



FIRST LIGHT

APRIL 2023

THIS SUNDAY

Join us in April for worship as we conclude our journey through Lent and celebrate Easter. 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

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

April food collection:
Canned Vegetables

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April 2
Palm Sunday
Procession of Palms
10:50 a.m., Sanctuary
Passion Week Pizza Party
12:00 p.m., Meredith Hall

April 5
Midweek Music & Prayer
12:15 p.m., Chapel
Musician: Don Gray

April 6
Maundy Thursday
Prayer in the Garden
6:00 p.m.
Botanica, 701 Amidon

April 7
Good Friday
Worship Service
7:00 p.m.
First Church Sanctuary
Livestream

April 9 Easter Sunday:

■ 10:30 a.m.
Children's Easter
Egg Hunt
Playground/
Front Lawn

■ 10:50 a.m.
Downtown Alive Service
First Church Sanctuary
KAKE-TV, Livestream,
Facebook Live

■ 5:00 p.m.
The Gathering
200D (Student Center)
Livestream, Facebook Live

Prayer in the Garden: Maundy Thursday Service

April 6, 6 p.m., Botanica, 701 Amidon

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 encouraged to invite your family and friends!



PLEASE PRAY FOR

the hospitalized, our members and attenders with long-term and terminal illness and their care-givers, 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. Please pray for the recovery of those individuals experiencing illness, and for our hospital workers. 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. Finally, we thank God for his continued provision and care, and are thankful for the opportunity to worship together in person, and are grateful for the Downtown Alive TV Ministry and online option which makes it possible for individuals across Kansas and beyond to worship with us as well.

Articles for the next edition of *First Light* are due April 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

The season of Eastertide is all about transition. It is about witnessing to the resurrected Jesus and morphing into a new people, an Easter people!



In life we have moments in time in which we have an opportunity before us to make a change or to respond to a situation. According to Michael Lindsay, president of Gordon College, what follows these instances will depend intrinsically on the decisions we make and the actions we take. These are what he calls “hinge moments”—opportunities to open (or close) doors to various pathways of our lives. He says that “At their core, transitions are the internal adjustments by which we reorient ourselves to the new environments, new experiences and new seasons of life.” Throughout our lives, we find ourselves in these

“hinge moments” where we know that the old has passed, and we anticipate something new. At First Church, we are also in a season of transition as we anticipate a change in senior leadership as we wish Pastor Cindy well and prepare to open the door to Pastor Amy’s leadership. In our Eastertide series we will visit the familiar characters of the resurrection story, those first encounters with the resurrected Christ. We will also learn ways to prepare for transition and gracefully own the hinge moments of our lives.

April 16, 2023
Hinge Moment: Discernment
Acts 2:14a, 22-32
John 20:19-31
Preacher: Rebecca Mohr

April 23, 2023
Hinge Moment: Anticipation
Acts 2:14a, 36-41
Luke 24:13-35
Preacher: Cindy Watson

April 30, 2023
Hinge Moment: Intersection
Acts 2:42-47
John 10:1-10
Preacher: Evelyn Fisher (DTA) Kate Davis (Gathering)

Bishop Wilson will be joining this citywide scripture study for lay leaders and clergy called, “Rethinking Justice” on Thursday, April 20 at 6 p.m. at Chapel Hill UMC, 1550 N Chapel Hill, Wichita. Registration required: <https://tinyurl.com/rethinkwichita>.

RETHINKING JUSTICE

a lay leader scripture study on God's call to do justice

Thurs.
April 20th
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Chapel Hill UMC

Registration required:
tinyurl.com/rethinkwichita

A Message from Cindy

Friends,
As we begin the process of transitioning to my retirement and preparing for the new senior pastor, Rev. Amy Lippoldt, there will be some changes ahead. My practice as a pastor was to prepare a study guide each week for the congregation. Not every pastor uses this for their worship experience. With the end of the Lenten devotion there will no longer be a study guide in the worship bulletin or on the website. If you would like an Upper Room, there are still some available in the A/B entrance or you can look online each day to find the devotions at <https://www.upperroom.org/devotionals>. The conference website offers daily devotions as well: <https://www.greatplainsumc.org/dailydevotions>.

I look forward to the celebration of Easter and Eastertide as we worship a risen Savior.

