

THE LEAVEN

First Presbyterian Church

Leavenworth, Kansas

August 2014

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: 8:00 a.m. to 11 a.m. and Noon to 4 p.m.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

On Sunday, July 20 new members were received into the life of First Presbyterian Church.

Linda A. Huggins came by Confession of Faith. Linda is a Probation Officer for the State of Kansas and may be contacted through her work number: 913-684-0756. Linda has a son, Jared, who is in the 11th Grade.

Lydon R. Drury came by Reaffirmation of Faith. Lydon has been attending for several years and has now made it official! He moved here from Kansas City and has a past history at First Presbyterian Church, Clinton, IA. He is retired from the Insurance Industry. He has been included in the Church Directory for some time.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

August 24 6 PM

On the South Lawn across from the alley

The Deacons are hosting this Old Fashioned favorite with ice cream and other treats. We thank the Methodist Church for allowing us the use of their lawn! Be sure to invite family and friends to this fellowship time.

A CELEBRATION OF OUR MINISTRIES DURING WORSHIP SEPTEMBER 7

As a new Program Year gets underway, the worship service on September 7 will provide a time for us to share our various ministries and educational opportunities. Groups may arrange with the Pastor in advance for a moment to share the good things their committees/classes/programs are doing within in the life of the church.

THIS IS ALSO THE DAY THAT ALL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES WILL RESUME, INCLUDING CHILDREN'S 9:10 AM CLASS AND THE ADULT DISCUSSION GROUP.

BOOK STUDY GROUPS MEETING

On Mondays at 10 AM and Tuesdays at 6:30 PM short-term book study groups are meeting. Currently, they are discussing the book, The Tipping Point. If you are interested in being part of such a group in the future, please contact the Church Office or Pastor.

Sermon Reflections Class

The Sermon Reflections Class is an exciting adult Sunday School class that normally meets at 9:00 a.m. every Sunday morning. We gather in the Living room for an interesting discussion about a selected sermon and the related scripture. A team of discussion leaders take turns selecting a sermon and leading the discussion. There is no homework (except to read the sermon that will be emailed to you each week), and you won't be "behind" if you have to miss a week or two.

The class is taking a break for the summer but extends an invitation to every interested adult to join us when we start up again in the Fall. It's fun; it's interesting; and we want you to be a part of our class. Please watch for the announcement for the starting date in the Fall.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

The Adult Bible Study class is held on Sundays at 9 AM in Room #8 (off of the Living Room). Participants are currently studying the Old Testament book of Haggai and the Epistles of 1st and 2nd Corinthians. The focus is on how the people of God set priorities in community and applying these biblical principles to our daily living. September – November we will explore the hope conveyed by Old Testament prophets: Jeremiah, Habakkuk, Job and Ezekiel. Come join us for a time of friendship and learning more about applying God's Word in our daily experience.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 7 – 6 p.m. Deacon's Meeting, Room 8

August 9 – P.A.I.R. Day, Fort Leavenworth

August 10 – Noon Worship Committee Meeting, Fellowship Hall

August 13 – 10 a.m. Membership/Outreach Meeting

August 24 – 6 p.m. Ice Cream Social, South Lawn

August 26 - 6 p.m. Renovation/Capital Campaign

August 31 – 11:30 a.m. Mission Committee Meeting

September 7 – Ministry Celebration in Worship

September 7 – Educational classes resume

September 14 – 4 p.m. Blessing of Animals, South Lawn



YOUR TURN FOR TREATS? CHECK OUT THE LIST!

Here is the schedule for providing treats for AUGUST

August 3 - Deacons **August 10** – Potluck **August 17** – Circle 2 & 3

August 24 - Circle 4 **August 31** – Circle 5

August Anniversaries

August 6 – Gregg and Cindy Scircle

August 8 - Dennis and Keri Litewski

August 18 – Mike and Kathy Lemke

August 21 – Ron and Kathy Kenton

August 25 – William and Betty Anderson

August 28 – Dick and Tera Cameron

August 31 – Tom and Becky Stovall

August Birthdays

August 2 – Kim Cha Williams

August 3 – Bob Beall

August 11 – Regina Avery

August 12 – Dru Cox

August 13 - Dawn LeBar

August 15 – Bill Geiger

August 17 – Aubrianna Anderson

August 19 – Marti Auchard

August 22 – Betty Anderson

August 22 – Mayzie Mangos

August 23 – Rox Cox

August 24 – Gayle Zillman

August 25 – Bernice Buchanan

August 26 – Howard Anderson

August 31 – Beth Sanford

MEMBERSHIP AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Some of the best ways to greet church visitors is simply with an appropriate facility, complete with clear signage, and clean appearance. The committee is working with the Building and Ground committee to improve the Narthex.

