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First Presbyterian Church

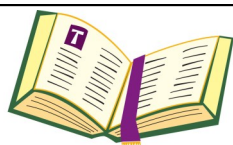
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Scripture
FOR FEBRUARY

February 5, 2012

Isaiah 40:21-31

Psalms 147:1-11, 20

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

Mark 1:29-39

February 12, 2012

2 Kings 5:1-14

Psalms 30

1 Corinthians 9:24-27

Mark 1:40-45

February 19, 2012 - Transfiguration

2 Kings 2:1-12

Psalms 50:1-6

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Mark 9:2-9

February 22, 2012 - Ash Wednesday

Isaiah 58:1-12

Psalms 51:1-17

2 Corinthians 5:20-6:10

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

February 26, 2012 - First Sunday in Lent

Genesis 9:8-17

Psalms 25:1-10

1 Peter 3:18-22

Mark 1:9-15

January 29th - Annual congregational meeting

Immediately following worship

For the purpose of:

- ◆ receiving annual reports;
- ◆ receiving the 2012 budget;
- ◆ electing members to the Pastor Nominating Committee;
- ◆ reviewing Pastor's annual compensation; and
- ◆ any other business to come before the congregation

The meeting will be followed by a pot luck luncheon

Copies of the Annual Report will be available on the Welcome Table on Sunday, January 22nd.



**Become
Part of
Our
Church
Family**

In the spirit of Jesus' invitation to follow Him, we invite those of you looking for a church family to become one of us. The Session (elders) receive and dismiss members. The next Session meeting is Wednesday, February 8, at 7:00 pm. New members are received by:

transfer of membership from another church, professions of faith, or reaffirmation of faith. If you would like to become part of our church family, mark it on the Fellowship Pad or call the church office. The Pastor is always happy to discuss this with you.

If you or your child would like to be baptized, please call and let us know.

What is Lent?

Lent is a season of soul-searching and repentance. It is a season for reflection and taking stock. Lent originated in the very earliest days of the Church as a preparatory time for Easter, when the faithful rededicated themselves and when converts were instructed in the faith and prepared for baptism. By observing the forty days of Lent, the individual Christian imitates Jesus' withdrawal into the wilderness for forty days. All churches that have a continuous history extending before AD 1500 observe Lent. The ancient church that wrote, collected, canonized, and propagated the New Testament also observed Lent, believing it to be a commandment from the apostles.

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Our Staff:

Dr. Robert K. Wyman, Interim Pastor

Don Phillip Gibson, Organist

Tim Miller, Minister of Music

Eric Fraley, Director of Christian Education and Youth Ministry

Deborah Badley, Director of Children's Music

Brady Dutton, Treasurer

Beverly Reiter, Librarian

Lorraine Barrett, Administrative Assistant

Part of the business of the Annual Congregation Meeting on Sunday, January 29, 2012 is the election of members to the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC). The following is a list of instructions in our new Book of Order.

“G-2.0802 Election of a Pastor Nominating Committee

The session shall call a congregational meeting to elect a pastor nominating committee that shall be representative of the whole congregation. The committee’s duty shall be to nominate a pastor for election by the congregation.

G-2.0803 Call Process

According to the process of the presbytery and prior to making its report to the congregation, the pastor nominating committee shall receive and consider the presbytery’s counsel on the merits, suitability, and availability of those considered for the call. When the way is clear for the committee to report to the congregation, the committee shall notify the session, which shall call a congregational meeting.

G-2.0804 Terms of Call

The terms of call shall always meet or exceed any minimum requirement of the presbytery in effect when the call is made. The session shall review annually the minister’s terms of call and shall propose for congregational action (G-1.0501) such changes as the session deems appropriate, provided that they meet the presbytery’s minimum requirements. The call shall include participation in the benefits plan of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), including both pension and medical coverage, or any successor plan approved by the General Assembly.

