

# FIRST LIGHT

APRIL 2025

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**First United Methodist Church**

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## Holy Week Worship

at  
**First Church**



**Palm Sunday**  
April 13 | 11:00 a.m.  
Sanctuary

**Maundy Thursday**  
April 17 | 6:00 p.m.  
**Botanica**  
701 Amidon | Wichita, KS



**Good Friday**  
April 18 | 6:00 p.m.  
Sanctuary



**Easter Sunday**  
April 20  
10:30 a.m. | Egg Hunt  
11:00 a.m. | Worship  
LIVE on KAKE-TV and YouTube



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➞ **Check out what's  
happening this  
month at  
First Church!**

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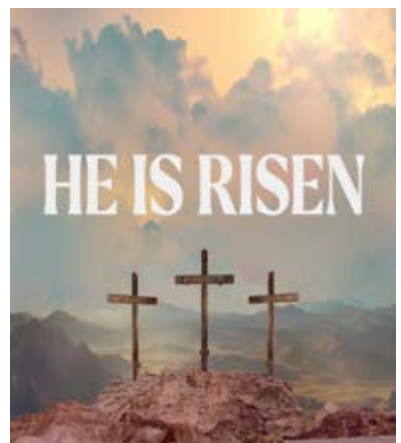
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BY REV. AMY LIPPOLDT

# SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS!

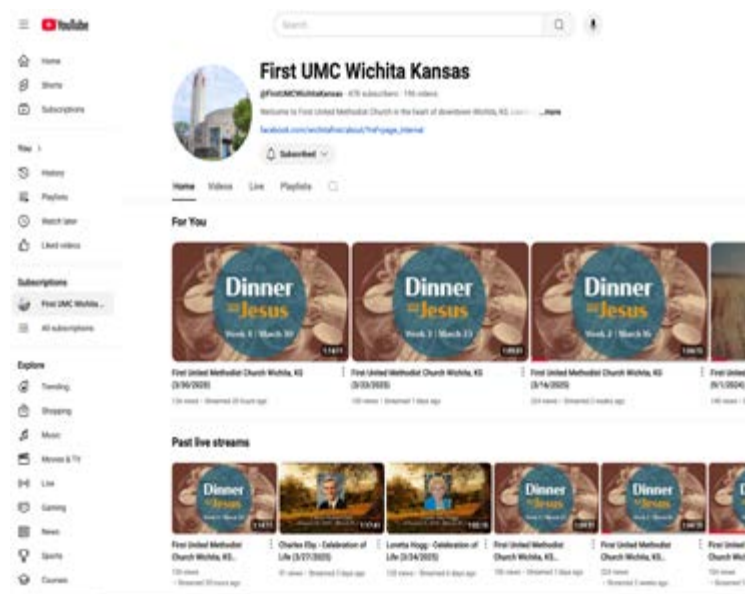
Dear First Church,

Have you ever watched one of our worship services on YouTube after Sunday morning and been annoyed when the video is interrupted by an ad? I certainly have! Unfortunately we have no control right now about when videos (other than as we livestream) are broken up by an ad, nor do we have any control over what kind of ad is played as someone watches worship on YouTube.

However, if we have enough subscribers, we can gain a little more control. We need just a handful more subscribers to help us reach this level. If you have a YouTube account, would you be willing to subscribe to our channel? [www.youtube.com/@FirstUMCWichitaKansas](http://www.youtube.com/@FirstUMCWichitaKansas)

If you are online, don't be afraid to like, share, and repost our [Facebook](#) posts or YouTube videos. It's another way to spread the word about the good news of God and the good things happening at First Church!

Amy







# United Women in Faith

## • UWFaith Unit Meeting

**April 9 | 12:15 p.m. | First Church Parlor**

This will be our potluck meeting, so bring food to share. Our program is to be determined. If you did not get a chance to fill out your pledge, you can still do it at this meeting. Hope to see you there!

## OUR FAMILY

We grieve with the family of  
Charles Eby  
in his death on  
March 16, 2025.

We grieve with the family  
of Loretta Hogg  
in her death on  
March 16, 2025.

## Good Friday

April 18

6 p.m.

Sanctuary

available on livestream



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## OUR GIFTS

### GENERAL BUDGET

FEBRUARY 2025 INCOME  
\$65,608.27

RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE  
\$319,495.37

BUDGET YEAR-TO-DATE  
\$283,769.60

EXPENSES YEAR-TO-DATE  
\$183,714.32

### TELEVISION MINISTRY

FEBRUARY 2025  
\$14,378.34

RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE  
\$84,428.68

BUDGET YEAR-TO-DATE  
\$93,863.80

EXPENSES YEAR-TO-DATE  
\$34,591.12



## SPRING FOOD DRIVE

Thank you to everyone that generously supported our Spring food drive during March! The First Church trailer was packed full and delivered to Open Door to help fill their community pantry for families in need. Thank you!



### ***Help us spruce the church up before Holy Week!***

Projects include cleaning and polishing the wood and pews in the Sanctuary, cleaning the narthex and kitchens. Cleaning up the outside gardens. If you plan to work in the garden, please bring work gloves and tools you want to use. We will meet in Meredith Hall for coffee and donuts before we get started.



