

## August Session Highlights

- ❑ The Session continued its discussion of the marriage amendment. A motion was presented with this consideration:
  - Of preserving the peace and unity of our local church.
  - That the marriage amendment is a recent decision in our church and many may not yet be certain of their personal response.
  - That this motion would give our denomination time to gauge reaction and consequence to the amendment nationwide.
  - That this proposal would establish that our local church has control of this decision and that the decision would reflect the faith and the biblical understanding of our local church leadership.

Therefore, the Session unanimously passed the following motion:

“Based on the guidance of the senior pastor, The Session of First Presbyterian Church, Manhattan, Kansas will permit or deny the use of church property for a marriage service.”

The Session is thankful for the input of the congregation on this subject through small groups and written responses. We realize that everybody did not have the benefit of all the discussions the Session had on this topic, so please contact Rev. McConnell, Rev. Collins, or any of the Session members, if you have any questions. Thank you.

- ❑ Received the Youth Renovation report from Mary Lawrence Currie, chair of Youth Renovation team, including the fall calendar for the youth, and the hiring of a small group mid-high leader: Natalie Bender.
- ❑ Approved the following weddings: -Kristin McKee and Jay Jensen—April 23, 2016 –Taylor Fulton and Jason Roberts—May 21, 2016 –Amanda Erichson and Peter Tomlinson—May 28, 2016 –Shannon Snyder and James Walters—June 18, 2016.



### John Currie to deliver First Academy lecture September 14th

Member John Currie, Director of Kansas State University Athletics, will speak at First Presbyterian’s First Academy Monday, September 14th at 7:00 p.m.

In addition to his excellent leadership of K-State athletics, John has led a remarkable expansion of Kansas State athletic facilities, including the west and north ends of Bill Snyder Family Stadium, the basketball practice facility and rowing center, the tennis stadium, and the developing K-State soccer stadium and football practice field. John is also a member of the board of directors of Montreat Conference Center in Montreat, North Carolina, which is affiliated with the Presbyterian Church USA.

## Save the Date!

The Women's Retreat will take place on Saturday, October 24, 2015 beginning at 8:30 a.m. Our featured speaker will be Carmen Fowler Laberge, president of the Presbyterian Lay Committee. Registration is \$20, including coffee and lunch. Please make checks payable to F.P.C. Nursery care is available. Contact Mary Mertz at 785-456-9201 with questions.

WHAT IS IT ABOUT BREAD?  
WHAT ARE THE INGREDIENTS  
OF THE CHRISTIAN LIFE?



BY: CARMEN FOWLER LABERGE

## Joan Nelson and the Lovehandles

On Friday, September 25th at 6:00 p.m., our own Joan Nelson and her band, The Lovehandles, will be performing in Friendship Park. Bring a lawn chair, blanket, or supper and enjoy an evening of fun and fellowship!



## Celebrate With Us!

The 100th Anniversary Celebration of the Cornerstone will be on September 25th at the 10:30 service only.

