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Headline News

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Camping Out

The first two camps of First Presbyterian's summer camps were held in May and June. At the end of May, our music camp, "Under Construction" was held, with children having the opportunity to learn songs with bells, guitars, recorders, and vocals. They performed "Wise Man Built" during Youth Sunday. We would like to thank Susan and Steve Maxwell as well as all of the volunteers who made this camp a success!

June 8th marked the start of Vacation Bible School 2015. This year's theme was "Everest: Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power". Campers learned about the many powers God has and how He plays a part in their lives. Pastor Kati Collins gets in character as Peter for a lesson on God's power to forgive. Campers performing the VBS theme song, "My God is Powerful", during Sunday service. Thank you to Andrea Higgins for heading up VBS planning this year— great job! A huge thank you to all of our volunteers who made Bible School such a great experience for everyone!

See page seven for information on our upcoming sports camps.

Articles for **August HEADLINE NEWS** will be due on **July 17**.

Crunching the Numbers

During the month of May, we served 157 dinners and 107 breakfasts. We have also distributed 42 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.

Our own Susan Maxwell is now providing haircuts once per month at Community Dinners!

Food Pantry News

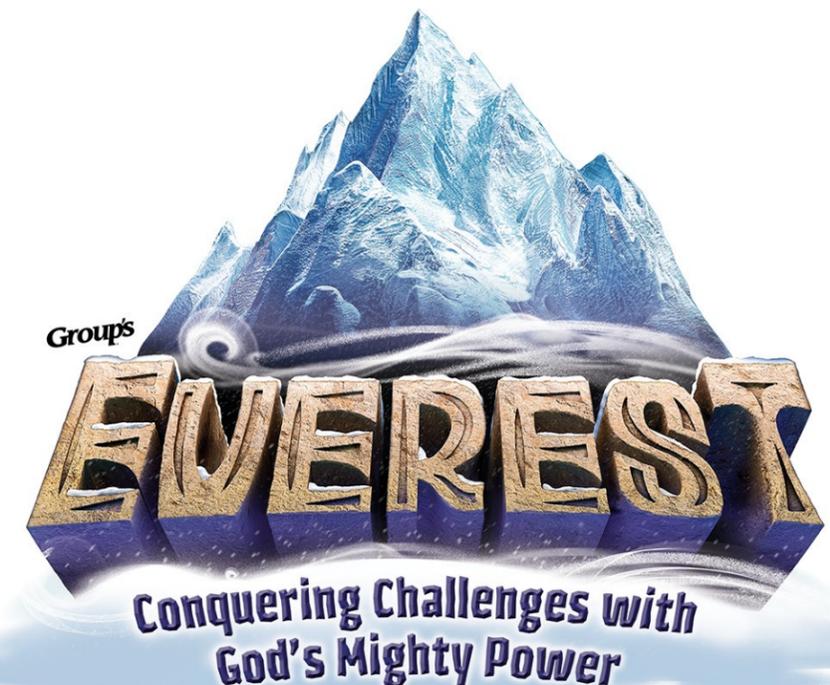
In May, our Food Pantry served 55 adults, 40 children, and 2 elderly. We partner with the Flint Hills Breadbasket to help those in our community who are food insecure.



Thank you!

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. Thank you very much!

Maribeth Kieffer, Executive Director, The Flint Hills Breadbasket





Rev. McConnell

Celebrating First Presbyterian Sanctuary's 100th anniversary

In early June of 1915, the early pioneers of First Presbyterian conducted a groundbreaking ceremony on 8th and Leavenworth to build a new sanctuary, beginning the process of relocating the church from its original location at 5th and Poyntz Ave. Later that year they would install the cornerstone. So when you walk up north tower steps on Leavenworth one of the first things you see is the cornerstone with two dates: 1867, signifying the actual organization and chartering of First Presbyterian,

