



**THIS SUNDAY**  
Join us in October for worship  
and the series “The Big 10”,  
exploring the Ten Commandments.  
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.  
**October food collection:**  
**Canned Vegetables**

**FIRST**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
Life Outdoors

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

## Annual Quilt Sale October 20 and 21

If you are interested in previewing items for sale, visit the web site, [quiltersatfirst.com](http://quiltersatfirst.com). All the items are for sale year around.

We hope to see you on October 20  
from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. or  
October 21 from 10 p.m. to 3 p.m.  
Bring a friend and complete your  
holiday shopping early.

The quilting rooms in D building are  
bursting at the seams with hundreds  
of items to be displayed for sale  
in Wilke Family Center the third  
weekend of October. The Center  
is transformed into an explosion  
of color, textures, and patterns.  
Quilts of all sizes, baby and youth  
quilts, wall hangings, table runners,  
placemats, bibs, aprons, bags, and  
holiday décor items will be for sale.  
Vintage items that were donated to  
the Church are for sale. In addition to  
the sale, we will have a coffee shop  
serving fresh coffee and homemade  
goodies for a donation. The Coffee  
shop is located in the RNC at the  
entrance of D building. Parking  
is available right outside the door  
with direct access to the sale and  
no stairs to climb. Cash, checks,  
and credit cards are accepted. We  
have the “Square” this year which  
will facilitate card payments. All  
proceeds from this two day sale goes  
to First Church TV ministry and to  
the Religious Nurture Center.



## October Sermon Series “The BIG 10”

This month in worship our sermon  
series will focus on the book of Exodus  
and the Ten Commandments, the laws  
that God gave to the nation of Israel  
after the exodus from Egypt. These  
“BIG 10” can still offer direction to us  
today on how to be in relationship with  
God and with one another. We hope to  
see you in morning worship!



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 Oct. 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. Amy Lippoldt,  
Rev. Rebecca Goltry Mohr,  
David Brant

A Message from Amy

Dear First Church,

I’ve been busy meeting our neighbors! This is one of the fun things about moving to a new place, the chance to explore what’s going on around you. In the last few weeks, I have met with the pastor at City Life Church (which meets in the former First Baptist building across Broadway), the Vicar of St John’s Episcopal Church (caddy-corner to us) and the Major of the Salvation Army (also across Broadway from the church). I have plenty of more neighbors to meet but spending time with these three committed and talented leaders was a good start to get to know who is in the neighborhood.

For both City Life Church and the Episcopal Church I made sure to ask to see their sanctuaries. Partly this was because I love sanctuaries! But also, it was because I think a sanctuary gives the best clues as to the “vibe” of a church. And I discovered that City Life, St John’s Episcopal and First Church are all very different! Our sanctuary is actually the newest among the three. St John’s is from the 1880s and is full of dark wood carvings, classic stained glass windows and biblical symbolism everywhere. City Life is a very new church, not much more than a decade old, but their sanctuary was built in the late 40s and is very simple. Except for the two rose stained-

glass windows, it could be mistaken for a community auditorium. It even has theatre style seats rather than pews.

Of course, I am partial to the mid-century awesomeness of our sanctuary. I have really come to love that space, along with the Narthex and the Broadway entrance to the A building. It is all modern, yet retro, somehow both new and classic at the same time. It is both grand and inviting. It is different than any other sanctuary or building near to us.

It has me asking, “what else about First Church is different than any other church or building near to us?” We occupy unique real estate but I hope we also offer unique community and connection to people in Wichita. There is room for lots of different churches in this city, and in downtown. Our question is, who will want to come be a part of our kind of Christian community? How can we reach those who will best find a church home here, in our mid-century marvel? With the particular way we read the scriptures, with the ways we reach out in mission, with the way we follow Jesus, who can best find a home here?

