



Manhattan, KS

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# Headline News



Rev. McConnell

## VISION EQUALS DEDICATION

On a recent trip to Evanston, IL, a north shore suburb of Chicago, to attend the Monmouth College Board of Trustees summer retreat, Jennifer and I took a walk around the campus of Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, the school that kindly awarded me a Master of Divinity degree, an important and essential step to ordination in the Presbyterian Church USA. Garrett-Evangelical is located in the middle of the stunning Northwestern University campus with the beautiful advantage of Lake Michigan in its backyard. As we walked around the stately medieval-like buildings we unexpectedly came across a beautiful flower garden

on the north side of the campus with stations of reflection and thought situated throughout the lovely area. The first plaque at the first station read: Vision leads to confession, the second one: Confession leads to renewal, the third one: Renewal leads to dedication, and, finally: Dedication prepares for service in a needy world.

Dedication is manifested in many ways, but in the spiritual sense, what better way to demonstrate dedication than to serve a needy world. We have a reminder of this every day at the church as we see volunteers come to the church to pick up food to deliver to those in need of a daily, nutritional meal, as a part of the highly effective Riley County Seniors' Service Center Meals-On-Wheels program (The Center is using our Fisher Hall kitchen for two months during the remodeling of their kitchen). And today there was a full crew in Presby Place kitchen, making pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, and also packing lunches for First Presbyterian's community meal outreach.

Dedication is evident in our congregation and in our community. And it comes from commitment to serve, just as our Lord said, "The Son of man came not to be served, but to serve."

Faithfully,

Cam

## AN UPDATE ON THE LIGHT

Step by step we are launching our new worshiping community! We have officially released our new logo and website! Many thanks to the Worship Committee, the Missions Committee and the Presbytery of Northern Kansas for their financial and creative support. We are also grateful to the New Boston Creative Group for the development of our logo and marketing supplies! They are currently finishing a video for use in Facebook marketing. So start following the Facebook page and Twitter @thelightmhk to stay up to date on our progress and share with your friends!

Sign up to be a greeter or worship attendee on [www.firstpresmanhattan.com](http://www.firstpresmanhattan.com), or [www.thelightmhk.org](http://www.thelightmhk.org)

**Our first service will be on September 10 at 10:15 a.m. in Presby Place!**

the **LIGHT**  
A New Worshiping Community



## PARENTS' NIGHT OUT IS BACK!

Parents Night Out returns on **August 25 6:00-9:00 p.m.** Go on a date, do some errands, or just spend some alone time while your kids have fun with us!

The August PNO theme is "End of Summer Games." Kids will play summer games like water balloons! They will enjoy summer snacks, and make

summer themed crafts!

Registration begins **August 5. Please RSVP by noon on August 23.** Register through our website at [www.firstpresmanhattan.com](http://www.firstpresmanhattan.com) under the "Children" tab.

September PNO will be on **September 15** with the theme "Apple Days."

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A big **"Thank you"** to all of those that donated blood on July 17th in Presby Place. We surpassed our goal with 4 pints over! With the current need for blood across the Nation, we are all very grateful for your donations.

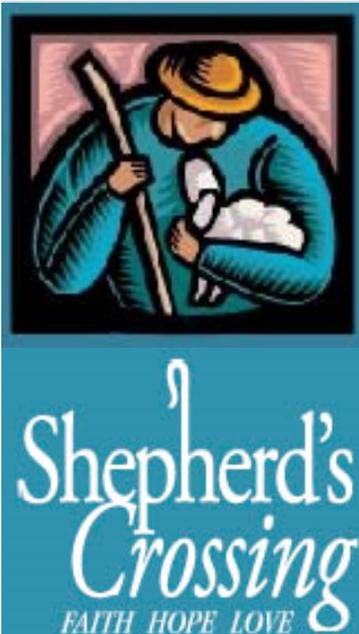
If you haven't given blood at our Presby Place Express Drive, you are missing out. We enjoy some wonderful fellowship, great laughter and get to meet new donors. All adds to the experience of worshipping at First Presbyterian Church.

