

FIRST CHURCH NEWS

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Sunday

November 21, 2021

**ADVENT 2021: SUNDAY NOV 28 - FRIDAY DEC 24**

**HELP US DECORATE FOR CHRISTMAS! POINSETTIA SIGN-UP OPENS**

Contribute toward the poinsettias that will decorate our worship spaces. \$10 suggested donation per flower, sign-up at the Downtown Office or online at [fumclawrence.org/worship-online/](http://fumclawrence.org/worship-online/)

**MEMORY TREE - SUNDAY, NOV 28, - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

We begin the Advent Season by decorating a tree in each worship space in memory of family and friends. You are invited to bring an ornament representing your loved ones and place it on the tree at the designated time during the Nov 28 Downtown worship services, or at the West Campus you are invited to place them on the tree in the gathering area at any time throughout Advent.

**3 ADVENT STUDIES BEGINNING SOON WATCH FOR DETAILS**

After Life Class / Wesley Walkers / Advent Sermon Series

**DISMANTLING RACISM CONVERSATION - NOV 30, 6:30 PM** Join the Justice Ministry Team for the monthly TED talk and engage in a follow-up discussion. This month features "How Studying Privilege Systems Can Strengthen Compassion" by Peggy McIntosh. Meet in-person Downtown (rm 203) or join by Zoom. (link on [fumclawrence.org](http://fumclawrence.org))

**JUSTICE MATTERS RESEARCH KICKOFF - DEC 4, 10:00 AM**

First Church West Campus. This marks the new research cycle for each of our four committees: Eldercare, Ending Homelessness, Jail Alternatives, and Restorative Practices. Anyone wanting to be a part of any of these four research teams should plan to attend. Contact: [sarah@justicemattersinkansas.org](mailto:sarah@justicemattersinkansas.org) for more ways to join a team.

**ADOPT-A-FAMILY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - SUNDAYS DEC 5 & 12**

**9:30 AM – 12:30 PM** at the Downtown Church. Can you help with the donated gifts delivered to the church? Email Carladyne Conyers at [conyers1@hotmail.com](mailto:conyers1@hotmail.com).

**WEEKEND OF HOLIDAY MUSIC IN THE DOWNTOWN SANCTUARY**

**DEC 11** Free State Brass Band Holiday Concert (7:30 PM)

**DEC 12** Music Sunday Downtown (Life and 11:00 AM services)

**DEC 12** Organ Vespers 2021—Tandy Reussner and Friends (5PM)

## **In Celebration**

Porter and Beckham Witthaus,  
children of Christopher and Kaitlin Witthaus,  
were baptized on Nov. 14.

## **First in Prayer**

Linda Davis; Marilyn Petersen;  
Bill Hundley; Dennis Salyer;  
June Fisher; Julia Fearing's family;  
Gib and Gerda Harris;  
the Forsyth family;  
Candice Ranney's daughter, Lorel;  
JoAnn Hundley's son, Mark Elliott;  
Vickie Miller's mother;  
Vickie Robertson's mother, Edith Aubrey  
and daughter, Amanda Yother;  
Marolyn Anderson's son, LaRay Anderson;  
Joy Amon's friend, Sheila Bloom;  
Stan and Barbara Jones' friend,  
Randy Weseman; Pat Sublett

## **Special Request**

Please send a note of encouragement to Shirley Walters  
following a significant health event:  
617 Salsbury Ct., Lawrence, 66049

## **Five Rivers District Prayer Calendar**

Nov 21 Hiattville/Uniontown, Rev. Carl Ellis



Contact Laurie Kallenbach at 785-841-7500  
or [care@fumclawrence.org](mailto:care@fumclawrence.org) to be added  
or removed from a list.