

FIRST CHURCH NEWS

*Here's the latest!*



Sunday

FEB. 2, 2025

**NO YOUTH GROUP—NEXT SUNDAY FEB. 9**

**SASS (Socially Active SeniorS)**

**GAME DAY | WEDNESDAY | FEB. 5 | JOHNNY'S WEST**

721 Wakarusa Dr., 12:30 pm (lunch), 1:30 pm (board games).

Join us for part or all of the afternoon. No reservation needed.

**BELOVED WOMEN'S CONFERENCE REMOTE at WEST CAMPUS  
FRI. PM | FEB. 7 | 5:30-8:30 and SAT. AM | FEB. 8 | 8:30-2:30**

The Women Out West (WOW) Sunday School Class is hosting a Remote Site for the "The Beloved Women's Conference" held at the Church of the Resurrection. February 7 & 8, 2025.

Challenging & uplifting teaching from incredible speakers  
A community of other women | Spiritual growth & renewal

**First Church Remote Site: \$25 (includes lunch)**

Go to [fumclawrence.org/events/](http://fumclawrence.org/events/) to reserve your spot today!

**BLOOD DRIVE | SATURDAY | FEB. 15 | 10:00 AM—3:00 PM  
WEST CAMPUS.** Book your appointment today!

Go to [savealifenow.org/group](http://savealifenow.org/group), enter group code TPJQ.

Questions? Contact Rick at (785) 842-5835 or [rkoester7485@gmail.com](mailto:rkoester7485@gmail.com).

**FIRST CHURCH LINK SUNDAY | SUNDAY | FEB. 16**

Helping to provide meals for those in need.

Sign-up volunteers & food donations: [fumclawrence.org/#help](http://fumclawrence.org/#help).

**NEXTGEN MINISTRY NEEDS HELP!**

We need children's church and nursery occasional volunteers.

Also looking for people to teach our youth their favorite recipes

Contact [nextgen@fumclawrence.org](mailto:nextgen@fumclawrence.org) for more information

**2025 Kansas L.E.A.F. Conference (Legislative Event for Advocacy in Faith)**

**FEB. 16 & 17 | Topeka First UMC, 600 SW Topeka Blvd. 66603**

Ecumenical event (Great Plains Conf. UWIF and Church Women United)

Learn about how Kansas legislative issues affect women & children.

More info: [fumclawrence.org/connect/united-women/](http://fumclawrence.org/connect/united-women/)

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**MAKE A DIFFERENCE — MISSION OPPORTUNITIES**

**Standby Help needed for FUMC Winter Emergency Overflow Shelter**

Caring for our homeless friends in severe cold & snowy/icy conditions.

First Church is the lead church providing overflow emergency shelter.

We open as needed, First Church Volunteers are needed for "Standby" shifts. Details and sign up at [fumclawrence.org/serve](http://fumclawrence.org/serve).

**JUBILEE CLOSET NEEDS DONATIONS & VOLUNTEERS**

Providing new or gently used clothing for our Jubilee clients.

For details, needs & signup, go to [fumclawrence.org/serve/mission/](http://fumclawrence.org/serve/mission/).

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## First in Prayer

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Jan Vaughn; Cindy Nelson; Dave Williams;  
Fred DeVictor; Maggie Fieger; Janet Fike; Steve Sublett;  
Terry Williams Taylor; Dave Petersen; Dennis Salyer;  
Jane & Bob Clinton's niece; Lori Madaus' sister;  
Fred & Carolyn Madaus', daughter, Marcia Davis  
JoAnn Hundley's daughter, Mitzi;  
Carol Seively's cousin, Jeanelle Fast;  
Phyllis Pitzer's daughter in law, Karen Pitzer;  
Sara Wentz's brother, Tom;  
Susan Mercer's mother, Carolyn Todd;  
Alexis Soby's friend, Megan Ebke;  
Karen Ely's friend, Donna Lew;  
Bob & Jane Clinton's sister Bonnie Kramer;  
Jenny Nyberg's grandmother, Marilyn;  
Cathy Crispino's aunt, Flo Worland;  
Dave & Marilyn Petersen's son, Erik Petersen;  
Sabrina Kuksi's parents, Thomas and Shari Meade;  
Vickie Miller's mother.

### February Dismantling Racism Prayer

*Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. John 14:27 NRSV*

Heavenly Father, we know that You are the source of the peace that passes understanding. In these troubled times, give us understanding minds and hearts as we listen to the cries of the oppressed, the wounded, the confused, and even to the voices of those with whom we disagree. Give us the wisdom to respond with Your Truth, offering words and actions that build up instead of tear down.

Across the nation, racism casts a long shadow. We believe that all life is sacred and worthy of our deepest reverence. Give us the courage to stand up for racial justice and reconciliation. As individuals, as a ministry, and as a nation, help us to see when we have missed the mark and empower us to do better.

Root up any violence or malice within our hearts and minds and transform it into love, a love of neighbor and a rightly ordered love of self. Let us work for peace and be peace to one another and the people we serve. Amen.

*"A Prayer for Racial Justice," from St. Dominic's Antiracism Team (St. DART).*



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to be added or removed from a list.