

THIS SUNDAY

Join us in June for worship as we celebrate a "Summer of Kindness"! We will journey through the book of Ephesians and practice acts of kindness. 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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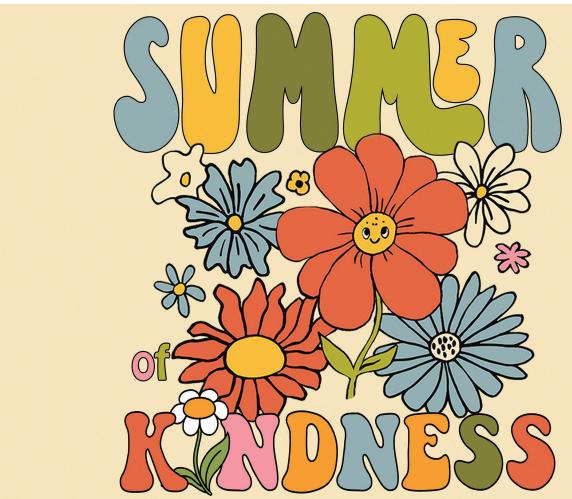
Farewell to Pastor Cindy

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

June food collection:
Pasta/ Mac and Cheese



www.firstwichita.org 330 N. Broadway • 316-267-6244 On Broadway between 2nd & 3rd Streets in downtown Wichita.



May 28-Ascension Sunday

"Kindness is Welcoming" Ephesians 1:15-23 Luke 24:44-53

June 4- Pentecost

"Kindness is Cohesive" Acts 2:1-21 Ephesians 2:11-22

June 11

"Kindness is Thankful" Ephesians 3:14-21 Psalm 136

June 18- Father's Day

"Kindness is Loving" Ephesians 4:29-5:2 Matthew 22:34-40

June 25

"Kindness is Hard" Ephesians 6:10-20 John 16:18-24

School is out, the temperature is rising and the swimming pools are open- we look around and see that it is Summer! Now is the time for First Church to begin our "Summer of Kindness!" Maybe you remember the 1967 Summer of Love and remember hippies urging for peace and love. This year, First Church is going to engage in a season filled with Acts of Kindness.

Scientific studies have found that engaging in acts of kindness produces endorphins, the brain's natural painkiller! And that perpetually kind people have 23% less cortisol (stress hormone) and age two times slower than the average population! Scientists have also found that helping others increases energy!

"Summer of Kindness" will work through

the book of Ephesians, looking at the various themes that address how we are called to kindness. There will be fun moments in worship where we can practice kindness as well as a Kindness Bingo Card for you to complete (available on page 2 or in worship). On June 25, you are invited to bring to church, your completed Bingo Card for a treat after worship.

Vacation Bible School 2023 Hero Hotline June 19-23, 2023

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Interested in volunteering? There's also a place you can sign-up on the registration page. If you would like more information, contact Amy Remington, abremington@icloud.com.



PLEASE PRAY FOR

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. Please pray for the recovery of those individuals experiencing illness. Please pray for the health and wellbeing 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 June 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. Rebecca Goltry Mohr, David Brant



Congratulations 2023 Graduates

During worship on Sunday, May 7 we honored our graduating seniors both high school and college as well as our scholarship recipients. Congratulations to you all and blessings as you enter a new chapter of your life!

2023 Graduates (pictured l to r)

Payten Remington: Andover High School Elizabeth Hole: University of Texas at Dallas Rachel Shaner: Northwest High School

Scholarship Recipients

Nathan Putter: Wichita State University Payten Remington: University of Kansas



Choose an act of kindness (or a few!)
and fill in the square.
Who can get BINGO first?!

Kindess Bingo Instructions

As part of our "Summer of Kindness" sermon series we are offering this Kindness Bingo Card as a fun activity for you to complete. On June 25, you are invited to bring to church, your completed Bingo Card for a treat after worship!

