



THIS SUNDAY

Join us in March for worship as we continue in our Lenten journey and the series, “Chains” by ridding ourselves of the chains that hold us down. Worship in person at 10:50 a.m. in the Sanctuary or at 11:00 a.m. LIVE on KAKE TV, Facebook Live and on livestream. The Gathering meets at 5:00 p.m. in the Student Center (2D) or on livestream or facebook.com/thegatheringworshipservice.

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FEED THE HUNGRY

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Breaking the Chains *Lent 2023*

The questions posed in the readings for Lent this year are deep. They are questions that often are not easily answered, even by Jesus. Our Lenten devotion focuses on chains and what binds us, oppresses us or

keeps us from living fully into our Christian Faith. Jesus faced the chains of his temptations and broke them in his trust of God and God’s plan. Nicodemus struggled with what he thought he knew of faith,

and Jesus invited him to break the chains of what he thought and be freed to what could be. Each week we will use the questions as the path to ridding ourselves of the chains that weigh us down.

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Romans 8: 12-17
John 3: 1-17

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Midweek Music and Prayer

Wednesdays of Lent

12:15 p.m. Chapel

During the Lenten season we will offer a midweek opportunity of prayer and music in the First Church Chapel, featuring a variety of musicians. Join us for this time to pause, pray and refresh the soul as we prepare for Easter!

March 1: Bryan Mock, Organist

March 8: Jane Hyde, Harpist

March 15: Cindy Dantic Watson, Violinist

March 22: Camille Burrow, Cellist

March 29: Arthur McClendon and Jennifer Daily,
Pianist and Singer

April 5: Don Gray, Singer



PLEASE PRAY FOR

Continuing Concerns: the hospitalized, our members and attenders with long-term and terminal illness and their caregivers, the homebound, and those who are in long-term care facilities and nursing homes. Please pray for those grieving the loss of a loved one. Please continue to pray for doctors, nurses and medical personnel caring every day for the medical needs of their patients and for the recovery of individuals experiencing illness. Please pray for the health and well-being of our teachers, school workers and administrators, and for the health and safety of all the children and students in our schools. Pray for our Stephen Ministers and the pastoral care staff who continue to care for the spiritual well-being of individuals. Please pray for our local community, our state and our nation, for wisdom and discernment. Finally, we thank God for his continued provision and care, and are thankful for the opportunity to be able to continue to worship together in person.

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. Rebecca Goltry Mohr,
David Brant

New Grief Support Group Forming

If you have experienced the pain and sorrow of losing a loved one to death and are looking for a way to heal, connect with others and get support, please reach out to Pastor Rebecca, rebeccam@firstwichita.org. There is a new grief group forming and we are looking to find the time and day that best fits the needs for the grief support group.



Look What's New at First Church!

We are excited to announce that First Church has added a recycling program! Recycling containers have been added to several offices and halls at the church. By reducing the size of our trash dumpsters and adding recycling, we have actually been able to reduce our bill! Thanks to Facilities Director, Noah Naughton and his team for their efforts in moving the church toward a more sustainable future and cost saving in the process!

Church Leadership Board Monthly Update

The Church Leadership Board has hit the ground running for 2023. As we finish up our third meeting, I've appreciated seeing members of the congregation join us for talks around the budget and pastoral compensation as well as join us in vision casting for the future of the Church.

You may have noticed around the church recycling bins scattered on each floor and in many of the offices. For a reduced cost we have added recycling and moved to smaller dumpsters – a win, a win. Thanks Noah and his team for their work and moving the church toward a more sustainable future and cost saving in the process.

Over this last month I've had the chance to begin to speak to some of our Sunday School classes about the Leadership Board and answer questions that you may have. For those that may not be in Sunday School, I pose the same questions to you. Please feel free to respond via email, daltonglasscock@yahoo.com

- What can we do better than 10,000 other churches?
- If we didn't exist, the world would be worse off how?
- Who are voices, groups, or people that we are not engaging?
- How will we know if we are successful?
- How do we measure success?
- How can we use unused space in our facility?
- What is important to our church?
- How can this board be transparent?
- How can we speak to loss?
- In what ways should we promote the work of this Board?
- Who can we engage that may not feel included, concerns or unusual voices?
- What are our churches' strengths and weaknesses and what are external opportunities and threats we should be aware of?