These are not new questions, but they are imperative ones as we are in danger of not passing on our faith, our legacy, and our building to a new generation of Christians. I hope you will join me in praying for First

Command them to  
**DO GOOD**  
to be rich in  
**GOOD DEEDS**  
& to be  
**GENEROUS**  
& willing to  
**SHARE**  
*-1 Timothy 6:18*

**STEWARDSHIP 2024**  
**COMMITMENT SUNDAY: OCTOBER 29, 2023**  
*Watch your mail for more information!*

Church, that we will find a way to help new people enter our beautiful glass doors and find a home in this transcendent space on Broadway.

Amy



An Update on The Gathering

The Gathering worship service first started at Mead’s Corner sometime around 2007 as a way to reach a different population, one that would not be interested to come to worship in the Sanctuary on Sunday morning. For many years a faithful group met at Mead’s Corner. When Mead’s closed The Gathering moved to New Covenant UMC in Delano and then when COVID hit, The Gathering moved into the D building. All of those moves were difficult for the community and especially moving into the church building made it hard to reach folks in the way originally envisioned at Mead’s Corner. Additionally, personnel and leadership changes have made it hard to sustain momentum.



Beyond the band and staff, there have been 5-10 people regularly in attendance these last months.

After much conversation, prayer, and reflection, the Leadership Board, Rev. Amy Lippoldt, and the participants on Sunday nights have come to the decision to stop The Gathering as a worship service, effective September 24. Those who have attended the Gathering have been a faithful and caring community. We are grateful for their participation and ministry, and especially for the leadership of Kate Davis and Arthur McClendon. A whole lot of lives have been impacted and shaped by the ministry of The Gathering over these 16 years.

When we talked about hopes for The Gathering, one thing that was said clearly was people wanted a way to be in community with our unhoused neighbors. They see this as crucial to our discipleship. To that end, we are going to take a break during the month of October. But November 5, The Gathering will reconvene as a small group focused on Bible study and outreach to our unhoused neighbors. It will meet at 12:30 p.m. in Room 103B and everyone who is interested is welcome to come!

Seeing something end is never easy. If you have questions about this change, please reach out to Rev. Amy Lippoldt. We give thanks for what has been and ask God to bless what we might become in days ahead!

OUR GIFTS

AUGUST 2023 OFFERING  
\$45,374.41

RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE  
\$621,071.07

BUDGET YEAR-TO-DATE  
\$732,321.64

EXPENSES YEAR-TO-DATE  
\$764,516.45

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS  
MISSIONS  
\$3,790.50

RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE  
\$14,289.90

CAPITAL FUNDS  
\$115.00

RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE  
\$2,673.75

ORGAN MAINTENANCE  
FUND  
\$0.00

RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE  
\$1,020.00

TELEVISION MINISTRY  
\$14,132.00

RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE  
\$183,076.54

BUDGET YEAR-TO-DATE  
\$210,245.32

EXPENSES YEAR-TO-DATE  
\$216,454.14

TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS  
\$63,411.91

RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE  
\$822,131.26

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!

Annual Church Conference  
Sunday, November 19, 2023  
4:00 p.m.

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



Chancel Choir Soup Potluck Luncheon  
October 15 | 12:15 p.m. | Parlor

All Chancel Choir members and anyone interested in becoming a member of the choir is invited to this time of fellowship and food around the tables as we get to know each other better and look forward to the Fall season! Contact Don Gray for more information, [dong@firstwichita.org](mailto:dong@firstwichita.org).



Greeter Training/  
Appreciation Lunch

Sunday, October 8  
12:15 p.m. | Parlor

Please RSVP by calling  
the receptionist at: 316-267-6244



We love our greeters and want to show our appreciation for your service. If you are looking for a way to share your talents by making others feel valued and welcomed, come learn more by being a part of this event. A light lunch will be provided.

All current greeters and those interested, please make reservations by calling the church receptionist at 316-267-6244.



United  
Women  
in Faith

United Women in Faith  
Resumes this September

■ United Women in Faith  
Executive Board

Wednesday, October 11  
10:30 a.m., Room 101B

■ United Women in  
Faith Circle Meeting

Wednesday, October 11  
2:00 p.m. | Parlor  
The program will be, “Walking  
Together”, from the UWF  
Program Resource Manual.

