

FIRST LIGHT

OCTOBER 2024

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First United Methodist Church

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QUILTS ETC. SALE | OCTOBER 17-19

The Quilters are excited to invite you to shop the wonderful handmade items they have been creating all year long! You also won't want to miss the delicious baked goods and coffee being served. Grab your friends and family and plan a trip downtown to support the talented quilters of First Church! All proceeds support the Television Ministry and Religious Nurture Center.

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month at First Church!

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ROUNDING UP

With all of the bills we have to pay and money we have to spend, it can be easy to lose sight of the ways giving is actually a gift. Choosing to be generous changes the recipient and the giver. It shapes our lives and our hearts. Join us as we consider God's invitation to round up!

TAKING HOSPITALITY TO THE NEXT LEVEL



Dear First Church,

In the last months I have attended a local book club, one that is open to the public. The third time I went I was struck by how subtly inhospitable it was. The people are all VERY nice. And I am sure they would consider themselves welcoming and friendly. But there was no one greeting people at the door. There was no one seeking out newcomers to get to know them and then introducing them to other people. The hosts didn't get up from their seats to welcome anyone, nor did they walk around to talk to people in the room.

The conversations were all good and the books very interesting but when I was trying to decide if I wanted to hurry up and finish the book this month so I could go, I thought, "I don't think anyone will miss me." In small and unintentional ways I had gotten the message that it didn't really make much of a difference if I came or not. I didn't go.

All this has brought home to me the fact that hospitality isn't just about being nice. It is a specific set of actions that help new people feel welcome, noticed, and connected to the group. Hospitality is aimed at getting to know someone and starting a relationship. It is essential for hosts or leaders to do this but also for the rest of the gathered group to take part.

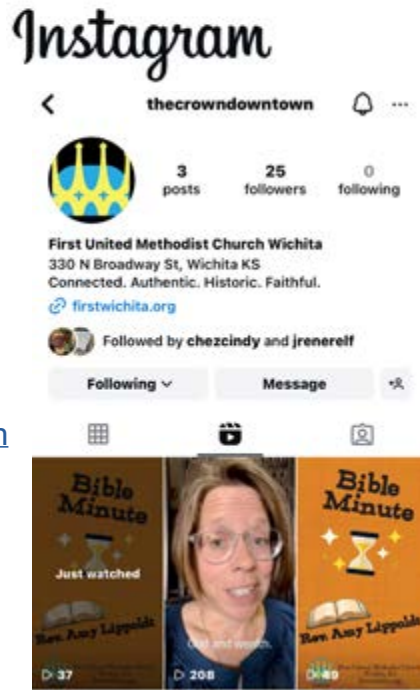
I want First Church to be a place of powerful hospitality. Join me in thinking about how we can take our hospitality to the next level, offering newcomers connection, belonging, and relationship!

Amy



FIRST CHURCH IS NOW ON INSTAGRAM!

Be sure to follow First Church on Instagram. Check out Rev. Amy Lippoldt's, "Bible Minute" short video clips, great messages to share with your friends! You can find us on [Instagram](#) at #thecrowndowntown.



OUR FAMILY

We grieve the death of:

Richard Reynolds

Billie Jean Remington,
mother of Brad Remington

Rev. Ray Keller,
husband of Helen Keller
father of Kathy Keith

OUR GIFTS

GENERAL BUDGET

AUGUST 2024 INCOME
\$51,047.65

RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE
\$713,578.33

BUDGET YEAR-TO-DATE
\$619,999.96

EXPENSES YEAR-TO-DATE
\$614,254.04

TELEVISION MINISTRY

AUGUST 2024
\$21,707.00

RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE
\$178,854.50

BUDGET YEAR-TO-DATE
\$222,495.32

EXPENSES YEAR-TO-DATE
\$174,849.32

FIRST under 40

DRINKS, DEVOTION & A DARN GOOD TIME!

Attention to our under 40 crowd!