| Make a card and mail it to someone who has been sick. | Sweep the porch of a neighbor or friend. | Drop off flowers or a plant to someone who needs a cheerful gift. | Make a snack for someone in your home. | Help clean up the yard or neighborhood park. |
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| Help put the groceries away without being asked. | Give someone in your home or social circle a hug. | Collect toilet paper or diapers for a local food bank/shelter. | Read a story to a family member or someone in your social circle. | Write a kind note and leave it where someone will find it randomly. |
| Put signs of encouragement in your windows or on your mirrors. | Ask someone older than you to tell you a story about their life or memories. | FREE SPACE | Write a note or create art for your local faith leader(s). | Create art to share in your yard. Beautify your neighborhood! |
| Make art or notes of encouragement and hand them to people when you go out. | Pick up trash in your neighborhood park or a safe area near you. | Make an effort to compliment the people around you. Get creativel | Every time you use water put a coin in a jar. See ho wmuch you can collect for water missions. | Help clean up after dinner without being asked. |
| Make a water stop in your neighborhood for people (and dogs) walking in the heat. | Volunteer to do someone's chores for them. Bonus points if you ofer for the whole weekl | Leave chalk messages around the neighborhood to encourage others. | Make a list of kind words and see if you can use every one of them during the day. | Tell someone why they are important to you. |

ACTS OF KINDNESS BINGO



Church Leadership Board Monthly Update

The Leadership Board did not meet in May, as the meeting date coincided with Pastor Cindy's retirement celebration, but we will be back in June.

You may have noticed that outside of the A/B entrance Noah and his team have installed "Visitor Parking" signs to welcome new guests that may be joining us for any given Sunday. If you see someone getting in and out of their car in front of these signs please make sure to extend an extra hello and greeting. I've noticed at least three cars each in the stall each Sunday since they have been put up. Please reach out to the Leadership Board with other ways that you see in which we could better welcome guests and be a neighbor to our community.

Thank you for helping First Church be the hands and feet of Jesus to a hurting world.

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

OUR GIFTS

APRIL 2023 OFFERING \$88,265.36 RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE \$375,366.91 BUDGET YEAR-TO-DATE \$416,100.28 EXPENSES YEAR-TO-DATE \$386,211.18

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS
MISSIONS
\$1,025.00
RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE
\$7,125.00

CAPITAL FUNDS \$168.75 RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE \$2,213.75

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

ORGAN MAINTENANCE
FUND
\$0.00
RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE
\$1,020.00

TELEVISION MINISTRY
\$18,445.67
RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE
\$116,713.68
BUDGET YEAR-TO-DATE
\$105,622.64
EXPENSES YEAR-TO-DATE
\$99,957.62

TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS \$107,904.78 RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE \$502,439.34

Wesley Bell Ringers in Concert June 23 – 7:30 p.m.



The Wesley Bell Ringers will perform at First United Methodist Church on Friday, June 23 at 7:30 p.m. This will be the thirteenth concert on the choir's 57th annual Summer tour and will feature 21 teenaged ringers playing more than 150 handbells and hand chimes.

In 1963, The Wesley Bell Ringers, a music ministry of Christ United Methodist Church in Salt Lake City, UT, began with 9 youth ringers and 25 bells. From the very beginning it was expected that if you wanted to participate you would be dedicated to the group, commit to play handbells to the best of your ability, and most importantly, care for and about the other members of the group.

Fast forward 59 years! The 21 current ringers are the most recent of over 500 youth who have participated in the choir. The experience and dedication has never changed. The choir developed a reputation for musical excellence that continues to open doors to exciting opportunities. The previous 56 summer tours have taken the choir to all 50 states and all but one of the Canadian provinces. They have performed at the US Capitol, Cathedral of the Pines National Monument, Mt. Rushmore, George Washington Masonic Memorial, Disneyland and Disneyworld. The choir has participated as the featured choir at numerous handbell festivals around the United States and performed for The National Music Educators convention.

Performances with The Mormon Tabernacle Choir and The Utah Symphony Orchestra have been repeated honors over the choir's history.

The 2023 concert includes Disney's "Beauty and the Beast", Bach's "Little Fugue", and selections from noted handbell composers and arrangers.

Admission to the concert is free, and a free will offering will be collected

If you are Safe Gatherings certified and would be willing to host members of the choir overnight in your home after the concert, please contact Don Gray (316-640-3432 or at dong@firstwichita.org)



Thanks First Church Care Team

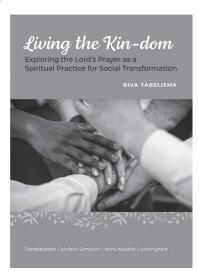
Thanks to the First Church Care
Team for their many visits and
prayers during my five weeks of
hospitalization and rehab. The
precious Easter cactus was a
wonderful surprise. I set it on the
ledge in my rehab hospital room.
One day it suddenly bloomed
the most beautiful pink flower!
Over the following days, an
abundance of blooms erupted
from this tiny plant, bringing
me hope and a reminder of the
beauty of my church family.