Pastor Cindy

OUR GIFTS

FEBRUARY 2023 OFFERING
\$47,667.58

RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE
\$236,602.93

BUDGET YEAR-TO-DATE
\$254,4443.60

EXPENSES YEAR-TO-DATE
\$178,125.40

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS
MISSIONS
\$2,195.00
RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE
\$2,825.00

CAPITAL FUNDS
\$115.00
RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE
\$1,945.00

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

ORGAN MAINTENANCE
FUND
\$920.00
RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE
\$920.00

TELEVISION MINISTRY
\$29,263.67
RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE
\$79,560.34

BUDGET YEAR-TO-DATE
\$54,061.30
EXPENSES YEAR-TO-DATE
\$59,914.48

TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS
\$80,161.25
RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE
\$321,853.27

BE UNITED

A gathering celebration of Wichita East and West District United Methodist churches and individuals. #BeUMC

April 30, 2023 - 3:00pm
1st United Methodist
330 N. Broadway, Wichita, Ks.

Dynamic Worship Personal Testimonies
Special Music Livestream of Service
Combined Mass Choir Fellowship Time

Offering for Camp Horizon
and United Methodist Open Door



Questions:
Rev. Lance Carrithers
lancec@woodlawnumc.net



Church Leadership Board Monthly Update

Spring is upon us and with that means the pastoral transition will be here sooner than we think. The Leadership Board is actively looking for members of the congregation that would like to help organize and plan to welcome Pastor Amy Lippoldt this Summer. If you are interested please reach out to Diane Elder at d_delder@hotmail.com

In addition, the Leadership Board is also looking for members of the congregation that would like to serve on our Stewardship Subcommittee. If you are interested in serving in

that capacity please reach out to Patrick McKaig at pdmckaig@sbcglobal.net.

Finally, we would like to thank an anonymous donor who recently gifted \$100,000 for the “purpose of First UMC’s operations and maintenance” that will be dispersed over the next 10 years. This gift is a blessing to the Church.

NEW DATE: Our next meeting will be April 23 at 12:30 p.m. in 101B. This is a week sooner than normal as we are hosting the District-wide Be United #BEUMC

Event at the Church on April 30. 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

Talk to you in the next *First Light*.

Onward,

Dalton Glasscock

United Women in Faith April 2023

UWF Expanded Executive Committee
Wednesday, April 12
10:30 a.m., 101B

UWF Unit Meeting
Wednesday, April 12
12:15 p.m., Meredith Hall
We will have a potluck lunch, so please bring a meat, salad/vegetable, or dessert.

Ruth Circle is in charge of set up.

Program: Karen Dunlap, Dean United Women of Faith Mission U. She will be informing us on what Mission U is and what the plans will be for a successful Mission U. It will take place in our church July 7 & 8, 2023.

Archives Update

Would your Sunday School class like to know what the Archives has stored for you?

Come to the History and Archives room and explore your past: there are boxes, scrapbooks, banners, all manner of things put away by someone in your class.

Let the historian know if there are other archives you would also like to see.

Make an appointment to come during a Sunday School class, after church, at another convenient time.

Contact Diane Quantic
dianequantic@gmail.com

OUR FAMILY

We mourn the deaths of

Sue Bonner (Russell),
wife of Dr. Dan Bonner

Oscar Riblett

Sherilyn Maynard,
daughter of
Richard Reynolds



Easter Egg Hunt!
April 9 • 10:30 a.m.

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 1C area.



Families with children and youth are encouraged to stay for lunch in Meredith Hall on Sunday, April 2 from Noon-1pm. You can expect to eat a pizza lunch and listen to the Holy Week Story. Children will have age-appropriate Holy Week games and crafts. Each family will assemble "Resurrection Eggs" and open them as a family during Passion Week. Contact Pastor Rebecca with more information.

COKEBURY'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.



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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**McCurdy
Ministries
Community
Center**

McCurdy Mission Team Opportunity May 15

A team to the McCurdy Mission in New Mexico is being offered to our congregation. The team will leave Monday morning, May 15 and return to Wichita by Saturday evening, May 20. We plan on 4 days of demolition work, but may have a little sightseeing/shopping/eating out time as well. Lodging will be in the dorm (\$35 per night per person) and we'll prepare at least some of our meals there. If persons want to go but not do demo work, there is also need for office help, cleaning, set-up, etc. There are currently 10 persons from other area United Methodist Churches signed up, with room for 2-4 more people if anyone from First Church is interested in participating. Please contact Glenn Tombaugh, glennntombaugh@gmail.com, by April 1 if you are interested. All participants must be fully vaccinated and have current Safe Gatherings certification. The necessary forms are on the McCurdy Ministries website, <https://mccurdy.org/>

