

Sat., Jan. 7, 6:00 PM Forest Street Café, Lisa Armstrong will be speaking
 Sun., Jan. 8 8:30 & 10:30 AM Worship—Lisa Armstrong will be speaking
 9:00 AM Prayer Group-Wesley Room
 9:30 AM Discovery Hour-youth/adults
 1:00 PM Help taking down Christmas decorations in the sanctuary would be appreciated.
 6:00 PM Senior High Youth Group (Grades 9-12)
 7:00 Resurrection Ringers rehearsal
 Tues, Jan. 10 6:00 PM Forest Street Practice
 Wed., Jan. 11 5:30 PM Kids Klub (Pre K to 1st Grade)
 5:30 PM EYG Elementary Youth Group (2nd-5th Grades)
 6:00 PM Pre-School Board
 7:00 PM Chancel Choir
 Thurs., Jan. 12 7:00 PM Finance meeting-Conference room
 Looking Ahead: Tuesday, Jan. 17, Education Com. Mtg. 7:00 PM

The Season of Epiphany



The third season of the Christian year is Epiphany, which began with the feast of the Epiphany on January 6th and continues until the eve of Ash Wednesday, which begins Lent. Epiphany refers to the Star of Bethlehem appearing after the birth of Jesus and to the dove, tongues of fire, and voice of God appearing at His baptism.



The liturgical color for Epiphany Day is white. The color for the season of Epiphany is green to signify the growing Church and the spreading of the Gospel. The symbol of the season after Epiphany is the baptismal font, signifying the baptism of new believers in the Gospel.

OUR CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

Sunday, January 1, 2012

Worship Attendance—196 Forest Street Café— 30 Discovery Hour Attendance—12

Wednesday Eve Kids Klub/EYG: 27 Kids, 4 Adults

Year to Date Contributions to Church Budget \$4,685

Bridges to the Future: \$5, Offering Last Sunday \$4,685

Special thanks for Year End gifts to help us catch up! We do appreciate your help.



First United Methodist Church

Great Bend, Kansas



1st Sunday after Epiphany

January 8, 2012

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Let us worship together in Spirit and Truth...

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC (10:20) Jeanne Pitts

SHARING OF JOYS, CONCERNS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING OUR NEIGHBORS

CHIMES (10:30)
PRELUDE "Because He Lives"

INTROIT (10:30) Chancel Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP Diana Webster, Liturgist
"You have turned my mourning into dancing...and clothed me with joy, so that my soul may praise you and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever" (Psalm 30:11-12).

*HYMN "We Would See Jesus" Vs. 1-5#256
We invite the children to come forward as we sing the last verse.

THE CHILDREN'S TIME Larissa Graham

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

A TIME OF SILENT PRAYER We open our hearts to the presence of the Holy Spirit.

THE LORD'S PRAYER
Our Father, who art in heaven; hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

REPORT ON MISSIONS IN HONDURAS Lisa Armstrong

THE MORNING OFFERING
Offertory Sentence: "If the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have" (2 Corinthians 8:12).

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory "His Name is Wonderful"

*Presentation of tithes and offerings

*RESPONSE "Glory Be to the Father" #70
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, Is now, and ever shall be, World without end. Amen. Amen.

*THE HYMN "Open My Eyes, That I May See" Vs. 1-3, # 454

THE ANTHEM (10:30) "Come Thou Fount" Chancel Choir

THE SCRIPTURE Mark 1:1-11 #33, Pew Bibles
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord
People: THANKS BE TO GOD.

THE SERMON "Baptism Is Good News" Tom Sheldon

*HYMN "Have Thine Own Way, Lord" Vs. 1-4, #382

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

WELCOME !

We welcome each of you to First United Methodist Church. We especially welcome those who are guests or who are new to our church. We hope you can join us each week for worship, and to share with us as we reach out to our community in ministry. For information about becoming a member of the church contact Pastor Tom.

“Hear Our Prayers, O Lord”

RECENTLY IN THE HOSPITAL: Maxine Krallman-Great Bend Regional WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY: To the family of Jean Nething. Her funeral was January 4th and to the family of Ruby Phillips. Her funeral was January 5th.



WE REMEMBER THESE IN OUR PRAYERS:

Joel Ficken, Opal McCullough, Darlene Anderson, Judy Anderson, Roberta Bartlett, Thelia Brack, Dee Farminer, Barbara McPherson, Ellie Pearson, Sue Roberts, Jim Rube, Sandy Smith, Dick Thier, Ruth Ward, Gordon Jones, Adabelle Koelling.