Thank you again to all that donated blood and to Ray and Maxine Coffey.

Hope to see you at our next blood drive,

Tamera Garibay, Director of Recreational Ministries

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## HOW DO YOU SERVE?

*"We have been volunteer counselors at Shepherd's Crossing for 15 years. Shepherd's Crossing is supported by 33 local churches, individual donations, and grants. It provides financial help with rent, utilities, and prescription medications. It also helps clients with job sources.*

*Counselors give detailed budget advice and decide how much financial help to give each client. They also help with job searches."*

*-Members Dean and Alice Armbrust*

First Presbyterian provides an endless amount of ways to serve, from helping the food insecure in our Food Pantry to visiting the homebound through Bridge Builders to visiting the hospital bound.

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

## JOIN THE FIRST PRES MUSIC MINISTRY

We have many opportunities to participate in the music ministry at First Presbyterian Church.

### Sing in the Choir!

Chancel Choir will resume on Sunday, August 21st. Rehearsal for the early worship service begins at 8:45am, and 9:00am for the second service.

### Play in the Handbell Choir!

Rehearsals resume on Wednesday, August 23rd at 6:00pm in the sanctuary.



## FIRST PRES HYMN TOURNAMENT

Thank you for your votes cast on our Hymn Brackets in June and July! The Sweet Sixteen Hymns represent some of the most beloved songs of our faith. The final votes were cast between Amazing Grace and The Lord of the Dance on July 30th. The winning hymn will be announced in worship on August 6th!

## I LOVE MY CHURCH

Spreading the love of Christ and my love for my church as far as Disney World in Orlando, Florida! #ILMC (I Love My Church).

-Zach Paquette

Show us how far you've spread the First Pres message by posting pictures with the hashtag #ILMC! Post pictures to Twitter, Facebook, or Instagram using this hashtag and tag First Pres so that we can feature you in our next newsletter!

Twitter: @firstpresmhk

Facebook: @firstpresmanhattan

Instagram: firstpresmanhattan

Another online store will be available this month if you would like more church fan gear!



## WIN FREE NINJA TOKENS!

Want some free tokens to use on our Ninja Warrior obstacle courses?

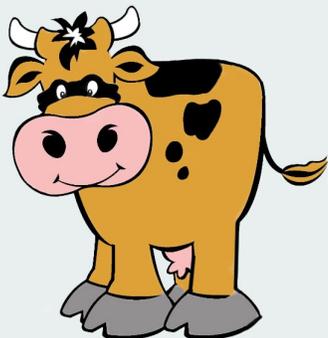
Our Ninja animals want to help you out!

Beginning August 5, hidden around town in different businesses will be pictures of animals dressed as ninjas. When you find one, check the back of the picture for a QR code.

When you take a picture of the code, you will be taken to a website where you will enter your information to receive your free token!

You must be registered as a Ninja Warrior through the Eventbrite website to use your tokens on the obstacle courses. Keep in mind that each Ninja that finishes a course gets a chance to dunk a pastor!

Watch our Facebook page, Twitter account, and website for pictures of the ninja animals and clues as to where they are hiding.



## PRESBY NINJA WARRIORS!

**August 19th, registration available now!**

Ninja's of all ages and abilities can test their strengths on three different courses designed to challenge your balance, climbing, knowledge, and more!

Participants and their fans can also enjoy a free practice course and **inflatable obstacle courses!**

**Every Ninja who finishes the course will receive a chance to dunk either Rev. Cam McConnell or Rev. Kati Collins!**

Register as an individual for \$10 or as a family for \$20 by August 6th and get free T-shirts. More details and photos on the event website. All proceeds will go towards the support of agricultural education through 4-H and FFA.