■ District Annual Meeting  
Saturday, October 28  
8:30-3:00 p.m., Trinity UMC,  
El Dorado, KS

The Wichita East District of  
UWF has invited us (Wichita  
West) to join them for the  
District Annual Meeting.  
The program will be a Panel  
Discussion facilitated by Monte  
Vines, Attorney, on Systemic  
Racism and the Criminal Justice  
System.

Registration is \$15 and includes  
lunch. It will be held at Trinity  
United Methodist Church, 430  
Eunice, El Dorado, KS. 67042.  
For more info, call Nancy Dinell  
(316-258-0495).

OUR FAMILY

We celebrate  
the birth of:

Joseph Richard Thompson,  
born to Kaylee and  
Jordan Thompson,  
grandparents:  
Phil and Shelley Davis



# CONFIRMATION

Students 7th-12th grades

Classes begin:  
**October 4 | 5:30 p.m.**

Contact Pastor Rebecca for more information

## Confirmation Class Begins October 4 | 5:30 p.m.

Confirmation is for 7th-12th grade students who want to learn about their faith and confirm their baptismal vows. If you have a student at home or a grandchild who is curious about what it means to be a Christian in the United Methodist Church, contact Pastor Rebecca, [rebeccam@firstwichita.org](mailto:rebeccam@firstwichita.org).



### Third Grade Bibles

Congratulations to our 3rd graders who received Bibles in worship! Please pray for these students as they begin diving into God’s word.

Andrea Ponce  
Isaac Raymundo  
Mauro Rodriguez

Rylie Rushing  
River Vickery

## HALLOWEEN PARTY & MOVIE NIGHT

**OCTOBER 25 • WILKE FLC**  
**5:30-7:30 P.M.**

Dinner starts at 5:30 p.m., pumpkin decorating, caramel apple making, hot apple cider and a (not scary!) Halloween movie!





# World Communion Sunday

On October 1, we celebrate World Communion Sunday. On this day United Methodists, in conjunction with other denominations and believers worldwide, participate in communion to recognize our unity in Jesus Christ. World Communion Sunday is one of six special offerings mandated by the United Methodist Church. Your donations support racial and ethnic students in achieving their educational goals and transforming communities. 50% of the offering provides scholarships for graduate students from the U.S. and other countries.

35% supports racial and ethnic scholarships for students pursuing ordained ministry (deacon or elder) and includes a mentoring program. 15% funds Ethnic-In-Service Training Grant for leadership development, recruitment, training, and retention of ethnic United Methodist persons in leadership positions in every level of the church and its ministry. We encourage you to give by check, or our church website to this special offering and to remember racial and ethnic students called by God to serve the United Methodist Church.



## OCTOBER 1: WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

## DART Listening Sessions

If you have not had an opportunity to be part of the DART listening sessions and are interested in sharing your thoughts on what pressing issues break your heart in Wichita, KS. We invite you to meet at First UMC on October 12 at 1:30 p.m. or October 18 at 7:00 p.m. both in the church library, 302B. A trained justice leader will moderate a conversation and share with you about how this exciting new justice ministry works.

## Save the Date!

DART- Sedgwick County Multifaith Justice Organization (SCMJO), Inc.,  
Covenant Assembly at First United Methodist Church Sanctuary

**Thursday,  
November 9  
at 6 p.m.**

# Thanksgiving Food Drive Oct.1- Nov. 11

What do you look forward to eating at your Thanksgiving Dinner? Most of us include a special dish that is only served at the holidays. We cook for days preparing the feast. But there is a population in Wichita without the funds to buy special ingredients for their Thanksgiving meal. The United Methodist Open Door Food Ministry works to help these families by giving a special Thanksgiving food box complete with a turkey. But, in order to do this important service your help is needed. During the last two weeks of October and the first two weeks of November, First Church will be collecting non-perishable foods for the Thanksgiving Food Boxes. The turkeys are provided by USD 259 staff and students and corporations, but all the trimmings are needed. A drive through food drop off will also be held on Saturday, November 11 at the D entrance from 9:30 a.m. to noon. You may bring your donations to the church earlier if that date does not work for you. You may also donate by check with food drive in the memo or online through the Church's website or app. Your donations can put smiles on faces this Thanksgiving! Foods needed are: bread stuffing, canned sweet potatoes, canned cranberry sauce, pie filling/crust, cake mix/frosting, pudding mix, jello, jelly or jam, peanut butter, potato flakes, mac & cheese, ramen noodles.



