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FIRST
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Headline News



Holy Week and Easter 2017!





Rev. McConnell

In my almost forty years of ordained ministry, Easter never ceases to amaze me. Where do all the people come from, I ask myself every year. We know there are plenty of family members visiting, but there are an equal number who go away. So that leaves us with one explanation: Easter is the Super Bowl Sunday in the Christian tradition where just about every Christian set is tuned into a sanctuary, a Sunrise Service on a beach somewhere, a converted warehouse serving as a place of worship in a major metropolitan city, a storefront right here in Manhattan, an open-air amphitheater in the

mountains. Wherever it may be, most houses of worship experience more than a doubling of worship attendance, even more than at Christmas.

But perhaps the Super Bowl Sunday analogy makes sense. This year an average 47 million viewers tuned into the AFC/NFC championship games, while the 2017 NFL Super Bowl drew over 111 million U.S. viewers, more than double the viewers. The parallel between Easter Sunday and the Super Bowl could be: the much more casual viewer tunes into the Super Bowl, some of whom feel an obligation to watch the game, because, after all, they don't want to show up for work on Monday morning and say that they didn't watch the biggest sports spectacle in the world. Could it be that the Easter Christian feels similarly in the sense that they should at least join in on the biggest day of the Christian calendar. There's a sense of obligation; there's a sense of re-connect; there's a sense of joining in on the celebration. But like many Super Bowl watchers, once is sufficient, not unlike some Jewish folk who go only once a year to the synagogue on the day of Yom Kippur, the holiest day of the Jewish year. And perhaps there's also the feeling for the annual Christian worshipper that Easter shouldn't be left just in the hands of chocolate rabbits, Easter egg hunts, and ham dinners. Something more is required.

But one of the truly most gratifying things to come from Easter Sunday is not only the festive spirit, beautiful music, colorful clothes and Easter lilies, and, most importantly the celebration of the Resurrection---it is the opportunity to reach at least one more person for Christ through what was sung or what was said, or the warm fellowship that an Easter worshipper felt when he or she was among the Easter crowd. In the end, we could see a life changed. And that's what it's all about.

Heaven celebrates when this happens on Easter Sunday, any Sunday, or at any time. So let us rejoice when we see the crowds of Easter!

Faithfully,

Cam

Coming Up Next...

Happy May Birthdays!

1 Barbara Blair	10 Michael Hennigh	25 Betty McCrary
1 Pat Kolonosky	11 Kennan Breiner	25 Kailey Whitesell
1 Evyn Lander	11 Gene Moherman	25 Joanna Wilson
4 Charles Gillum	11 Leslie Rieger	26 Garalyn Connery
4 Jim Morrison	11 Zachary Whitesell	26 Marjorie McKee
4 Susan Schoneweis	12 Mike Wilson	27 Jim Schottler
5 Hayden Anderson	13 Dean Armbrust	28 Sharon Reagan
5 Cheri Graham	13 Christy Dowling	29 Dustan Ridder
5 Micky Jensen	15 Bob Mullen	30 Michael Toy
5 Patricia Tippin	15 Max Dunn	30 Pam Vander Pol
5 Amanda Tomlinson	15 Doris Phillips	
5 Linda Wassberg	15 Jack Watson	
5 Stephen Wilson	16 Jason Paynter	
5 James Wilson	17 Cambri Theel	
5 Elizabeth Wilson	18 Terry Voos	
6 John Lyons	19 Chris Gathers	
7 Sarah Taylor	19 Kathy Gathers	
7 Brian Thomason	19 Joe Montgomery	
8 Bob Brown	20 Ashley Norris	
8 Chris Bundy	22 Claudia Voos	
8 David Schoneweis	23 David Regehr	
9 Margo Laubhan	24 Steven Graham	
9 Kyanna Reiswig	25 Dane Huff	



Please join us for Friday Fellowship in Fisher Hall on **May 26 at 11 am**. This month our speaker is **Scott McElwain, Director of The Gardens at Kansas State University**. Come learn about the history of The Gardens and what's new! A delicious lunch will be served following the program.

Crunching the Numbers

During the month of April, we served 118 dinners and 106 breakfasts. We also distributed 49 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 73 adults and 34 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.

Thank you's!

We wish to give a special thank you to your church for being such a present help during our loss. Thank you for the chairs, we couldn't have done it [expanded seating for a recent funeral] without the blessing of your call.

Calvary Church Family

Thank you so much for providing this service [community meals] to our community. I enjoy Wednesday Morning Breakfast with friends and have eaten an evening meal occasionally.

Mary Rogers

To the members of the First Presbyterian Church,
Our church family is a true blessing— everyone is so caring and compassionate. We so appreciate your gifts of time, support and the wonderful meals provided. A huge thank you from both of us.

Peace,
Priscilla and Mylo Wattenford

Thanks to everyone who brought food! Our family appreciates the love and everyone looking out for us.