—Libby Eaton

The Lord's Prayer Study, Living the Kin-dom

On July 7-8 United Women in Faith will host Mission U, a regional United Methodist spiritual retreat for all adults. men and women at First United Methodist Church. Through study, art, music, drama, journaling prayer, devotions and fellowship, participants will examine The Lord's Prayer found in Matthew 6:9-13 and the role this prayer plays in their faith journey. Using the study book, "Living the Kin-dom," participants will look at a variety of scriptural interpretations, with an interesting observation of the original Aramaic language of Jesus. Members will be challenged to

focus on the application of The Lord's Prayer to each person's calling to mission and ministry. Libby Eaton will be the study leader for this event. Catered lunch will be provided each day in addition to snack breaks Cost of the event is \$55 which covers food and supplementary materials. Registration forms are available at the AB entrance. The study text, "Living the Kin-dom" by Riva Tabelisma, may be ordered at umfaithresources.org. The cost for the study text is \$14.99. Contact Nancy Dinell, Nancy. Dinell@gmail.com 316-258-0495 for further information.



OUR FAMILY

We mourn the death of:

Gerald Beals, husband of Mary Beals

Janis Angermayr, daughter of Rev. Jim and Jean Matthews

We welcome new members:

Rita Johnson

Robert and Rachel Prine

Clifford Vickery



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School Partnerships

Thank you to everyone that participated in our School Partnerships this year. Your commitment to students in our neighborhood continues to make a positive impact in our community!



Hi Mrs. Rebecca happy volunteer Apprication Day thank you for being there for me. And thank for helping me get to the bell ringers culb. I'm so thank full



School Tutors





Summer Fun - Camp Horizon!

Looking for something fun for your kids to do this summer? If you have a student interested in going to Camp Horizon, contact Pastor Rebecca, rebeccam@firstwichita.org ASAP.





OJ Watson Park Picnic

Thank you to everyone that joined us for a fun evening at OJ Watson Park celebrating the end of the school year! We enjoyed mini golf, delicious food and wonderful fellowship!





MISSION LUNCH

MENU

Tater tot casserole green beans rolls dessert

Sunday, June 4 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Meredith Hall

Donations support First Friday Lunches

Mark your calendars for June 4, 2023 so that you won't miss the next Mission Lunch! You will enjoy a meal that is sure to please, and you will have the opportunity to support a local mission project.

A team from First Church has worked for many years to provide the First Friday Lunch at the Homeless Resource Center. This

mission is not a budgeted item, and it runs entirely on donations. We serve about 120 persons once a month which costs a little over \$210.00 to provide.

At this Mission Lunch you will dine on the same menu that we serve at the center: tater tot casserole, green beans, rolls, and a dessert. You will also have the opportunity to learn

more about this mission project, and all proceeds will support the First Friday lunches.

Jesus told us that "even as you have done it for the least of one of these brothers of mine, you have done it to me." This is your opportunity to serve our brothers and sisters by helping to feed them. Won't you join us?

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Eyeglasses Needed!

On June 24, I will be going on a mission workteam to San Pedro Sula, Honduras with my sister, Betty Jo Green. She has been involved with the medical clinic of Gathering Hearts for Honduras for many years. One of their missions is to help people get fitted with eyeglasses. If a pair of glasses fit them and they can see better, they are thrilled. If you have any (readers, prescription and/or sunglasses and the cases) and would like to donate them, there is a box in the Double Ring Class room or leave them at the reception desk. Thank you. Carolyn Vosburg (316-522-3360).

Mission Collection Baby Diapers and Baby Wipes

In honor of Mother's Day and Father's Day, we will be collecting baby diapers and baby wipes for Open Door. You may bring your donations to the A-B Entrance during May and June.

Monetary donations will also be accepted (cash, check, or via the church app).



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Double Ring

On April 15, many Double Ring Class members attended the memorial service for class member Cal McMillan. He and his wife Polly have been long-time, very active members of First Church and Double Ring. Cal served as legal counsel for our church for many years. Please keep Polly McMillan in your prayers.