## All the trimmings are needed

**Foods needed are: bread stuffing, canned sweet potatoes, canned cranberry sauce, pie filling/crust, cake mix/frosting, pudding mix, jello, jelly or jam, peanut butter, potato flakes, mac & cheese, ramen noodles.**

Double Ring

Double Ring teacher Jack Focht has recently discussed how religion first started, why people need God in their lives, and some of the world’s oldest religions. We learned how Abraham played a role in multiple religions. Jack is currently focusing on the Book of Revelation, which was written by John, to seven churches in Asia. He will continue this subject for several lessons. Jack also read a fun article by Garrison Keillor about Methodists to us. Here’s a small sample: “...I do believe this: People, these Methodists, who love to sing in four-part harmony are the sort of people you can call up when you’re in deep distress. If you’re dying, they will comfort you. If you are lonely, they’ll talk to you. And if you are hungry, they’ll give you tuna salad or a casserole. Methodists believe in prayer but would practically die if asked to pray aloud. Methodists like to sing, except when confronted with a new hymn or a hymn with more than six stanzas....”

We have enjoyed having visits from Pastors Amy and Rebecca to our class, which give us great opportunities to ask questions and get to know them better. Double Ringers always love having visitors. You are welcome to join us and have a cup of coffee!

Hand in Hand with 50-50

In October we will be studying on Justice Ministries aka Conflict Advice, a project undertaken by nearly 200 people from different walks of life and faith traditions. Our church is included as is all of Sedgwick County. A gathering coordinating Justice Ministries will be held at First Church and then classes can participate in discussions on the important social issues in our community.

Also in our plans are lessons on conflict avoidance by our student therapists from Friends University. A small group attended an excellent program after the Mission Lunch entitled “social skills.” They have several presentations to help us be kind and loving to others.

Several families from our class were at Camp Horizon in September. Others joined the Quantics for the Deer Park UMC work team that has helped this small church continue to thrive in Bailey, CO. Our class also participated in the Feminine Hygiene collection.

A Ladies Lunch is being planned for October 13 at Livingston’s Restaurant at 21st St. West and Webb Rd tentatively at noon. Further information can be attained by Jean Eby or Sawny Klaassen.

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 has opened another book of the Bible for study and deliberation. We started Luke on the first of September so it’s not too late to join us and catch up. Come grab a cup of coffee and open the pages of this wonderful book with us. We have also used the month of September to get better acquainted with our Methodist supported agencies. Several spent a day

at Camp Horizon working to ready the camp for winter and learn about the wonderful work Joel Wilke and his team do there for our young church members and friends. We also spent one afternoon with representatives from EmberHope (Youthville) at the Walk A Mile display at Mark Arts. What an eye opener about the lives of young girls growing up in Newton, KS at our residential site and in foster care all over KS. We are so blessed to have the outreach of the United Methodist Church and to be able to support them with other interested churches. We realize we don’t have to look very far to see how blessed we are in the Kingdom of God.

Pneuma

Pneuma has begun a series of lessons led by our teacher, Dan Lord, that are focused on Adam Hamilton’s book, “Seeing Gray in a World of Black and White”. During October, Evelyn Fisher will be bringing us information on DART and how a group, with representatives from forty churches, has formed to address the needs of our homeless population. Also in October, Libby Eaton will begin teaching a series of lessons on The Lord’s Prayer.

Pneuma was well represented at the Camp Horizon workday. We are grateful for Linda and Stuart Mack who were instrumental in organizing this event. We continue to have a number of Pneuma members volunteering at Open Door with the food ministries. We also have members who are tutoring and mentoring students at Park. If you check the choir loft, you will see at least a dozen Pneuma choir members sharing their gifts in worship.

