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# Headline News



Picture: Women's Retreat 2015 featuring Carmen Fowler LaBerge

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## A Good Reminder



Rev. McConnell

Last month at a Monmouth College Board of Trustees dinner I sat at a table with two professors and their spouses. The couple to my right were probably in their early 40's, she, an assistant professor of business and commerce and he, a welder with John Deere. The professor described her classes and some of the techniques she used to teach her students at this Presbyterian-related liberal arts college in

western Illinois. Her husband, Warren, listened admiringly, and, at various times throughout the evening, would talk to me about his work at John Deere, which required a 5:30 a.m. departure every morning to drive the 40 miles to Moline, Illinois, corporate headquarters for John Deere. Warren talked a little about the recently negotiated union contract with the company, how it could have been better for the worker, but he was happy that he had employment. But what really caught my attention were Warren's conscientiousness and attitude toward his job. I asked him his daily hours, to which he responded: "7:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m., but I clock in at 6:38 every morning," he said. Then I said something to the effect, "Well, that means you get paid from 6:38 on." He said, "Oh, no, I only get paid from 7:00 o'clock on. "What happened to the 22 minutes between 6:38 a.m. and 7:00 a.m., when you first clocked in," I asked. And here was the clincher: "I want to be ready to work at 7:00, and in order for me to be ready to work at 7:00, I have to arrive early, my space needs to be ready to go, and I need to be ready to go."

Warren's comments were uplifting. Here was a person who seemed genuinely grateful for his job, evidenced by his work ethic and his willingness to show up at his station early every day in anticipation of "jumping out of the gate" when the bell sounded. As this season of Thanksgiving approaches, Warren offers us a reminder of gratitude for his work, by going the extra mile and by never taking a good job for granted. Compared to the rest of the world, we have always known the unique level of prosperity that exists in America. And as we consider others in other countries, the numbers for income are startling and staggering: the world's median household income is \$10,000.00 per year, while many households exist on less than \$2,000.00.00 year. Unemployment is as high as 50% in some developing nations, while childhood poverty remains one of the world's greatest problems.

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### "Season for Stewardship"

The Stewardship Committee introduced its "Season for Stewardship" during worship services on Sunday October 18<sup>th</sup>. At each worship service leading up to the commitment of our pledges on Stewardship Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, members of our congregation will be sharing their thoughts on stewardship and committed giving. Please pause and reflect on the information you will be provided over the next few weeks to prayerfully consider how you might make a pledge to commit your financial gifts back to the Church and its many active missions for 2016. As always, thank you for your support of First Presbyterian Church Manhattan.

In Christ,  
Ken Burton

### Third Quarter Financial Report

Revenue YTD Actual: \$521,001  
Revenue YTD Budget: \$585,750  
Expenses YTD Actual: \$553,354  
Expenses YTD Budget: \$579,790  
Pledge Receipts YTD Actual: \$460,160  
Pledge Receipts YTD Budget: \$496,500



### Men's Breakfast

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

The November Men's Breakfast will be held on Thursday, November 19 from 7 AM to 8 AM. Our speaker will be the First Presbyterian member Jon Anderson. Jon is President at JRA Occupational Safety Consulting Services and formerly worked with the American Baking Institute. He will share interesting aspects of the food and safety industry.

Pictured right: October Men's Breakfast speaker, Manhattan City Manager Ron Fehr.



### First Academy

November *First Academy* will meet on **November 9 at 6:30 p.m.** with speaker **Ward Morgan**, CEO of CivicPlus. Ward is the son of members Stan and Connie Morgan.

First Academy programs meet in the sanctuary and are held the second Monday of the month. Come early for refreshments at 6:15 p.m.



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

# Coming Up Next...

## Happy November Birthdays!



### A Message from Health Ministries

Every 13 minutes someone is added to the national organ transplant waiting list. This person has reached the point where the only option is prayer and hope that someone hears his cry for another chance. For the families of potential donors, the decision comes at a time of great sorrow and vulnerability. It is difficult to lose a loved one but if the sadness of a loss can be turned into joy through donation, what better way to celebrate a life. Talk with your family today about how donating your organs could potentially help over 35 people receive a new lease on life.

