



THIS SUNDAY

Join us in November for the series "Gutsy Prayers". 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 YouTube livestream.

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FEED THE HUNGRY

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

November food collection:
Canned Fruit

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Giving Thanks

Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind. For he satisfies the thirsty, and the hungry he fills with good things.
-Psalm 107:8-9

This month at First Church we will take time to remember to be thankful in all things! We will gather non-perishable food items for Thanksgiving boxes distributed by Open Door. Volunteers will be available in the parking lot on Saturday, November 11, from 9:30 a.m.-noon. Your donations help provide food to families in need throughout our community this Thanksgiving. Later in November we will take time to gather around the table to share a Thanksgiving meal together! Roasted turkey and all the trimmings will be served Sunday, November 19 in Meredith Hall beginning at noon. This is a wonderful opportunity to invite family and friends to break bread together. Please make reservations with the church receptionist if you plan to join us! Free-will donations for the meal will support our School Partnership ministry with Park and Washington Elementary Schools.

GUTSY PRAYERS

Gutsy Prayers

Over and over again the Bible encourages us to pray. Jesus says the prayers of the faithful can even move mountains. But how bold can our prayers actually be? How much is too much to ask of God? Join us as we examine what it means to pray big in our next sermon series "Gutsy Prayers."

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 Television 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 Nov. 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. Amy Lippoldt, Rev. Rebecca Goltry Mohr, David Brant

Small Talk- Begins November 12

As we strive to offer compassion and connection with our unhoused neighbors, we invite you to join us for this new outreach opportunity. Beginning Nov 12, following worship we will send pairs of volunteers out with a three-fold mission.

- 1. Pick up trash around our property, allowing easy interaction with our neighbors.
- 2. Offer a pair of new socks to anyone who would like them.
- 3. Engage in conversation with our neighbors, offering empathy and prayer when appropriate.

How you can help:
Bring donations of new men’s and women’s socks to the AB entrance. Volunteer to be a part of the Small Talk effort. We will start at 12:15 p.m. and expect to take 30-60 minutes. Call the church or sign up at the AB entrance!

Small Talk

Nov. 12 -- 12:15 p.m.

- Pick up trash around the church grounds
- Engage in conversation with our unhoused neighbors
- Share a new pair of socks

Call the church to volunteer or sign up at the AB entrance!



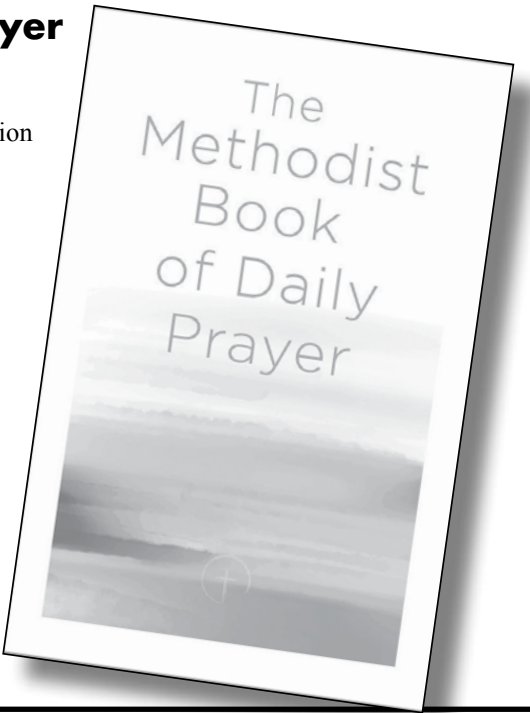
Sock donations can be brought to the AB entrance

The Methodist Book of Daily Prayer by Matt Miofsky for Sale!

Prayer is a spiritual practice, and daily prayer uses the repetition of forms and words to cultivate a deep, meaningful ritual, drawing the individual into an ever-closer relationship with God.

