

# FIRST LIGHT

SEPTEMBER 2023

## THIS SUNDAY

Join us in September for worship as we delve into the Bible for the series "Word: the Power of Scripture". 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. The Gathering meets at 5:00 p.m. in the Student Center (2D).

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## FEED THE HUNGRY

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

September food collection:  
Tuna

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in downtown Wichita.



## First Church Goes to Camp!

Join your First Church family for a day of fun at Camp Horizon. There will be mission projects, worship, meals and fellowship! Projects/activities begin Saturday, September 9

at 9 a.m. Lunch will be served at noon (\$15 per person) then at 5 p.m. we will gather for worship, followed by a bonfire with hot dogs and smores! Please register at [firstwichita.org/](http://firstwichita.org/)

horizon. If you would like to stay Friday night, please make arrangements directly with Camp Horizon. Contact Stuart Mack or Pastor Rebecca for more information. All ages welcome!

## WORD: The Power of Scripture September Sermon Series

**September 10**  
"WORD: The Purpose  
of Scripture"  
Psalm 1

**September 17**  
"WORD: The Reliability  
of Scripture"  
Isaiah 55: 1-11

**September 24**  
"WORD: The Authority  
of Scripture"  
Matthew 4: 1-10

**WORD**  
the Power of Scripture



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 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 Sept.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

From Pastor Amy

*“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.” (2 Cor 1:3-10)*

The phone rang in my office, it was Zack, the receptionist, telling me there was someone downstairs who wanted a pastor to pray with them. I went downstairs. A man had come in through the Broadway doors (which helpfully let us know they were unlocked!) He had a huge bag he was lugging around and his appearance made me think he is currently living on the street.

He started in with his story. It was long, rambling, and included a lot of theories that were hard for me to follow or understand along with a fair amount of paranoia. More than once I wondered “where is this headed? How do I ensure he stays calm?” I was thankful we were sitting close to Zack’s desk who could back me up if things got really weird.

The man told me how difficult his current relationship is. He mentioned several stints in prison. What in the world was I going to be able to offer him? About 15 minutes in he told me how his family had betrayed him and terrible decisions his parents made 20 years ago that forever altered his life.

He started to cry. All of a sudden, God broke open my heart and instead of worrying if I was safe, I saw in front of me the boy he must have been at 16, hurt by the people supposed to protect him, left with very few options, thrust into the criminal justice system, and all alone. He was sobbing now. The pain of that hurt so many years ago still so fresh.

Embarrassed by his own emotion, he got up to leave. I grabbed his hand and told him I wanted to pray for him. I asked for God’s protection, for God’s guidance, for God’s healing for him. I asked for comfort and help. What he needed was so much more than I could offer. I sent him out the door with all the same problems he had when he walked in. I hope he felt seen and heard. I hope he felt a tiny bit of God’s love as we talked. It doesn’t feel like enough. But it’s what I have to give.

Being at First Church means an up-close encounter with the people in our city who are at the very bottom of the ladder, with the fewest resources, with the most trauma. So many of you have told me that your heart



breaks with compassion as you see the struggle of the unhoused. I’m glad for that, because it breaks my heart too. Many of you are responding with generosity of money and time thorough Open Door and other helping agencies. Others are getting involved in the DART justice initiative to work toward addressing root causes. I’m so grateful for both of these things. And I’m grateful that in a small encounter this week God helped me really see the person in front of me and feel his hurt. I pray I responded in a way that honored his struggle. I pray for his healing. I pray for God to renew my compassion so I will have more and more to give to anyone who needs a prayer.



Happy Labor Day! The church building will be closed Monday, September 4 in observance of the holiday.