Organ donations are low because of uncertainties regarding spiritual issues, fear of the donation process, and physical effects on the body. First, almost all religions approve of organ donation as an act of love. Second the donation process is strictly protected, begins once death has been determined, and removes only what can be used. Last, the donor's body is respected and an open casket is up to the family. Other concerns such as age (donors can be between 0 and 80) and cost (families are not charged for the process) often make families think twice. Don't let fears keep you from being a donor, talk to your parish nurse or an organ donation representative. It is a good cause!

Warren is a reminder of the attitude that built this nation into what it is today and how fortunate we are to live in a land of great prosperity. But our hearts and minds need to be jogged once in a while by the Warrens of the world to be grateful and to appreciate this land of plenty and subsequently our responsibility to never take our work for granted.

Give thanks this Thanksgiving season for the land in which we live and the job that you have.

Ecclesiastes says: "...there is nothing better than that a man should enjoy his work..."

Faithfully,

Cam

## Mission and Outreach

### Mission Update

-The Mission Committee at its last meeting heard the report that the Crop Walk effort from our congregation earned approximately \$1,600.00. Many thanks to the members and friends of the congregation who participated in the October 4th event for hunger!

-The Committee approved a contribution of \$2,600.00 to the CITA (Christ is the Answer) Foundation. The Foundation provides education for children and the handicapped in Ghana and Ethiopia.

### Crunching the Numbers

During the month of June, we served 236 dinners and 142 breakfasts. We have also distributed 70 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 the dinner is 35-40 and for the breakfasts is 20-25.

### Food Pantry News

In May, our Food Pantry served 78 adults, 47 children, and 8 elderly. We partner with the Flint Hills Breadbasket to help those in our community who are food



The Deacons are sponsoring the **Adopt Manhattan/Ogden Head Start Program** for the holidays again this year to provide children with winter coats, shoes and warm clothing. Deacons will be available in the narthex before and after church on **Nov. 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd**. Please stop by to select an ornament from the tree. Coats, shoes and clothing should be returned to the church, unwrapped by Nov. 29. If you have questions please contact Rae Anderson or Sheila Fortney.

# In Our Church

First Presbyterian member Miles McKee is the recent recipient of three prestigious awards:

- The Don L. Good Impact Award– Mr. McKee is the first recipient of the Don L. Good Impact award, which is awarded to those who have taught, mentored and impacted the lives of students above and beyond expectations.
- Livestock Publications Council Headliner Award– This award is given to those who have displayed exemplary service to the livestock industry.



Four Kansas State University students were awarded scholarships at the American Association of Bovine Practitioners in New Orleans, including our own **Lacey Robinson**. **Lacey** is a fourth-year veterinary student at K-State.



Congratulations to member **Emily Mark** for her election as one of two commissioners to the 2016 General Assembly meeting in Portland, Oregon, representing the Presbytery of Northern Kansas.



Note: If you would like to submit a notice about an award or special celebration, contact the church office at [secretary@firstpresmanhattan.com](mailto:secretary@firstpresmanhattan.com).



First Presbyterian Church welcomes our new members **Charles and Janet Stark**. Charles and Janet moved from Wake Forest, NC two years ago. Charles is an associate professor at Kansas State University in the department of Grain Science and Industry. Janet is a teacher at Amanda Arnold Elementary School. They have two grown children.



## College Lunch

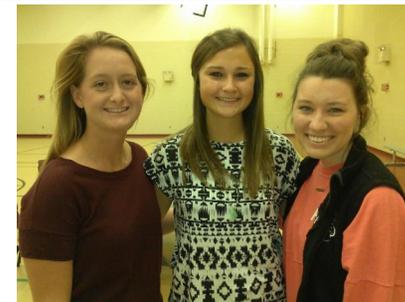
Each month, First Presbyterian hosts a college lunch. College students are invited to partake in a home cooked meal made by church members.

Pictured left: Ann Coulson helps our college students make Omlettes in a bag!

Next college lunch: November 15th

## K-State Leading the Way

K-State students from the School of Leadership Studies have been helping with our Community Breakfast outreach. They have been visiting with the breakfast attendees. Pictured are three leadership students: Taylor Hiltgen, Ellie Heim and Kati VanDever.



## CRTL ALT Worship

Join us for our worship gatherings as we continue to build our new worshipping community meeting in the sanctuary two Sundays a month at 5pm! Help us seek and define our faith with the following statements:

Nov. 8th: I am ...

Nov. 22nd: Love is...

Dec. 20th: Jesus came to ...