Leicha Kennedy

The Christ Chocolate Coffee Chronicles Chuckle Church Circle will meet on **May 2 – a Tuesday not a Thursday** and will be taking a field trip to Kansas City to tour the new stain glass windows and sanctuary completion of the Church of the Resurrection (Adam Hamilton is the Sr. Pastor) and have lunch before we return.

We will leave the church parking lot at **8:00 a.m. for the tour at 11:00**, we'll have lunch and then return home. If you would like to join us please let us know asap to plan for car pooling arrangements. If you want to return earlier we hope to have several cars going so if you need to get back earlier, there may possibly be one car available to return earlier.

Anyone is WELCOME to join us, please contact Carolyn Knostman Bowers at [785-539-6458](tel:785-539-6458) or email at cj82337@gmail.com for your reservation.

Mother's Day Pictures

We are creating a PowerPoint presentation featuring pictures of mothers in celebration of Mother's Day! Please turn in pictures of mothers, grandmothers, aunts, or a person in your life who has been a mother figure. 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 8th**.



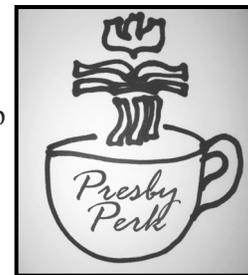
In Our Church

Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who helped make Holy Week and Easter such a meaningful celebration! We want to thank our volunteers who helped prepare for the Maundy Thursday Dinner, the singers and instrumentalists who lent their talents to the Office of Tenebrae service and the Good Friday concert, Julie Haynes and her crew of outstanding cooks for the amazing Easter Brunch and our fantastic nursery workers for setting up the World's Greatest Easter Egg Hunt! Thank you also to the staff and many volunteers for all of their unseen contributions to make everything go smoothly! These are but a few of the people who shared their time and talents to help us celebrate Holy Week and Easter!

Presby Perk

Have you caught the latest episode of Presby Perk, our new video podcast about faith, life, and everything in-between? Follow us on Facebook and Twitter to stay up to date on events and the latest episodes.



Heartland Day Camp (June 26th – 30th)

Cooks Needed

While our youth and other youngsters from the community are enjoying Heartland Day Camp, we are looking for volunteers to provide meals for the day camp staff and volunteers.

We need:

Breakfast— 4 days for 6 people (June 26, 27, 29, 30 pick a day)

Dinner— 3 nights for 6 people (June 25, 26, 28 pick a day)

Sack lunches— 2 days for 10-12 people (June 26, 30 pick a day)

If you would like to help, you would purchase, prepare, serve and clean-up your meal. Receipts for purchased food may be turned into the church office for reimbursement if desired.

Sue Bath-Dunn and Shiloh Vick have sample menu ideas if you need suggestions. Please contact coordinator Sue Bath-Dunn at 785-313-5248 or suebath@gmail.com to volunteer.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH'S
Mother's Day Tea

SATURDAY, MAY 13, 2017
2:00 P.M.

FINGER SANDWICHES

Chicken Salad
Pimento Cheese
PB&J

SAVORIES

Tomato Basil Mozzarella Skewers
Seasoned Buttery Crackers

PASTRY SWEETS

Strawberry Scones with Orange Glaze
Fresh Strawberries with Fruit Dip
Lemon Curd

DECADENT BITES

Chocolate Dipped Cream Puffs
Shortbread Cookies
Pennies From Heaven

BEVERAGES

Tea
Lemonade

Cost: \$10 per plate

Hosted by "The Presby Tea Room Ladies"

<i>Julie Haynes</i>	<i>Sally Mullen</i>
<i>Shiloh Vick</i>	<i>Mary Lou Steinkruger</i>
<i>Virginia Benkelman</i>	<i>Eloise Brown</i>

Please RSVP to the church office by **May 1, 2017** at
785-537-0518 or secretary@firstpresmanhattan.com

HEARTLAND DAY CAMP

Here at First Presbyterian Church!

June 26-30th 9:00a.m.-5:00 p.m.

An extension of Heartland Center (PCUSA), Kansas City, MO



Why go away to camp when camp can come to you! **Heartland Day Camp** is a 'traveling day camp' that takes place at different churches and this summer, it is coming to First Presbyterian! Kids will enjoy Bible stories, worship, games, arts and crafts, slip n' slide, archery, fellowship, horseback riding and so much more! The theme for the week is "Courageous Faith", it's time to give God everything! Watch for more information in Headline News, your bulletins, and on our website and Facebook!

Cost: \$69/camper, family discount: \$150/3 kids
Cost includes a snack. Kids will bring sack lunches

KIDS! Choir News

Last performance of this school year will be **Mother's Day, May 14th**. Big kids will sing and play guitars on "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" and little ones will sing "Praise Him, Praise Him."



2017 Summer Camps!

First Pres is gearing up for a fun summer with sports, music, VBS and Heartland Day Camps!