Remember hospitality to visitors is not just for this committee and you are spreading spiritual love by saying "I don't think we've met before"

The outreach project, "**Blessing of the Animals**" will be on **Sept. 14th** at **4:00 P.M.** the church. If you would like to help with this event it is not too early to let the committee and pastor know. There were about 35 animals blessed last year and people and pet snacks were enjoyed and door prizes given away. (Merna Roe, Co-Chair)



MISSION PROJECTS

The Mission Committee really appreciates the generous donations from our members this summer



to help those in our community. 657 diapers and 2 hand-knit baby blankets were delivered to the Lamb's Inn in June. With only a 5 day notice 24 different types of school supplies were collected in July. Among those were 23 packets of wide-ruled notebook paper, 41 wide-ruled spiral notebooks, 13 boxes of Kleenex, 348 #2 pencils, 28 glue sticks, 17 scissors, and 24 boxes of Crayons. These were given to a group of churches who held a give-away July 26 at the Sunflower Missionary

Baptist Church. It was heart-warming to be a part of this ecumenical effort for needy children right here.

Carl Johnson lead the Salvation Army's "Christmas In July" fundraiser. About a dozen of us rang bells at Dillons (Thurs.) and K-Mart (Fri.). Thank you Presbyterians!! (Joyce Kirk, Chair)

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

The Memorial Committee (Linda Barry, Ginnie Strand, and Joyce Kirk) meet regularly to address memorial fund donations and distributions to projects. If a fund from a deceased member (or friend) holds more than \$500, it becomes a Named Memorial. In this case the committee meets with the families to determine their wishes for the memorial and/or suggests projects or items the church needs. For instance, Linda Schroeder's memorial is the repairing of our precious stained glass windows in our sanctuary. It will also include the removal of the cloudy plexiglass covers.

They will be replaced with clear glass covers. This part of the project will be completed in the fall. Suggestions for use of the memorial funds are always appreciated. Recent use of Memorial funds include updating the audio systems and installing the TV at the back of the sanctuary for the use of the choir and our minister. (Joyce Kirk, Chair)

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

HEARING HELP AVAILABLE

Just a reminder that the church is equipped with an oval window audio induction loop assistive listening system. You will need to please switch your hearing aid to “T”(TELEPHONE) or request assistance.

PRAYER CONCERNS – Roger Frazer, Jack Fulton, Marilyn Ferbert, Judy Jahn, Bernice Buchanan, Howard Walker, Eugenia Cloud, Taylor Dearing, , Yvonne Bruce, Bob Ketter, Ellen Carter, Judy Fulton, Bill Kendall, Barbara Fillucco, Judy Wiedower, Sally Graham, Becky Stovall, Mark Mathison.



THESE DAYS

Just a reminder “These Days Daily Devotions for Living by Faith” for July/August/September are located on the table next to the office door.

Thank You!

We want to thank the women of the church for preparing such a delicious meal for us. It was gratefully appreciated. Dad really enjoyed it.

The Walker, Chambers and Engel families

EUGENIA’S THOUGHTS

Well summer is here even though the temperature so far hasn’t been too bad, but it will be coming – don’t you all agree? But the best part will be when we have visitors at church or we are on vacation and visiting a friend’s or relative’s church. It’s interesting to visit other churches and especially to attend a distant church service. Actually most of the other service is usually much the same as ours for we are all there to worship our Lord.

VETERANS HONORED WITH D.C. TRIP INCLUDING OUR OWN LYDON DRURY

The Heartland Honor Flight is a non-profit organization that gives veterans an opportunity to travel to the nation's capital to see the memorials erected in their honor. (More info can be found at heartlandhonorflight.org.)

World War II veterans honored



Lydon Drury made the trip in May along with two others. He served in WWII. Upon return home they were provided with packages with letters that were written by school children as well as friends and loved ones. CONGRATULATIONS LYDON!

I AM MY CHURCH

My church is composed of people like me. We make it what it is.

It will be friendly, if I am.

Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them.

It will do great work, if I work.

It will make generous gifts to many causes, if I am a generous giver.

It will bring other people into its worship and fellowship, if I bring them.

It will be a church of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, and a church with a noble spirit, if I, who makes it what it is, am filled with these traits.

Therefore with the help of God, I shall dedicate myself to the task of being all the things I want my church to be.



STEWARDSHIP AND GIFTS

SECOND QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT

The Session did not meet during the month of July. This is the report from May.

INCOME \$12,941.14

EXPENSES 14,333.30

MEMORIAL GIFTS RECEIVED

Gifts were received recently in memory of Dorothy Walker and John Hatcher.