## A Faraway Visitor

Our October First Academy speaker was the Rev. Jan Dus, the director for the Diaconia Center for Humanitarian and Development Aid. Pictured left is Rev. Dus talking about his work for Diaconia around the world.



## Story Behind the Story

On Nov. 15th a new Sunday School class will begin combining Steven Graham's class and the Coffee House Cafe with Pastor Kati and Robbie Collins. We'll be looking at the "Story Behind the Story" beginning with highlights from events around the birth of Jesus as told in the different Gospels. The study will continue through January 10th with no class on Nov. 27 or Jan. 3.

# Youth and College

## Introducing Cornerstone!

Our youth have been active and busy studying the Bible, playing games, making meals, painting the youth room and forming an identity! They have chosen the name Cornerstone, confessing that they are the cornerstones of the future for our youth group, guided by Jesus, their cornerstone. Youth Leader, Erin Koolman and Pastor Kati Collins will be offering the sermon on Sunday, Nov. 8th as a way of sharing some of their growth with our whole congregation! See our now regular weekly schedule (right), and contact Pastor Kati or Peg Janssen to sign up as a volunteer!



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**YOUTH SCHEDULE**

**WEDNESDAY, SMALL GROUPS**

MID HIGH MEAL (7th & 8th), 5:30 in Fisher Hall  
SENIOR HIGHS (9-12th), 7:30 in the Youth Loft

**SUNDAY, LARGE GROUP**

Casual Fellowship @ 6pm in PresbyPlace  
Large Group @ 6:30pm, depart from PresbyPlace

**Cornerstone Ski Trip-** Ski Cooper, Leadville, CO  
Mark Your Calendar!  
Deposit of \$50 due: Dec. 20th  
Full Cost (TBA) due: Jan. 10th  
Travel: Friday, Jan. 15th-Monday, January 18th  
For more details, contact Erin Koolman, Youth Leader



## GIFT WRAPPING FOR TRAVEL!

Our youth will be offering their services as gift wrapping elves on Sundays in December as they raise money towards our Youth Ski Trip! Help us in gathering quality wrapping paper and ribbons/bows to help with the cost of this fundraiser. Perhaps you could pick up two rolls or find a good deal on multiple packs. Perhaps you have some extra paper from last year which is still in good condition. Donations can be dropped off in Pastor Kati's office.



## A Room of a Different Color

Cornerstone has begun work redecorating the youth room. Starting with a new color scheme, they will keep working to make the room "their own space." Most importantly, they found the thermostat! A years long quest has been accomplished through continual trial and error and the room is now much more comfortable!

## Volunteers Needed

At the Breadbasket, we understand that it's often difficult to find the time to volunteer. But you can still help! Monetary or food donations are greatly appreciated and extremely necessary. Without help from the community, this much needed resource would not exist. Give us a call today to find out how you can help! Volunteers are especially needed throughout the upcoming holiday season including: Thanksgiving and Holiday Basket assemblies and distributions, as well as our Dillon's Collections. We also appreciate help during our normal hours of operation, which are: Mon.-Fri. 8-12 and 1-4. If you would like to help, please call our operations manager, Jeff Grant at (785) 537-0730.

Coming Soon to Homes Near You

**Presby Diners Club 2016**

January February March

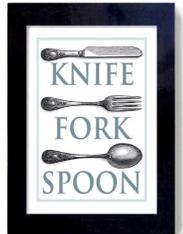
To register: find a form in December Headline News

Forms in Bulletins Sundays in December

Open to ALL

More information to follow next month

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## Jingle Bell Run

Join us this holiday season for the 4th Annual Jingle Bell 5k Run and 1.5 Mile Fun Run/Walk benefiting "Katie's Way".

Dress up in some fun festive attire, wear Christmas lights, reindeer antlers or adorn yourself in ornaments and make your way through downtown Manhattan and around Kansas' largest Christmas tree in Blue Earth Plaza.

We encourage participants of all ages to get into the holiday spirit with this family-friendly event. After the event, enjoy a light dinner and awards ceremony!

Be there with bells on!

RACE DATE: **Sunday, December 6, 2015**

START TIME: **5:00 PM**

LOCATION: **Presby Place, First Presbyterian Church, 801 Leavenworth, Manhattan, KS 66502**

To register go to: [www.jinglebellrun5k.com](http://www.jinglebellrun5k.com)



PW (Presbyterian Women) Bible Study will be meeting at 1:00 p.m. in the Library on Thursday, November 19. They will be working on Lesson 3 with Linda Schottler as the leader. Hope to see you there!

