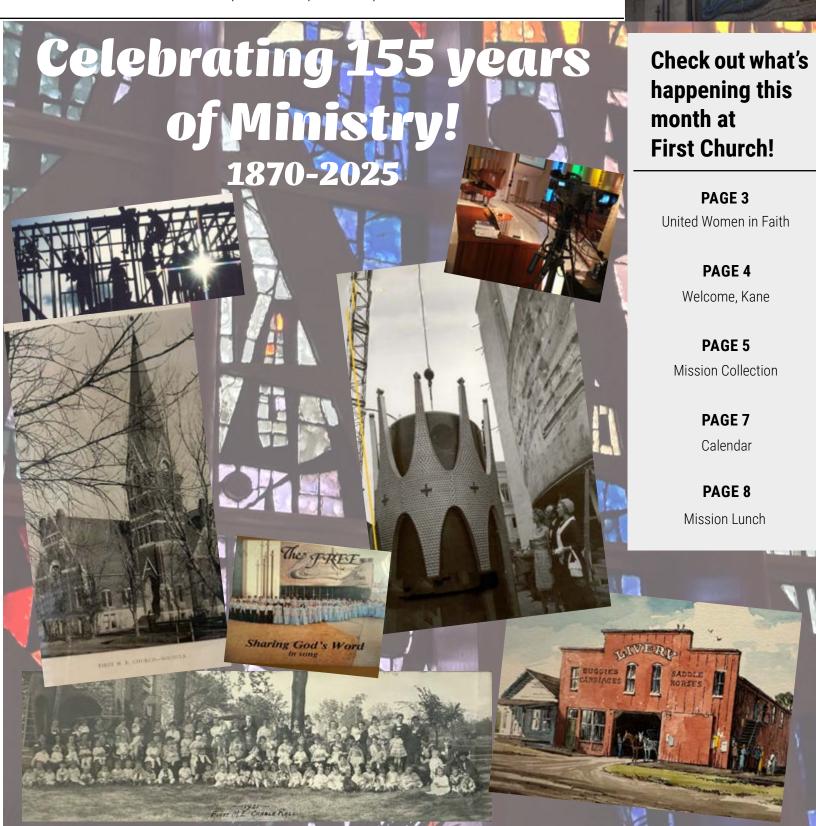
# FIRST LIGHT

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### **CELEBRATING 155 YEARS!**

Dear First Church,

May is full of lots of exciting milestones like graduations and weddings. Please add one more to your calendar as we celebrate the 155th anniversary of First Church on May 18th. We will have fun mementos of the past. We will recognize our lifetime members. We will have t-shirts (pre-order now) we will eat cake! It will be a fun day to remember the strong legacy of this congregation and look forward to decades to come.

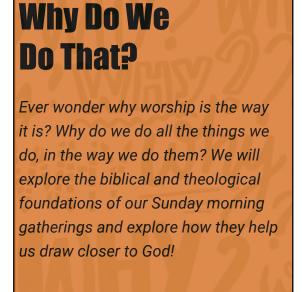
If you know someone who used to be a part of the congregation, from near or far, reach out to invite them to join you for worship on May 18. We'd love to celebrate with everyone who has made First Church strong over the years.

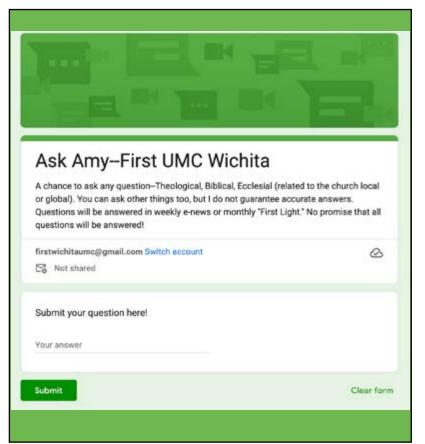
A few weeks ago, someone suggested that I should have an "Ask Amy" section of *First Light*. I thought, "why not?" So here is a google form where you can ask burning questions—theological, biblical, about the church or whatever! I'll take time to answer in each month's *First Light*. You can submit anonymously, but no promises that all questions will be answered.

https://forms.gle/mQ9utcYfoT3KbA8x6

New Sermon Series:

Amy





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## New First Church T-shirts Available for Order

The newly designed First Church t-shirts are \$20 each and can be pre-ordered at the AB desk or by contacting the <u>front desk receptionist</u>. Please have orders in to the church by May 6.





## United Women in Faith

- UWFaith Executive Committee Meeting
  May 14 | 10:00 a.m. | First Church Parlor
- UWF Circle Dorcas
  May 14 | 2:00 p.m. | First Church Parlor

Our fabulous organist, YJ Lee, will be our program. We will get to learn about her background and her journey that led her to First Church.

Martha Stroot and Donna Salzwedel will provide refreshments.

### **OUR FAMILY**

We grieve with the family of Bishop Richard Wilke in his death on April 20, 2025.

