

FIRST CHURCH NEWS

Here's the latest!



Sunday
March 16, 2025

**TODAY AT FIRST CHURCH
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

ANNUAL CHILDREN'S EASTER EGG HUNTS SEEKING DONATIONS

Nut free treats please! We need pre-filled Easter Eggs, or individually wrapped candy or small toys and Med/Lrg plastic eggs. Collections bins are available at both campuses. (Now-April 11.)

COMMUNITY TAIZÉ SERVICE | FRIDAY | MAR. 21 | 6:00 PM

First United Methodist Church, Downtown Sanctuary
Simple service of song, scripture, prayer and reflection. Open to all.

YOUTH 3.12 IS BACK—SUNDAY—MAR. 23!

5:30 –7:00 PM | WEST CAMPUS | 3-12 GRADERS

DINNER | GAMES | BIBLE LESSON

Questions? Contact: Julia at nextgen@fumclawrence.org

SASS LUNCH BUNCH | MONDAY | MAR. 24 | 11:30 AM

MAD GREEK | 907 MASSACHUSETTS ST

Accessible to all. No reservation needed.

NEW NORTHEAST KANSAS DISTRICT UWIF SPRING MEETING

SATURDAY | MAR. 29 | 9:30 AM | FUMC WEST CAMPUS

No registration fee | Questions? Contact Jan Harper harperjan54@gmail.com

CHILI COOK-OFF | SUNDAY | MARCH 30 | 1-4PM

WESTWOOD HOUSE | 1421 W 19TH ST.

Register to enter your best recipe!

1st Place \$150 and trophy | 2nd Place \$50.

Or just come eat some great chili — all you can eat \$5

Raising funds for our student food pantry!

CAMP CHIPPEWA and INSTITUTE Registration is open.

Scholarships available to those in grades K-12

Apply Now—nextgen@fumclawrence.org

MAKE A DIFFERENCE — MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

JUBILEE CAFÉ NEEDS SPRING BREAK VOLUNTEERS | MARCH 18 & 21

TUESDAYS & FRIDAYS, 7-8 AM, DOWNTOWN, Brady Hall.

Sign-up at fumclawrence.org/jubilee.

To donate funds for Jubilee go to fumclawrence.org/serve/mission/.

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/.

First in Prayer

Peggy Salyer; Carrie Hildenbrand;
Jeff Eisenhauer; Becky Downing;
Jan Vaughn; Janet Fike;
Terry Williams Taylor;
Dave Petersen; Dennis Salyer;
Marjorie Brammel's daughter, Sonja Merino;
Cindy Rivera's mother Beverly Barnett;
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;
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;
Vickie Miller's mother.

MEDICAL LENDING CLOSET—NEEDS DONATIONS!

Lending equipment to members of the Lawrence Community.

We are seeking donations of wheelchairs, shower chairs, bedside commodes, rollator walkers, and toilet risers, and/or funds to support new equipment purchases.

NOTE: Medical Closet—also available in online giving.

Questions? Contact: Rick Koester, rkoester7485@gmail.com



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to be added or removed from a list.



“And the point about lament is that we're not telling God what he ought to be doing and we're not telling one another what God is doing. We're saying, 'Hey, what's going on? This is not the way it should be.'” — N .T. W R I G H T

- What have you been lamenting lately? In your personal life? For your church? How do we know that something in the world “is not as it should be”?
- Have you ever experienced lament in a community setting? How did people mourn or lament together? How did the community respond?
- How can our church and congregations create opportunities and safe spaces of lament? Where can we weep together as a church?
- Why is it so hard sometimes to allow people to lament? Especially ourselves?

SPECIAL LENTEN/EASTER OFFERING—APRIL 20

The United Methodist Church has six special offerings spread throughout the year that extend our impact beyond our local church and community – and unite us in giving and serving with other United Methodists around the world. This year, we at First Church have decided to combine the six offerings into one Lenten/Easter offering. We are providing info on each of the six (below). Then, you can give in general with your donation divided among the six or you can designate in specific one or more. Special envelopes and online options for giving will be available in April. For more information, visit our First Church website giving page or contact the church office. We appreciate your generosity!!

HUMAN RELATIONS (January) raises awareness and support for community and youth outreach, including ministries like community developers, United Methodist voluntary services and youth offender rehabilitation programs.

UMCOR (March) raises awareness and support for the ministry of the United Methodist Committee on Relief and covers its administrative/operational costs so that 100% of other donations go toward the specific project/appeal or missionary, which allows UMCOR to focus on immediate relief and recovery to those in need.

NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES (April/May) raises awareness and support to affirm Native American people, their languages, cultures, and gifts to the church and the world. Half of the donations collected remain in each Annual Conference to develop and strengthen ministries through the local Committee on Native American Ministries (CONAM). The remaining dollars go toward scholarships and vital ministries to develop new programs.

PEACE WITH JUSTICE (June) raises awareness and support for peace-related ministries. Half of the donations collected remain in each Annual Conference to strengthen local social justice ministries and fund a local peace with justice coordinator. The remaining dollars fund three grants that support ethnic/minority local church ministries and are made available to United Methodist congregations and organizations.

WORLD COMMUNION (October) raises awareness and support for the unity and diversity of the universal Christian community. As we gather around the table to celebrate communion, we recognize and commit to our oneness in Jesus Christ even as we acknowledge our different cultures and traditions. Donations go toward scholarships, grants, mentoring and leadership training for students around the world.

UNITED METHODIST STUDENT (November) raises awareness and support for over seventy scholarships for undergraduate, graduate, or doctoral United Methodist students. Every dollar received assists in educating a new generation of principled Christian leaders for the church and world.