Pneuma Ladies enjoyed the evening at the home of Connie Green in September. Jennifer Ream will be our hostess in October. We have been enjoying the fellowship opportunities organized and hosted by class members. Connie and Bob Bishop will be hosting a Halloween movie night for the whole class on the October 27. It will no doubt be a spooktacular event!

We hope you are all enjoying the beauty of this season and the bounty of His many blessings!

Seekers

Seekers are continuing to study what it means to be a Christian, Catechism for Adults, under the leadership of Dave Brant and Elsie Crickard. The Seekers class is a safe place to question, to ask for clarification and dig deeper into the Scriptures.

Both ROMEOS and Seeker’s women enjoyed eating together in local restaurants. The Seeker’s women will meet in October, but details have not been established. ROMEOS won’t meet again until November.

We met for a cookout at the Stover-Schmidt home in September featuring lawn games and ax-throwing. Thank you for making your gazebo and lawn available so that we could participate in our two favorite activities—eating and visiting! October 21, we are going to Mosley Street Melodrama to see “Nightmare of Mosley Street”. See Phyllis Schanbacher to reserve a ticket.

Many Seekers, are preparing for the Quilts Etc. Sale, October 20 and 21. Hundreds of handcrafted items will be for sale. Quilts of all sizes, aprons, table runners and placemats, will be displayed in Wilke FLC. Come enjoy the autumn vibe and prepare for the holidays with great gift ideas and décor items. All proceeds support the TV Ministry and Religious Nurture Center.

As always, we share the hurts, pains, and joys of our group. Please join us Sunday mornings as we pray and rejoice.