OUR GIFTS

JULY 2023 OFFERING  
\$58,777.52

RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE  
\$575,696.66

BUDGET YEAR-TO-DATE  
\$635,687.30

EXPENSES YEAR-TO-DATE  
\$667,791.27

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS  
MISSIONS  
\$250.00

RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE  
\$10,499.40

CAPITAL FUNDS  
\$130.00

RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE  
\$2,428.75

ORGAN MAINTENANCE  
FUND  
\$0.00

RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE  
\$1,020.00

TELEVISION MINISTRY  
\$17,006.52

RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE  
\$168,944.54

BUDGET YEAR-TO-DATE  
\$182,964.65

EXPENSES YEAR-TO-DATE  
\$195,727.42

TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS  
\$76,164.04

RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE  
\$758,719.35

First Church involvement in  
DART- Wichita Justice Ministry

See, I am doing a new thing!  
Now it springs up; do you not  
perceive it? I am making a way  
in the wilderness and streams in  
the wasteland. (Isaiah 43:19)

God is doing a new thing in Sedgwick County! A multifaith justice organization is forming now, and First Church is invited to be a part of this new justice ministry. This organization will join together congregations from multiple faith traditions to identify where people are suffering in our community and to research some viable and proven solutions to fix those problems. On November 9, 2023 we will gather a large interfaith group together from across Sedgwick County faith communities for the Covenant Assembly, where we will choose our top three priorities and launch a new justice ministry. Then next spring, after extensive research is done and solutions are found, we'll gather together to use the power of a large group to ask our elected leaders to implement those solutions.

What might God accomplish if 40 congregations worked together to end homelessness? Or expand mental health care? Or reduce gun violence? Or create affordable housing? When our different voices are gathered into one loud voice, we become



too big to be ignored, and change will happen. This model of faith-based organizing has been used by faith communities throughout the U.S., and the results are incredible. If you want to learn more about the DART process (Direct Action and Research Training), you can read more on their website - <https://thedartcenter.org/>.

For our congregation to be involved, we need participants who will engage in listening sessions throughout the **month of October**. Trained leaders from First Church will help lead us through this listening process, that involves **three listening sessions**. There are trained leaders from each of the Sunday School classes and different existing groups at First Church. Our church will use the Sunday School hour as the primary means of accomplishing listening sessions, but there will be other times available for people to participate who are not connected

in a class. After our listening sessions are all complete, we will submit our findings to DART organizers, and they will compile a list notating the top issues that were heard throughout listening sessions across all the participating congregations.

On November 9th, the top three issues will be revealed at the Covenant Assembly! (*details on where and time will be shared soon*) It is exciting to be part of this movement that is larger than just one church, and it is also incredible to have each voice from our congregation represented through facilitated listening. My hope and prayer is that you will participate with an open and authentic spirit and that the matters that break your heart will be heard and that together we can rally as one voice united seeking justice for Wichita. If you have questions about this process, please contact Rev. Rebecca Mohr ([rebeccam@firstwichita.org](mailto:rebeccam@firstwichita.org)).

OUR FAMILY

We celebrate  
the birth of:

Margot Kay Willome,  
granddaughter of  
Mike and Rhonda Willome

We celebrate  
the baptism of:

Victoria Lopez Esparza,  
daughter of Manuel and  
Karina Lopez

We welcome  
new members:  
Matthew Daylor  
Zackari & Allison Griffith  
Michele Murray  
Matt Sandbulte

We mourn  
the deaths of:

Harvey Beal,  
husband of Peggy Beal

Margaret Deubner

United Women in Faith  
Resumes this September



United  
Women  
in Faith

■ United Women in Faith  
Expanded Executive Board  
Wednesday, September 13  
10:30 a.m., Room 101B

■ United Women in Faith Unit Meeting  
Wednesday, September 13, 2023  
12:15 p.m., Meredith Hall  
We will be enjoying a potluck meal.  
Please bring a meat, salad or dessert to share.

Cathy Holley and Vicki Miller will share a presentation from the New Covenant Life Support Center about their community giving program. There will be items available for purchase that support their program. Plan to bring some money and start your Christmas shopping early.

■ United Women in Faith  
Annual Meeting  
Friday, September 15 – 3:30-8:00 p.m.  
Saturday, September 16 – 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

McPherson First United Methodist Church  
Bishop David Wilson will be one of the speakers and there will be a celebration of Worship with Communion. Please contact Nancy Dinell (316-258-0495) for registration information. Registration is due by September 9.

We are United Women in Faith so ALL women are invited. Please bring your friends!





**Third Grade Bibles**  
Sunday, September 10 | Morning Worship

We are excited to present Bibles to our third graders! Every year, First Church provides all third graders with their very own Bible as a tool to continue to build their faith. This can provide an opportunity for individual as well as family Bible study and discipleship growth. Bibles will be presented on Sunday, September 10 during morning worship. If you have a third grader or if you have an older student that did not previously receive their children’s Bible, please contact Pastor Rebecca, [rebeccam@firstwichita.org](mailto:rebeccam@firstwichita.org).