Each set of prayers centers on a scripture passage, with an emphasis on the Psalms. The prayers draw from familiar historic, classic, and ancient Christian texts, and from Methodism’s rich hymnody. They also feature fresh, original words from new writers. This book facilitates deep daily connection with God--a method for spiritual sustenance.

Pastor Amy has written material for this daily devotional. We hope you will join others at First Church beginning in Advent for this year long daily prayer devotional. Books are \$15 and will be available for purchase at the AB entrance beginning November 15.



Annual Church Conference

Sunday, November 19, 2023

4:00 p.m.

Woodland UMC
1100 W. 15th St. N.,
Wichita, KS



DART Inaugural Covenant Assembly

November 9 | 6 p.m.
First Church Sanctuary

Many of you have had an opportunity to learn more about the new justice ministry DART is organizing in Sedgwick County. First Church will be hosting the Inaugural Covenant Assembly and Community Problems Assembly in our Sanctuary on November 9 beginning at 6 p.m. Please reach out to Pastor Rebecca with any questions. Invite friends and neighbors to this city-wide interfaith justice meeting. We hope to pack our Sanctuary for this very important assembly.

First Church Workday November 4

9 a.m. - Noon

The holidays are coming! We want our church home to be extra welcoming to our visitors and families during this important time of the year. To help prepare our space, the Building and Grounds Committee is hosting a workday on November 4, from 9 a.m. to noon. Projects will include polishing, dusting and minor repairs. Weather permitting, we may also clean flower beds outside. Contact Noah Naughton, Director of Facilities if you have a potential project you would like to see accomplished that morning. Coffee will be available in Meredith Hall to get your morning started.

Thank you for helping us prepare our church home for the holiday season!



