted to First Impressions at firstlight@firstwichita.org. Please include your name, phone number and e-mail address when submitting material.

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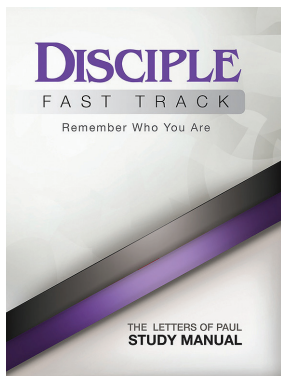
Small
GROUPS
STARTING IN JANUARY

All groups will meet on Zoom. Please sign up online at firstwichita.org/small-groups, in your online worship registration or by contacting Pastor Rebecca, rebeccam@firstwichita.org or call/text 316.708.4274. Class facilitators will e-mail you a link to attend your weekly small group as well as provide other information that is needed for participation. If you have not found a group you are interested in reach out to Pastor Rebecca and she can share about other groups already happening.

➔ CONTACT PASTOR REBECCA FOR MORE INFO:
REBECCAM@FIRSTWICHITA.ORG

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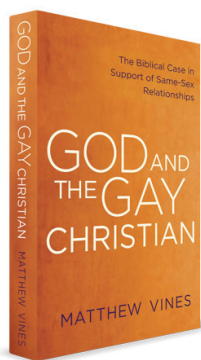
This 12-week study immerses you in the Letters of Paul. The study is ideal for busy people who want to fit an in-depth Bible study into their schedule. Each week you will encounter three spiritual disciplines, learn what they are, and how you can engage those disciplines. Preparation is manageable, with 3-5 chapters of the Bible to read each day. Online videos will provide 3-5 minute video insights related to the week's session. Participation materials are \$15 and can be delivered or mailed to your home.



Meeting time: Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. on Zoom beginning January 6
Facilitators: Ernestine Krehbiel and David Dinell

GOD AND THE GAY CHRISTIAN

In 2019, First United Methodist Church adopted a welcoming statement and within that statement is the charge to be inclusive of all people regardless of gender identity and sexual orientation. This small group



will read Matthew Vines's book, "God and the Gay Christian", as well as learn about various definitions used within the LGBTQ+ community and learn how to become better allies. Books are available at local bookstores or online, please purchase your own copy prior to the first meeting.

Meeting time: Wednesday at 7 p.m. on Zoom beginning January 6
Facilitators: Nancy Dinell & Deb Seely

WHITES AND RACISM

This group will be studying the book, "So You Want to Talk About Race" by Ijeoma Oluo. The book, along with our discussion, will make you stop and think about your comments, attitudes, jokes, relationships dealing with racism. We will be exploring whether we are willing to make the necessary changes to improve our relationships with all races. Can we control our defensive reactions when our comments, attitudes, etc. are brought to our attention? If this sounds like the right fit for you, purchase book on Amazon, or consider buying local to support our local bookstores.



Meeting time: Thursday at 5:30 p.m. on Zoom beginning January 7, 2021
Facilitators: Connie Barnum & Diane Quantic

COVENANT BIBLE STUDY

Covenant is an in-depth group Bible study in which participants read and discuss the Bible together, learning how to love God- and each other- better. This 24 week study is broken into three 8 week segments: creating, living, and trusting. Each lesson has a video component with an interview with a current biblical scholar. Participant books are available for \$25. Please send payment to church with "covenant study" in the memo line. Pastor Rebecca will mail or deliver book to you. It is recommended that have a study Bible, CEB or NRSV are encouraged.



Meeting time: Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. on Zoom Beginning January 6, 2021
Facilitator: Pastor Rebecca

YOUNG ADULT SMALL GROUP

20s and 30s year olds are encouraged to attend this small group where faith meets the working world. "Adulting" can be a challenge but it is better when you have friends who pray for you weekly and share in Bible lessons together! Each gathering includes a Bible lesson or video study, discussion, fellowship and prayer.

Meeting time: Monday at 7:30 p.m. on Zoom Beginning January 11, 2021
Facilitator: Joseph Schumock and Catherine Boatright

Dillons Community Rewards Program

First Church is part of the Dillons Community Rewards program, and you can support our church just by shopping at Dillons.

As a Dillons Plus Card holder, you can register your card with Community Rewards and then choose First United Methodist Church of Wichita (#10163) as your reward recipient. Every time you purchase groceries with your Plus Card, Dillons will reward



First Church by donating a portion of your purchase.

Here's how:

• If you do not already have a Dillons Plus Card, you can sign up for one at dillons.com/account/create. When you request a Digital Plus Shopper's Card online, you will not receive a physical card. Instead, you will use

an "Alt ID" online and at checkout in stores.

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