**RNC/ People’s Bible Study Annual Summer Party**

People’s Bible Study celebrated 20 years of hosting the annual Summer Party for 46 attendees representing the Religious Nurture Center. With a room full of inviting beach theme decorations, the generous members of the People’s Bible Study hosted an evening of fantastic entertainment. RNC members dined on grilled hamburgers and pork chop dinner with ice cream for dessert. All enjoyed Bingo, complete with a mountain of prizes to win. Special guest, Puddles the Clown even entertained requests to make everyone a memorable twisted balloon. We finished the evening with a live concert. Thank you to the People’s Bible Study for your support of the Religious Nurture Center!





*Take me out to the ball game!*

**WIND SURGE GAME**  
**SEPTEMBER 13**  
**7:00 P.M.**

CONTACT MATTHEW SCHROCK TO RESERVE YOUR TICKETS (\$5 EA.)  
[MATTS@FIRSTWICHITA.ORG](mailto:MATTS@FIRSTWICHITA.ORG)

**First Church Night at the Wind Surge Game | September 13 | 7:00 p.m.**

Religious Nurture Center and Family Ministry will be hosting a First Church event at Riverfront Stadium to watch a Wichita Wind Surge Baseball Game on Wednesday, September 13 at 7 p.m. Cost for First Church members to attend is a \$5 donation per ticket. Please e-mail/call/text Matthew Schrock, Director of Religious Nurture Center

[matts@firstwichita.org](mailto:matts@firstwichita.org), 316-207-2244 to reserve your tickets by September 12. You can bring payment to the game (cash or check to First Church with RNC in the memo). Tickets will be available at 6:15 p.m. at the Delano Entrance to Riverfront Stadium. Please contact Matthew Schrock with questions.







## Save the Date

### Greeter Training

Attention Current Greeters and  
Anyone Interested in Greeting  
Be sure to Save the Date:  
October 8  
12:15 - 1:30 p.m.  
Light Lunch Will Be Served

## SUPPORT FOR MAUI

An UMCOR grant is providing food, water, hygiene items and tools to help survivors recover belongings. As first responders continue to provide initial aid, join us in prayer and support for the people of Maui in the aftermath of wildfires.

Support relief and recovery efforts  
by donating to UMCOR.




## Deer Park Work Team

### September 21-25

This month First Church will be sending a work team to Deer Park UMC in Bailey, Colorado to work on various church upkeep tasks. For over twenty-five years, members of First Church have traveled to Colorado in the fall to work with this small congregation. Please be in prayer for this team as they work with the Deer Park congregation.

## Maui Disaster Relief

When disaster strikes United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) can be counted on to be on the ground with assistance for the short and long term. We are collecting a special offering for disaster relief in Maui through UMCOR. You can give online at [firstwichita.org](https://firstwichita.org) or by cash or check, by designating your offering, "Maui relief".

# SEPTEMBER

## Mission Collection

### Feminine Hygiene Products



## September Mission Collection Feminine Hygiene Products

During the month of September, our special mission collection will be feminine hygiene products. Please place donations in the collection bin in the A-B Entrance. Monetary donation can also be donated by designating "Feminine Hygiene Products" in the memo of your check. Donations will be distributed to those in need through Open Door. Thank you for your support!



Class News & Notes

Double Ring

Long-time Double Ring Class member Victor Wright passed away on July 10, and numerous class members attended his funeral on July 22. Our teacher Jack Focht has recently conducted lessons about the reasons that have divided the Methodist Church in recent years, and the practical and logistical challenges which are involved when some of our churches leave our organization. During the lessons, Jack also focused on the teachings of Paul to the young Christian churches about how they should not create divisiveness within their churches. He has also been reviewing the early history of John Wesley founding the Methodist Church, and Wesley’s 22 Questions of Self-Examination. Class members who were not raised as children in the Methodist Church have shared how they came to join our church. It was wonderful to hear their stories! Jack also gave a very interesting class about music in the Methodist Church, including the contributions from John and Charles Wesley, and beautiful African American spirituals. We enjoyed learning about Wesley’s directions for singing found at the front of our Methodist Hymnals.