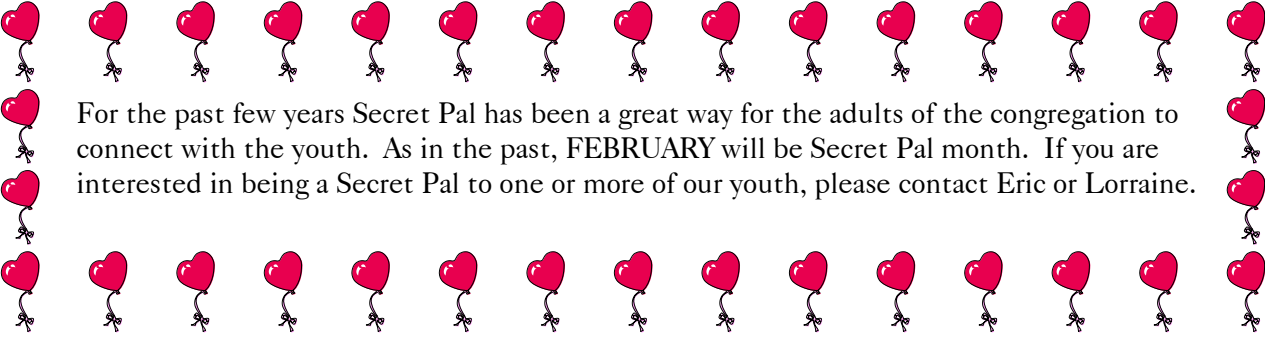
G-2.0805 Installation Service

When the congregation, presbytery, and the teaching elder (or candidate) have all concurred in a call to a permanent or designated pastoral position, the presbytery shall complete the call process by organizing and conducting a service of installation. Installation is an act of the presbytery establishing the pastoral relationship. A service of installation occurs in the context of worship. The order for that service of worship in the Directory of Worship (W-4.4000) shall be followed.”

The following individuals are being nominated by our 2012 Church Nominating Committee: Cassidae Brennan, Jack Brubacher, Kayla Dutton, John Halverstadt, Steve McSpadden, Beverly Reiter and Megan Wolf. The floor will be open for additional nominations.

The PNC will select a moderator, set a date to begin the process, meet with the Administrator of the Presbytery of Southern Kansas, and begin the process of writing the Church Information Form (CIF). When this is complete, the CIF has to be approved by the Session and the Presbytery’s Committee on Ministry. Then, the CIF will go online for candidates to review.

The PNC will receive Professional Information Forms (PIF) from applicants and the screening process begins.



Please pray for...

Health/personal concerns:

Bob Barrett, Leah Bromlow, Shirley Cummins, Ellyn Farmer, Kurt Fritz, Nancy Gilbert, Elinor Grose, Terri Higdon, Pixie McCoy, Marshall Martin, Ruth O'Connor, Sylvia Reed, Doris Richardson, Rocky Rochat, Louise Scarth, Stephanie Shattuck, Ruth Ann Wengeler, a college student struggling with mental illness, for Savannah born with Hydrocephalus, Autumn and family

Those grieving:

Brad & Marsha Granberry on the death of Brad's father, "JB"

Pray also for:

those who are away from their family, those without family, those with addictions, the community of Winfield, those traveling, for our missionaries, at home and abroad, the Presbytery of Southern Kansas and its churches, especially United Presbyterian Church, Jetmore (1/29); First Presbyterian Church of Neodesha (2/5); and First Presbyterian of McPherson (2/12).

Who's serving in February



Acolytes

5th Fiona Badley and Belle McCauley
12th Coryn Badley and Garrett Gibson
19th Blaak Holcomb and Kathleen Wardman
26th Belle McCauley and Kathleen Wardman

1st Sunday School
8th I & S Committee
15th Deacons
22nd Mariners, LB #1
29th Youth



Peter's
Promise



Worship
Assistants

5th Brent Wolf
12th Alan Herrman
19th Laura Wollard
26th Diane Massey

5th Brent Wolf
12th Janice Rhodes
19th Kayla Dutton
26th Pat Williams



Children's
Message

Session Meeting Highlights from January 11

Deacon's made 12 visits/calls to Parish Friends, prayer chain activated three times, and two cards sent.

Food Pantry's food of the month received 84 units, other food 398 units. For the year donations were 677 units of Food of the Month and 2,981 other foods. Food of the Month for January is breakfast cereal.

The youth will provide a Potato Bar Fundraiser following the church service on Sunday, January 22. This will help cover some of the trip expenses for the Young Christians Weekend in Branson on March 30th- April 1.

The youth will travel to the Heifer Ranch in Arkansas, June 7-10.

Dates for the mission trip to Dwight Mission have been confirmed for August 5-12.

The Executive Trustees have done some rewiring and work in the kitchen and pantry.

Our giraffe with activity bags, of quiet time items, for our young worshipers are complete and have been well received. Thanks to all who helped with this project.

The Annual Meeting booklets will be available on Sunday the 22nd with the Annual Congregational Meeting being held on Sunday the 29th following worship.

Lou Tharp, Clerk



Thank you for making a joyous 60th anniversary for us. The calls, cards, clippings and greetings when you saw us — each are gifts we will always cherish.

Bless you all for taking part in getting the handicap door put it at the elevator entrance and now the office entrance. The ramp and the rail at the office door are great!

Jack & Shirley Pringle



Congratulations to Belle McCauley on her second place finish in the Winfield City Spelling Bee. She is now heading for the Cowley County Spelling Bee in Ark City next month!