OUR GIFTS

SEPT 2023 OFFERING

\$78,640.18

RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE

\$699,711.25

BUDGET YEAR-TO-DATE

\$793,778.41

EXPENSES YEAR-TO-DATE

\$836,557.22

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS

MISSIONS

\$1,305.00

RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE

\$15,594.90

CAPITAL FUNDS

\$115.00

RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE

\$2,788.75

ORGAN MAINTENANCE

FUND

\$0.00

RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE

\$1,020.00

TELEVISION MINISTRY

\$12,619.00

RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE

\$195,695.54

BUDGET YEAR-TO-DATE

\$236,025.99

EXPENSES YEAR-TO-DATE

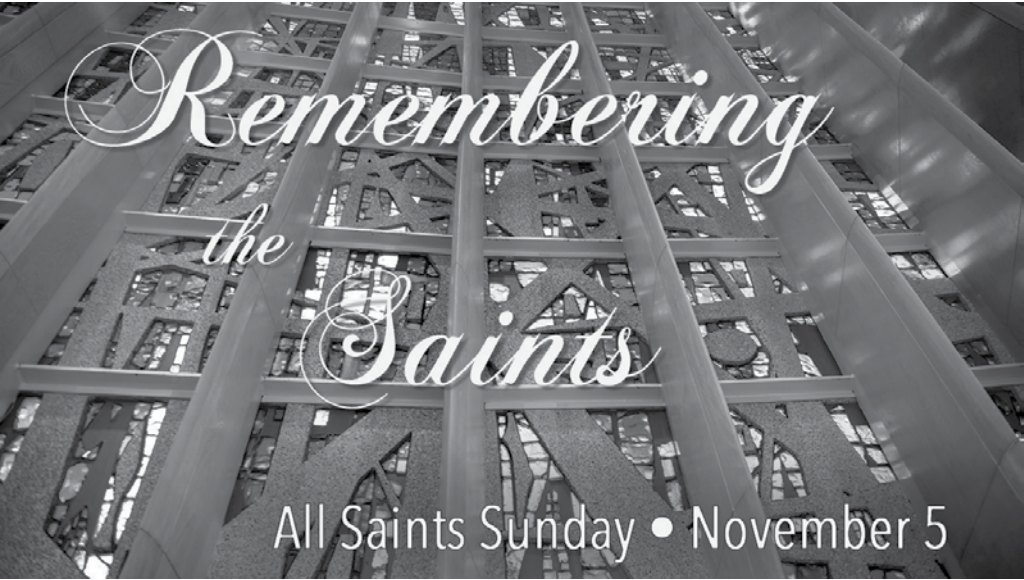
\$227,812.85

TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS

\$92,679.18

RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE

\$914,810.44



All Saints Day is celebrated on the first Sunday in November in United Methodist Churches. This day invites us to remember those members who have died in the past year. Proverbs notes, “the memory of a good person is a blessing.” This year we remember these members and we give thanks for their ministry and witness and service. We also give thanks for all of those saints who have gone before us and provide us a legacy of faith at First Church.

Jon Wilson Alberts
Carol Bacon
Harvey Beal
Gerald Beals
Jim Corfman
Margaret Deubner
Tom Gnefkow
Mary Granon
Lela Heacock
Memphis Hixson
Lois Jordan

Ellsworth Kauffman
Lynn Lunsford
Mary Maze
Calvin “Cal” McMillan
Mary Oakes
Bob Ream
Oscar Riblett
Shirley Ross
Beverly Stotts
William “Vic” Wright

OUR THANKS FOR YOUR GIFTS OF FAITH

MEMORIAL GIFTS

To give a gift in another’s memory is to express the respect and love that continues beyond death.

Between October 15, 2022 and October 15, 2023, memorial donations were made to honor the lives of loved ones. Those gifts were directed to a variety of church needs, representing interests of those who died or unique needs of the church:

Beverly Stotts
Ellsworth Kaufmann
Lois Jordan
Bob Ream
Gerald Beals
John S. Barker
Lynn Lunsford
Jon Alberts
Margaret Deubner

Youth Mission
TV Ministry
Undesignated
Undesignated
TV Ministry
TV Ministry
Undesignated
RNC
TV Ministry

We are grateful for these expressions of faith and love, represented by memorial and legacy gifts, which help us reach out to our community and world in mission, changing lives in Christ’s name.



United
Women
in Faith

United Women in Faith
November Meetings

■ United Women in Faith
Executive Board
Wednesday, November 8
10:30 a.m. | Room 101B

■ United Women in Faith
Circle Meeting
Wednesday, November 8
12:15 p.m. | Meredith Hall
We will have a luncheon so bring a meat, salad or dessert to share. Our program will be “Praying For One Another” from the UWF Program Manual.
There will be a Memorial Service for those who have passed within the last year and we will collect our World Thank Offering.

OUR FAMILY

We celebrate
the birth of:

Henry James
Morphis-McKirdy,
born to Rebecca
Morphis-McKirdy and
Andrew McKirdy,
grandparents, Dr. James
Douglas Morphis and
Gayle Morphis

We grieve the
deaths of

Lela Heacock, wife of
Chuck Heacock

Carol Bacon, wife of
Tommy Bacon

Jim Corfman

Wanda Goff, sister of
Nonie Hollowell

Mitchell Orebaugh,
father of Nika Orebaugh



We are having a great time in Youth Confirmation! In November we will take fieldtrips to St. George's Cathedral and Wesley Medical Center's Chapel. We appreciate your continued prayers for our 6 confirmands!

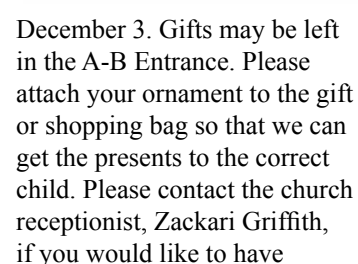


**THANKSGIVING
MISSION LUNCH**

NOVEMBER 19 • NOON

Families with children and youth are invited to meet in Meredith Hall for a pizza lunch. After lunch we will help set tables and make table decorations for the All Church Thanksgiving Dinner. Reach out to Pastor Rebecca if you plan on attending.