Our next meeting will be March 26 at 12:30 p.m. in 101B. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Trustee, Finance and SPPRC subcommittees will meet from 12:30-1:00 p.m. and reconvene as an entire Board from 1:00-2:00 p.m.

You can find our entire meeting schedule for the year, as well as our meeting minutes, at www.firstwichita.org/one-board.com

Talk to you in the next First Light.

Onward,
Dalton Glasscock

OUR GIFTS

JANUARY 2023 OFFERING
\$188,935.35

RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE
\$188,935.35

BUDGET YEAR-TO-DATE
\$168,602.26

EXPENSES YEAR-TO-DATE
\$82,153.30

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS
MISSIONS
\$630.00

RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE
\$630.00

CAPITAL FUNDS
\$1,830.00
RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE
\$1,830.00

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

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

TELEVISION MINISTRY
\$15,106.00
RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE
\$15,106.00

BUDGET YEAR-TO-DATE
\$24,913.00

EXPENSES YEAR-TO-DATE
\$33,855.16

TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS
\$206,501.35
RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE
\$206,501.35



Mindfulness Moment | Wednesdays 7-8 p.m.

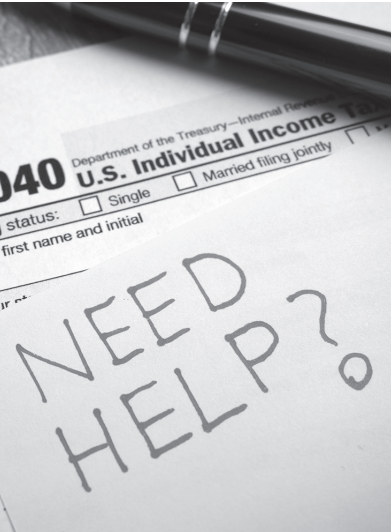
Mindfulness Moment returns this month! Come check out this group focusing on different mindfulness skills and techniques. Each of the sessions will have a different topic. Some examples include: breathing exercises, grounding techniques, body awareness, meditation

techniques. This group is suitable for individuals, couples or families. Join one session or attend each week. This is an open group led by student therapists from our partnership with Friends University. Classes will meet March 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29.

Tax-Aide Returns to First Church

First Church is pleased to once again host the AARP Tax-Aide community-based tax preparation service. February 7 through April 4, appointments will be available for free assistance with AARP Tax-Aide certified volunteer preparers. Hours will be Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.. This service was created especially for people aged 50 and older or those who have limited income to pay tax preparers, but we do not turn anyone away if we are able to handle your needs. Many struggle with tax preparation

while others just don't know about benefits for which they qualify. Appointments are required and can be made by calling 316-258-5157. We will be using a drop off process where you leave your documents and return (usually later the same day) to finalize your taxes. We will have accommodations for those who are unable to make two trips to our site. Clients will receive a list of materials needed for the appointment. Preparation services will be held in the D entrance lobby.



United Women in Faith

United Women in Faith
March 2023

UWF Expanded Executive Committee
Wednesday, March 8
10:30 a.m., 101B
All members are invited to attend

Elizabeth Circle
Wednesday, March 8
2:00 p.m., AB Entrance
The program will be a tour of Open Door. Please meet promptly as the group will be escorted across the street. Late comers will need to check in with the receptionist for further instructions.

Ruth Circle
Wednesday, March 8
2:00 p.m., Parlor
The program will be a report by Annette Van Blaricum and Eileen Hawkins on their work team trip to Heifer Project in 2020.

OUR FAMILY

We mourn the deaths of
Lois Jordan,
mother of Linda Hopper

Melvin Riley,
brother of
Paulette Dibbern

Howard "Ed" Johnson,
husband of Rita Johnson

William Marquardt

We welcome new members:

Steve & Tammy Bigelow

Jannett Highfill

Ray & Helen Keller



Join us Easter morning for an Egg Hunt! The younger children will be in the playground area and elementary students will be in the grassy area on the front lawn. In the event of inclement weather we will move inside to the IC area.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Spring Break Service Days

Spring break is here and First Church wants to offer meaningful service opportunities for our youngest disciples. Mark your calendars for these volunteer days during Spring Break. Families with grandchildren are welcome to attend please RSVP to Pastor Rebecca.

