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CRUNCHING THE NUMBERS

Food Pantry

In August our Food Pantry served 63 adults and 28 children.

Community Meals

During the month of July, we served 263 dinners, 160 breakfasts, and 77 sack lunches.

With more and more of our neighbors coming to our Community Dinners we are in need of more people to help with the main meal dish and kitchen volunteers to help set up, serve, and clean-up!

If you are interested in volunteering for Food Pantry or Community Dinners, contact the church office at 785-537-0518.

WORLD COMMUNION AND MISSION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7

Mission Sunday is October 7, the same Sunday we celebrate **World Communion Sunday**. Come to not only celebrate the Sacrament shared by hundreds of millions of people across the world, but to also meet many of the recipients of our mission financial outreach, as there will be a Mission Fair between the worship services and after the 10:30 service in Fisher Hall.



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FIRST Headline News



COMING SOON: SPIRITUAL RENEWAL WEEKEND—OCTOBER 20-21

Topic: Community--- Building the Whole through Personal Spiritual Renewal

Every few years, First Presbyterian has hosted a Spiritual Renewal Weekend, which has included special speakers who address the need for spiritual renewal in our personal lives. This year's special guest will be Kili Wenburg from Hastings, Nebraska, where she currently serves as the Director of Adult Education and Spiritual Formation at the First Presbyterian Church in Hastings. Kili graduated from Nebraska Wesleyan University with a BA in Mathematics and an MA in Theology from Creighton University. She also received a certification in Spiritual Direction and Directed Retreats. In addition, Kili served as Director of Adult Education at the First Presbyterian Church in LaCrosse, Wisconsin.

Kili's description of her theme:

Community: Building the Whole through Personal Spiritual Renewal

The biblical call to community is clear, yet our experience in today's world is often more defined by independence, even isolation. During this retreat, we will consider how to reclaim the joy and strength of community through personal spiritual renewal. We will explore various models of community, discuss ways communities thrive through giving, sharing, and caring, and we'll practice personal prayer and spiritual disciplines that can prepare us to contribute fully and constructively to the various communities of which we are a part.

Schedule: 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Saturday, October 20th—continental breakfast, Kili's presentations, small group discussions, concluding with lunch at noon.



Sunday, October 21st, both worship services—Kili will preach the Sunday sermon.

Mark your calendar for an enriching, rewarding weekend!

Faithfully,

Cam



COMING UP SOON

See inside for events and schedules

October 7:
Confirmation Luncheon

October 19:
Parents' Night Out

October 20-21:
Spiritual Renewal Weekend

October 27:
Boy scouts pancake fundraiser

DATES TO REMEMBER!

November 1-2:
Youth group lock-in

November 25:
Children sing in 10:30 service

December 2:
Family Advent Breakfast

December 2:
Jingle Bell Run, 4:00 p.m.

If you would like to reserve space at First Presbyterian, please contact the office at 785-537-0518.

Reservations for Fisher Hall, the sanctuary, and classrooms may be made with Taylor Roberts. Presby Place reservations may be made with Sarah Diamond.

FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP

Please join us on **October 26 at 11 am** in Fisher Hall for Friday Fellowship. This month our speaker will be First Presby Member, **Captain Micah Hydeman**, of the Manhattan Fire Dept. He and members of his engine company will present "Manhattan Fire Dept: The Early Years". Learn the history of the organizational development, and the technical advancements that serve our growing community. A delicious lunch, prepared by Hospitality Coordinator, Julie Haynes, will follow at 12 noon.



KSU COLLEGIATE CHORALE TO SING ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21ST

The **KSU Collegiate Chorale** will sing at both worship services on **Sunday, October 21st**. Mark your calendar for another uplifting musical Sunday as we host this special choir.

MY DEAR FRIENDS AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN...



September 30th was my last Sunday at First Presbyterian Church Manhattan, as I have accepted a call to become the new Solo Pastor for St. Luke Presbyterian Church in Amarillo, Texas. Over the last three and a half years, I have thoroughly enjoyed being one of your pastors. You welcomed Robbie and me with open hearts and joyful enthusiasm. We have had many great adventures with you, and you have prepared

us for the next great adventure in our lives. We will continue to wear our purple with pride as we move across a few state lines! And we will always cherish our time in ministry with you. Here are our Top Ten Things we will always remember, in no particular order.

1. Helpful volunteers who make countless casseroles and more, providing over 100 meals each week at our Community Breakfasts and Dinners.
2. Spontaneous Choirs that pop up throughout the year and remind us of the love of our church family.
3. Youth meals, Lock-ins and Ski Trips! Skiing, not-skiing, Sardines, Warewolf, Hungry Hippos, experimental meals/desserts and so much more.
4. Good Friday Concerts with meaningful moments of music and scripture.
5. The Light. All of it. From the inspirational music, to the thought provoking videos, the prayer board and creative elements, and the joy of preaching for you.
6. Seder Dinners. Memorable family time around the table...and a little bit of juice everywhere. Fun times.
7. Delectable meals by the Cox Bros and Julie Haynes, and of course the Radina's Coffee!
8. Cheering on the Wildcats at Football, Basketball, and Baseball games. (Plus, Willie the Wildcat joining our Kick-off brunch last year!)
9. Sharing our musical gifts with you all at Christmas Eve services.
10. Our "never-quit" church volleyball team.

May God continue to fuel many more joyful moments at First Presbyterian in your adventures to come.
Grace and Peace,
Pastor Kati

COLLEGE MINISTRIES OFF TO A FUN START!

We kicked off with a bang and had a college lunch the first weekend after school started! We are getting ready to begin a faith and goal setting curriculum created and taught by **Carmen Schober**. Also, this Fall we are planning to do another serve day and potentially a Bible Study on Sunday mornings. Watch our bulletins and weekly emails for more information!

GENEROSITY UPDATE

by Sarah Diamond, Director of Operations and Development

Because of your generosity, the Mission Committee of the Session appropriated the following:

Kerrigan's Krew (Hearing assistance dog to help Kerrigan Carter in daily living.): \$500
Community Meal Part-Time Cook: \$1,000

Introducing a Stewardship Challenge!

Recently, the congregation has received a generous challenge from one of our families. Whatever the increase in the amount pledged from 2018-2019 will be matched by this family. As an example: the amount pledged for the current year (2018) is \$665,000. If the amount pledged for 2019 was \$725,000.00, that would mark a \$60,000.00 increase, and, therefore, the match would be \$60,000.00, increasing the total amount to \$785,000.00. This wonderful challenge can make a big difference in our 2019 operating budget. Let us give generously so we can expand our ministries and missions.

Did you know?

Gratitude improves physical health and grateful people are more stress resilient.

Through our Community Meal ministry, each week on average, approximately 27 meals are served during the breakfast and 70 meals during the dinner with a total of 97 meals, along with sack lunches! Thank you so much to all of our volunteers and staff who make this ministry possible!

Stewardship Talks this fall!

Thank you so much to our parishioners who have expressed an interest in providing a Stewardship Talk this fall. If you are interested, please contact Sarah in the church office.