# Calendar October @ First Church

<b>1</b> 9:00 AM 9:30 AM 9:30 AM 9:30 AM  9:30 AM 10:50 AM 2:00 PM	<b>Sunday</b> Religious Nurture Center Ministry - 100D Adult Sunday School - Church Wide High School Sunday School - 200D, 201D K-5th Grade & Middle School SS - 106C,311C Nursery and Pre K - 200C, 201C Morning Worship - Sanctuary Forum Performance "Sweeney Todd" - Wilke	<b>10</b>  <b>11</b> 9:00 AM 10:00 AM 10:30 AM  11:00 AM  2:00 PM 5:45 PM  6:00 PM 7:00 PM	<b>Tuesday</b>  <b>Wednesday</b> Quilters at First (Hand Quilting)-304D Apple Core - Zoom or 302B United Women in Faith Executive meeting - 101B Quilters at First (Machine Work) - 300D UWF Circles - Parlor Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room RNC Activities - 100D Bell Choir Practice - Bell Choir Room	<b>21</b> 10:00 AM  <b>22</b> 9:00 AM 9:30 AM  9:30 AM  9:30 AM  9:30 AM 10:50 AM 3:00 PM	<b>Saturday</b> Quilters At First/Quilts etc. Sale- Wilke FLC  <b>Sunday</b> Religious Nurture Center Ministry - 100D Adult Sunday School Classes- Church Wide High School Sunday School - 200D, 201D K-5th Grade & Middle School SS - 106C,311C Nursery and Pre K - 200C, 201C Morning Worship - Sanctuary Great Music in a Great Space - Sanctuary
<b>2</b> 10:30 AM	<b>Monday</b> Prayer Phoneline - Offsite		<b>Thursday</b> Forum Rehearsal - Wilke Stephen Ministry Training - 103B		
<b>3</b> 7:00 PM	<b>Tuesday</b> Stephen Leader Meeting - Zoom	<b>12</b> 12:00 AM 10:00 AM	<b>Friday</b>	<b>23</b> 10:30 AM	<b>Monday</b> Prayer Phoneline - Offsite
<b>4</b> 9:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM 4:00 PM 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 Hospitality Committee Meeting - 302B Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room RNC Activities - Chicken N' Pickle Bell Choir Practice - Bell Choir Room	<b>13</b>  <b>14</b>  <b>15</b> 9:00 AM  9:30 AM  9:30 AM  9:30 AM 9:30 AM 9:30 AM 9:30 AM 10:50 AM 12:15 PM	<b>Saturday</b>  <b>Sunday</b> Religious Nurture Center Ministry - 100D Adult Sunday School Classes- Church Wide Core High School Sunday School - 200D, 201D K-5th Grade & Middle School SS - 106C,311C Nursery and Pre K - 200C, 201C Morning Worship - Sanctuary Chancel Choir Soup Potluck Luncheon- Parlor	<b>24</b> 6:30 PM  <b>25</b> 9:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM 5:30 PM 5:45 PM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM	<b>Tuesday</b> Stephen Ministry Supervision-302B Library  <b>Wednesday</b> Quilters at First (Hand Quilting)-304D Apple Core - Zoom or 302B Quilters at First (Machine Work) - 300D Halloween Party - Wilke FLC Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room RNC Halloween Party - 100D Bell Choir Practice - Bell Choir Room
<b>5</b> 10:00 AM 5:00 PM  8:00 PM	<b>Thursday</b> Stephen Ministry Training - 103B Family Promise Class - 103B, Parlor, 200C, Nursery Forum Performance "Sweeney Todd" - Wilke			<b>26</b> 10:00 AM	<b>Thursday</b> Stephen Ministry Training - 103B
<b>6</b> 8:00 PM	<b>Friday</b> Forum Performance "Sweeney Todd" - Wilke	<b>16</b> 10:30 AM	<b>Monday</b> Prayer Phoneline - Offsite	<b>27</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>7</b> 8:00 PM	<b>Saturday</b> Forum Performance "Sweeney Todd" - Wilke	<b>17</b> 5:30 PM	<b>Tuesday</b> TV Ministry Committee Meeting - 101B	<b>28</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
<b>8</b> 9:00 AM 9:00 AM 9:30 AM  9:30 AM  9:30 AM  9:30 AM 10:50 AM 12:15 AM 2:00 PM	<b>Sunday</b> Double Ring Event Religious Nurture Center - 100D Adult Sunday School Classes- Church Wide High School Sunday School - 200D, 201D K-5th Grade & Middle School SS - 106C,311C Nursery and Pre K - 200C, 201C Morning Worship - Sanctuary Greeter Training - Parlor Forum Performance "Sweeney Todd" - Wilke	<b>18</b> 9:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM 2:00 PM 5:45 PM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM  <b>19</b> 10:00 AM 5:00 PM	<b>Wednesday</b> Quilters at First (Hand Quilting)-304D Apple Core - Zoom or 302B Quilters at First (Machine Work) - 300D Missions Meeting - 308B Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room RNC Activities - 100D Bell Choir Practice - Bell Choir Room	<b>29</b> 9:00 AM 9:30 AM  9:30 AM  9:30 AM  9:30 AM 10:50 AM 12:30 PM	<b>Sunday</b> Religious Nurture Center - 100D Adult Sunday School Classes- Church Wide High School Sunday School - 200D, 201D K-5th Grade & Middle School SS - 106C,311C Nursery and Pre K - 200C, 201C Morning Worship - Sanctuary Leadership Board Meeting - 101B
<b>9</b> 10:30 AM	<b>Monday</b> Prayer Phoneline - Offsite	<b>20</b> 10:00 AM	<b>Thursday</b> Stephen Ministry Training - 103B Family Promise of Wichita: Class - 103B, Parlor, 200C, Nursery	<b>30</b> 10:30 AM	<b>Monday</b> Prayer Phoneline - Offsite
			<b>Friday</b> Quilters At First/Quilts etc. Sale- Wilke FLC	<b>31</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>



COMING IN WORSHIP

October 1  
World Communion Sunday  
"The Big 10" Week 1  
Exodus 20: 1-6  
Rev. Amy Lippoldt

October 8  
"The Big 10" Week 2  
Exodus 20: 7  
Rev. Amy Lippoldt

October 15  
"The Big 10" Week 3  
Exodus 20: 8-11  
Rev. Rebecca Goltry Mohr

October 22  
"The Big 10" Week 4  
Exodus 20: 12  
Rev. Amy Lippoldt

October 29  
Commitment Sunday  
"The Big 10" Week 5  
Exodus 20: 13-17  
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](mailto:firstlight@firstwichita.org). Please include your name, phone number and e-mail address when submitting material.