Class member Carolyn Vosburg told our class about her mission trip to Honduras, where she and other volunteers provided used reading glasses they had collected from their communities. Double Ring provided numerous eyeglasses for this project. They saw 386 patients and delivered Bibles. Three or four people came to Christ during services which were held. We are so grateful for the mission work that Carolyn and other members of our class and church do to serve others. Newcomers to our church are always welcome to attend our 9:30 a.m. classes, have a cup of coffee, learn more about the Bible, and get to know some of our church members much better! Our classes really help make this church a wonderful spiritual home!

**Hand in Hand with 50-50**

Well, we didn’t continue our study of “The Triumph of Christianity” in August. Instead, class members brought favorite scriptures and then they were discussed. Lively conversation ensued.

We will continue with class members bringing scriptures they want to discuss in September and then decide what our course of study will take be in the fall. Several ideas have been suggested.

We did finally have our July social on August 12 in Ken and Bonnie Jo’s new home at Reflection Ridge. We had a wonderful turnout and a great time being together. Following our fellowship time which included a visit by Pastor Amy and her husband, Matt, the class members enjoyed dinner in the party room. It was great to have time to sit and dine. There was more—many went to the movie “Parent Trap” in the theatre, while others went on home after a delightful time, or stayed and talked to members who aren’t in class often. Thank you, Ken and Bonnie Jo!

We were excited about the Mission Lunch held on August 27. The proceeds went to support the Mission Trip to Bailey, CO where the Quantics “summer and fall”. Their church is currently without a pastor, so Diane even preached one Sunday. The work team will help fix up the church and enjoy the turning of the aspen leaves! The dates are September 21-25. Call or e-mail Diane Quantic if you are interested.

I’m sure some members will also take part in the work team/visit to Camp Horizon on September 8-9. It should be a lovely fall gathering.

**Inspire**

Inspire invites you to join us for an open conversation surrounding the scripture being read in each week’s sermon. We invite you to read, discuss, and ask questions with us as we join together on this journey, we call life. We are geared towards younger adults, but age is just a number, so feel free to join us if you want to, we’d love to welcome you this Sunday!

**People’s Open Door**

As summer draws to a close we look back and are thankful that our area avoided stormy weather this year but did receive the blessing of rainfall to ease the plight of consuming drought. Class members have been traveling for fun and health related issues this summer and we are glad to report that all are home and doing well. We pray for class members and their caregivers as they continue to gain strength and return to good health. We finished our study of Galatians in August and the first Sunday of September will begin a study of Luke led by our capable teacher Barbara Simons. We were blessed to have Pastor Amy visit our class and share in our lesson. Join us to do this in-depth study in Room 101B at 9:30 every Sunday.

*Due to unexpected circumstances, the Koinonia alumni get-together in September has been cancelled until another time.*

In September we will go to Mark Arts to explore the Walk A Mile exhibit from EmberHope. We know we will be enlightened by the amazing stories these young people share about their struggles and how they are attempting to overcome their past and be good citizens in our ever-changing world.

Pneuma

Pneuma has been reflecting on what it means to be grounded in the middle in our theology and life practices. Dan referred to Father Chris Harris who describes the “middle” as people who work to build an ever-larger table, or body of Christ, with a mission to love and serve. The question asked was, “How can we build skills to ground ourselves in love and service?” Another week, Evelyn and Dan led the class as they looked at being grounded in the middle as it pertains to our understanding of God. Evelyn noted that anytime we use words to express, think about, or talk about our understanding of God, we become a theologian. Sometimes our childhood view of God is not the view we have as adults, as experiences in life may influence how we view God. Dan asked that we investigate and consider whether or not our daily life actions reflect our personal theology. As we continued to look at “the middle way”, we appreciated the expertise of our class member, Jann Highfill, as she addressed the topic from an economic point of view. She stated that there has to be a case made for middle of the road in economics as change is slow. It is difficult for people in the middle to lower economic classes to recover from significant mistakes. Justice and mercy are areas in the church which encompass economics. As to the idea of fairness, is fairness even possible in human existence? Yet, the concept of fairness is a struggle many have in life.