- **Wednesday, March 15, 4 p.m.: Meal Prep at First Church, Serving dinner to families at Ronald McDonald House**
- **Date and Time TBD- Volunteering at UM Open Door Warehouse**

**Chicken N’ Pickle Night
RNC & Children and Youth Ministries**

Wednesday, March 8 at 6 p.m.
Come for dinner, pickle ball and other games. Please RSVP to Matt Shrock or Pastor Rebecca

Passion Week Pizza Party

April 2- Noon
Come wave palm branches during the children’s palm branch processional during worship April 2 then stay for a pizza lunch in Meredith Hall. At the Passion Week Pizza Party we will learn more about what Passion week is through story, crafts and games. This event is intended for children ages 2-12. Please RSVP or reach out to Pastor Rebecca with any questions.

Valentine’s Fun

Our Family Ministries gathered together in February to celebrate Valentine’s Day with food, craft time and a Bible lesson!

COKESBURY'S

HERO HOTLINE

**Called Together
to Serve God!**

Save the Date!
**Vacation Bible
School 2023**

Hero Hotline
June 19-23, 2023
Contact Amy Remington
abremington@icloud.com
if you would like to volunteer.

A cartoon illustration of a dog character dressed as a superhero. The dog is brown and white, wearing a blue suit with a yellow chest emblem, a red cape, and a purple mask. It is standing on its hind legs, holding a red phone to its ear with its right paw. The character is positioned in front of a large yellow shield with a black border, which serves as the background for the text.



LENTEN FOOD COLLECTION

Collect an item each day of Lent,
beginning Ash Wednesday, February 22

Monday: Peanut butter

Tuesday: Cereal

Wednesday: Canned soup

Thursday: Canned fruit

Friday: Canned meat

Saturday: Mac & Cheese

Sunday: Something to bring joy
*cake mix, pasta, beans,
any non-perishable item*

APRIL 1

10 a.m.-12 p.m.

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Lenten Drive-Thru for Open Door Food Ministry

During this season of Lent we are asking you to collect food items to support Open Door. We are encouraging you to set aside a non-perishable food item for each day of Lent. Then on Saturday, April 1, we will be at the church from 10 a.m.-Noon to receive your box of donations! Below are suggestions for each day of the week, but feel free to deviate from the list as needed!

Monday: Peanut butter

Tuesday: Cereal

Wednesday: Canned soup

Thursday: Canned fruit

Friday: Canned meat

Saturday: Macaroni & Cheese

Sunday: Something to bring joy

(Suggestions: something you like for your Easter meal, brownie mix, cake mix, pasta, beans; anything non-perishable)

100%

UMCOR Sunday donations cover operational cost so that 100% of EVERY dollar received in response to emergency appeals are spent on direct relief

STRENGTHEN

Your donation strengthens our global humanitarian response

SECURE

Together we secure UMCOR's response to those in need around the world

MARCH 19, 2023
UMCOR SUNDAY
UNITED METHODIST SPECIAL SUNDAY

Special Offering-UMCOR | March 19

Since the Russian invasion of Ukraine, UMCOR, our United Methodist Committee on Relief, has been on the ground working with other agencies to provide medical supplies, shelter, food, clothing and shelter for those impacted by the war. UMCOR will be working in Turkey and Syria to help those impacted by the earthquakes on February 6.

Originally organized in 1940 to help those being displaced by the onset of World War II, UMCOR is always ready to help those both in our country and around the world when natural disasters, diseases, poverty, starvation, lack of clean water and food and the horrendous result of armed conflict keep people from having their basic needs met. However, to accomplish this goal, paid administration must be in place.

