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LOVING AND SERVING GOD AND ONE ANOTHER

APRIL PRESBY
COMMUNITY MEALS

To Go Dinners Served
- 293
To Go Breakfasts
Served - 209

VBS SUMMER 2020



The Rocky Railway train is running a little late but is expected to roll in a little later this month via the world wide web! Please watch your weekly emails for more information!

MEET OUR NEW OFFICE MANAGER DEIRDRE LAMARRE

My name is Deirdre, I'm a mother of 2 adult children and I have one granddaughter. Originally from New Hampshire, I have had great opportunities to live in so many locations, experiencing so many new and exciting, diverse people and cultures. Out of all my travels, I have returned to Kansas out of the love for a peaceful and joyful way of life. I am very excited to begin my new position with the church and its community. I look forward to meeting all of you. Thank you, Deirdre.



ROTARIAN OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to our very own Steven Graham who was recently named Rotarian of the Year by the Manhattan Rotary Club.



NEBRASKA MISSION TRIP



Pam Beardsley's group arrived in west Omaha at the Presbyterian Church of the Cross on late

Sunday afternoon, March

8. The church provided two large Sunday School rooms for them to use as sleeping quarters, supplied with inflatable cots, bedding, and towels. The work site was in a small, isolated community named King Lake, between Omaha and Fremont. Though there was no actual lake, the community was situated adjacent to the Elkhorn River and was severely flooded when the Platte and Elkhorn Rivers flooded in March, 2019. The city of Fremont had been completely cut off to any road traffic. All together work was done on 5 different houses. Two of these had interior walls and ceilings already completely stripped of wall board. Another home had a concrete slab floor which required removal of overlying, damaged tile. One home required some wall board installation, followed by taping, priming, and painting.

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JUNE BIRTHDAYS

1 Rae Jean Hunt	11 Peter Tomlinson	22 Marion Kyle
1 Kathryn Washington	13 Makenna Jensen	22 Robert Roper
4 Carmen Phillips	13 Tyler Norris	25 Bobby Cox
5 Charlie Trenary	14 Piper Newcomer	25 Kenneth Gowdy
6 Madi Paynter	16 Leo Trenary	26 Savannah Hackett
6 Faith Roach	17 June Myers	27 Ron Thomas
8 Abby Bowen	17 Shirley Stone	28 Telva Swenson
8 Janet Dittmar	17 Kristine Tiroch	28 Matthew Thompson
8 Marilyn Feldkamp	19 Becky Klingler	
8 Ben Trenary	19 Steven Levin	
8 Mylo Wattenford	20 Joel Anderson	
8 Kay Weigel	20 Alyssa Smith	
9 Aidan Hilton	21 Linda Toy	
11 Charles Stark	21 Jane Westfall	



THANK YOU

The Easter Service was beautiful. A big thank you for reaching out to us during this challenging time. Ellie [Ellis-Davidson] and Indie [Voos], your voices were beautiful when you sang Gethsemane during the Easter service. Thank you for sharing. Thank you to Reg Pitman for sharing his lovely voice in music with the other vocalist that I can't name [Ryan Hernandez]. Thank you to Wayne Converse for leading and reading the Gospel lessons. His commitment to his part of the service is clear. Robba Moran is an exceptional pianist. Her talent is greatly appreciated. Both my sister and father played beautifully, so I understand the dedication it takes to perform in front of an audience. I totally enjoyed your playing. Mitchell Jerko is also a music talent. The pipe organ was built in the little town of Lake City, Iowa, where both my parents were born. I have toured the organ factory, and when ours was built, it was the tallest and widest organ they had ever built. Beth Rodgers was the organist many years ago. That pipe organ was very old and had its issues. No one but Beth knew how to handle the temperamental organ. You no doubt will become another special organist as time goes by. The Resurrection Easter Egg Hunt was very creative.

What a sweet way to conclude our Easter service. The families that participated created wonderful memories for their families and many others. I know I have missed many others involved in the video part of this event and I don't have names to list, but you are also appreciated.

Respectfully,



Patty McCrary



Dear Friends,
On behalf of the Worship Committee, I want to thank you SO MUCH for an inspiring Youth Sunday service! You obviously have all worked very hard on it and I am proud of you. I am sure that our congregants who watched are also appreciative. God bless you,
Paul Dittmar

Dear Shiloh and First Pres Family,
Our family has been blessed by this church and its many ministries. Our daughter has enjoyed the children's opportunities and I have loved working with the Children's Choir. Many thanks to all the servant leaders who have been so kind to us. Warmly,
Natalie, Jeremy, Ellie, and A.J. Davidson

NOTES OF HOPE - MAY

By Scott Voos, Life Skills Ministry

Our Church is filled with fantastically silent givers. We take Matthew 6.3 to heart, so much so that others don't often know just how much we give to those who need. Silently.

"But when you give to the poor, don't let your left hand know what your right hand is doing,"

I felt an outward acknowledgment of the charity work done by our congregation was in order. Mentioning the work done by the Deacons is necessary. These elected members act as the outreaching arm into the Community, most felt by our own congregation during times of need.

More than just dollars contributed, our congregation silently tithes by sacrificing their time and attention towards what has to be done.

Hours given to the upkeep of Tami's garden and Friendship Park. Hours spent cooking meals and coordinating for the weekly Common Table meal. Hours collating, sorting and folding newsletters and monthly stewardship nudges. All done by the right hand without bragging to the left.

In Romans 12, Paul speaks about cultivating Christian ethics. You all have taught me the value of silent giving. And I am thankful for that.

Love, Grace and Blessings to You.

Scott Voos

If you are interested in learning more or contributing to the benevolence funding please contact me at scott@firstpresmanhattan.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADDRESS CHANGE

Ken and Dolores Gowdy have moved to Lansing, KS. Their new address is:

Twin Oaks Assisted Living
657 West Eisenhower Road
Apartment 304
Lansing, KS 660043

FATHER'S DAY!!!

Father's Day is fast approaching! If you would like to honor your father, grandfather, or father figure this year through our annual Father's Day slideshow, please send all images with names/descriptions to chris@agresources.com

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE

In March, our mission committee put together 20 clean up buckets for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. The buckets included cleaning supplies. Shoppers were: Mary Alice Schlesener, Chris Wilson, and Pam Beardsley. David Beardsley and Bob Mertz helped load the buckets into the truck. We delivered them to a Presbyterian Church in Lincoln, NE that is a collection site. These are being used for the massive flooding that occurred in and around Omaha last year.



FOND FAREWELL

Longtime employees, Joe Coleman and Ayanna Castro-Ross are moving away now that Joe has graduated from KSU. Joe was our Sunday attendant and nightly security monitor, while Ayanna was our housekeeper. Joe's position is part time with flexible hours. If you know anyone who might be interested in filling this position please contact the church office.



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Music Time!
Bible Lessons & more!

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GREEN THUMBS



Aidan and Daisy Hilton and Bernie and James Poulter doing some clean-up and spring planting in our columbarium in Friendship Park! Our thanks to them for being great stewards of our church grounds!