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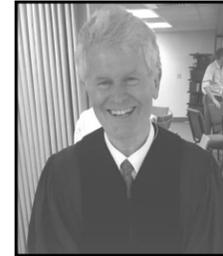
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June, 2018

FIRST **Headline News**

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

BRIDGE BUILDERS CONTINUE TO BUILD BRIDGES



Rev. McConnell

One of the unsung ministries of First Presbyterian continues to be our Deacons' Bridge Builder program, led by Sherry Borck, member of the Board of Deacons. A ministry of compassion and companionship, over a dozen First Presbyterian members make it their special calling to reach out to fellow members in need of regular visits, remembrances of special occasions and events, such

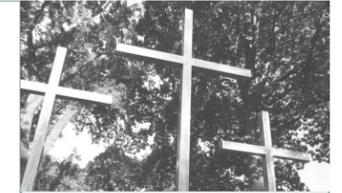
as birthdays and anniversaries, along with simple companionship and friendship in times of need. This ministry serves over 15 members who look forward to and appreciate the kindness and thoughtfulness of these special ambassadors of love and goodwill.

Jesus has taught us to love one another as He has loved us. Bridge Builders epitomize this instruction from our Savior. We remember that Jesus made it a regular practice to reach out to anybody in need of special care and attention. So let us do the same.

If you would like to volunteer for this special ministry, please contact Sherry Borck or the church office.

Faithfully,

Cam



COMING UP SOON

See inside for events and schedules

June 4-7:
Vacation Bible School

June 8:
Presby's Got Talent

June 15:
Bread Basket Luncheon
(All Food Pantry workers invited)

Camps

July 9-13:
Heartland Day Camp

July 23-27:
Music Camp

CRUNCHING THE NUMBERS

Food Pantry

In April, our Food Pantry served 28 adults and 14 children. We partner with the Flint Hills Breadbasket to help those in our community who are food insecure. The First Presbyterian Food Pantry serves our community on *Fridays from 9:30 a.m. - noon.*

Community Meals

During the month of April, we served 161 dinners, 78 breakfasts, and 45 sack lunches.

FATHER'S DAY PHOTO

First Presbyterian has always placed a great emphasis on the day we honor our fathers. Families or individuals submit one of their favorite dad pictures and Director of Communications and Volunteer Coordinator, Taylor Roberts, prepares an inspirational video of the dads in our congregation and beyond our church family. Please submit your favorite photo **by June 12**. *Please limit two photos per family. The best photos of a large collection will be used.* Photos may be emailed to secretary@firstpresmanhattan.com or brought to the office.

DISCIPLE COURSE PREP PODCAST

Rev. Cam and Rev. Kati are teaming up for a podcast called "Discipleship Moments." This internet radio show will feature a selection of topics from our upcoming Fall Disciple Courses. Starting **June 1st**, you can access the show on our website or through the weekly email or your phone's podcast app. Interested in hosting or teaching one of the classes? Contact pastorkati@firstpresmanhattan.com. Enrollment for each class will open **July 1st** and each class will have room for 20 people.

GENEROSITY UPDATE

By Sarah Diamond, Director of Operations and Development

Because of your generosity, during the month of **May**, the following contributions were made to the church and community:

- The No Stone Unturned Therapeutic Learning Center was the charity recipient from the Presby Puzzle Run. Thank you so much for all your support to this charity event including the silent auction contributions! The silent auction raised \$1,130!
- Because of First Presbyterian's members and friends, our congregation has received a record pledge amount of \$665,000 for 2018, up 6% from 2017. This wonderful news enables us to continue to extend and expand our ministries and missions. A special thank you to all who have pledged.
- Recent Mission committee appropriations are as follows
 - Flint Hills PraiseFest - \$1,000
 - Security for the Tuesday evening Community Meal - \$1,000



MEN'S BREAKFAST

Please join us on **June 7 at 7:00 a.m.** for the June Men's Breakfast. Our speaker will be **Gene Taylor**, Athletic Director at Kansas State University.

Our church hostess, Julie Haynes, will prepare a delicious breakfast!



THE SENDING OF THE LIGHT

On May 20th those gathered at The Light were commissioned and sent out with flashlights to be "Light Bearers" in our community. "With each conversation, with each new risk we take, with each vote we cast, with each voice we lift, with each hand extended, may we open our lives for your Light to Shine and bring stories of Good News."