Pneuma members are planning to participate in the work weekend at Camp Horizon, September 8 and 9. Class members will also be helping with the mission lunch on August 27 that will support the work team to Bailey, Colorado. Thank you to Tammy Bigelow for hosting Pneuma Ladies in July and Laura Sherard in August. We will gather at the home of Connie Green in September. While the ladies are enjoying their time together, the men can be found at Ziggy’s enjoying their time together. Those who could, met at Freddy’s for our August after church lunch. A number of members are hosting gatherings in their homes and other locations in an effort to have a chance to fellowship in smaller groups. Hosts in August seemed to have a common focus on food with activities including Milk Float, gathering at homes for pizza, a cookout, and tacos. September hosts are planning six different activities.

We rejoice in the expansion of our Pneuma family with the addition of two grandchildren. Noah Kent Sherard was born on July 18 to parents, Max and Tracy. His proud grandparents are Laura and Brad. On August 10, Margot Kay Willome, daughter of Gracie and John, arrived. Margot was welcomed by her proud grandparents, Rhonda and Mike.

**Seekers**

Goodbye Summer, hello Fall! Fall always seems like the “first of the year.” I imagine it is all those days of formal school.

The Seekers attended a summer concert at Botanical Gardens, a baseball game at River Front Park and enjoyed ice cream with all the toppings at the Oswald’s. In August we met in Hutchinson for a meal at Texas T-Bone Steakhouse. We filled the summer with fun with our Seeker’s family. A trip to Top Golf is planned for September.

Sunday Church Class is being co-led by Dave Brant and Elsie Crickard on “Catechism for Adults.” We are learning lots and enjoying the two different teaching styles. Members are encouraged to sign up for an opportunity to share a short devotional with the class after announcements.

ROMEOS and Seeker Ladies will continue the tradition of a monthly meal out this fall. Watch the weekly announcements for details.

Dick and Diane Elder spent their last Sunday in Kansas with us, the choir, and the bell choir. We will miss them a great deal but know they look forward to spending more time with their family.

Most of the Seekers have had two opportunities to visit with Rev. Amy in a more relaxed atmosphere—“Coffee with Amy” and her visit to the Seekers Class. We are excited to have her and Matt at First.

Seekers that have experienced loss of loved ones, medical issues and unspoken needs, we remember you and pray for you.

You are invited to check us out. We have great class teachers, warm inclusive fellowship, and strive to take the Church to the world outside the building in which we call home.



