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Headline News



Fully Installed

On April 10, Pastor Kati Collins was officially installed as First Presbyterian's Designated Associate Pastor! Speakers from the Presbytery of Northern Kansas, friends, and family spoke during the ceremony and in celebration of her installation.

Pictured above are representatives from the Cornerstone youth group offering the prayer of installation, along with the "laying on of the hands" by elders and pastors.

For more pictures, see page 5.

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Rev. McConnell

I mentioned in a sermon quite a while ago that I was the beneficiary of an available ticket for a U2 concert held at the Target Center in downtown Minneapolis about ten years ago. The only reason that I was able to go was that my daughter’s then boyfriend had an extra ticket, because Harper had a cross- country meet the next morning at the University of Minnesota, and a rock concert the night before and a national meet the next morning don’t necessarily mix. So by default, I ended up going to a U2 concert with three college guys. (I think I was the oldest one there of the 20,000 in

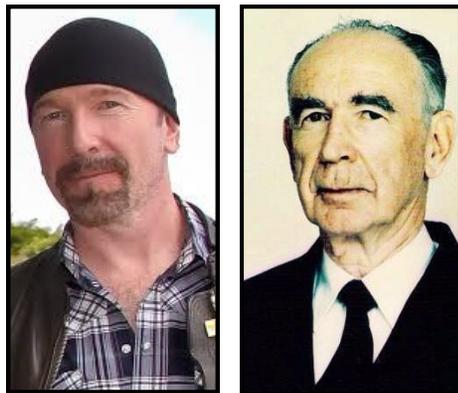
attendance). But it was a terrific concert and I particularly enjoyed watching and listening to “The Edge” (David Evans) perform his classic sound on the guitar, in addition to being there in person.

But I mention this this because of the article I read in a Rotary magazine about “The Edge” and his father from Dublin, Ireland, Garvin Evans, who passed away just a couple of days ago at the time of the writing of this article. If I read the history right, Mr. Evans served as the Clerk of his Presbyterian Session for over 54 consecutive years at the Howth and Malahide Presbyterian Church in Dublin, Ireland, which meant that “The Edge “ grew up in the Presbyterian Church, one of the Presbyterians’ best-kept secrets!

I say this because of this observation: Isn’t it quite remarkable that one person would serve for over fifty years as Clerk of his Session, which, I believe, speaks forcefully about his love, not only for his local church, but also for Presbyterianism, which, in the purest sense, is a tremendous blend of “ardor and order,” “ardor” meaning things of the spirit, and “order” meaning things of governance and community.

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Pictured right: “The Edge” and his father Garvin Evans.

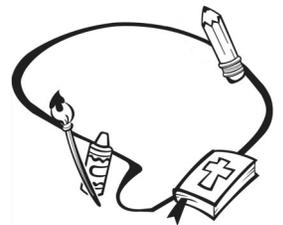


Coming Up Next... Happy May Birthdays!



New Bible Study!

Have you been enjoying the peaceful meditation of coloring pages? Pastor Kati will be leading a new 9-week Women’s Bible Study beginning Wednesday, May 4 at 10:00 a.m. The class will be working through Jann Gray’s book “Illuminated Journaling.” Gray demonstrates and encourages painting, doodling, and illustrating in a Journaling Bible as a spiritual discipline. Curious? Check out our local Christian Bookstore, talk to Pastor Kati, or google “illustrated faith.”



Men’s Breakfast

The men's breakfast will be on summer break from May through July. The next Men's breakfast will be in August.

Presbyterian Women’s Bible Study group will meet on **May 19** to study lesson nine– *River of Live– Hope– Revelation 21-22.*



Note: The password for the online church directory is Proverbs2 .

Mother's Day Pictures

We will be creating a PowerPoint presentation featuring pictures of mothers in celebration of Mother's Day! Please turn in pictures of mothers, grandmothers, aunts, or anyone who has been a special "mother" in your life. Pictures may be emailed to the office at secretary@firstpresmanhattan.com or brought into the office in person. Please include the names of everyone in your picture. Pictures are due by **MAY 3rd**. **Fathers day** pictures will be due by **June 13**.