More about McCurdy Ministries

We are a 100+ year old United Methodist National Mission Institution formerly known as McCurdy Schools of Northern New Mexico providing after school, preschool, mental health counseling, summer camp and youth programs. Since becoming a community center in August of 2017, we have expanded the ways we impact our community by providing adult education, high school equivalency, literacy coaching, parenting and grandparenting support groups while expanding our programs for children and youth. McCurdy Ministries Community Center creates hope and empowers the lives of children, youth, adults and families through education, life skills and faith-based programs in Española, NM.

MISSIONS

SAVE THE DATE

CAMP HORIZON WORK WEEKEND

SEPT. 8-10, 2023
(Changed from April)



Class News & Notes

Double Ring

Double Ring teacher Jack Focht continued his in-depth series on several of the most prominent men of the New Testament. One lesson focused on Stephen, widely recognized as the first Christian martyr. He powerfully preached the gospel of Christ and that even those who were not Jews might be saved by believing in Christ. This angered many Jews, who brought Stephen before the council, and accused him of blasphemy. Stephen answered his accusers, providing a history of the Jews from Abraham. He then accused the council of betraying and murdering the “Righteous One,” Jesus Christ. Enraged, they cast Stephen out of the city and stoned him. They laid their garments at the feet of the young man Saul. As he was stoned, Stephen called out, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” And falling to his knees he cried out, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them” before he died.

That same young man Saul who had approved of Stephen’s execution became the next focus of our lessons. Saul gained satisfaction in tracking down, persecuting, and imprisoning Christians. Acts 9 tells us the story of Saul’s conversion to becoming a disciple of Christ when he was on the road to Damascus. Saul was blinded, and God used Ananias to visit Saul, and restore his sight. Saul was filled with the Holy Spirit. Jews who knew Saul’s history, including the disciples, were amazed. The same man who had persecuted Christians was now a passionate Christian called Paul.

Jack has spent several lessons telling us of Paul’s far-flung travels teaching the word of Jesus Christ, often at great risk to his personal safety, with God doing extraordinary miracles through his hands. He taught his belief that Christians would be resurrected from the dead. Paul was arrested multiple times for preaching the teachings of Christ, sometimes without a fair trial. During his 35 years of ministry, he was imprisoned for extensive periods of time. In Acts 22 Paul spoke in his own defense of his conversion to Christianity. Paul’s letters to Christian groups where he had previously preached provide a wealth of information regarding the early days of Christianity.

Hand in Hand with 50-50

We will continue our study of “Luke: Jesus, the Outsiders, Outcasts and Outlaws” through April. Easter is April 9, and we look forward to a few more weeks of Pastor Cindy’s sermons. We wish her well in her retirement. We hope she and Andrew find much enjoyment in this new venture and have a great time visiting family. We also hope to see them in the choir!

We have been “breaking the chains” these days until Easter discovering what we can do to help others and our planet.

It’s been fun and thought provoking. On Wednesdays we have had wonderful Prayer and Music services in the Chapel.

Many in our class participate in the collection of food for various causes on April 1, we helped replenish the shelves at Open Door. We also had the opportunity to give monetarily to UMCOR to help those in Ukraine and Syria. In our country we have had many weather-related storms affecting almost our entire nation. Prayers and donations have been said and given.

Linda Hopper has once again headed up the delivery of the Spring Flowers. This year it was decided to give a small cactus with a white flower that need little water or space and most of all does not cause allergy issues for the recipients and those who deliver them that the lilies have. Socially, different members of our class attended the Souper Bowl party—and brought cans of food, attended the United Methodist Men’s chili and soup luncheon. Others attended the Forum Theatre’s show “Murder on the Orient Express”. We think it is one of the best productions yet!

Marcia Kurtz suggested we go back to our pre-covid celebration of Easter with a brunch in our classroom. It was approved with much enthusiasm!

We hold in prayer members of our class that have health concerns and Ken Holmes in the death of his sister-in-law, Reba Holmes.

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 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!

Koinonia

With sad hearts but fond memories, the Koinonia Class will no longer be meeting Sunday mornings. The singles have a very long and proud history at First Church. Rev. Doug Morphis saw a need to reach out to singles of First Church and Wichita and help start this wonderful ministry over 35 years ago. Three Sunday classes and TNT grew from this. Koinonia is the last of these classes. While Koinonia will not meet as a class on Sunday, they will still have outside activities twice a month.