### **OUR GIFTS**

#### **GENERAL BUDGET**

MARCH 2025 INCOME \$61,008.33

RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE \$380.503.70

BUDGET YEAR-TO-DATE \$350,881.64

EXPENSES YEAR-TO-DATE \$266.811.19

#### **TELEVISION MINISTRY**

MARCH 2025

RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE \$111,932.02

BUDGET YEAR-TO-DATE \$115.227.42

EXPENSES YEAR-TO-DATE \$55,243.68 PAGE 04 FIRST LIGHT

# WELCOME TO FIRST CHURCH KANE MCENTIRE!

We are excited to welcome Kane McEntire to the staff of First Church! Kane will take on the role of Church Administrator for Membership and Pastoral Care. Kane comes to us from West Heights UMC where he has had more programmatic responsibilities. He is looking forward to a transition to the administrative side of ministry and being a part of First Church. He will work Monday through Friday with us but continue his Sunday involvement at West Heights. Be sure to stop by and say hello or drop him an e-mail at <a href="mailto:kanem@firstwichita.org">kanem@firstwichita.org</a> and welcome him to First Church!

# **GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP** THURSDAYS | 2 P.M.

A new grief support group at First Church will begin meeting, May 1, 2025. Connie Barnum will lead the weekly sessions each Thursday at 2 p.m. in the First Church Library (302B). All are welcome.





#### A little more about Kane:

Kane McEntire, a native of Valley Center, KS, has been actively working and serving in churches in the Wichita area for 20 years, and on staff or in pastoral ministry in the Great Plains Conference for more than a decade. Kane is married to Leslie, who is a renowned teacher in Maize Public Schools. Between them they have three children, Talan, Kole and Ella Mercy. In his free time Kane enjoys music, playing ukulele, shopping, singing, listening to music, collecting vinyl records, fitness, pickleball, home theater, reading, and video games. If you connect with Kane on social media, you'll be blessed by a daily pun! He is looking forward to meeting you and thrilled to be a part of wonderful staff at First UMC!

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### MISSION COLLECTION: Baby Diapers and Baby Wipes

In honor of Mother's Day and Father's Day, we will be collecting baby diapers and baby wipes for Open Door. There is especially need for sizes 5-6 and pull ups. You may bring your donations to the A-B Entrance during May and June. Monetary donations will also be accepted by cash, check, or through online giving.



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







First Church members and staff gathered on April 16 to celebrate Teresa Fields on her last day of employment with the church.

We thank her for her faithful dedication to First Church, and wish her all the best in retirement! PAGE 06 FIRST LIGHT

## FLOWER MINISTRY

### Donations Honor First Church Friends and Loved Ones

Thank you to everyone who donated toward the purchase of the Easter plants delivered to our homebound members, our senior members over the age of 90, and our church family who recently lost a spouse. It is a tremendous blessing to our recipients, and a truly meaningful First Church tradition.

Our Congregational Care team sponsors this important ministry every year and appreciates the church members, staff and friends who assisted with this year's deliveries. Below is a list of individuals who contributed to the flower ministry and the names of those who are being honored or memorialized:

**Sharon Thompson** 



Donor Name(s)	In Memory of	In Honor of	
Paulette Dibbern	Dieter Dibbern		
Beth Elliott	Willis Elliott		
Trudy Kittelson & Lee Moats	Mr & Mrs. Walter Britton		
	Betty Moats		
Betty Lygrisse	V.E. "Gene" Lygrisse		
John & Judith Oswald	our parents		
Ronda Snyder	Vinola Moore; Karen Swarts		
Bonnie Rupe	Kenneth Dale Rupe	Mary Alice Stephens	
	Herbert & Carmen Rupe		
	Alden & Frances Rupe		
	Rev. Robert & Mrs. Orphana Brown		
Gloria Summers	David Snyder	Glenna Snyder	

My sister, Carol

My uncle, Bill

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## **MAY 2025**

Sunday

Religious Nurture Center - 100D

Adult Sunday School- Church Wide

18

9:00 AM

9:30 AM

1	Thursday	9:30 AM	K-5th Sunday School- 206B
2:00 PM	Grief Support Group- 302B	9:30 AM	6th-12th Sunday School - 301B
4	Sunday	9:30 AM 11:00 AM	Nursery - 204B Morning Worship - Sanctuary
9:00 AM	Religious Nurture Center - 100D	12:15 PM	Family Ministry Council - 302B
9:30 AM	Adult Sunday School- Church Wide	12:15 PM	The Gathering/Small Talk - 103B
9:30 AM	K-5th Sunday School - 206B		
9:30 AM	6th-12th Sunday School- 301B	21	Wednesday
9:30 AM 11:00 AM	Nursery - 204B Morning Worship - Sanctuary	9:00 AM 10:00 AM	Quilters (Hand Quilting)-308B Apple Core - Zoom or 302B
12:00 AM 12:00 PM	Mission Lunch - Meredith Hall	10:00 AM 11:00 AM	Quilters (Machine Work) - 304B
12:15 PM	The Gathering/Small Talk - 103B	5:45 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
12:30 PM	TV Volunteer Meeting - 101B		
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May 4, 2025

12 P.M. | MEREDITH HALL

Menu: Sloppy Joes

Proceeds benefit: International Rescue Committee



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#### ARTICLES FOR FIRST LIGHT

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## NEHEMIAH ASSEMBLY

MAY 8, 2025 6 P.M.



On May 11 we will celebrate the achievements of our graduates and scholarship recipients, acknowledging their dedication and hard work. Let's offer our prayers and support as they embark on new journeys, carrying the values of our faith with them into the future.