and then 1915, marking the beginning of a new sanctuary and a new era for the congregation. Consider the events of the world that have transpired in the last 100 years that have affected the thousands of members and friends who have called this place their church home: The First World War, The Great Depression, the Second World War, the Korean War, the Civil Rights Movement, the first moon landing, the Vietnam War, anti-war riots and protests on some of America's greatest college campuses (including K-State), the Watergate Scandal, the technological revolution, and 9/11. If only these church walls could talk. If only these stones could tell the stories of the men and women who lived through the glory of some of these same times and the men and women who lived through the hardships of some of these times. But one thing we do know is that our sanctuary stands poised to serve for another 100 years, thanks to the faithfulness of the generations, and thanks to you who remain faithful to God's call and Christ's Great Commission to "go into the world and make disciples of all the nations."

And so in recognizing the 100th anniversary of our sanctuary, September 27, 2015 will be a day of celebration for our house of worship, remembering the sacrifices of the past and the promises of the future, as we honor those who gave so much and as we continue to do the same for those that follow us.

Mark your calendars for a great day!

Faithfully,

Cam

Sue Bath-Dunn to retire from position as church hostess at the end of June after 5 years of faithful service

Since 2010, Sue Bath-Dunn has served faithfully, lovingly, and graciously as church hostess at First Presbyterian. Her warm and welcoming presence in Fisher Hall, the Laura Lee Cross Kitchen, and in the halls of the church graced the congregation and its visitors for the last five years. And as we all know, the food was "out of this world." From Friday Fellowship luncheons, Lenten luncheons, college and new member luncheons, Maundy Thursday dinners, Easter breakfasts, funeral and memorial service meals, and many special events, Sue went beyond the call of duty in everything she did. And we must remember how much her husband, Tom, played a role in assisting Sue with her many responsibilities. We thank Sue for her "labor of love," and we thank Tom for his service to the work of the Lord. As Jesus said, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."



The following is a note from Sue:

Thanks to all of you for helping me carry on Laura Lee's love, service, and tradition for the past 5 years. The church hostess job has been rewarding for Tom and me as we have made so many friends and learned a lot about our God-given talent. We are now ready to reach out and explore "outside the box" with those same talents and desires to promote God's word through our work."

Coming Up Next...

Happy July Birthdays!



The Ecumenical Campus Ministry at Kansas State University has openings for three board members from First Presbyterian Church. If you are interested in serving in this capacity, please contact "ECM" director, David Jones at 785-539-4281.

The Ecumenical Campus Ministry at Kansas State University would like to invite everyone from the congregation and community to an open house at their new campus ministry building at 904 Sunset Avenue on Sunday, July 12, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Tours and light refreshments will be available. Come and celebrate the opening of ECM's new campus center!

First Sunday Summer Brunches

July 5, August 2

****In Fisher Hall**** Following the 10:30 Service ****

GUIDELINES

Congregation: Bring a Potluck dish to serve 10-12:

*Meat dish, vegetable dish, or salad

Table Service:

We are trying to Go Green and reduce use of plastics, paper products and plates...plus reduce clean-up.

Summer Sports Camps Updates

Soccer Camp will take place **July 20-23**. Camp for ages 4-5 will be at 6:00-6:45 p.m. and ages 6-7 will be from 7:00-8:00 p.m. Camp will be coached by MHS Women's Soccer coach Mike Sanchez.



Basketball Camp will be **August 3-6**. Camp for 3rd-4th grade will be from 6:30-7:30 p.m. and 5th-6th grade will be from 7:30-8:30 p.m. This camp will be coached by Shalin Klein, former Kansas State women's basketball player.

Registration for all sports camps is available through our website or call the church office.

Note: The password for the online church directory is Proverbs2 . The P must be capitalized.

May Session Highlights

-The budget report was very positive in that income is strong with receipts running well ahead of last year at this time and total expenses being under budget.

-On a facilities note, various sections of the roof have required attention because of the heavy rains.

-It was also noted that special gifts made the remodeling of the Christian Education wing possible.

-Discussion on the marriage amendment took place, with a review of the small "listening groups," which met in mid-May, involving over 40 participants.