ELDERS: Don Bromlow, Jack Brubacher, Brady Dutton, John Halverstadt, Alan Herrman, Mary Jarvis, Byron Jones, Scott Lowe, Steve McSpadden, Julie Mignone, Don Peterson, Jim Reed, Gilbert Scott, Ruth Westfall and Pat Williams

DEACONS: Cathe Brennan, Dixie Broadhurst, Pat Chrisler, Lois Cole, Linda Fitzgerald, Jim Godfrey, Dordi Herrman, Terri Higdon, Suzie Johnson, Beverly Keller, Jeremy Lankton, George Lowe, Marilyn McSpadden, Debbie Stimmel and Francis Wengeler

CLERK OF SESSION: Lou Tharp

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES



Peter's Promise

Westfall or Pat Williams.

Every Wednesday evening the church kitchen and Fellowship Hall are buzzing with activity as members prepare dinner for the community.

This is a much needed ministry and there are so many ways to help! Talk to Ruthie

Purchase a gift card here at church (from George Lowe on Sunday or Lorraine in the office during the week) for \$5 and then take it to Dillons, load as much as \$500 on it, and 5% comes back to us to be used in various mission projects.



The down economy continues to plague our community. I continue to receive 10 to 15 calls/visits per week from families trying to pay their utility bills or their rent. This year, because of our somewhat odd weather, the "cold weather rule" has not gone into effect but families are still using their heat. This past month I gave assistance to three families that are living in trailers in the fair-grounds. Fortunately, we were able to give these folks assistance due to some of our members making some very generous donations. Thank you! Make a donation to the Discretionary Fund-- a little bit can go a long way.



Habitat for Humanity

The Winfield Habitat for Humanity will begin the year with their annual chili/soup supper on Thursday, January 26th. The dinner will be held at First United Methodist Church between 5 and 7 pm, with a suggested donation of \$6.

If you wish to help with the dinner, there are several ways in which you can do that. Sign-ups are in Fellowship Hall.

Construction on the 20th Habitat house will begin in the spring, so come enjoy a meal and support Habitat.



Safe Homes

Safe Homes has a tote located in the church in which to put specific items that are needed for the shelter. There are several churches that are participating in this ministry. Items requested of FPC are: shampoo & conditioner, feminine products, diapers (any size) and wipes. The tote is located on the table next to the Food Pantry basket in Fellowship Hall and ANY item you wish to donate to SafeHomes can be placed in it.

Every month the Deacons sponsor the "Food of the Month", however that does not mean that is the only item needed. The Food Pantry is in need all the time and so if something's on sale, if you have a coupon, etc., consider getting it for the Food Pantry. If every family that came to church brought a non-perishable food item each week it would make a huge difference to the Food Pantry; and, of course, they are also happy to take monetary donations.



**February's Food of the Month is:
Peanut Butter & Jelly OR Canned Fruit**

What is a sacrament? According to the Westminster Dictionary of Theological Terms, by Donald K. McKim, it is "an outward sign instituted by God to convey an inward or spiritual grace. Sacraments are liturgical practices of churches." The Sacraments practiced by the Presbyterian Church are baptism and communion. Baptism and communion are connected practices, not independent acts. Baptism begins the lifelong journey of discipleship, and communion sustains us on that journey.

Sacraments are grounded in scripture; sacraments define the church; sacraments connect us to Christ; sacraments create community, and sacraments celebrate God's creation.

If you'd like to learn more, read the article by Paul Gilbreath in the "What Presbyterians Believe" issue of Presbyterians Today, found on the Welcome Table. If you would like your own copy, you can get one in the office.

Youth Ministry & Christian Education

Why Not Experience the Bible for Yourself?

Join renowned teacher and historian Ray Vander Laan as he guides you through the land of the Bible. In each lesson, Vander Laan illuminates the historical, geographical, and cultural context of the sacred Scriptures. Filmed on location in the Middle East, the Faith Lessons DVD series will transform your understanding of God and challenge you to be a true follower of Jesus. *"Nothing has opened and illuminated the Scriptures for me quite like the Faith Lessons series."* - Dr. James Dobson

Jan 29 Confronting Evil - Tel Beth Shemesh

Feb 5 Iron of Culture - Tel Azekah

Why Here? Why Now?

Just as the time and place of our birth and life shapes our journey, so the land and culture of the Hebrew people shaped their story. In this first volume of Faith Lessons, discover how God guided his people to a specific place - The Promised Land - to impact the world both in ancient times and today.

Dates to remember...