The single ministry will still be felt in the church as many members of this program are still members of the church. Many are happily married couples who met at TNT or a Sunday class.

The singles program was a wonderful gift to this church. Thank you, Doug and many others who helped with this program. Plans are being made for a get together later this spring after Sunday worship.

People’s Open Door

As we continue our personal Lenten Journeys, we are studying together Amy-Jill Levine’s book Witness at the Cross. Each week we question what would we have done and where would we have been that day? Would we be at the foot of the cross or denying we knew Christ? It is an awesome examination of ourselves and causes one to ponder the consequences. Barbara Simons and Kathy Hampton have given much thought and study in helping us journey through this insightful book. We look forward to Easter Sunday and the Risen Savior! Join us on Sundays following Easter to continue our study on Matthew. We have an Open Door and cup of coffee brewing for you.

Pneuma

Pneuma has continued with our Lenten study, “Lessons at Life’s End”. We have been using two books, “Finish Strong” and “Being Mortal” as our primary resources. Both have been helpful as we’ve delved into difficult topics. We were blessed to have Allison Bond Marcus join us and share her experiences as the St Luke’s hospice chaplain in Kansas City.

Pneuma Ladies met for our salad and dessert dinner at the home of Sandra Rogers in March. Our April hostess will be Shelley Davis. On the evenings that the women meet, the men enjoy gathering at Ziggy’s for dinner and fellowship. The Enright’s opened their home for a green food/green punch St. Patrick’s Day celebration accompanied by an evening of basketball viewing. The following Friday, Pneuma members are looking forward to attending the Meatless Mexican meal at Our Lady of Perpetual Help to support scholarships for their parish children.

Pneuma is grieving the death of Oscar Riblett, our faithful member who came early for years to prepare coffee for the class. Oscar was a kind soul and will be greatly missed.

We rejoice with Suzanne and Pat McKaig as they welcome granddaughter, Delaney Mae, who joins her parents Danielle and Ben McKaig and big brother, Ben Jr. Delaney is the first of five grandchildren that we expect to join the Pneuma family this year. We will keep our church family posted on the arrivals of these sweet blessings. We also celebrate with Peggy and Jim Valliant, as they reach the milestone of their 50th anniversary. We are looking forward to their return from Arizona and being able to party with them in person.

Pneuma would like to wish our church family a Happy Easter. HE IS RISEN!

Seekers

The Seekers had a busy March! And we are looking forward to a meaningful and activity filled April. On Sunday morning, we are continuing to study the last seven days of Christ before the crucifixion. Dave Brant is using all four gospels with the emphasis on Mark. We have also started having different individuals lead a short devotional before the class begins. This practice has been a great addition to our time together.

Seekers were responsible for the First Friday Open Door Lunch for March. The class paid for and helped prepare and serve a lunch consisting of tator tot casserole, green beans, roll and butter and cookies, freshly baked. This is a very real ministry in a mission field outside our doors.

We had 31 Seekers attend the Forum to see “Murder on the Orient Express”. We enjoyed desserts, coffee, and a trivia game over the novel before the play.

Ten ROMEOS met for breakfast on the March 10. They will be meeting again in May. The Seeker’s women enjoyed the Magnolia on north Woodlawn. Tentative plans are for a concert at the Botanical Gardens in May and a baseball game in June. Stay tuned for details.

Many of our members are experiencing serious health problems. Our prayers are for healing and hope. Spring brings new energy. Hope you can join us Sunday morning at 9:30.