UMCOR would be unable to do this work without your support. By covering the operational cost on UMCOR Sunday, you equip the organization to respond when hope and safety is needed most. You strengthen the ministry and secure our ability for UMCOR to share God's love with communities everywhere. Please considering giving to the operational costs of UMCOR on March 19, the one Sunday this year set aside for Methodist churches around the world to support UMCOR for this purpose.



Super Bowl Sack Challenge

Thank you to everyone that brought food to church on Super Bowl Sunday! We were able to gather 330 pounds. We were challenged along with other Methodist Churches in Kansas and Missouri to a friendly competition with

churches in Pennsylvania, to see which congregations could donate the most pounds of food! Final food count is not in yet, but we do know the Chiefs were victorious in the game! Here's to hoping Kansas and Missouri are winners again!

Class News & Notes

Double Ring

Starting in mid-January, Double Ring teacher Jack Focht has been teaching an in-depth series on several prominent men of the New Testament. The first lesson was on John the Baptist, whose passionate mission was to change the hearts of men and women and convince them to repent to become ready for the coming of the Lord. Despite initially protesting he was unworthy, he baptized Jesus Christ.

Jack is now focused on Peter, whose brother Andrew came to him and told him he had to hear a man called Jesus preaching to the people. Peter became a loyal follower of Christ, but upon Christ’s arrest by the authorities, Peter denied his association with Christ three times. But this same man with all his human weaknesses was transformed after witnessing Christ’s resurrection and being filled with the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Peter became the courageous man who after healing a crippled man outside the temple in Jesus’ name, was brought with John for questioning by church leaders. He dared to confront them for their role in crucifying Christ the Savior. They were astonished and set Peter and John free. Jack’s lessons on Peter will continue, and we will learn how Peter later paid the ultimate price for his devotion to his Lord.

Hand in Hand with 50-50

In March, Ken has decided to teach from Adam Hamilton’s book, “Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcasts and the Outlaws”. Books are available on Amazon or may be ordered by the church. It will be nice to have a new study and Ken thought this sounded interesting.

There were so many church activities in February enjoyed by our class and others in the church. A group of us enjoyed the Men’s annual chili and vegetable soup lunch on February 5. The proceeds went to various ministries the men chose within the church. On February 12 a group gathered for the Super Bowl at 5 p.m. February 19, Dr. Bryan Mock presented a concert entitled, “The Dance of the Holy Spirit”. February 28 was the Neighborhood Banquet. My goodness!

Ash Wednesday was February 22 and there was a service in the Chapel which will continue each Wednesday during this month. Music by various church staff members and well-known vocal and instrumental soloists will be different each time. What a blessing!

Socially we have two times that some in our class have already purchased tickets for the Forum’s “Murder on the Orient Express”. One group went on February 19 and another group will be attending on March 3.

Lastly, we are saddened by the death of Lois Jordan, a longtime member of the 50-50 Class. Her service was February 11 in our Sanctuary. She is the mother of Linda Hopper, a longtime member of the Hand in Hand Class. She will be missed!

Inspire

Hello First Church! We invite you to join us in the Parlor on Sunday mornings at 9:45 for an informal, come as you are discussion over the scripture that will be used in Downtown Alive. We use the Serendipity Study Bible as our guide and enjoy fellowship with one another. Kids? No problem! Bring them with you if you’d like! Can’t join us every week? No problem! Our study just follows the weekly scripture, so you won’t miss anything important or feel left out if you miss a week or two! Inspire is a group comprised of mostly younger adults, but all are welcome to join us, we’d love to have you! See you Sunday!

People’s Open Door

People’s Open Door welcomed two newcomers during February and it was really great to have their input during our lesson time and to get to know them. We’re hoping they return often and join our class as full-time members. We celebrated Valentine’s Day with a fun brunch at Spears, eating together and playing some “mind boggling” games. Thanks to our social committee for continuing to come up with these fun socials. Many class members participated in the Super Bowl Challenge the Conference agreed to do with the Philadelphia UMC Conference bringing canned goods on Super Bowl Sunday for Open Door Pantry. Join us on Sundays for a cup of coffee and as we plan to study a special study for Lent 2023. We will be blessed and so will you.

