

# FIRST LIGHT

MAY 2023

## THIS SUNDAY

Join us in May for worship as we continue “Hinge Moments”, our Eastertide sermon series on transitions. 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](https://facebook.com/thegatheringworshipservice).

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## FEED THE HUNGRY

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

**May food collection:  
Canned Fruit**

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**May 7 • Graduation Sunday**

**Hinge Moment: Landing**

Acts 7: 55-60

John 14: 1-14

Preacher: Cindy Watson

**May 14 • Mother's Day**

**Hinge Moment: Integration**

Proverbs 8: 22-35

John 14: 15-21

Preacher: Rebecca Goltry Mohr

**May 21 • Pastor Cindy's**

**Final Sunday**

Hinge Moment: Reflection

Preacher: Cindy Watson

**May 28 • Memorial Day**

**Ascension Sunday**

Acts 1: 6-14

John 17: 1-11

Preacher: Rebecca Goltry Mohr

## *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.

## Thank you, Pastor Cindy!

What better way to celebrate Pastor Cindy's ministry than with good food and good company? Please plan to join us after Downtown Alive worship on Sunday, May 21, 2023 for a very special retirement dinner for Pastor Cindy and Andrew. After her final sermon at the 11 a.m. service, we will say thank you to Pastor Cindy and Andrew with a feast in Meredith Hall at noon honoring their years of service to our church and 41 years of service to the United Methodist Church. We'll enjoy memories, fellowship, and great food and

drink. If you plan to attend the luncheon, please RSVP by May 7 at [firstwichita.org/retirement](http://firstwichita.org/retirement) or contact the receptionist at 316-267-6244. A free-will offering will be collected to cover the cost of the meal. We are also encouraging a card shower to show your appreciation for Pastor Cindy's and Andrew's service to First Church and the United Methodist Church. If you can't attend the lunch, you may send cards of appreciation to Pastor Cindy at First Church, 330 N. Broadway, Wichita, KS 67202.





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, 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 May 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](mailto:prayer@firstwichita.org) to ask for prayer from the people of First United Methodist Church.

Email [pastoralcare@firstwichita.org](mailto: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



Nathan Putter, Director of Media



Tara Dawson, Director of Church Operations  
pictured with husband Shaun and sons Owen  
and Levi

Staff Transitions

We are pleased to announce two recent staff transitions. Nathan Putter was named our new Director of Media, after Charity Harmon submitted her resignation in order to take a position with the Wichita Art Museum. Nathan has been working on staff in a part-time role since his internship ended last summer. He will

now lead the production of our Downtown Alive and Gathering services and oversee all the media needs of the church. In addition, Tara Dawson has been hired as our Director of Church Operations. Tara was formerly employed in our business office and we are excited to welcome her back to our staff!



Church Leadership Board Monthly Update

Happy Spring! The Leadership Board met in April and discussed the need to balance our call and desire to welcome all of our neighbors to First Church while also maintain the security and safety needs of our church members. Some of you have approached us with concerns and I want you to know that we are listening and we hear you. You may have noticed at the AB entrance there is now, what we are calling, an “information station.” A photo it attached to help make it easier to find. Included at the station: an United Way resource guide, in both English and Spanish, information about Wichita’s Homeless Outreach Team (H.O.T), contact information for the Pastors and Friends University Student Therapists as well as information about The Gathering and Downtown Alive services. We will continue to build out this information. It is the responsibility of every member of the church to offer resources to our neighbors. You will soon see this information in the D entrance as well.

We are continuing to review our safety protocols and plan to offer hospitality training later this year to better equip our greeting team with the tools needed to better serve our neighbors. In the meantime, if at any point you feel uncomfortable in a situation, and are not in immediate danger, please call the Custodial Team at 316-641-8213. If you believe you may be in danger please call 911.

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](http://www.firstwichita.org/one-board)

Talk to you in the next *First Light*.