Double Ring Class teacher Jack Focht is currently focusing our lessons on the letters that Paul wrote to individuals and churches formed in several countries which were following the teachings of Christ. We learned that the books of the Bible devoted to his letters were not written by Paul in the order in which they are placed in the Bible. There were early differences of opinion regarding incorporating Gentiles into the church. Paul provided helpful advice to the churches in remaining true to church doctrine and teaching early church leaders to keep high standards in their conduct. Jack also discussed the history of the early church, deciding which writings were included in what became our New Testament. We learned about the criteria used in determining those included. Jack has taught us what a remarkable journey Paul traveled from being an ardent persecutor of Christians to becoming one of Christianity's most devoted teachers and missionaries.

Hand in Hand with 50-50

Our class decided to continue the study of the "Triumph of Christianity" by Art Ehrman. The book and CD was given to Ken by Bill Thompson before he passed away. What a nice gesture that was!

May was full of activities/events with recognition of graduates on May 7, Mother's Day, and Pastor Cindy's retirement and luncheon on May 21. The Quantics made it to Costa Rica with Cathy and Steve. Bruce sent a couple of pictures, but they will have more by the time they return.

Socially, we have not made plans thus far for June. I will guess that a Ladies Luncheon might well take place. Do stop by 107B for a cup of Gary's coffee and usually there are also treats. We are a diverse class and somewhat small in a great environment! Room 107B!

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

Sunday morning is always a good time to join with our Christian friends for a cup of coffee and an in-depth Bible lesson. We're wrapping up a 25-week study of Matthew in the coming weeks. This study has been a challenge to our minds as we have grappled with the parables, trying to understand what Jesus has in mind for us in these difficult days of our present world. God is helping us as we turn to Him in prayer and ask for His understanding as we study. Barbara Simons leads our class in these in-depth studies, with lots of comments from the members.

We are going to miss our Sunday morning chats with Pastor Cindy as she begins her well-deserved years of retirement. Stopping by to say "Hi" has been a wonderful way to learn more about her and we enjoy the time she gives to our class; a benefit of being in the B building!

We've had the joy of sharing from our treasury for several church related collections. We feel blessed to be able to give of our time and talents as well as our monetary gifts. Join us on Sunday for study and coffee if you like!

Pneuma

Our class is concluding our series of lessons on The Meanings of Easter with a lesson titled "Encountering the Sacred". There will also be a Sunday providing a space for sharing reflections and questions we may have concerning this series. After celebrating Pentecost, we will begin a number of Sundays learning about what is happening in the Great Plains Conference and our denomination as a result of disaffiliation. Dan is also planning to look at the impact those changes will have on First United Methodist Church as we move forward towards the next General Conference.

The class enjoyed our annual Eastertide brunch in April. Pneuma Ladies gathered at the home of Linda Ebright the last week of May with many travel stories shared. In June, Linda Mack will be our hostess. The men will be meeting at Ziggy's for food and fellowship.

Class members are planning to help with Vacation Bible School. Many of our members helped with the BE United Methodist service held in our Sanctuary. We continue to have a number of members who volunteer weekly with the food ministry at Open Door. Libby Eaton has greatly appreciated the blessings of meals and conversation provided by class members, as she continues to recover from her recent surgery.

Our class will be helping Peggy and Jim Valliant celebrate their 50th anniversary on May 21 at the art museum. We also celebrate with Rachel and Robert Prine, as they became members at First Church. They have certainly been a blessing to our class.

Seekers

The Seekers have enjoyed revisiting Adam Hamilton's "Christianity and World Religions" with David Dinell, Bonnie Beuning, Emily Petersen and Judith Oswald taking the lead. In June we will look at "A Year of Biblical Womanhood" by Rachel Held Evans and "The Year of Living Biblically" by A.J. Jacobs.

The ROMEOS had eight "retired old men eating out" in May. Watch for notices for July. The Seekers ladies enjoyed dinner prepared by Chef George at George and Annette's home. Plans for June's dinner out is yet to be decided. Seekers enjoyed "Twilight Tunes on the Terrace" at Botanica in May. June 23, an outing to a Wind Surge Game is planned. Information about tickets will be sent out to the class.