# Calendar September @ First Church

<b>1</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	8:00 PM	Forum Performance "Sweeney Todd" Wilke
<b>2</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>		
<b>3</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 AM	Quilters at First (Hand Quilting)-304D	<b>22</b>	<b>Friday</b>
9:00 AM	Religious Nurture Center Ministry - 100D	10:00 AM	Apple Core - Zoom or 302B	8:00 PM	Forum Performance "Sweeney Todd" Wilke
9:30 AM	Adult Sunday School- Church Wide	10:30 AM	United Women in Faith Executive Meeting - 101B		
9:30 AM	Core High School Youth Sunday School - 200D, 201D	11:00 AM	Quilters at First (Machine Work)-300D	<b>23</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
9:30 AM	Core Kids K-5th Grade & Middle School SS - 106C,311C	11:30 AM	United Women in Faith Unit Meeting Meredith Hall	9:00 AM	Jon Alberts Celebration of Life - Sanctuary
9:30 AM	Nursery and Pre K - 200C, 201C	5:45 PM	Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary	8:00 PM	Forum Performance "Sweeney Todd" Wilke
10:50 AM	Worship - Sanctuary	6:00 PM	RNC Activities - 100D		
5:00 PM	The Gathering - 201D - Youth Center	7:00 PM	Bell Choir - 305A Music Library	<b>24</b>	<b>Sunday</b>
		7:00 PM	Wind Surge Game- Riverfront Stadium	9:00 AM	Religious Nurture Center Ministry - 100D
<b>4</b>	<b>Monday Labor Day</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>Thursday</b>		
	<b>BUILDING CLOSED</b>	10:00 AM	Stephen Ministry Training - 103B	9:30 AM	Adult Sunday School - Church Wide
<b>5</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Friday</b>	9:30 AM	High School Sunday School - 200D, 201D
7:00 PM	Stephen Leader Meeting - Zoom			9:30 AM	Kids K-5th Grade & Middle School SS - 106C,311C
<b>6</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Saturday</b>		
9:00 AM	Quilters at First (Hand Quilting)-304D			9:30 AM	Nursery and Pre K - 200C, 201C
10:00 AM	Apple Core - Zoom or 302B	<b>17</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	10:50 AM	Worship- Sanctuary
11:00 AM	Quilters at First (Machine Work) - 300D	9:00 AM	Religious Nurture Center Ministry - 100D	12:30 PM	Leadership Board Meeting - 101B
4:00 PM	Hospitality Committee Meeting	9:30 AM	Adult Sunday School - Church Wide	2:00 PM	Forum Performance "Sweeney Todd" - Wilke
5:45 PM	Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary	9:30 AM	High School Sunday School - 200D, 201D	5:00 PM	The Gathering - 201D - Youth Center
6:00 PM	RNC Activities - 100D	9:30 AM	K-5th Grade & Middle School SS - 106C,311C	<b>25</b>	<b>Monday</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	9:30 AM	Nursery and Pre K - 200C, 201C	10:30 AM	12 Bell Practice - Bell Choir Room
10:00 AM	Stephen Ministry Training - 103B	10:50 AM	Worship - Sanctuary	10:30 AM	Prayer Phonenumber - Offsite
5:00 PM	Family Promise Class - 103B, Parlor, 200C	5:00 PM	The Gathering - 201D - Youth Center	<b>26</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>Monday</b>	6:30 PM	Stephen Ministry Supervision-302B Library
8:00 AM	Camp Horizon Retreat - Offsite	10:30 AM	12 Bell Practice - Bell Choir Room		
<b>9</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	10:30 AM	Prayer Phonenumber - Offsite	<b>27</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>
8:00 AM	Camp Horizon Retreat - Offsite	<b>19</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	9:00 AM	Quilters at First (Hand Quilting)-304D
<b>10</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	5:30 PM	TV Committee Meeting - 101B	10:00 AM	Apple Core - Zoom or 302B
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9:30 AM	Nursery and Pre K - 200C, 201C	2:00 PM	Missions Meeting- 308B	<b>28</b>	<b>Thursday</b>
9:30 AM	Worship - Sanctuary	5:45 PM	Choir Practice - Sanctuary	10:00 AM	Stephen Ministry Training - 103B
10:50 AM	The Gathering - 201D - Youth Center	6:00 PM	RNC Activities - 100D	8:00 PM	Forum Performance: "Sweeney Todd" - Wilke
5:00 PM	The Gathering Potluck - 201D	7:00 PM	Bell Choir - 305A Music Library		
7:00 PM		<b>21</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>Monday</b>	9:00 AM	Deer Park Work Team - Offsite	8:00 PM	Forum Performance: "Sweeney Todd" - Wilke
10:30 AM	12 Bell Practice - Bell Choir Room	10:00 AM	Stephen Ministry Training - 103B		
10:30 AM	Prayer Phonenumber - Offsite	5:00 PM	Family Promise Life Skills Class - 103B, Parlor, 200C, Nursery	<b>30</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
				8:00 PM	Forum Performance: "Sweeney Todd" - Wilke



COMING IN WORSHIP

September 3  
"Social Skills:  
Respect"  
Rev. Rebecca Goltry Mohr

September 10  
"Word:  
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Forum Theatre Returns to Wilke Family Life Center



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2023-24 SEASON LINEUP

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We are excited to welcome The Forum Theatre back to the First Church Wilke Family Life Center this month, with "Sweeney Todd" live on stage from September 21 through October 8. Check out the entire 2023-2024 schedule above! Tickets are available at [forumtheatre.org](http://forumtheatre.org) or by calling 316-618-0444.



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Be sure you mark your calendars for October 20-21 for the annual Quilts Etc. Sale. Hundreds of handcrafted fabric items will be for sale at this two-day event. Wilke Family Center will be

transformed into a fall market with beautiful displays of quilts, table runners, wall hangings, aprons, hats, bags, tea towels, potholders and so much more! Don't forget to stop by the coffee/

tea shop featuring delicious homemade goodies to enjoy while resting from shopping and visiting with friends. Check out a preview of the items for sale at [quiltersatfirst.com](http://quiltersatfirst.com).

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