**Saturday, October 5
4:00 p.m.**

Norton's Brewing Company
125 S. St. Francis Wichita, KS

 First United Methodist Church
Wichita, Kansas



The Religious Nurture Center enjoyed the fantastic September weather by attending a Wichita Wind Surge baseball game, Chicken N Pickle, and Wichita Botanica Gardens. Special thanks to the First Church Quilters, whose ongoing financial support has enabled us to provide these community outings at no cost to our members.

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 selling pecans. The 2023 fundraiser was our most successful year to date, and we are counting on your support again this year. Proceeds are used to help our members enjoy multiple activities throughout the year including Forum Theatre holiday show, bowling and pizza party and Wichita Wind Surge baseball game.

All pecan varieties are \$13 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 are available in the AB entrance and in the Religious Nurture Center (100D). Deadline for pre-orders is October 14.



For more information on the Religious Nurture Center, contact Matthew Schrock, matts@firstwichita.org

World Communion Sunday Special Offering

Sunday, October 6

We observe six special Sundays annually on dates set by the General Conference that collect a special offering to fund local and global ministries.

World Communion Sunday, which takes place on the first Sunday of October, raises awareness and support of our inclusive and diverse connection. The basis for this Special Sunday is Holy Communion, which reminds us of our unity in Jesus Christ. Ministries supported include scholarships, grants, mentoring and training for leadership development. Through World Communion Sunday offerings, you take part in reflecting God's glory through young leaders, equipping them to pursue God's call in their lives.

About 50 scholars receive United Methodist scholarships for higher education through the World Communion Sunday offering each year. The lives these scholarships impact and the dreams and aspirations they fulfill are not just those of the scholars but of the many people reached by them



as they complete their studies and develop ways to fulfill God's calling in their lives.

Your gifts on World Communion Sunday benefit scholarships for students from the U.S. and other countries and provide grants to support training for worldwide inclusion, diversity, equity and access. These funds are administered by the United Methodist general boards of Global Ministries and Higher Education to equip gifted students from around the globe to become the world changers God created them to be.

Giving envelopes will be available in worship or you may give online at www.firstwichita.org by selecting the Special Sunday Offering option on the "Give Online" page.

CLEAN UP CREW THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone that came out and helped with the clean up Saturday in September! Together, we were able to accomplish so much!





Thank you so much to everyone who participated in the mission lunch on September 22 and donated toward the work of Justice Together. From those that prepared meal, attended the lunch or donated to the cause. We will be sending \$6,000 to help fund this ministry in the year ahead! It feels great to be a congregation that seeks justice!



EmberHope Thank You

Thank you so much for your response to the EmberHope school supply drive. There was approximately \$750 worth of supplies donated as well as \$2,370 in cash. This is a tremendous help to our friends at EmberHope as they support children in foster care throughout Kansas.

We will again be partnering with EmberHope this winter for Christmas Connections. Watch for the ornaments and trees in the Narthex soon!



United
Women
in Faith

- **UWFaith Executive Committee**
October 9 | 10 a.m. | First Church Parlor
- **UWF Circle Meeting**
October 9 | 2 p.m. | Parlor
The lesson will be from the Program Resource book.
- **South Central District Meeting**
October 26 | 8:30 a.m. | First UMC Wichita
Interrupting the School to Prison Pipeline
[Register](#), by Oct. 7