Friday Fellowship

March Friday Fellowship will be on May 20. Please join us for delicious food, fun fellowship, and, as always, an exciting presentation! We encourage you to RSVP with the church office so that we can prepare appropriate amounts of food.



Crunching the Numbers

During the month of March, we served 249 dinners and 106 breakfasts. We also distributed 46 brownbag lunches.

Our Community Dinners take place on Tuesday evenings from 6:00-6:45 p.m. and the Community Breakfasts on Wednesday mornings from 7:30-8:15 a.m. Average attendance at dinner is 35-40 and for breakfasts is 20-25.

Food Pantry News

In March, our Food Pantry served 38 adults and 23 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.

Dear Friends,

In this fast paced world we too often don't take the time to say thank you. **THANK YOU!!** Your generous gift to the Breadbasket makes it possible for us to continue to carry out our mission of eliminating poverty and hunger in our community.

Sincerely,

Maribeth Kieffer, Executive Director, The Flint Hills Breadbasket

Thank you!

With appreciation for the live garden daisy for my birthday. I miss the fellowship with church friends but am happy at Meadowlark Hills.

Thanks for remembering me.

In Christian love,
Evelyn Brown.

(Ardor and Order cont.)

When the Swiss theologian, Karl Barth, said the pastor should carry the Bible in one hand and the newspaper in the other, he was talking about bringing these two worlds (ardor and order) together—in other words, they're not mutually exclusive, but the two have to go hand in hand if the Christian was to be taken seriously. The "ardor" part of the Christian is about the renewal of the spirit, drawing closer to God in a personal relationship. The "order" part is taking this same renewal and applying it to the renewal of the world in the form of love, reconciliation, and peace, i.e. addressing hunger, poverty, education, racial relations, and many other societal issues.

"The Edge" said about his father, "My father's instinct for philanthropy, for activism and engagement, had an effect on me. And he definitely influenced what I do and say to my kids."

Perhaps the Presbyterian- raised "The Edge" had an influence on the message of one of U2's most popular songs, "In the Name of Love," a song that included Jesus Christ and the likes of a Martin Luther King who lost their lives sharing the message that God's love was meant for all mankind:

"One man betrayed with a kiss.....Shots ring out in the Memphis sky.....In the name of love, what more in the name of love..."

Let the Spirit of Christ transform your spirit to make a difference in the world.

Faithfully,

Cam

Mission Committee Highlights

-Contributed to twelve organizations in the Manhattan community as a part of the "Go Green Match Day," a program of the Manhattan Community Foundation. For every \$1,000.00 given, the Community Foundation added \$500.00 to the gift. Below are the local organizations to which First Presbyterian contributed a \$1,000.00 a piece, totaling \$12,000, along with an additional \$6,000.00 from the Manhattan Community Foundation, making for a grand total of \$18,000.00!

-Big Brother/Big Sisters -Crisis Center -Flint Hills Breadbasket -Flint Hills Community Clinic -Manhattan Area Habitat for Humanity -Manhattan Emergency Shelter -Manhattan Home Care and Hospice -Pawnee Mental Health Services -Riley County Senior Services Center -Ronald McDonald

In Our Church

What a Great Season!

The First Presbyterian Church Volleyball Team participated in another wonderful season of fun, good fellowship, and exciting games! The team had its best season ever and tied for second place with 4 wins and 5 losses. Most of the games were nail-biters but more importantly, they were fun. The league consisted of 10 churches in the local Manhattan community. Come out and join us next season; we would love to have you!

Top Row: Robbie Collins, Kati Collins, Mike Wilson, & Anatasia Morgan

Bottom Row: Kristine Tiroch & Andrea Higgins



A Note from Health Ministries

"He kept them safe, so they were not afraid." Psalm 78:53 NLT

Many people travel in the summer to visit family or take vacations so travel safety is important to a fun trip. Make sure you have your vehicle serviced and that you have packed for roadside emergencies. Do you have jumper cables, tools to change a flat tire, and a first aid kit? If you are traveling with a boat or camper, have it checked for working lights and hitches. Check all car seats to be sure they are properly installed, especially if they have been transferred to someone else's vehicle. Once on the road, never rush. To arrive safely obey speed limits, use seat belts, and take breaks at least every 2 hours to avoid fatigue. Accidents occur when you try to 'beat the rush' or drive tired, so take your time and enjoy your trip.