Onward,  
Dalton Glasscock

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OUR GIFTS

MARCH 2023 OFFERING  
\$45,321.64  
RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE  
\$287,101.55  
BUDGET YEAR-TO-DATE  
\$344,889.94  
EXPENSES YEAR-TO-DATE  
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OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS  
MISSIONS  
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RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE  
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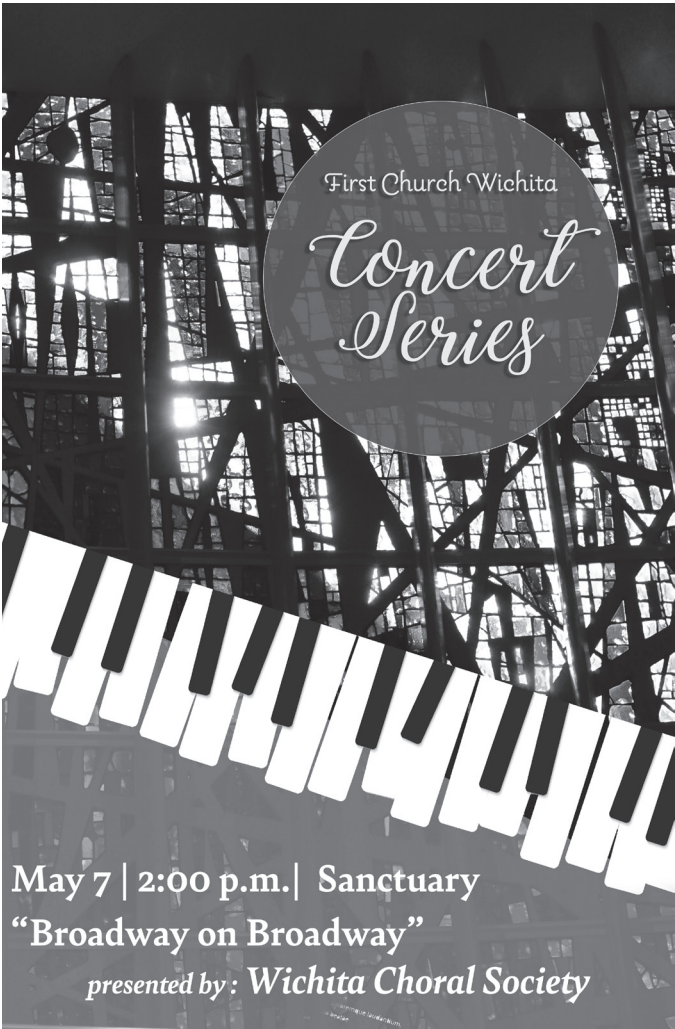
CAPITAL FUNDS  
\$100.00  
RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE  
\$2,045.00

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

ORGAN MAINTENANCE FUND  
\$100.00  
RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE  
\$1,020.00

TELEVISION MINISTRY  
\$18,707.67  
RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE  
\$98,268.01  
BUDGET YEAR-TO-DATE  
\$79,841.97  
EXPENSES YEAR-TO-DATE  
\$85,366.42

TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS  
\$67,504.31  
RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE  
\$394,534.56



United Women in Faith

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United Women in Faith Sunday will be Mother’s Day, May 14, 2023. There will be a cookie reception after the service in the Narthex.

**Elizabeth Circle**  
May 10, 2 p.m., Room 101B  
Program: Bold Women of Faith, a group study and discussion.

**Ruth Circle**  
May 10, 2 p.m., Parlor  
Program: Heifer International work team report

**United Women in Faith - SAVE THE DATE!**  
July 7 & 8, 2023  
Join us for MISSION U!  
Living the Kin-dom, Exploring the Lord’s Prayer as a Spiritual practice for Social Transformation. This will be a two-day retreat held at First Church. Study leader will be our own Libby Eaton. More information will be forthcoming.



Thank you to everyone who donated toward the purchase of the Easter plants that were delivered to our homebound members, our senior members over the age of 90, and our church family who recently lost a spouse. It is a tremendous blessing to our recipients, and a truly meaningful

First Church tradition. A special thank you to Linda Hopper, for organizing our flower deliveries this year. Our Congregational Care Team ministry team sponsors this important ministry every year and our Pastoral Care Team truly appreciates Linda’s dedication

and assistance in arranging the deliveries. Also, thank you to all the church members, staff and friends who assisted with this year’s deliveries. Below is a list of individuals who contributed to the flower ministry and the names of those who are being honored or memorialized:

Donor Name(s)	In Memory of	In Honor of
David & Peggy Brant	Stephanie Brant	
Carole Campbell	Charles R. Campbell; Jim & Eunice McClure	
Paulette Dibbern	Dieter Dibbern	
Charles & Jean Eby	Harlan, Bea & David Casper; Martin & Pauline Eby	Linda Hopper
Beth Elliott	Willis Elliott	
Loretta Hogg	Donald Hogg, Clinton Hogg	
Betty Lygrisse	V.E. “Gene” Lygrisse	
Wesley Powell	Patricia Powell	
Mary Lou Roedell	Floyd Roedell	
Ken & Bonnie Rupe	Mr. & Mrs. H. A. Rupe; Mr. & Mrs. Alden Rupe; Rev. & Mrs. Robert B. Brown	
Lucinda Smetana-Hull		Lois Smetana
Ronda Snyder	Vinola Moore; Karen Swarts	
Sharon Thompson	Carol Peterson, Lisa Wallace	
Celia Turner	Bill Turner	
Cindi Ubben	David Ubben; Blossom & George Kirkendall; Keely Popejoy	
Alvin Vopata	Ligaya Vopata	