Over the summer we will meet in various homes discovering The Light House Church! Imagine a casual gathering of friends and their guests, singing meaningful songs, praying together, reading the Bible, telling stories of faith and sharing in a light meal. Some of our most meaningful times together have been in the sharing of A Light Lunch or special interviews where guests tell about the intersection of their faith and their work. The Early Church began around the transformation of broken people into believers of Christ and then into leaders who helped others find healing and reconciliation with God and in their personal relationships. Ordinary people became Mothers and Fathers of faith, and we believe that through The Light



House Church, more people can ask bigger questions about Jesus, wrestle with faith in a safe environment, and develop relationships with ordinary followers of our extraordinary Savior. Throughout June, July and August, the Light Musicians will be offering special music occasionally during the sanctuary services.

Curious? Feeling a calling to visit the Light House Church over the summer? Go to our website and subscribe to our mailing list to find where we will be meeting next! (<https://www.thelightmhk.org/blog>) We will worship and wait on the Spirit to move, just like the first followers of Jesus. Come, just as you are.



CLOSING HYMN

Sunday, June 3rd marked the last Sunday that the talented **Stephen Kucera** (left) served as our permanent organist. Stephen recently graduated from K-State with a Master of Accounting and has accepted a position with Phillips 66. He will definitely be missed! Stephen's talents in playing the beautiful Dobson pipe organ have enriched our church services since 2013. He has also played at over 40 K-State commencements and given recitals and performances on campus and in the community.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulation to **Alex Fees** (right), son of members **Bronwyn and Gary Fees**, for receiving the Fulbright U.S. Student Award! Alex will be traveling to Budapest, Hungary to continue his cardiovascular research. To read more about Alex and his award, visit our Facebook page!



LADIES' NIGHT

Ladies' Night was held on May 5 and was a great time for everyone! Held at JP's Restaurant, over 30 members and friends came together for a fun night of food and fellowship. Watch for our next event in September!



Pictured above left: **Alice Ambrust** paints **Sarah Diamond's** fingernails using nail polish Sarah won in a drawing. Pictured above right: **Rev. Kati Collins**, **Janet Schlotzhauer**, and **Ruth Compton** visit over hor d'oeuvres.

WHY DO YOU SERVE?

When I retired at age 72, it was very difficult to be without structure in my life. Being bi-polar made me even more challenged, so I tried to find a part time job without success. It was Vicky Shimp who suggested that I do some volunteering. And what better place than my church, where I spend time in the office answering the telephone, copying inserts, and stuffing bulletins. I also help with community breakfasts, count offerings every other week, and am in charge of calling for Friday Fellowship. Since music is a love of mine, I enjoy singing in the church and playing the piano at Homestead and Meadowlark services.

My home church, Riley Presbyterian, is struggling like so many other congregations, so one thing I can do to help is to share my time and talents playing organ there at least twice a month for Sunday service. I can still hear my father say "If you don't use it, you'll lose it." His father and grandfather were charter members of that church.

One passion of mine is volunteering to recycle for God's earth. It is so important, easy, and satisfying. I just stop by the KSU recycling center once a month or so. "Won't you try it, you'll like it?"

Whether I am helpful or not, volunteering has made a difference in my life, and I'm thankful that I am a better person for it.

In His service,

Member, Betty Chatham

For information about service and mission opportunities, contact the First Presbyterian Volunteer Coordinator, Taylor Roberts, at secretary@firstpresmanhattan.com or 785-537-0518.

PRESBY PUZZLE RUN

The 2018 Presby Puzzle Run, held on April 29, was a huge success!

Thank you to everyone who helped make this race possible. Our silent auction raised over \$1300 for No Stone Unturned, our partner charity, which works for Autism awareness. Volunteers from First Presbyterian, No Stone Unturned, and the community at large came together to bring the race to life.

Pictured:

Top left: Runners finish the 5k race.

Top right: **Emily Bryant**, **Emily Moormeier**, **Nathaniel Strifler**, and **Nic Beach** man the silent auction table
Bottom left: **Doug Chapman** serves as announcer for the race.

Bottom right: Carnival attendees play games.

Thank you to **Patsy Brandt** and **Frank Laubhan** for volunteering to take pictures during this event!