This year we will again be participating in the EmberHope Youthville “Christmas Connection”. This project provides foster children and their home siblings with something they want, something they need, something to wear and something to read. Christmas trees will be displayed in the A-B Entrance with ornaments to choose for as many children as you wish to adopt for “Christmas Connection”. Please select ornament(s) and then go shopping for the items on the list. Ornaments will also be available to pick up at the AB entrance beginning November 5. Please return unwrapped gifts to the church by



an ornament mailed to you. Monetary donations will also be accepted instead of shopping if you wish. Please help us share the joy of Christmas with the children of EmberHope Youthville.



Thanksgiving Drive Thru Donation Event

THANKSGIVING DRIVE THRU DONATION EVENT

TO BENEFIT OPEN DOOR

NOV. 11

9:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

FIRST CHURCH PARKING LOT



ITEMS MAY ALSO BE BROUGHT TO THE AB ENTRANCE ANY TIME!

Mark November 11 on your calendar with a large red circle so you won't forget to drive by the church with your food for the Open Door Thanksgiving collection! Volunteers will be at the AB entrance from 9:30

a.m. to Noon to take your food. The food will be used to create the "trimmings" boxes that will accompany the turkey given away to low-income families. Thanksgiving is the one holiday that Open Door gives a special

food box, so help make it great.

The following items are always appreciated—box stuffing, cake mixes and frosting, jello and pudding mixes, mac & cheese, pie fillings and crusts, canned sweet potatoes, canned cranberry sauce,

and canned vegetables.

If you can not make it on November 11, you can bring your items by the church earlier in the month or give a donation that will be used to purchase food.

Way to Go First Church!

In September our mission collection was feminine hygiene products. As a congregation we collected 6,988 tampons and 5,676 pads to the United Methodist Open Door for women in need.

*Thank you for
your generosity!*

Thanksgiving Mission Lunch | November 19 | Meredith Hall

Thanksgiving Mission Lunch

November 19

12:00 p.m.-1:30 p.m.

Meredith Hall

eat-in & to-go options available!

proceeds benefit our School Partnership Ministry

Invite your family and friends and join us for a delicious Thanksgiving Mission Lunch! We will be serving from 12:00-1:30 p.m. and featuring all your Thanksgiving favorites! You can choose to eat in Meredith Hall or you can opt to take your meals to go. You could also eat in Meredith Hall and choose to take some meals to go to share with someone special. Just be sure to make reservations for all your meals. Reservation forms will be available at the AB desk and in Sunday School classes. Reservations can also be made by calling the church and talking with the receptionist. Please turn in reservations no later than November 12. All proceeds from the luncheon will benefit our School Partnership Ministry.

Menu

Roasted Turkey
Gravy
Stuffing
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Cranberry Salad
Homemade Rolls
Pumpkin Pie Crunch

Class News & Notes

Double Ring

This past month, Double Ring teacher Jack Focht has continued his series on the book of Revelation. The letters Paul wrote to the seven churches are relevant for us as Christians today. Even churches who are active in serving as God’s hands and feet to help others can benefit from reminding themselves to take the time and effort to rekindle their passion for Christ that they felt when first following his path.

September 24, the class celebrated Jim and Sydney Aronis’ 74th wedding anniversary. Jill and Randy, their children joined the class, and we all celebrated with cake and coffee. Congratulations to Jim and Sydney!

October 1, Double Ring spent our class session celebrating Jack Focht’s remarkable achievement of teaching Sunday School classes at this church for over 50 years. The class members decorated the room and tables, brought breakfast dishes and treats, and set up displays with many photographs of class members celebrating together and Jack teaching the class. Wonderful stories about Jack were shared as well as how much we appreciate all he has done for the class. We calculated that he has taught over 2,500 lessons! We can’t thank Jack enough for the immense time and effort he has devoted to helping us strengthen our relationship with God and teaching us how to better follow the path Christ has set for us. Thanks to Pastors Amy and Rebecca for celebrating with us.

Hand in Hand with 50-50

We will continue Bart Ehrman’s “The Triumph of Christianity” in November. The titles of the lessons are “Early Opposition to the Christian Message,” Imperial Persecution of the Early Christians and Early Christian Apologists. Then we will take a break and study Adam Hamilton’s Advent book “Prepare the Way for the Lord.” Nov. 26-Dec. 24.