Several Seekers are helping with the Mission Lunch on June 4. Since the proceeds of this luncheon will go to the First Friday Lunch at the Homeless Resource Center fund, the same menu that is prepared on the "First Friday" will be served at the Mission Lunch. So, join us for Tater Tot casserole, green beans, roll and peach cobbler.

We have started a new tradition of having various class members give a short devotion before class. It has been great to hear from different class members.

Our love goes out to class members who have lost family members and friends this past month. Please keep us posted if you have news that needs to be shared with the class.

Calendar June @ First Church

| 1 9:00 AM | Thursday The Gathering Staff -Youth Center | 11 9:00 AM | Sunday Religious Nurture Center Ministry - 100D | 11:00 AM 5:00 PM | Quilters at First (Machine Work) - 300D Downtown Alive Choir Rehearsal - Choir |
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| 10:00 AM 5:00 PM | Bible Year-A, 101B Family Promise Class - 103B, Parlor, 200C, | 9:30 AM | Adult Sunday School Classes- Church Wide | 7:00 PM | Room, Sanctuary DTA Bell Choir - 305A |
| 8:00 PM | Nursery Forum "Beehive, The 60's Musical"-Wilke | 9:30 AM 9:30 AM | High School Sunday School - 200D, 201D K-5th Grade & Middle School SS - | 22 | Thursday |
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| 3 | Saturday | 7:00 PM | The Gathering Potluck - 201D | 9:00 AM 4:00 PM | VBS-Wilke, C Blding, 100D Wesley Bell Ringers - Sanctuary, MH |
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| 5 | Monday | 5:00 PM | Family Promise Class - 103B, Parlor, 200C, Nursery | 8:30 AM 5:30 PM | Pipe Organ Encounter - Sanctuary, Chapel Hospitality Team - 302B |
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June 4 Pentecost "Kindness is Cohesive" Acts 2: 1-21 **Ephesians 2: 11-22**

June 11 "Kindness is Thankful" **Ephesians 3: 14-21** Psalm 136

June 18 Father's Day "Kindness is Loving" Ephesians 4: 29-5:2 Matthew 22: 34-40

June 25 "Kindness is Hard" **Ephesians 6: 10-20** John 16: 18-24

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Pastor Cindy Retirement Celebration

In celebration and appreciation for Rev. Cindy Watson's 41 years of faithful service in ministry, a scholarship has been created in her honor. This scholarship aims to continue Rev. Cindy's mission to encourage and support other women in Kansas pursuing a calling into ordained ministry in The United Methodist Church. Donations can be made online by selecting, "Cindy Watson Scholarship." Checks can be made out to "Kansas Methodist Foundation" including in the memo "Cindy Watson Scholarship." Please mail to: **Kansas Methodist Foundation PO BOX 605**

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The Rev. Cindy Watson Seminary Scholarship is designed to encourage Kansas women to follow their calling from God and prepare for ordained ministry as an elder in The United Methodist Church. The annual seminary scholarship shall be awarded to a female applicant(s) seeking a master of divinity degree at any University Senate-approved school of theology. The scholarship can be applied toward tuition, fees, and room and board for the basic seminary degree leading to elder's ordination. The scholarship is not available for undergraduate, D.Min., or Ph.D. work. Applicants must be a certified candidate for the elder track at time of application and have a minimum of 3.0 GPA. First preference will be given to a student at Saint Paul School of Theology.

I can not begin to share how touched I am by my retirement celebration. The establishment of a seminary scholarship for women students to become elders in the United Methodist Church was such a surprise and I am so blessed you would want to honor my ministry in that way. The video, the dinner, the table decorations, the slide show, speeches and lovely gifts will be a blessing to me as I begin this new chapter in my life. Your cards are touching my heart and spirit deeply. A thank you to the Committee: Pastor Rebecca Goltry Mohr, Diane Elder, Dalton Glasscock, Peggy Brant, Stuart Mack, Judith Oswald, Crystal Collinsworth, Deb Seely, Sue Reece, Delaine Hartman, Noah Naughton, Teresa Fields and Erin Davis created a day fill with joy! It has been one of my greatest privileges to serve as your pastor and I will be praying for you as you prepare to receive Pastor Amy Lippoldt. Thank you again, and may you always know that God holds you in the palm of the Divine Hand.

Graced to Serve, Pastor Cindy