Pneuma

Pneuma has continued lessons around the subject of faith changes, with the focus of the lessons on “To Witness the Journey” and “When Foundations are Shaken”. Our Lenten study will come from another journey of sorts, “Lessons at Life’s End”. We will be considering input from two books, “Finish Strong” and “Being Mortal”, about our own human mortality and decisions that come with it in our final days. On March 5, Allison Bond Marcus, a hospice chaplain, will be joining us as a special presenter.

Many of our Pneuma men helped with preparations for the chili and soup dinner. A number of us attended the dinner and enjoyed this time of fellowship. Thanks to Connie and Bob Bishop for opening their home to the class as we gathered to cheer the Chiefs on to their Super Bowl victory. Linda Ebright will be hosting Pneuma Ladies at her home while the men meet at Ziggy’s.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Linda and Brian Hopper as they celebrate the life of Linda’s mother, Lois Jordan. Lois was instrumental in the formation of Pneuma and supporting the class during its early years. She was loved deeply by her Pneuma family.

Seekers

Spring is just around the corner! And with that comes Lent and Easter. We hope you can join us, in person or on Zoom, for the Lenten Bible Study David Brant has prepared for us.

This is the month Seekers will provide the First Friday Lunch for the Homeless Resource Center across the street. Several Seekers help prepare this monthly meal once a month year around and some support it financially. It is missions right in our backyard!

The ROMEOs and the Seeker’s women will meet this month for a meal out and some great visiting. Plans will be announced. Thirty-one Seekers attended the Forum’s “Murder on the Orient Express” after enjoying dessert and coffee in our classroom. Watch for information concerning a meal together in March. We welcome new members—three members of the former Koinonia class have thrown their lot in with us.

Each Sunday we share our joys and concerns because we are family. We pray for members experiencing health issues, for extended family and former classmates needing our prayers and for our family in the world experiencing chaos, heart break and violence. We also share our gratitude for good medical news, great experiences, and successes of family members. Please reach out to us if you would like to be remembered in prayer.

Calendar

March @ First Church

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CHAINS

2023 Lenten Season
at First Church

February 22: Ash Wednesday
12:15 p.m.- Chapel • 7 p.m. • Sanctuary

April 1: Lenten Food Drive Drop-off
10 a.m.-12 p.m. - First Church Parking Lot

April 2: Palm Sunday
12 p.m. • Passion Pizza Party- Meredith Hall

April 6: Maundy Thursday
6 p.m. • Prayer in the Garden • Botanica

April 7: Good Friday
7 p.m. • Sanctuary

April 9: Easter Sunday
10:30 a.m. • Children's Easter Egg Hunt

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Midweek Music & Prayer
Wednesdays • 12:15 p.m. • Chapel

Sunday Worship
Downtown Alive- 11 a.m. • Sanctuary
LIVE on KAKE-TV, YouTube, Facebook Live

The Gathering- 5 p.m. • 200D
YouTube, Facebook Live

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Spring
Forward

SET YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD

SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 2023

PRAYER
in the Garden

Maundy Thursday
Prayer Service
April 6 - 6:00 p.m.
Botanica

FIRST presented by:
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Join us for an evening in the beautiful gardens of Botanica as we gather for a Maundy Thursday Taize service and opportunity to stroll around the gardens. Admission is free and you are encourage to invite your family and friends!

**Prayer in the Garden:
Maundy Thursday Service
April 6, 6 p.m., Botanica, 701 Amidon**

Flower
Ministry

Sponsored by our Congregational Care Team

As Spring is quickly approaching, it's almost time for our annual Easter flower deliveries to our homebound church members. For our homebound members, this ministry is a special way to express how much we care for them, and it also strengthens their connection to First Church.

If you would like to make a donation to our Flower Ministry Fund, please complete the form below and return it with your check to the church business office by April 15. We will acknowledge all donors along with honorees/memorials in the May First Light.

Enclosed is \$ _____ towards the Flower Ministry Fund.

DONOR NAME

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Please complete the form along with your donation and return it to the First United Methodist Church, 330 N. Broadway, Wichita, Kansas 67202. Make your check payable to F.U.M.C. with 'Flower Ministry Fund' in the memo.