## **WORDS FROM OUR PASTOR**

First Church Family,

April 17, 2024

Bi-Weekly No. 8,

This Sunday from 11-1, you can help support Night to Shine, a prom night for adults with developmental disabilities that First Church has been hosting for 10 years! Come eat lunch at the Thompson Site, 916 Thompson Blvd, from 11 to 1:00. It's a potato bar with desserts and silent auction. There's no charge, it's donation based. All proceeds will go to support the 2025 Night to Shine. Let's share a meal and support a great cause!

I am thankful for the timeless truth that God's mercies are new every morning. Regardless of yesterday's trials or triumphs, each dawn brings a fresh outpouring of grace and compassion. It's a comforting reminder that we're never defined by our past mistakes but rather by the boundless love and forgiveness bestowed upon us daily.

As we embrace this truth, let's approach each day with renewed hope and gratitude, knowing that God's mercies are tailor-made for the challenges and joys that lie ahead. Let's seek to extend that same mercy and kindness to others, creating a ripple effect of grace in our world.

May you be filled with the peace that comes from knowing you are loved and cherished beyond measure.

**Pastor Candace** 

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Love Others



Our new confirmands have been busy studying and learning for the last several months. Be sure to congratulate them as they are recognized in the 9:45 a.m. Service at the Celebration Center on Sunday, April 28th.

#### SPONSOR A SUMMER INTERN

Help grow future leaders for the church!
Contact
Pastor Christopher at: christopher@firstsayyes.com.

### Current Sermon Series: Follow Me

We know who Jesus is, now let's learn together how we follow Him in the five essential practices that we see in the life of Christ -that we too are called to follow.

LOVE
A PRAY
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GIVE

SESENTIAL PRACTICES OF JESUS

Leading People to an Active Faith in Jesus Christ



Sedalia Symphony Society

SPRING | FESTIVAL

April 22 @ 7:30pm

Heckart Performing Arts Center 2010 Tiger Pride Blvd, Sedalia

Attention Masterpiece Group (Older Adults)

The Sedalia Symphony Concert will be held at the Heckart Performing Arts Center on Monday, April 22, 2024. If you'd like to join us, we will meet at 5:15 p.m. at Fortune Palace for dinner then go to the concert by 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10, please let Penny Coerver (penny@firstsayyes.com) know asap if you want to go and how many tickets you'll need. Penny will pick the tickets up in advance and then you can pay her that night. Everyone is responsible for their own meal. I hope you'll join us!

#### **HEARTBEATS**

- Join us for an afternoon of Pitch! Afternoon Cards meets the First Wednesday of each month at 1:30 p.m. in the First Family Room of the Celebration Center. The next event is May 1, 2024.
- Open Door provides meals to people need in the Sedalia and Pettis County area. Currently their food supply is low. If you can provide some food, especially those high in protein, please take these items to the Open Door at 111 W. 6th Street. Thank you for living our the Great Compassion by feeding those who are hungry.

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat." Matthew 25:34.

▼ The deadline for submitted Newsletter articles is 12 noon on the <u>Friday</u> before the newsletter mailing.

Next Newsletter: May 1
Deadline 12 noon - Fri. Apr. 26



#### YOUTH MPACT

MPACT Student Ministry(Grades 6-12) meets weekly on Sundays in the MPACT room at the Celebration Center. <u>Junior High meets from 5-6:30</u> and <u>High School meets from 6-7:30</u>. All students meet at 6:00 for a shared meal. We hope to see you there and join the fun! ~Adults can sign up to **provide a meal for our MPACT students**! For more information, contact Aaron.Douglas@firstsayyes.com.

**Summer 2024 Youth Trip:** 





Celebration Center 1701 W 32nd

#### **COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES**

It's time to once again get ready to do Care Packages for semester finals. The L.O.T. Sunday School class will again, on behalf of 1st Church, put together Care Packages for our full-time college students. We need the names and addresses of students by noon Wednesday, April 24th. We would also like the phone number of the parent or contact person who is giving the information so we can call them to see if their student (if they are going to college out of town) will be home so we can deliver the package instead of needing to mail it. As always donations of snacks to go in the packages or money to help cover the mailing costs are appreciated.

# Parenting with Mental Health in Mind

All are welcome - parents, grandparents, caregivers

April 20 from 9-11 Celebration Center - Friendship Hall

Breakfast and childcare are provided.



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### WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Bonnie Swisher (Picture not available)

#### **BEST CHOICE UPC LABELS**

Save a label and support our Children's Ministries at First Church! Drop off your Best Choice UPC labels in the receptacles at our lobbies.





### **WE CELEBRATE THE DAY YOU WERE BORN**

If your birthday is not listed, please let us know so it can be added!

Birthdays (Apr. 21- May 4)

Gregory Tullis, Evelyn Richards, Brody Kinter, Holly Dick, Salena Frazier, Brandon Frazee, Donna Haley, Kyler Hagebusch, Chapman Fowler, Lauren Stevens, Melissa Valtos, Maggie Lambertz, Sharon Todd, Julie Hoffert, Steve Anderson, Lydia Naylor, Lorrie Conley, Hadley Underwood, Charles Boslaugh, Marsha Hawkins, David Clippert, Eric Hansen, Mark Gerlach, Levi Schenewark, Barbara Berry, Frank Logan, Steve Lyles, Anthony Collins, Kevin Zeisset, Leah Rhea, Tessa Bird, George Griffin, Peter Hibbard, Lloyd Dunn, Janna Miller, Laura Kresse, Dennis VanBaale, Ian Wallen, Sherry Kellogg, Becky Hall, T. J. Muths, Aimee Caldwell, Diane Barker, Teagan Trammell, Landon Sleeper, Michael Balke, Leslie Miller, Pat Kelley, Stanley Bird, Steve Conley, Eleanor Elliott, Andrew Harrell, Jacob Melick, Ted Tompkin, Amy Schroeder, Jack Schroeder, Adam VanBaale, Brett Hockett, Erika Tackett, McKenzie Simpson, Ryder Wirt, Mike Hilburn, Travis Holt, Kendall Jackson, Jeremy luchs, Jason Shelby, Jared Wyatte, Bryan Ruckman, Charles Merk, Daniel McBride, Violet Kentch, Jayla Gilbertson

#### FIRST STEPS

#### **Attendance**

Apr. 6/7, 2024 Worship

588

Apr. 13/14, 2024 Worship

576

We report Finances monthly



Quilt of Valor Mar. 10, '24 Jean Adkins, Jim Cramer, Jerry Christian, Bob Thompson

The next Quilt of Valor Presentation is Sunday, May 7 at 10:30 a.m. at the Thompson Site.

#### **Women's Event**

Are you looking to deepen your relationship with Christ. heal hurts, and build relationships with others? Barb Rippey would like to invite the ladies of the church to a Grace Encounter Event. You can find more information on the website or contact the church office for more information. (660-827-2993)

#### **Our Family**

#### Congratulations

Duke Leeman (Age 6) was baptized on Sunday, April 14th, 2024. He is the son of Ryan Leeman and grandson of Jeff & Shari Leeman.

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