Session also decided to encourage members to offer a written response to the amendment by providing a form in the narthex. (Response forms are still available in the church office.)



Mission Committee Update

At its June meeting, the Mission Committee approved the following contributions:

-Royal Family Kids Camp (a camp for at-risk youth)--\$1,500.00

-Manhattan Christian College (in support of the building of its new gymnasium)--\$2,000.00

-Student Mobilization (in support of Alex Hrebec)--\$700.00

The Committee also set Mission Sunday for October 4th, which is World Communion Sunday

Thank you!



Thank you for participating in Grow Green Match Day! On behalf of the board and staff at the Greater Manhattan Community Foundation, we would like to thank you for your recent contribution.

First Presbyterian contributed to the following charities: Big Brothers Big Sisters, Crisis Center, Flint Hills Community Clinic, Homecare and Hospice, Manhattan Area Habitat for Humanity, Manhattan Emergency Shelter, Sunflower CASA Project, Shepherd's Crossing.

To Our Friends at First Presbyterian,

As most of you know, we have moved from Manhattan.

Even though we are excited for this new chapter in our lives by moving close to children, grandchildren and siblings, it is difficult to leave friends and our church family.

We joined First Presbyterian in 1989 and both of our children were confirmed here. We have enjoyed being a part of this church and have many fond memories with so many of you.

Cam has been such a wonderful pastor but most of all, a close friend. First Presbyterian is so fortunate to have such a caring leader that is truly dedicated to his congregation. We will also miss the beautiful music the choir has provided each and every Sunday.

Thank you for being such an important part of our lives. God blessed us when he guided us to this church 26 years ago. May He continue to bless you and First Pres!

In Christ, Randy and Cam McCracken

Youth and Summer



Youth Sunday

What a great Youth Sunday we had on May 31st! At the second service the elementary age children shared what they had learned at Music Camp with traditional hymns sung and performed on the chimes and guitars. At both services three of our teenage youth gave the sermons for the day, each with an insightful message. "Who or what is the cornerstone of Your life?" Zach Paquette, "We are all citizens in God's kingdom," Ethan Chege and "Building your faith is like building a house, it takes time and the right tools to build it strong," Susana Vick. Many other youth helped out such as Briana Dowling and Raul Garibay. It was a joyful and inspiring morning!

Pictured left above is Brianna Dowling helping lead worship. Below is Pastor Kati Collins with Zach Paquette, Susana Vick and Ethan Chege.

Kernels from Pastor Kati

By the time you're reading this, we will have just completed our visit with the Ministry Architects, and the work of rebuilding our youth ministry will have experienced a season of tilling the soil, ready to renew relationships with our current youth and staff, while we seek to draw in more volunteers and young disciples. This is part of our central task and mission statement of our church, "To create disciples for Jesus Christ and to practice His teachings by loving and serving God and one another." Building up and sending out our youth is one way we live out our calling as a congregation. The Ministry Architects' mission statement is this: "To DESIGN sustainable, deep-impact ministries, one church at a time; to BUILD the competence, joy and longevity of ministry professionals; and to CONSTRUCT bridges to the best ministry resources available today".

Listening to one another and asking for guidance in this honorable task is the first step. I'll be excited to share our journey with you as we seek to nurture the young disciples and be nurtured ourselves in the faith they share with us!



Presby Kids Korner

New Activity Hour 9:15-10:15

Don't forget to come early for crafts, activities, recreation and more in Presby Place Sundays this summer!

Sunday Summer Fun and Faith!

We wrapped up our Bible trek through Africa on June 28th and will continue our Summer of WILD ADVENTURES with a stop in North America and the Louisiana Bayou! In August, we will be taking a whirlwind trip through Asia to visit the pandas! Remember, Sunday school is now immediately following the Children's Sermon at the 10:30 service.

There will be no activity hour or Sunday school on July 5th or August 16th, these will be Family Worship Sundays.

Bowling Night

Sunday, July 12th
Meet at the church at 6pm,
and we'll go to the Union
Bowling Center at KState!
RSVP to Pastor Kati and
invite your friends!