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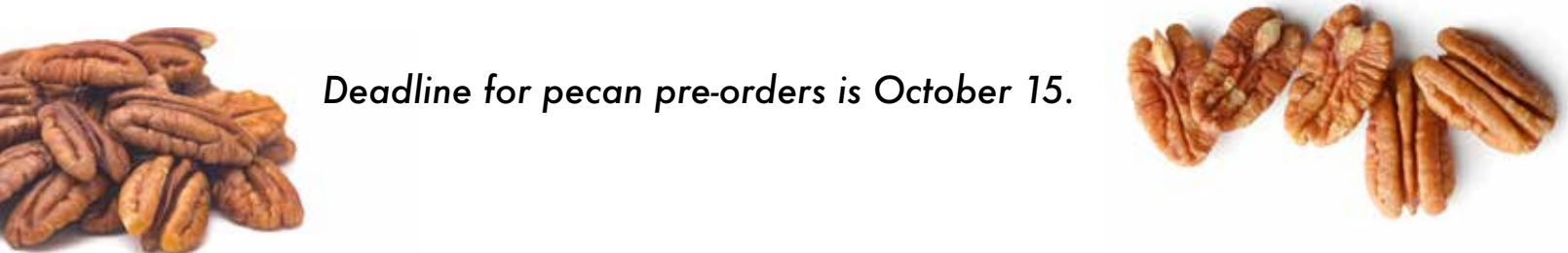
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# Religious Nurture Center Pecan Fundraiser

In support of the Religious Nurture Center (RNC) ministry that supports adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities, the RNC Council is once again selling pecans. Letters with ordering information will be mailed the week of September 18 to individuals who have purchased in the past. The 2022 fundraiser was our most successful year to date with a net profit of more than \$2200 and over 500 bags of pecans sold. Proceeds are used to help our members enjoy multiple activities throughout the year including Forum Theatre holiday show, bowling and pizza party, Wichita Wind Surge baseball game, and bring in guest performers such as musicians and magicians on Wednesday evenings.

All pecan varieties are \$12 a bag and options include: 16 oz bags for all regular pecans- mammoth halves, medium pieces, small pieces. 10 oz bags for pecan clusters and 12 oz bags for chocolate covered pecans. Order forms will be available in the AB entrance and in the Religious Nurture Center (100D) starting September 24.



Deadline for pecan pre-orders is October 15.

*Born to Shine*

**NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY**

**WORSHIP**

**October 8 | 2:00 p.m.**  
**Calvary UMC, 2525 N. Rock Road**

All are welcome to this event organized by several area United Methodist churches including First Church. There will be an hour of worship followed by fellowship time for those who identify as LGBTQIA and their allies.

Join us at Calvary United Methodist Church, 2525 N. Rock Road, Sunday, October 8 at 2:00 p.m.

**Great Music in a Great Space – Romantic Germans**  
**October 22 | 3:00 p.m. | Sanctuary**

The first musical offering for the series “Great Music in a Great Space” will be on October 22, 2023, at 3:00 p.m., and will feature Bryan Mock in concert on the grand organ in the Sanctuary. The music will be from Germany in the 1800s, including Liszt, Brahms, Mendelssohn, and others. The concert is free to the public. You are encouraged to bring family and friends to celebrate the glorious music of the pipe organ. A free-will offering will be collected to benefit the maintenance of the Schantz organ.

**Dr. Bryan Mock**  
on the Schantz Organ  
**October 22 • 3 p.m. • Sanctuary**  
*Musical selections from 1880's Germany*  
free-will offering - Schantz organ maintenance