Our Mission Drive for Thanksgiving runs through November 11. Drop off non-perishable food from 9:30-Noon at the D entrance on November 11 during the drive thru event or bring to the church anytime before November 11.

Save November 9 at 6 p.m. to learn more about DART which is part of the Sedgwick County Multifaith Justice Organization (SCMJO). First Church will be hosting the Covenant Assembly in the Sanctuary.

***SAVE DECEMBER THE 9TH a Sat. afternoon for our Christmas Party at the Klaassen’s Club house. More details will be given closer to the time!

Inspire

Inspire would like to extend an invitation to join us for a weekly scripture reading and discussion in the Parlor. We meet at 9:45 to read and discuss the scripture being used in the weekly sermon. Inspire is geared towards young adults, but all are welcome to join us, and we would love to have you! If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Joseph Schumock, schumockj@gmail.com or Pastor Rebecca for more information!

People’s Open Door

People’s Open Door is a fellowship of believers who faithfully study the Bible book by book and right now we’re in the book of Luke. Barbara Simons is our capable leader and class discussion is lively as we discover what God has done and has planned for our lives. We welcomed two new members this month, Parker and Michelle are a welcome addition to our class, and we are already enjoying their lively spirits.

We are saddened that we have members with serious health issues but through prayer and medical miracles health is slowly being restored. We have members with family issues that keep them away from class and we pray those can be resolved soon. We are excited for our Fall social at the end of October!

Pneuma

Pneuma members took a Sunday to reflect and share concerns during a DART listening session led by our trained class members. Those who were able to attend said that it was a beneficial and worthwhile use of time. We are anxious to see how the process plays out within the community. As we continue into Fall and make our way to Advent, we are looking forward to Libby Eaton feeling well enough to teach a series of lessons on The Lord’s Prayer.

Pneuma Ladies met at the home of Jennifer Ream in October. Jean Artz will be our hostess in November. The Bishops will be hosting a Halloween gathering at their home. We have heard that Connie has been busy making their basement extra spooky. Although a date has yet to be set, it is hard to believe that it will soon be time for our annual Christmas progressive dinner.

Our Pneuma family has grown again by one with the birth of a grandson, Joseph Richard Thompson, to Shelley and Phil Davis. His parents are Kaylee and Jordan. That makes three granddaughters and two grandsons so far this year. What joy these babies bring to us! We were sorry to learn of the death of Lavonne Beadle’s brother who lived in Texas. Truly, the circle of life played out within our family.

May you enjoy His gift of this beautiful season. Blessings to you all!

Seekers

We have our RNC pecans ordered for holiday baking. We went to the Quilt Etc. Sale and have some neat Christmas gifts purchased. Now we are getting ready to celebrate the holidays!

Part of getting ready for the holidays is preparing your home for visitors and friends. The Seekers will be helping with small cleaning tasks at the Church on November 4. We are providing doughnuts and coffee for all in Meredith Hall before we get started cleaning.

The Seekers women had their last Tuesday night dinner for the year. They will begin again in January. ROMEOS will meet in November; watch for announcements of when and where.

Several Seekers attended Mosley Street Melodrama for dinner and a Halloween show. Our December social will be another dinner/theater experience. We will meet at Prairie Pines Playhouse on December 2 at 6:15. Please contact either Annette Schmidt or George Stover if you want to make a reservation.

Many Seekers will be helping Annette Schmidt and Vicki Tanner prepare for the All-Church Thanksgiving Dinner on November 19 so make your reservations for a great meal enjoyed with friends.

But what would the Seekers be without their great Sunday Church Class? Catechism for Adults, under the leadership of Dave Brant and Elsie Crickard has wrapped and we spent two Sunday with our DART facilitators, Kathy Strattman and Emily Peterson discussing what city-wide issues we would like to see addressed by DART. Plans are underway for an Advent Study in December. David Dinell will be leading a short study in November focusing on the geography of the Holy Land with scripture. Our lessons are varied and create great discussions. You are invited to join us for a cup of coffee and a thought-provoking lesson.