OUR FAMILY

We mourn the deaths of:

Cal McMillan,  
husband of Polly McMillan

Walter Bilyew,  
father of Val Ellington

Bob Ream,  
father-in law of Jennifer Ream

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

Madison Dahl,  
granddaughter of Larry and Heather Baker





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

It's time to sign up for Vacation Bible School! We would love to see all you Pre-K through 5th graders for this amazing week of fun! Register online at [www.firstwichita.org/vbs](http://www.firstwichita.org/vbs). 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](mailto:abremington@icloud.com).

Take Me Out to the Ball Game!

May 31, 7:05 p.m.,  
Riverfront Stadium

We are excited to enjoy a Wind Surge baseball game at Riverfront Stadium! The children and youth will be attending the game on Wednesday, May 31 and would like to invite others from the congregation to join us! We will have a block of seats reserved together, if you would like a ticket (\$10 each), please contact Matthew Schrock, [matts@firstwichita.org](mailto:matts@firstwichita.org) by May 22. Join us for a fun night of fellowship in Downtown Wichita!



*Take me out to the ball game!*

**WIND SURGE GAME  
MAY 31  
7:05 P.M.**

CONTACT MATTHEW SCHROCK TO RESERVE YOUR TICKETS  
[MATT@FIRSTWICHITA.ORG](mailto:MATT@FIRSTWICHITA.ORG)



Children and Youth are invited to come to OJ Watson Park on Wednesday, May 17 beginning at 5:00 p.m. to celebrate the end of a great school year. There will be train rides, paddle boats, pony rides and mini golf. We will have a picnic style dinner, you are welcome to bring a side dish or desert. Invite friends from school and from your neighborhood to come! Contact Pastor Rebecca for more information.



Hosanna!

Thank you to our children and families that helped us begin Holy week with shouts of "Hosanna" at our Palm Sunday service. Your leadership in worship is a blessing!



# Lenten Food Drive Update

Thank you to everyone that participated in our Lenten Food Drive! We had 40 vehicles stop by our drive thru event on Saturday morning and were able to deliver over 1,600 pounds of food to Open Door! We appreciate all those who made donations and the volunteers that helped sort and collect food. Thank you, First Church!



## Mission Lunch June 4

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?

## Diaper Drive



We are collecting diapers and wipes for Open Door during May & June! Please bring to the AB or D entrance.

## 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).



# Class News & Notes

**Double Ring**

Double Ring teacher Jack Focht has been covering Paul’s letters to various Christian churches which had formed since Christ’s teachings and crucifixion. We have learned that Paul’s rhetoric varied from letter to letter, depending upon which group Paul was writing to, and what issues each new church was facing. Class members have been assigned to read different parts of the New Testament as preparation for future lessons on Paul’s letters. On Palm Sunday, Class President Paulette Dibbern pinch hit for Jack Focht, and gave us a lesson how Christians in other countries around the world celebrate Palm Sunday. On Easter Sunday, Jack taught what Jews, Muslims, and other religions believe about Jesus, and then he discussed and read to us from the New Testament regarding Christ’s crucifixion and resurrection.

The Double Ring class had a fun time at their social event on April 14! Double Ring encourages newcomers to visit our class in Room 106B at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday and experience the warmth and fellowship that envelopes us in the Sunday School Class setting. Come have a cup of coffee with us. We would love to meet you! We also have members who participate in class by Zoom, which is great for members who can’t attend in person.

**Hand in Hand with 50-50**

The April highlight for Hand in Hand/ 50-50 was our Easter brunch, with time to remember Easter stories both serious and humorous. On April 23 we met in the Archives room with Diane Quantic to explore the Hand in Hand and 50-50 boxes of mementoes that are part of the history of First UMC. We may need another session sometime to explore more of the hidden treasures in the Archives and History display room and storeroom. On April 30, as we come to the end of our study of Luke, Ken would like to discuss any subjects anyone might be interested in for future class exploration. Meanwhile, Ken has a video series, The Triumph of Christianity for the month of May with the option to continue the series into June. Keep Diane and Bruce Quantic in your prayers as they travel to Costa Rica, and Jean and Charlie Eby, as they travel to Colorado.

**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!

**Pneuma**

During Eastertide Sundays, Dan and Evelyn will be bringing lessons and leading discussions on meanings of Easter. Those will include stories from the disciples, church teachings, and personal experiences of new life after difficulties. Pneuma will be gathering on April 30 for our annual Eastertide Brunch.