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2	Wednesday	18	Friday
9:00 AM	Quilters at First (Hand Quilting)-304D	10:00 AM	Quilt Sale - Wilke
10:00 AM	Apple Core - Zoom or 302B		
11:00 AM	Quilters at First (Machine Work) - 300D	19	Saturday
5:45 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room	9:00 AM	Quilt Sale - Wilke
6:00 PM	RNC Activities - 100D		
7:00 PM	Bell Choir Practice - 305A	20	Sunday
5	Saturday	9:00 AM	Religious Nurture Center - 100D
4:00 PM	First Under 40 - Offsite	9:30 AM	Adult Sunday School- Church Wide
6	Sunday	9:30 AM	K-5th & 6th-12th SS - 206B, 301B
9:00 AM	Religious Nurture Center - 100D	9:30 AM	Nursery - 204B
9:30 AM	Adult Sunday School- Church Wide	11:00 AM	Morning Worship - Sanctuary
9:30 AM	K-5th & 6th-12th SS - 206B, 301B	12:15 PM	The Gathering/Small Talk - 103B
9:30 AM	Nursery - 204B	22	Tuesday
11:00 AM	Morning Worship - Sanctuary	6:30 PM	Stephen Ministry Supervision-302B Library
12:15 PM	The Gathering/Small Talk - 103B	23	Wednesday
12:30 PM	TV Volunteer Meeting - 101B	9:00 AM	Quilters at First (Hand Quilting)-304D
9	Wednesday	10:00 AM	Apple Core - Zoom or 302B
9:00 AM	Quilters at First (Hand Quilting)-304D	11:00 AM	Quilters at First (Machine Work) - 300D
10:00 AM	Apple Core - Zoom or 302B	5:45 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
10:00 AM	UWFaith Board Meeting - Parlor	6:00 PM	RNC Activities - 100D
11:00 AM	Quilters at First (Machine Work) - 300D	7:00 PM	Bell Choir Practice - 305A
5:45 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room	24	Thursday
6:00 PM	RNC Activities - 100D	9:00 AM	Stephen Ministry Leadership- 302B Library
7:00 PM	Bell Choir Practice - 305A	10:00 AM	Bible Discussion Group - 101B
10	Thursday	26	Friday
10:00 AM	Bible Discussion Group - 101B	8:30 AM	UWF South Central KS District Meeting
13	Sunday	27	Sunday
9:00 AM	Religious Nurture Center - 100D	9:00 AM	Religious Nurture Center - 100D
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12:15 PM	The Gathering/Small Talk - 103B	12:15 PM	The Gathering/Small Talk - 103B
16	Wednesday	12:30 PM	Leadership Board Meeting - 101B
9:00 AM	Quilters at First (Hand Quilting)-304D	30	Wednesday
10:00 AM	Apple Core - Zoom or 302B	9:00 AM	Quilters at First (Hand Quilting)-304D
11:00 AM	Quilters at First (Machine Work)-300D	10:00 AM	Apple Core - Zoom or 302B
3:30 PM	Missions Meeting - 308B	11:00 AM	Quilters at First (Machine Work) - 300D
5:45 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal- Choir Room	5:45 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
6:00 PM	RNC Activities - 100D	6:00 PM	RNC Activities - 100D
7:00 PM	Bell Choir Practice - 305A	7:00 PM	Bell Choir Practice - 305A
17	Thursday	31	Thursday
12:00 PM	Quilt Sale - Wilke	8:00 PM	Forum Performance - Wilke

Quilt Sale Time!



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ARTICLES FOR FIRST LIGHT

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On Broadway between
2nd & 3rd Streets
in downtown Wichita.

You won't believe all the treasures you can find at the Quilts Etc. Sale! Wilke Family Life Center is transformed into a holiday market with hanging quilts, tables loaded with hundreds of smaller items and racks of home accessories. Fairy lights twinkle and you can smell coffee and fresh baked cinnamon rolls coming from the coffee shop off the lobby. It is a fun but relaxing way to support two very important ministries of our church. All money collected from the sales will go to the TV Ministry and the Religious Nurture Center for disabled adults.

Cash, checks and credit cards are accepted. Parking is just outside the door with no steps to climb. The sale is open October 17, Thursday from noon to 6 p.m., October 18, Friday from 10 to 5 p.m. and October 19, Saturday 9 to 1 p.m.



QUILT ETC. SALE October 17-19

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17
NOON- 6:00 P.M.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18
10 A.M.-5:00 P.M.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19
9 A.M.-1:00 P.M.

CASH, CHECKS & CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED

PARKING JUST OUTSIDE THE DOOR
NO STAIRS!

Check out more at:

<https://quiltersatfirst.com>

Quilts Etc. Sale is a Win, Win, Win

1. Get all your holiday shopping done early
2. Shop local for "one-of-a-kind" treasures
3. Support the ministries of First United Methodist Church