Calendar November @ First

1 Wednesday

9:00AM Quilters at First (Hand Quilting)-304D
10:00AM Apple Core - Zoom or 302B
11:00AM Quilters at First (Machine Work) - 300D
4:00PM Hospitality Committee - 302B
5:30PM Confirmation - 204A
5:45PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
6:00PM RNC Activities - 100D
7:00PM Bell Choir Practice - Bell Choir Room

2 Thursday

10:00AM Stephen Ministry Training - 103B
5:00PM Family Promise Class - 103B, Parlor, 200C, Nursery

3 Friday

4 Saturday

9:00AM Church Work Day – Meredith Hall

5 Sunday

9:00AM Religious Nurture Center Ministry - 100D
9:30AM Adult Sunday School Classes- Church Wide
9:30AM High School Sunday School - 200D, 201D
9:30AM K-5th Grade & Middle School SS - 106C,311C
9:30AM Nursery and Pre K - 200C, 201C
10:50AM Morning Worship - Sanctuary
12:30PM The Gathering - 103B

6 Monday

10:30AM Prayer Phoneline - Offsite
11:30AM Congregational Care Team - Library
12:30PM TV Volunteer Meeting – 106D

7 Tuesday

7:00PM Stephen Leader Meeting - Zoom

8 Wednesday

9:00AM Quilters at First (Hand Quilting)-304D
10:00AM Apple Core - Zoom or 302B
10:30AM United Women in Faith Executive Meeting - 101B
11:00AM Quilters at First (Machine Work) - 300D
11:30AM United Women in Faith Unit Meeting- Meredith Hall
5:30PM Confirmation - 204A
5:45PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
6:00PM RNC Activities - 100D
7:00PM Bell Choir Practice - Bell Choir Room

9 Thursday

10:00AM Bible Discussion Group - 101B
10:00AM Stephen Ministry Training - 103B
5:00PM DART Covenant Assembly - Sanctuary
8:00PM Forum “Ain’t Misbehavin” - Wilke

10 Friday

8:00PM Forum “Ain’t Misbehavin” - Wilke

11 Saturday

12:00AM Open Door Food Drive - D Entrance
8:00PM Forum “Ain’t Misbehavin” - Wilke

12 Sunday

9:00AM Religious Nurture Center Ministry - 100D
9:30AM Adult Sunday School Classes- Church Wide
9:30AM High School Youth Sunday School - 200D, 201D
9:30AM K-5th Grade & Middle School SS - 106C,311C
9:30AM Nursery and Pre K - 200C, 201C
10:50AM Morning Worship - Sanctuary
12:00PM Family Ministry Serve Day - Meredith Hall
12:30PM The Gathering - 103B
2:00PM Forum “Ain’t Misbehavin” - Wilke

13 Monday

10:30AM Prayer Phoneline - Offsite

14 Tuesday

15 Wednesday

9:00AM Quilters at First (Hand Quilting)-304D
10:00AM Apple Core - Zoom or 302B
11:00AM Quilters at First (Machine Work) - 300D
2:00PM Missions Meeting - 308B
5:30PM Confirmation - 204A
5:45PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
6:00PM RNC Activities - 100D
7:00PM Bell Choir Practice - Bell Choir Room

16 Thursday

10:00AM Stephen Ministry Training - 103B
5:00PM Family Promise Class - 103B, Parlor, 200C, Nursery
8:00PM Forum “Ain’t Misbehavin” - Wilke