## *Celebrating 13 years of Dedication:* **TERESA FIELDS RETIRES**

After 13 years of dedicated service, Teresa Fields is retiring from First Church. Her time with the church has been spent supporting the ministry of three senior pastors, assisting the congregational care team, maintaining membership records, answering calls, emails and the list goes on and on. Most of all she has been an encouraging and supportive presence, willing to contribute in whatever role necessary!

Teresa is retiring so she can focus on care and presence with her husband who was diagnosed with cancer in August. With ongoing treatments, understandably, she wants to be at home with him. Her final day on staff will be April 16.

We are incredibly grateful for the time, effort, and love Teresa poured into her work



at First Church. She will be greatly missed!

Teresa, we thank you for your years of dedication to First Church, and we wish you all the best in your retirement!

## **FILL YOUR EASTER BASKETS WITH HANDMADE GOODIES FROM OUR TALENTED QUILTERS**



Did you know the quilters have items available year round? Maybe you are looking for some new spring decor or perhaps something special to fill an Easter basket? Select items are on display in the case at the bottom of the first flight of stairs off the main entrance. You can also check out [quiltersatfirst.com](http://quiltersatfirst.com) for available items or contact Judith Oswald or any member of the Quilters at First!



# SUMMER CAMP TIME!

It's time to start planning for summer camp! This summer will bring with it another season of adventure, growth, and community. We want to make sure your family does not miss out on the fun. Like last year, First Church is covering 100% of the registration costs. Just use the code WichitaFUMC when registering. Camp Horizon has programs for grades 1st - 11th between the weeks of June 1 and July 21. Check out the schedule and register by May 1 at <https://www.horizoncenter.org>. Contact [Pastor Jeff](#) if you have any questions. Happy camping!



## FLOWER MINISTRY



In preparation and celebration of Easter (April 20, 2025), our Congregational Care Team ministry participants will be delivering plants to our homebound church members. The long-standing flower ministry is a special way to express how much we care for our church family who are no longer able to come to church, celebrate our "over the age of 90" church members and recognize those who have recently lost a loved one.

If you would like to make a donation to our Flower Ministry Fund to continue to make this ministry possible, please complete the form below and return it with your check to the church business office by April 15. We will acknowledge all donors along with honorees/memorials in the May edition of the *First Light*.

Donor Name \_\_\_\_\_ Enclosed is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ towards the Flower Ministry Fund.

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

*Please complete the form and return with your donation to the First United Methodist Church, 330 N. Broadway, Wichita, Kansas 67202. Make your check payable to F.U.M.C. with 'Flower Ministry Fund' in the memo.*

# APRIL 2025



<b>1</b> 8:30 AM 6:00 PM	<b>Tuesday</b> AARP Tax-Aide - 100D Lenten Study - 106B	10:00 AM 11:00 AM 3:30 PM 5:30 PM 7:00 PM	Apple Core - Zoom or 302B Quilters at First (Machine) - 304B Missions Meeting - 302B Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room Bell Choir Practice - 305A
<b>2</b> 9:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM 5:30 PM 7:00 PM	<b>Wednesday</b> Quilters at First (Hand)-308B Apple Core - Zoom or 302B Quilters at First (Machine) - 304B Chancel Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room Bell Choir Practice - 305A	<b>17</b> 6:00 PM	<b>Thursday</b> Maundy Thursday Service- Botanica
<b>6</b> 9:00 AM 9:30 AM 9:30 AM  9:30 AM 11:00 AM 12:15 PM 12:30 PM	<b>Sunday</b> Religious Nurture Center - 100D Adult Sunday School- Church Wide K-5th & 6-12th Sunday School - 206B, 301B Nursery - 204B Morning Worship - Sanctuary The Gathering/Small Talk - 103B TV Volunteer Meeting - 101B	<b>18</b> 6:00 PM	<b>Friday</b> Good Friday Service - Sanctuary
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<b>10</b> 9:30 AM 6:00 PM	<b>Thursday</b> Bible Discussion Group - 101B Justice Together Rally - Sanctaury	<b>23</b> 9:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM 5:45 PM 7:00 PM	<b>Wednesday</b> Quilters at First (Hand Quilting)-308B Apple Core - Zoom or 302B Quilters at First (Machine Work) - 304B Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room Bell Choir Practice - 305A
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# MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

April 17 | 6 p.m. | Botanica, 701 Amidon



*Join us for an evening in the beautiful gardens of Botanica as we gather for a Maundy Thursday Taize service and opportunity to stroll around the gardens. Admission is free and you are encourage to invite family and friends!*

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## ARTICLES FOR FIRST LIGHT

We welcome content and story ideas for First Light. They can be submitted 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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2nd & 3rd Streets  
in downtown Wichita.

# Easter Egg Hunt

April 20 | 10:30 a.m.  
Front Lawn



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Help us get ready for our Easter Egg Hunt!

Candy & Plastic  
Eggs Needed