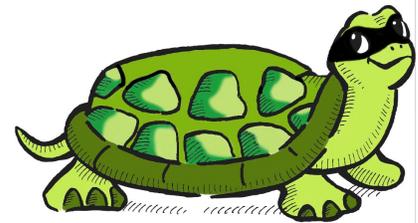
To sponsor a Ninja, contact the office!



### Use these exercises to prepare for the Ninja Challenge!

1. Put these books of the Bible in order:

- \_\_ Luke
- \_\_ Genesis
- \_\_ 1 Corinthians
- \_\_ Daniel
- \_\_ Acts
- \_\_ Revelation



2. Come to the church and train by running up and down our staircases.

3. Go to City Park and climb the Spider Web.

4. How fast can you add these numbers?

$$12 + 54 + 11 + 77 + 13 + 99 =$$

Update us on your progress on the event Facebook page!

Register Now! To sign up to help with construction or take tokens for the courses contact [Pastorkati@firstpresmanhattan.com](mailto:Pastorkati@firstpresmanhattan.com)

## THANK YOU NOTES

**To all the staff, Deacons, and Elders,**

Thank you for the prayers during Chong's illness and now through my loss.

God bless you all,  
Vincent Tracey

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**Dear Pastor Cam and Staff,**

Thank you very much for donating your wonderful [Fisher] hall for our annual luncheon. It always seems to work so well!

Sincerely,  
Maribeth Kieffer, Director, Flint Hills Breadbasket

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**Dear Missions Committee,**

Thank you so much for your generous donation to the Royal Family KIDS. We were able to take 33 area foster kids to camp June 12-16 and last school year, we mentored 9 campers. Look for our newsletter soon. Again— thanks for your support.

Sincerely,  
Glenda Newkirk, Camp Director

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**First Presbyterian Church,**

Thank you so much for your generous donation! We are truly grateful! We will be having the boys' camp in a couple of weeks and this will be such a big blessing towards it. Again, thank you so much!

For His Kids,  
Mike and Lisa Irvin, Living Water Ranch

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### **KICK-OFF SUNDAY COMING UP**

Kick-off Sunday will be on Sunday, August 20! Join us for an exciting start to the Sunday school year!

We will be welcoming a surprise guest to help us celebrate, so watch our social media pages for clues as to who might be showing up!

This year's Sunday school theme will be "**Kids Under Construction: God At Work.**"

### **FINAL FIRST SUNDAY SUMMER BRUNCH**

**August 6th, following the  
10:30 worship service.**

For the final Sunday Summer Brunch, we will be having a traditional potluck.

The First Presbyterian Fellowship Committee will provide beverages, table service, and PB&J.

Friends and family are asked to bring a main or side dish, or a desert to share.

### **LIL' KIDS MORNING OUT 2017**

Lil' Kids Morning Out begins its fall semester on August 10. Sessions are on Thursday mornings from 9:00-11:30 a.m.

Please register through our website at [www.firstpresmanhattan.com](http://www.firstpresmanhattan.com) under the "Children" tab.

## **CRUNCHING THE NUMBERS**

### **Food Pantry**

In May, our Food Pantry served 43 adults and 19 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 10:00 a.m.-noon and 1:00-3:00 p.m.

### **Community Meals**

During the month of June, we served 180 dinners and 88 breakfasts. We also distributed 44 brownbag lunches.

## **BACKPACK PROJECT 2017**

First Presbyterian will be participating in the Backpack Program for the 2017-2018 school year! This is your opportunity to help elementary age children who are in need of school supplies.

Members and friends are invited to pick up backpacks in the narthex. Each backpack will contain a list of needed supplies and detailed instructions, as well as an envelope for a \$10 donation to cover the cost of the backpack. Return date for the filled backpacks will be

Sunday, August 13. A dedication service will be held, at which time the backpacks will be blessed.

If you are interested in participating but need assistance in "filling the backpack," please contact the church office.



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