Pneuma Ladies are looking forward to meeting for salad and dessert at the home of Shelley Davis in April and the home of Linda Ebright in May. As usual, the men will meet for food and fellowship at Ziggy’s West. A number of our members have been or will be traveling, so we cherish these times of being able to catch up with each other on our life’s events.

We rejoice with Vicki and Jack Bond on the birth of their granddaughter, Eliza Mae. She was welcomed on April 10 by her parents, Allison and Mike Marcus, as well as her big sister, Mallory. The Bonds have returned from Kansas City where they got in plenty of snuggle time with both girls. We will continue to keep our church family up to date, as our extended Pneuma family continues to grow.

**Seekers**

Dave Brant finished his Lenten study, “The Last Seven Days” on Easter and will be enjoying a break from teaching. While our teacher is rejuvenating, different members of the class will be leading each Sunday. On April 16, Rev. Elsie Crickard presented, “The Theology of Worship”. Adam Hamilton’s 2018 revised “Christianity and World Religions: Questions we ask about other Faiths” will be used for the next six weeks. In June we will explore two books, one by a woman and one by a man on how they experienced a year of living as closely to Biblical instructions as possible.

Stay posted on future ROMEO and Seeker Ladies Night Out announcements. The class is looking out for a concert at Botanical and a game at the Wind Surge ballpark in the next months.

We are busy helping with the pastoral transition happenings in May and July. On May 21 we will celebrate Rev. Cindy’s ministry with a special service and retirement dinner. We will miss her dropping into our class before the lesson to say Hi. We wish her and Andrew a happy healthy retirement with lots of fun travels, special time with grandchildren, delicious homecooked meals, exciting Scrabble games and great books!

To our class members who have not been able to be with us due to health and family issues, we miss you and include you in our prayers. To those considering visiting our class, the coffee is hot, the treats delicious and lessons make you think!



# Calendar

## May @ First Church

<b>1</b> 8:00 PM	<b>Monday</b> Gathering Planning Meeting - Zoom	<b>11</b> 9:00 AM 10:00 AM 7:30 PM	<b>Thursday</b> The Gathering Staff - Youth Center Bible Year-A, 101B Bible Year-B; ZOOM	<b>22</b> 8:00 PM	<b>Monday</b> Gathering Planning Meeting - Zoom
<b>2</b> 9:00 AM 7:00 PM	<b>Tuesday</b> The Gathering Staff - Youth Center Stephen Leader Meeting - Zoom	<b>13</b> 8:00 PM	<b>Saturday</b> Forum "Words & Music-Kenny Rogers"- Wilke FLC	<b>23</b> 9:00 AM 6:30 PM	<b>Tuesday</b> The Gathering Staff - Youth Center Stephen Ministry Supervision-302B Library
<b>3</b> 9:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM 5:45 PM  6:00 PM 7:00 PM	<b>Wednesday</b> 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	<b>14</b> 9:00 AM 9:30 AM 9:30 AM  9:30 AM 9:30 AM 10:50 AM 2:00 PM  5:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM	<b>Sunday - Mother's Day</b> Religious Nurture Center Ministry - 100D Adult Sunday School Classes- Church Wide High School Youth Sunday School - 200D, 201D K-5th & MS Sunday School - 106C,311C Nursery and Pre K - 200C, 201C Downtown Alive Worship - Sanctuary Forum "Words & Music-Kenny Rogers"- Wilke FLC The Gathering - 201D - Youth Center Forum "Words & Music-Kenny Rogers"- Wilke FLC The Gathering Potluck - 201D	<b>24</b> 9:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM 5:45 PM  6:00 PM 7:00 PM	<b>Wednesday</b> 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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<b>5</b> 8:00 PM	<b>Friday</b> Forum "Once on This Island"-Wilke FLC	<b>15</b> 8:00 PM	<b>Monday</b> Gathering Planning Meeting - Zoom	<b>26</b> 11:30 AM  5:00 PM	<b>Friday</b> Veteran Providers' Coalition of Sedgwick County Forum "Murder on the Orient Express"- Wilke FLC
<b>6</b> 9:00 AM  8:00 PM	<b>Saturday</b> Wichita Choral Society Dress Rehearsal - Sanctuary Forum "Once on This Island"-Wilke FLC	<b>16</b> 9:00 AM 5:30 PM	<b>Tuesday</b> The Gathering Staff - Youth Center DTA Committee Meeting - 101B	<b>27</b> 5:00 PM	<b>Saturday</b> Forum "Murder on the Orient Express"- Wilke FLC
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We welcome content and story ideas for First Light. They can be submitted to First Impressions at [firstlight@firstwichita.org](mailto:firstlight@firstwichita.org). Please include your name, phone number and e-mail address when submitting material.

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