# Presby KIDS!

## KIDS! Choirs



### Christmas Program

**Hark!** The children's Christmas pageant this year will end with angels singing and instruments playing! **We need any and all who play an instrument** to join the fun on the last song of the pageant. Copies of the parts will be available in November. Contact Susan Maxwell for details at [susiebassoon@yahoo.com](mailto:susiebassoon@yahoo.com).

**"Manger Medley"** is this year's Christmas Pageant. It

will be on **Sunday, December 13th at 5pm in Presby**

**Place.** The Deacon's Pot Luck Dinner will follow.

"I wanna be Thankful!" Our KIDS! choirs will be singing a song of thanks on November 15th at the 10:30 worship hour.

## Manger Madness!

Do you have a special nativity set and story? Would you be willing to bring it to the church for an enclosed display? We are celebrating and learning about the manger this year for the Christmas Pageant "Manger Medley". Please share your set and story with us! Contact the church office if interested!

## P-Squared News

Fun times this year at the Pumpkin Patch and carving a pumpkins Pumpkin Palooza's. We continue our P2 fun with a new mission projects for November and December. P2 will participating as a "team" in the Jingle Bell Run! (1.5 mile fun run only). Parents are welcome to run with our group! Kids who will run with P2 will need a completed race entry form and check for indicated amount by November 18th. Please enclose form and check in an envelope labeled "P2 Jingle Bell Run team". Thanks!

## Children's Missions



### Fall Sunday School Mission

We have only two Sundays left to try and reach our goal of donating \$1K to the Friends of Peace Memorial Auditorium fundraising campaign. As Veteran's Day is just around the corner, please consider honoring the 101 fallen WWII soldiers from Riley County with your donation to this effort. We hope to present a check to Jim Sharp, author and WWII Battle of the Bulge veteran, when he visits our church to share a special children's message on Sunday, November 15th. Thank you all in advance for your support in memorializing these brave men.

## Sunday School

**Our Sunday school classes are growing weekly**, so if you are a Preschool-6th grader, be sure to come join the fun! Our classes meet every Sunday morning during the second service after the children's sermon! We have been studying the apostle Paul and his adventures as a disciple of Christ!



We continue our "100 Years 100 Memory Verses Challenge" as our way of celebrating our 100 year Cornerstone anniversary! Memory verses are available on the information board upstairs in the CE Wing if you need another copy! Remember, just one verse a week off that sheet or from the lesson and we will collectively get to 100 verses in no time! Challenge ends Nov. 22!

## Parents' Night Out

Our Halloween PNO celebration was a huge hit! **Over 40 kids** came to enjoy the fun and festivities! Thank you to all staff and volunteers who made the night a blast for everyone!

Registration for future events will now be available through SignUp Genius only. Reserve your spots soon, as they fill up quickly! The cost is \$3/per child and \$5 per/ family and can be paid at check-in.\*

Our next two "PNO"s are

Friday, November 20th.....6:00 pm- 9:00 p.m. (Thanksgiving theme)

Saturday, December 12.....9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. (Parents' Christmas Shopping Day Out)

*\*(Cost for December will be \$5/per child and \$10/per family, as we will be serving lunch and kids will create special surprises of their own!)*

Pictured right: Parents' Night Out kids paint pumpkins as one of the many activities during October's "Spooktacular!"

## Mayor's Christmas Parade

Our Presby Kids and their families will participate in Manhattan's 14th Annual Mayor's Spirit Of The Holidays Lighted Parade on December 4th at 5:30 p.m.! The parade route begins downtown, continues down Poyntz, and will conclude in Aggieville after the lighting of the Mayor's Tree and awards ceremony in Triangle Park. We would like this to be a collaborative effort by all families involved! This year's parade theme will center around the sharing of food with others in our community. There is even a mayor's award dedicated to that very theme! Who better to demonstrate the breaking of bread together than our own Presby families? Kids and parents, we need your ideas and help to make this the best experience possible! It is sure to be a fun family experience, so come on out and let's remind our community what...or who...the "spirit" of the holidays really is! For more information, or to sign up to help with the float, please contact: Shiloh Vick @ [nursery.firstpresby@gmail.com](mailto:nursery.firstpresby@gmail.com) or call [785-537-0518](tel:785-537-0518).