17 Friday

8:00PM Forum “Ain’t Misbehavin” - Wilke

18 Saturday

8:00PM Forum “Ain’t Misbehavin” - Wilke

19 Sunday

9:00AM Religious Nurture Center Ministry - 100D
9:30AM Adult Sunday School Classes- Church Wide
9:30AM High School Sunday School - 200D, 201D
9:30AM K-5th Grade & Middle School SS - 106C,311C
9:30AM Nursery and Pre K - 200C, 201C
10:30AM All Church Thanksgiving Feast - Meredith Hall
10:50AM Morning Worship - Sanctuary
12:30PM Decking the Halls - Sanctuary
12:30PM Leadership Board Meeting - 101B
12:30PM The Gathering - 103B
2:00PM Forum “Ain’t Misbehavin” - Wilke
4:00PM Charge Conference - Offsite

20 Monday

10:30AM Prayer Phoneline - Offsite

21 Tuesday

22 Wednesday

9:00AM Quilters at First (Hand Quilting)-304D
10:00AM Apple Core - Zoom or 302B
5:45PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
7:00PM Bell Choir Practice - Bell Choir Room

23 Thursday

Happy Thanksgiving- Building Closed

24 Friday

BUILDING CLOSED

25 Saturday

26 Sunday

9:00AM Religious Nurture Center Ministry - 100D
9:30AM Adult Sunday School Classes- Church Wide
9:30AM High School Sunday School - 200D, 201D
9:30AM K-5th Grade & Middle School SS - 106C,311C
9:30AM Nursery and Pre K - 200C, 201C
10:50AM Morning Worship - Sanctuary
12:30PM The Gathering - 103B
12:30PM Wichita Choral Society - Sanctuary

27 Monday

10:30AM Prayer Phoneline - Offsite

28 Tuesday

6:30PM Stephen Ministry Supervision-302B Library

29 Wednesday

9:00AM Quilters at First (Hand Quilting)-304D
10:00AM Apple Core - Zoom or 302B
11:00AM Quilters at First (Machine Work) - 300D
12:00PM Poinsettia Delivery Pick-Up - 106B
5:30PM Confirmation-204A
5:45PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
6:00PM RNC Activities - 100D
7:00PM Bell Choir Practice - Bell Choir Room

30 Thursday

9:00AM Poinsettia Delivery Pick-Up - 106B
10:00AM Stephen Ministry Training - 103B



COMING IN WORSHIP

Coming in Worship

November 5
All Saints Sunday
“Gutsy Prayers” Week 1
1 Chronicles 4: 9-10
Rev. Amy Lippoldt

November 12
“Gutsy Prayers” Week 2
1 Kings 3: 4-14
Rev. Amy Lippoldt

November 19
“Gutsy Prayers” Week 3
Matthew 26: 38-41
Rev. Rebecca Goltry Mohr

November 26
First Sunday of Advent
“Deck the Halls”
Isaiah 40: 1-5
Rev. Amy Lippoldt

FIRST LIGHT

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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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Messiah, presented by the Wichita Choral Society
November 26, 2:00 p.m., First Church Sanctuary

The next concert in our “Great Music in a Great Space” series will be November 26, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. in the First Church Sanctuary. Join us for the Christmas portion of *Messiah* by George Frederic Handel, sung by the Wichita

Choral Society. They will be joined by instrumentalists to perform selections from all three parts of Handel’s *Messiah*. Admission is \$10 at the door. Several of our First Church Chancel Choir members are part of the Choral Society.



Flower Ministry
of First United Methodist
Church Sponsored by
Congregational Care Team

The season of Advent is the perfect time of year to reflect upon our many blessings, and the special people who have blessed us. One of the First Church traditions is to deliver poinsettias to our homebound at Christmas time, and we are so thankful for this long-standing ministry. 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 December 15. For your convenience, there are also forms available for completion at the AB desk.

Enclosed is \$_____ towards the Flower Ministry Fund.

Donor Name_____

Address_____ Zip Code_____

Phone Number_____

In Memory of_____

In Honor of_____

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 **FUMC with ‘Flower Ministry Fund’ in the memo.**



Pastor
Appreciation

It’s always fun to eat pie on a beautiful fall day with church members at Presbyterian Manor! Thank you for helping us celebrate Pastor Appreciation month!