Wanted

Campers. Must be:

Fun loving, eager to learn, excited to meet new people!

Dates:

May 25th: Tap Camp Extravaganza!

Open for tappers of all ages. Tap shoes not required— please bring tennis shoes.

June 17-18: Cheer Camp! Cheered on by Damian Hilton for kids ages 7-100.

June 20-23: Basketball Camp for grades 3rd-6th led by Sarah Wenger, MCC's Women's Basketball Coach.

June 20-23: Art Camp with Micky Jensen for 4th-8th graders

July 26-29: Music Camp with Steve and Susan Maxwell for campers ages Pre-K-6th grade.

For more information or to register, visit firstpresmanhattan/children/2016summer-camps/

Upcoming Events

5/7: Mother's Day Tea and Fashion Show

5/15: Autism Walk/Run during 9:15 Activity hour
Last day of children's Sunday school

5/22: End of year children's Sunday School party (during SS hour)

5/25: Tap Camp Extravaganza

6/6-10: Vacation Bible School

6/11: Father's Day outing

6/20-23: Basketball Camp

6/20-23: Art camp

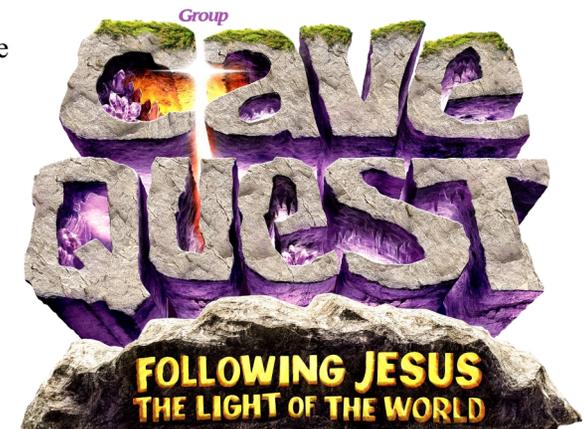
7/26-29: Music Camp

Bible School 2016!

Join us 9 a.m.-12 p.m., June 6-10 for a fun week of Vacation Bible School! We will have a lot of fun learning about Jesus and the Bible through songs, games and stories. To register, visit our website at www.firstpresmanhattan.com.

Interested in volunteering? We would love to have you! Volunteers are needed to help with snacks, story telling, music, recreation, lab activities, administration/registration, and as crew leaders!

Call the church office to sign up as a volunteer!



Presby KIDS!

*You are cordially invited to our
Mother's Day Fashion Show and Tea*

Saturday May 7, 2016

At

Two o'clock

RSVP by May 2 to the church office at 537-0518

Sponsored by First Presbyterian, Children's Place, and
Dress Barn, and Andrea Higgins- "Thirty-One Consultant"

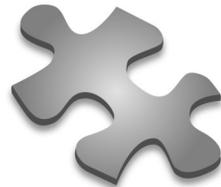
Hosted by Presby Tea Room Ladies

Presby Puzzle Walk/Run for Autism Awareness

May 15th during 9:15 Activity Hour

Kids' breakfast at 9:45 following walk

Want to make a donation? Tables will be set up in the narthex
on May 1st and 8th following services. Donations will
be used to aid local children on the Autism spectrum.



April Parents' Night Out

Children learned all about manners at the April "Mad Hatter" Parents' Night Out.

In preparation for the Mother's Day Fashion Show and Tea, they were taught
proper table etiquette and which utensil to use when!



Pastor Kati Collins's Installation service was attended and led by members of the Presbytery of Northern Kansas, members of our congregation, and those closest to her.

Pictured top left are **Lee Borck and Mary Lawrence Currie** leading the Questions for the Congregation.

Second left is **Moderator David Hancock** asking Pastor Kati the Constitutional Questions from the Book of Order.

Third left is **Rev. Loretta Ross** leading the Remembrance of Baptism.

Top right is **Rev. Rebecca Chancellor** delivering the sermon "Prayers for the Church."

Bottom left are representatives from the **Cornerstone Youth** group leading prayer for Pastor Collins's in her new role.

Bottom right is Pastor Collins' mother, **Ann Salmons**, delivering the Charge to the newly-installed Pastor.