Cheer Camp: June 14-15

6:00-8:00 p.m.
grades 1st-6th

Basketball Camp: July 10-13

6:30-7:15 p.m. 3rd-4th grade
7:30-8:30 p.m. 5th-6th grade

Music Camp: July 25-28 with

showcase on July 31

"Mad About Plaid"
10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
grades PreK-6th

Visit our website for more information and to register!

Presby KIDS!



VBS 2017!

June 5th-9th

9:00 a.m.-Noon

Ages preschool-5th grade

Visit our website to register

Vacation Bible School volunteers needed!

We need volunteers for group leaders, snack makers, game leaders, and so much more! If you would like to sign up for one of the many fun volunteer positions with VBS, please visit our website to sign up or call the church office at 785-537-0518.

Party On, P2!

The end of the year party for P2 will be on **Sunday, May 21 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. in City Park.** We will have a picnic and fun yard games, so don't miss out!



Above: Luke Paquette making cookies at a P2 meeting

This Summer

New Concert Series

Join us this Summer for a **Concert in the Park Series** featuring **Doug Chapman** (June 10th), **The Lovehandles** (July 21st) and our new worship ensemble for the new non-traditional service (August 19th). Each month we will feature a different food truck, so pull out your tailgating chairs, call your friends, and get ready for some entertaining neighborhood events!

Favorite Hymn Challenge

We want to know your **favorite traditional hymns!** Each Sunday in May, you will be able to nominate one favorite hymn for the Presby Hymn Challenge. During June and July, hymns will be voted upon in a bracket style format, like a sports championship. Each week, the winning hymns will advance until we are left with the First Pres Favorite of 2017. A recent worship survey of our young adults and college students revealed that it's not just the baby boomers and greatest generation that love old hymns! 80% of those surveyed said that traditional hymns were important for their worship experience. So share with us your favorites and hopefully we will all learn some new ones on the way. Note: hymns do not have to be in the pew hymnals to be nominated.



Non-traditional Worship Events

A Worship Design Team led by **Rev. Kati Collins** is building to launch a new non-traditional worship service. This service will welcome a variety of age groups who are spiritual and drawn to Jesus, maybe went to church years ago, and yet feel uncomfortable in a traditional church setting. **Three "mini revival" events** will take place over the summer for eager worshipers to explore liturgy, music and creative elements and get a feel for what contemporary worship looks like for First Pres Manhattan. The First Pres Hymn Challenge will guide our incorporation of new and old hymns with an acoustic guitar, piano, and vocals ensemble. Contact Pastor Kati for more information and follow our Facebook Page for updates over the summer.

Youth

During April our youth celebrated Youth Sunday, Confirmation, and the Best Lock-In Ever! Check out these Awesome Photos!



Pictured left: Youth Sunday participants Susana Vick, Bernie Poulter, Gabriella Radina, Zachary Paquette, and Brianna Dowling.

Middle: Communicants following confirmation ceremony! From left: Virginia Currie, Susana Vick, Kristan Thompson, Zac Paquette, and Brianna Dowling.



Bottom: Cornerstone Youth Lock-in attendees. Over 20 of our youth took over First Pres on April 21 and enjoyed fun and fellowship from 9:00 p.m. to 9:00 a.m.!



Congratulations

Congratulations to Martin Vogts on being named All-Flint Hills Basketball Player of the Year by the Manhattan Mercury. Martin is a junior at Rock Creek High School and is the son of Keith and Shirley Vogts.



We will celebrate our End of the Year Party at City Park with tacos on **Sunday, May 7th**. Friends and volunteers are welcome! We will also celebrate our volunteers during worship services on **May 7th**.

College and Young Adults

End of the Year College Lunch

May 7th will mark our final college lunch for the semester, and our last meeting with Ann Coulson. Join us to say thank you to Ann for her wonderful companionship in this group and celebrate her retirement! We will celebrate our students and Ann with a special lunch from Chipotle!

Graduation Recognition

Graduating College Students will be recognized in the **May 12th, 10:30 am** worship service. Please send your name, major, and future plans to the office for inclusion in the bulletin. Graduating High School Students will be recognized in the **May 21, 10:30 a.m. service**. Please send your name and future plans to the office. We love to recognize our students!



Coffee House Series: Faith that Matters



Join us for this engaging study with young adults and young minds deconstructing and reconstructing faith on Sundays at 9:15am. Upcoming schedule: May 7th—Human Nature: How we experience ourselves and others; May 14th—Community: How we live together; May 21st—The Afterlife: How we talk about the here and now and where we go when we die.

Congratulations to our Organist!

Stephen Kucera, bachelor's candidate in accounting and music performance, was awarded the Anderson Senior Award for Outstanding Leadership. Stephen has been a member of the Student Governing Association for the past five years, holding the office of speaker pro tempore since spring 2016. Additionally, he was a member of the Union Governing Board, Union Corporation Board, College of Business Administration's Professional Advantage Program, It's On Us, K-State Advocacy Campaign. He also served as treasurer for Phi Mu Alpha honor society.