Calendar

April @ First Church

1 10:00 AM	Sunday Lenten Food Drive Thru - D Entrance	11 9:00 AM	Tuesday The Gathering Staff Working-Youth Center	21 8:00 PM	Friday Forum: "Once on this Island" -Wilke FLC
2 9:00 AM 9:30 AM 9:30 AM 9:30 AM 9:30 AM 10:50 AM 12:00 PM 5:00 PM	Sunday Religious Nurture Center - 100D Adult Sunday School - Church Wide HS Sunday School - 200D, 201D Kids K-5th & Middle School SS - 106C,311C Nursery and Pre-K - 200C, 201C Downtown Alive Worship - Sanctuary Passion Week Pizza Party - Meredith Hall The Gathering - 201D - Youth Center	12 9:00 AM 10:00 AM 10:30 AM 11:00 AM 12:15 PM 5:45 PM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Wednesday Quilters at First (Hand Quilting)-304D Apple Core - Zoom or 302B United Women in Faith Exec meeting - 101B Quilters at First (Machine Work) - 300D United Women in Faith Unit Meeting - Meredith Hall Downtown Alive Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary, Choir Room RNC Activities - 100D DTA Bell Choir - 305A	22 8:00 PM 23 9:00 AM 9:30 AM 9:30 AM 9:30 AM 9:30 AM 10:50 AM 12:30 PM 2:00 PM 5:00 PM	Saturday Forum: "Once on this Island" -Wilke FLC Sunday Religious Nurture Center - 100D Adult Sunday School - Church Wide HS Sunday School - 200D, 201D K-5th & Middle School SS - 106C,311C Nursery and Pre-K - 200C, 201C Downtown Alive Worship - Sanctuary Leadership Board Meeting - 101B Forum Performance: "Once on this Island" Wilke FLC The Gathering - 201D - Youth Center
3 8:00 PM	Monday Gathering Planning - Zoom	13 9:00 AM 10:00 AM 7:30 PM	Thursday The Gathering Staff Working-Youth Center Bible Year-A, 101B Bible Year-B; ZOOM	24 11:00 AM 5:30 PM 8:00 PM	Monday Congregational Care Meeting - 101B Hospitality Team Gathering Planning Meeting - Zoom
4 8:15 AM 9:00 AM 7:00 PM	Tuesday AARP Tax Aide - 100D/ D Entrance The Gathering Staff Working-Youth Center Stephen Leader Meeting - Zoom	14 15 16 9:00 AM 9:30 AM 9:30 AM 9:30 AM 9:30 AM 10:50 AM 5:00 PM	Friday Saturday Sunday Religious Nurture Center Ministry - 100D Adult Sunday School - Church Wide High School Sunday School - 200D, 201D K-5th & Middle School SS - 106C,311C Nursery and Pre K - 200C, 201C Downtown Alive Worship - Sanctuary The Gathering - 201D - Youth Center	25 9:00 AM 6:30 PM 26 9:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM 5:45 PM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Tuesday The Gathering Staff Working-Youth Center Stephen Ministry Supervision-302B Library Wednesday Quilters at First (Hand Quilting)-304D Apple Core - Zoom or 302B Quilters at First (Machine Work) - 300D Downtown Alive Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary, Choir Room RNC Activities - 100D DTA Bell Choir - 305A Music Library
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7 7:00 PM	Friday Good Friday Service - Sanctuary				
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10 8:00 PM	Monday Gathering Planning - Zoom				

COMING IN WORSHIP

April 2 Passion/Palm Sunday
"Chains of Sin"
Matthew 21: 1-11
Philippians 2: 5-11

April 9 Easter Sunday
"Chained No More"
Isaiah 25: 6-9
Matthew 28: 1-10

April 16
"Discernment"
Acts 2: 14a, 22-32
John 20: 19-31

April 23
"Anticipation"
Acts 2: 14a, 36-41
Luke 24: 13-35

April 30
"Intersection"
Acts 2: 42-47
John 10: 1-10

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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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Midweek Music and Prayer | Wednesdays of Lent | 12:15 p.m. Chapel

During the Lenten season we have offered a midweek opportunity of prayer and music in the First Church Chapel, featuring a variety of musicians. Join us for this final week as we prepare for Easter!



Did you Know?

The Quilters at First have items for sale all year! Check out the showcase in B Building and the photo gallery on quiltersatfirst.com for items available for purchase now.



Great Music in a Great Space
Concert Series Continues:
Wichita Choral Society

The next offering in our series "Great Music in a Great Space" will be May 7, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary of First United Methodist Church. The concert is entitled "Broadway on Broadway," and will highlight Broadway tunes from shows like "Mama Mia", "Cats", "Phantom of the Opera", and Rogers and Hammerstein musicals. This is a ticketed event, and general admission of \$10 is available at the door. Please plan to attend this exciting and joyous event.

Flower Ministry of First United Methodist Church
Sponsored by Congregational Health/Senior Saints

It's 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.

Easter Flower Form

If you would like to make a donation to our Flower Ministry Fund, please complete the form 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*.

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.

Enclosed is \$ _____
towards the Flower Ministry Fund.

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