Youth and College

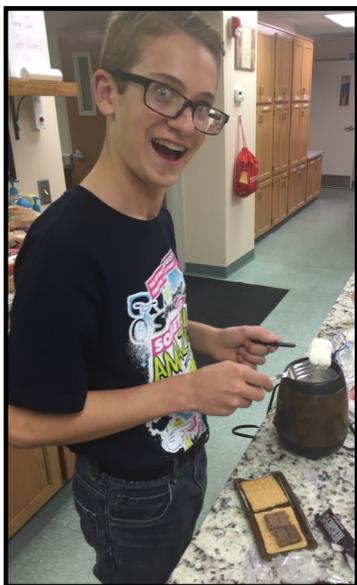
Cornerstone Youth Update

This month our youth have been venturing out in service and digging into scripture and prayer as they prepare for Youth Sunday. One evening for Cornerstone, our youth wrote affirmations on the sidewalk surrounding City Park. As people from all over Manhattan ran and walked around the park, they were reminded that God loves them, and that we "can do all things through Christ who strengthens us." We had our inaugural overnight since our youth renovation and initiated some new youth with a fun game of "Sardines". Our devotion introduced some of the themes for Youth Sunday, as the youth and leaders named "who does Jesus say I am?": saved, imperfect, worth it, forgiven, made perfect in my weakness, heartfelt, called to a bigger plan, part of something special, His beloved, and His child. Perhaps as you're reading this, you've already experienced our Youth Sunday with several of



Pictured above: An exciting game of Human Hungry Hungry Hippos!

our youth preaching, making music, and leading us in prayer for our community and our world. In May we will celebrate all of the growth we have experienced this year: Spiritual Growth, Volunteer Growth, and Physical Growth as the fruit of the dedication from our youth and our leaders!



Special note for Youth, Volunteers and Parents!

Join us at the home of Palmer and Marti Meek for a fun cookout and games on May 22nd! All Volunteers are invited to join us in celebrating this year's growth! Mission Team students, leaders and parents will meet at 5pm to get to know one another and the Cornerstone End of the Year Party will be at 6pm. Thanks for a great year!

Pictured left: Zach Paquette making s'mores at Wednesday's Mid-High meal. Small youth groups will start up again in August. Watch our website for more information!

Summer Fun for Everyone!

Summer Mission Trip Location Change

(Same dates: July 17th-23rd) Our youth will now be traveling to **Porcupine, South Dakota** for a mission project with the Sioux Nation! They will be working alongside other youth from across the country to help with renovations on the reservations with projects such as roofing, building wheelchair ramps and painting. One evening we will get a chance to hear from a Sioux Nations storyteller about their culture and history. We will also have a fun time enjoying the beautiful and historical landmarks in the surrounding Black Hills. Thank you, Charles and Janet Stark, for volunteering to join our adult leadership team for the trip with Pastor Kati! All participants will have a chance to meet one another and build our team before we go on the following training dates: **Sunday, May 22 at 5 p.m. and Sunday, May 26th at 6:30 p.m.** Interested Youth can still join our team, but you must contact Pastor Kati before June 1st!



Congratulating our Grads

Graduation is coming soon for our college and high school students! We will be recognizing college students finishing their undergraduate and graduate degrees on May 1st during the Sunday worship services. We will be recognizing our students graduating High School on May 22nd during the Sunday worship service. We invite all High School seniors to wear their caps and gown to church and be recognized during the service.

Even if your student is graduating far away, you can still submit their name to be recognized in our bulletin. Please submit the name of your graduate and a description of future plans to secretary@firstpresmanhattan.com.

Wednesday Night's on the Black Top

June 1st we will begin a summer fellowship series on Wednesday nights from 5:30-7pm. Bring-Your-Own-Dinner and gather with your friends and family in Friendship Park at 5:30. Each week we'll have a different program at 6pm.

Presby Art Show

Following the worship services on June 26th, we will have an art show and reception, displaying works of our members along with students from our art classes. Each member/student may submit up to 5 items to be displayed. These items may be your own creations or spiritual art in your collection which you would like to share. Please RSVP with the size and number of items, so that we may have an adequately prepared set-up. Forms are available in the church office.