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#reGift the Spirit!

Every week is another chance to join our #reGift project by posting pictures, quotes and other ways you've seen the gifts of the Spirit in your daily life. If you're on Facebook, you can check our Facebook page to see weekly updates, and post your own with #reGift. The gifts of the Spirit are given to be shared, so open your eyes and share what you see! Detailed instructions on how to participate are available at the welcome center or on our website.

June First Academy: Spiritual Gifts

During June we revitalized our task of seeking out our own spiritual gifts and the spiritual gifts of others. Pastor Cam shared with us a biblical and cultural understanding of spiritual gifts and how we relate to them as Presbyterians. Then we split up in small groups to discuss our experience with spiritual gifts. We shared our frustrations as well as the gifts we would like to explore within our own lives and in our church. Susan Maxwell shared her desire to share her talents and enjoyment for cutting hair and how she would be offering haircuts once a month for our guests at the community meals. Pastor Kati shared the opportunity to post photos and spirit sightings through the #reGift project, and a picture of this First Academy night helped display a sharing of #knowledge for that week's theme.

Pictured left is a collage from our second week of spiritual gifts, knowledge.



Thank you!

To the Members of First Presbyterian Church,

The Manhattan Fire Department would like to express our sincere thanks for your financial support of our local National Fire Safety Council Fire Pup program.

We feel it is our duty to provide the public with protection and safeguard against tragedy. Our planned fire safety program will help us to do just that in our community. Because of your generous support from your Selected Missions fund, we are able to meet our goal in providing this very important program to the children of our community.

We appreciate your support of the Manhattan Fire Department and its efforts in educating our young people in fire safety and prevention.

Sincerely, Scott French, Fire Chief

Celebrating Our Dads!



First Presbyterian honored its fathers in style with a slideshow, a women's spontaneous choir, music by the youth choir, and a visit from the Little Apple Barbershop Chorus! It was truly a celebration of our fathers and all that they do!

View our slideshow and recordings of the musical performances on our Facebook page.

On behalf of the Presby Kids Sunday School classes, we want to thank the Missions Committee for matching our fundraising efforts last semester with their generous contribution to our Nickels for Nets Campaign. Our church sent a check for \$3000 to Healing Faith Uganda to their Nickels for Nets fund. Our member contributions will buy 600 nets for families in Uganda!

Thank you all! Zach Paquette, Brianna Dowling and Shiloh Vick

A Message From Health Ministries: July – Heat Exhaustion / Sunstroke

“Jacob’s well was there; and Jesus, tired from the long walk, sat wearily beside the well about noontime.” John 4:6 NLT

The summer sun in moderation is healthy but can become dangerous if the body gets too warm. Excessive activity, exercise, or time in the sun will increase the body’s temperature which makes you sweat in an effort to release that extra heat. Sometimes this response becomes overloaded, shuts down, and causes a potentially life threatening condition known as heat stroke or sunstroke. Your symptoms can range from clammy skin, dry mouth, fatigue, dizziness, and headaches to an absence of sweating, shallow breathing, confusion, loss of consciousness, and even death.

This rise in body heat can also occur if you participate in an excessive amount of exercise without replacing the body’s fluid. A loss of fluid will occur at a faster rate if your activity is outside in the heat or during times of high humidity. Because of this rapid loss, you will not be aware of your dehydrated state and you will become overheated very quickly. To combat the risk of heat stress or stroke, when exercising or working in a hot environment you must drink 2-4 glasses of water (16-32 oz.) each hour to replace the fluids lost through sweating.

(Source: Center for Disease Control www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/heatstress/)



Thank you!

To the Church Family,

Thank you for the visits from Cam, Dr. Steinkruger, Claudia Voos, etc. while in the hospital. I put the First Presbyterian travel mug to good use! I am feeling better now and hope to see your friendly faces at church real soon.

Jerry Connery

The Family of Jack Graber would like to thank each of you for the phone calls, cards, prayers, and words of comfort you have extended to us.

The Jack Graber Family