



Manhattan, KS

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Headline News



Rev. McConnell
be available on request.

NEW LOOK FOR LENT

It's hard to believe that in just two months we will be celebrating Easter on the first day of April! In preparation for the celebration, we will begin with our Ash Wednesday service, this time at noon, February 14th, to be followed by lunch. During Lent we will expand our very successful First Academy program, and will call it: First Academy Special Edition, to include inspirational speakers (Dates and speakers to be announced). Prior to each program, beginning at 5:45 p.m., hors d'oeuvres will be served in the narthex by our hospitality coordinator, Julie Haynes. Childcare will

First United Methodist Church will host the Ministerial Alliance Lenten lunches and services at 11:45 a.m. on Wednesdays, beginning February 20 and continuing through March 28th. Maundy Thursday (March 29 at 6:30 p.m.) will feature the Seder meal, followed by another delicious meal served by our hospitality coordinator. Good Friday services (7:00 p.m.) will be a combination of the Tenebrae service, including the extinguishing of the candles, symbolizing the flight of the disciples in Jesus' final days, and a concert performed by musicians including the "Church Ladies" and the "Presby Players".

Mark your calendars for an enriching and enlightening Lenten season.

Faithfully,
Cam



Ash Wednesday, February 14th

Noon service in the sanctuary. 12:30 p.m. Lunch in Fisher Hall.

Ashes to Go outside Eastside Dillons 5-7pm

Re—Lent, re—member yourself, re—connect to God. This ritual of ashes and prayer will emphasize the commandment to worship God with our whole selves: body, mind and soul. We sing with our soul, we take on the mark of our mortality, and we listen for God's direction for our life. You may receive the ashes on your hand or forehead.



YOUTH GROUP SKI TRIP 2018!

Join us for our annual Youth Group Ski Trip **March 8-11!** This year we will be traveling to Granby Ranch, CO for a weekend of snow-fun!

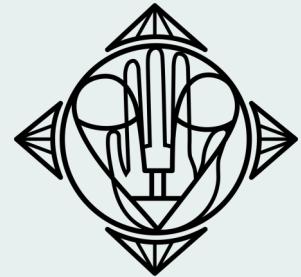
The price will be \$375 including lift tickets, ski/snowboard rentals, lodging, transportation, and meals. We will be staying at the YMCA of the Rockies at Snow Mountain Ranch.

Questions? Contact **Emily Moormeier** at 913-396-3271 or emoormeier28@gmail.com.

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL AND BIBLE STUDIES

Lenten Small Group and Devotional Recommendations

Books available for purchase and upon request.



Coloring Devotional: Embodied—Mind.Body.Heart.Soul by A Sanctified Art

Daily Devotional Readings designed around a Coloring Map for the 40-days of Lent

The Wisdom of the Body: A Contemplative Journey to Wholeness for Women by Christine Painter

The distorted view of the perfect female body created by popular culture, television, movies, and the media often causes women to become uncomfortable with their own bodies. Christine Valters Paintner, popular author of nine books and director of the online retreat center Abbey of the Arts, draws from Celtic, desert, and Benedictine traditions to help women connect with their bodies through writing, visual art, and movement.

The Making of a Man: How Men and Boys Honor God and Live with Integrity by Tim Brown

What Does It Take to Be a Godly Man? In this book and or six-session video-based curriculum, NFL All-Pro and sports analyst Tim Brown, teaches men the principles and priorities for leading a life that honors God. He addresses what is true manhood, how guys attain it, and how they should live with honor and integrity—two essential cornerstones for being godly men. Men of all ages will be challenged to measure their lives by a higher standard.

THE LIGHT, A NEW WORSHIPING COMMUNITY

With four months of meaningful worship under our belt, The Light has become more than a group of worshipers— we are a community. A community of singers, cooks, missionaries, speakers, listeners, givers, mentors, and so much more. First and foremost, we are a community of seekers— listening for what God wants, needs, and has in store for us. Join us at The Light to see what our community is all about

Sunday mornings at 10:15 in Presby Place!

On January 14, we gathered for a “Light Lunch” to talk about Community Action Teams. These groups, including Mentors, Missions, Investigators, and First Impressions, will work to make a greater impact spreading the Light of Christ. Learn more and join an action team by visiting our website at <https://www.thelightmhk.org/community-action-teams>

Pictured: The Light's covenant, painted by Rev. Kati Collins.



Blessing of the Pets

On February 11th, the Light will have a “Service in Service” day, where we worship with songs and prayer and then do a service project. We will be making dog toys and tying blankets for our own pets and for pets in shelters here in Manhattan. **If you have an old blanket or flannel that you would like to donate,** please bring them to worship at the Light or deposit in the box outside of Rev. Kati’s office. At the end of the service, we will bless the toys and the blankets, and have some representatives from CatTails, who will have information for those looking to adopt a "Fur-ever Fur-end."

IN OUR CHURCH



WELCOME, NEW DEACONS!

Our new Deacons had their orientation on January 22, prior to their first Board of Deacons meeting.

Pictured from left: Doug Chapman (Deacons Moderator), Taylor Manges, Molly Townsend, Leicha Kennedy, Amanda Hackett (holding Harrison Townsend), Tyrone Townsend, and Alan & Marilyn Shineman. Not pictured are Pat Kershner and Margo Laubhan.

WELCOME, NEW SESSION MEMBERS!

Our new Session members had their orientation on January 23, prior to the first Session meeting of the year.

Pictured right are our new Session members! (left to right): Craig Kershner, David Beardsley, Shelley Norris and Bronwyn Fees. Not pictured: Joan Burton.



CHURCH VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE!

Visit Presby Place on Thursday nights to cheer on the First Presbyterian volleyball team!

Pictured left: In the first game of the year, First Presbyterian team member, Robbie Collins, makes an impressive save! Team member Mike Wilson closes in to ensure a successful play.

In **2017** we served 1127 breakfasts, 2007 dinners, and 572 sack lunches.

A total of **3706** free meals were served through our Community Outreach Meal program! Thank you to all of our volunteers that were a part of this much needed mission. Also, many thanks to the Board of Deacons for their continued support of the Community Outreach Meals Mission!

Claudia Voos,
Community
Meals Director



Dear Folks,

I grew up in your church, and my parents were Ashley L. and Susanna M. Monahan. I played your pipe organ back in 1955-63 or so, before your remodeling, when you had a 3-manual instrument.



Perhaps you have one or two members who might remember me and our family (including my sister Marcia), or who might be interested to know that I still play on occasion.

Happy New Year!

Sincerely, Larry Monahan.

(Pictured right– the original First Presbyterian organ.)

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CRUNCHING THE NUMBERS

Food Pantry

In December, our Food Pantry served 35 adults and 10 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 December, we served 157 dinners, 94 breakfasts, and 47 sack lunches.

JANUARY MEN'S BREAKFAST

The Men's Breakfast is held monthly on the third Thursday of each month from 7:00-8:00 a.m. in Fisher Hall.

The February Men's Breakfast will be held on Thursday, **February 22**, and will feature a presentation by **Gene Taylor**. Mr. Taylor is the Athletic Director for Kansas State University. Join us for this interesting talk!



FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP

Please join us for Friday Fellowship on **February 23 at 11 am** in Fisher Hall. **Stephen Kucera** will give the presentation "Reflections on a World Trip". Come hear about his amazing journey around the globe! A delicious lunch, prepared by Hospitality Coordinator Julie Haynes, will be served at noon.