Bill Mead (husband of Evelyn Mead), Floyd Clawson (Betty Bank's brother), Aaron Fryberger (great-grandson of Mary Lou Fryberger and great-nephew of Vern Fryberger), Richard Barton (father of Chad Barton), Shonna Manning & Macey Stalino (granddaughters of Wanda Morse), Ann Asher (friend of Donna Knipe), Betty Wilson (Bob Goeller's sister), Tanner Blackwell (Alice Fox's grandson), Brent Jones (son of Glynnese Jones), Deanne Ficken (Joel Ficken's sister-in-law), Bob, Sherry, Sierra King (Betty & Gail Erikson's friends), Jeanette Disque (friend of Delora Baldwin), Alvena Spangenberg (friend of Janet Schremmer), Jack Wilson (nephew of Cliff & Jo Jordan), Evagene Harbach (Barb Lear's aunt), Ariana Jo Steadman (great-granddaughter of Hugh & Delores Steadman), Lorraine Eveleigh (friend of Deb Ficken), Carolyn Schutte (daughter-in-law of Pat Schutte), Anne Otte (LaVonne Gerritzen's cousin), Frank Hey (father of Joyce Marcum), Carol Nichols (friend of Nancy Carroll), Diane Wagner, (sister of Phil Bartholomew), Ardy Mueller (son-in-law of Betty Sloan), Vicki Reynolds, (daughter of Wanda Komarek), Shelly Brooks, (niece of Aileen Bryant), Evelyn Anshutz, (friend of Donna Knipe).

All our men & women in the armed forces including Ethan Babcock (Wade Babcock's brother), Carrie Hicks, Andrew Henderson, Kelsey Bryant (Aileen Bryant's grandson), Travis Gregg, Ryan Gregg's brother), Mark Miller (Pat Stonebraker's grandson), Michael Santy (grandson of Bobbi Donner, Columbia, South America), Adam Watkins (nephew of Hugh & Delores Steadman, Fort Benning, Georgia) Aaron Parr (grandson on Art & Sue Jaske), Bryan Farthing (grandson of Alice Walter) Air National Guard, , Jason Engleman (grandson of Donna Knipe).

Thank you for keeping us informed of conditions of those on our prayer list.
Keeping our list current is greatly appreciated.

Forest Street Cafe



Saturdays at
6 PM in Fellowship Hall
Worship, Music & Meal

THOSE PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Liturgist—Diana Webster
Acolytes— Accacia Pedigo, Ashlyn Harbaugh
Greeters (8:30) Irvin & Betty Burton, Linda Maser
(10:30) Garth & JoAnn Frydendall
Scott & Dawn Sisson, Merle & Vivian Evers
Ushers—8:30 AM— Virgil Maser, Clark Mitchell
10:30 AM—Dale Carpenter, Brad Brack,
Wayne Banks, John Schreiber, Irv Gotsche,
John Williams

FUMC Happenings!

Special Fun & Fellowship Activities

February 12th – Valentine's Day
Catered Luncheon
Menu– Pork Chops, Scalloped Potatoes,
Green Beans—\$10.00
Tickets on sale starting January 15th



March 17th – Movie and Game Night
After Forest Street
Potato Bar - More details later.

3rd Annual “Barton County's Got Talent” Dinner Theater
Saturday, January 21st at Grace Community Church, 210 S. McKinley
Tickets are on sale NOW! At the Chamber Office or from a Habitat Board Member

\$25 per person: Gourmet Dinner—5:30 PM and Talent Competition—7:00 PM
Or
\$15 per person: Talent Competition—7:00 PM

WHAT GOES UP MUST COME DOWN ... INCLUDING CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS



During Advent and Christmastide we have enjoyed the lovely decorations that have graced our Sanctuary and Narthex and have added such beauty to our worship experiences. Now it is time for all the greenery and bows, lights, Nativity scenes, stained glass pieces, trees, Chrismons, and Christmas ornaments to be carefully packed away until Advent arrives next year. This process goes much faster with many helping hands. **Volunteers are invited to gather at 1:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary on Sunday, January 8** to help with this process. In a couple of hours we should have everything put back to rights. Your participation will be very much appreciated.
The Worship Committee