February 2 - 5:	Middle School Retreat @ Westminster Woods
February 29:	Serve Peter's Promise
March 9 - 11:	Sleep"less" in Sterling
March 30 - April 1:	Young Christian's Weekend @ Branson, MO
April 27 - 28:	Fear Factor Weekend @ FPC Winfield
May 5:	Graduation/Recognition Sunday
June 1 - 3:	Family Camp @ Westminster Woods
June 6 - July 25	Kids of the Kingdom (every Wednesday except 7/4)
June 5 - 8:	3rd/4th Grade Camp @ Westminster Woods
June 7 - 10:	Trip to Heifer Ranch - Perryville, AR (6th - 12th)
June 11 - 15:	5th/6th Grade Camp @ Westminster Woods
June 18 - 22:	7th/8th Grade Camp @ Westminster Woods
June 25 - July 1:	High School Camp @ Westminster Woods
August 5 - 12:	Mission Trip - Dwight Mission - Vian, OK (9th - 12th)

Thank you to everyone who donated supplies for the Potato Bar Fundraiser. The Wollards and the Mackeys were very helpful with the whole process and the youth group raised over \$600.00! The money raised will help the youth finance trips like The Young Christians Weekend and Heifer Ranch. Sunday, January 29th, is Youth Sunday. Come watch the future of the church lead the service! Sleepless in Sterling is coming up, March 9th-11th, so make sure to have your child's permission slip turned in before February 24th. Thank you to Don Bromlow for helping with transportation for the Westminster Woods HS Winter Retreat! Too often, we hear the phrase, 'it's all about who you know'. Fraternities and Sororities often use this to their advantage to recruit students to join their organization. Fraternities and Sororities offer a sense of belonging, and I believe this is why so many students join early in college. It's uncomfortable to stand out in a crowd, not to fit in. From a Christian viewpoint, it's all about who you know. Christ is our ticket. John 14:6 says it all, I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes through the father except through me. Through Christ, we belong. Young Christian's Weekend in Branson is approaching. If you are interested in sponsoring a youth on this trip in March, please let Eric or Lorraine know. Young Christian's Weekend is a great way for our youth to escape the day-to-day slump, and recharge their faith.

Eric Fraley, Director of Christian Education and Youth

Contact: erichomasfraley@gmail.com office: 620.221.4500

MEMORIAL GARDEN NEWS

Memorial Garden bricks are now available to order! This is the final phase of a project started by the youth of the church. Along the way, repairs were made to the garden to prevent further water damage inside as well as draining water away from the foundation of the church. Countless hours have been spent by each youth of the church (not to mention Jack Brubacher, Ralph Russell and George Lowe) and I'm proud that their work is finally paying off.

You will note that the bricks have been laid. When a brick is purchased it will be removed, engraved and replaced in the garden.

Below is an order form. Please fill it out and return it, with your payment, to the church office.

Cost: \$25 per brick

Each brick contains three lines of lettering with 12 characters in each line. Use one character, letter, punctuation mark, or space per square. Remember to leave a blank square for a space. The lettering will be centered on the brick when it is engraved.

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Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

February - 2012

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
			1 3:30 - 8 pm - Youth Program 5 pm - Peter's Promise 5:15 pm - I & S Committee 5:30 pm - Worship Comm. 6:30 pm - WOW	2 5:30 pm - Youth Ministry 7 pm - Mariners	3 <i>Middle School Retreat @ Westminster Woods</i>	4 <i>Middle School Retreat @ Westminster Woods</i>
5 9 am - Adult Study "Faith Lessons" 9 am - Sunday School 10 am - Worship 11:15 am - Fellowship 11:15 am - Children's Choir 4 pm - Disciple I <i>Middle School Retreat @ Westminster Woods</i>	6 7 pm - 4-H /Club Day	7 10 am - Tuesdays at Ten 5:30 pm - Trustees 6:30 pm - Deacons	8 3:30 - 8 pm - Youth Program 5 pm - Peter's Promise 6:30 pm - WOW 7 pm - Session	9	10	11
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19 9 am - Adult Study "Faith Lessons" 9 am - Sunday School 10 am - Worship with communion 11:15 am - Youth Potato Bar 11:15 am - Children's Choir 4 pm - Disciple I <i>High School Retreat @ Westminster Woods</i>	20	21 10 am - Tuesdays at Ten	22 3:30 - 8 pm - Youth Program 5 pm - Peter's Promise 7pm - Ash Wednesday Service	23	24	25
26 9 am - Adult Study "24 Hours that Changed the World" 9 am - Sunday School 10 am - Worship 11:30 am - Pot Luck 4 pm - Disciple I	27	28 10 am - Tuesdays at Ten	29 3:30 - 8 pm - Youth Program 5 pm - Peter's Promise 6:30 pm - WOW			FOOD PANTRY FOOD OF THE MONTH IS: Peanut Butter & Jelly OR Canned Fruit

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January



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