

THE LEAVEN

First Presbyterian Church

Leavenworth, Kansas

April 2014

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

We have a new Administrative Assistant, Arlene Hansroth

Office hours will be

8 :00 a.m. to 4 p.m.

She will take lunch from 11:00 to Noon.-

EUGENIA'S THOUGHTS

I woke up this morning to a beautiful blue sky – even the lovely white clouds drifting by added beauty to the scene. Then I looked at a neighbor's tree it actually had an orange cast to it. But I did enjoy noticing that there were tiny leaves on the limbs.

Now I know many of you have to get to work on time. So –oo- set your alarm to ring 5 or 6 minutes earlier than your usual time. Sometimes I've even said to myself while admiring either a sunrise or a beautiful sunset "That angel up there that is painting the sky really is talented. Wish I could paint like that." Part of the joy of Sunday morning church is chatting with others who glory in the sunrises and sunsets. So set your alarm tonight to ring earlier tomorrow and glory in the beauty of a new spring day.





PALM SUNDAY BRUNCH

The Men of the Church are hosting a brunch on Palm Sunday, April 13 at 8:30AM. In Fellowship Hall. The menu will include Pancake Breakfast. Plan to share in this time of fellowship as we enter Holy Week.



MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP

Thursday, April 17 7PM

Plan to attend this service as we remember Jesus' time with the Disciples in the Upper Room. The service will include a Vigil of Darkness as we move from the Upper Room to the cross on which our Savior died for us.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL TO BEGIN APRIL 2

9:10 AM – 10:10 AM

UPSTAIRS CLASSROOM

The Pastor will be leading the children of all ages in song and crafts that accompany the Bible Story that will be presented during Children's Church later in the morning. On Palm Sunday, April 13 the children can join the Pastor after they have eaten breakfast for an abbreviated session. If you have an interest in assisting the Pastor any Sunday, please let her know.



OFFICER TRAINING FOR DEACONS AND ELDERS

THURSDAY, APRIL 10 6-8 PM

DINNER PROVIDED

This annual event for Officers of the Church will include a reflection on our recently adopted SOP and the goals and directions for the church's future. We will review Presbyterian polity and theology and consider our differing personality/leadership styles. As required by the PCUSA Book of Order, this will also constitute the required annual joint gathering of the Deacons and Elders. There will a time of creative communication as well as the opportunity for fellowship. A yummy dinner of appetizers, ham, brisket, salads, sides, and desserts and more will be provided.

BUSINESS ADDRESSED AT MARCH SESSION MEETING

DEVELOPMENT OF FUNERAL POLICY

The Worship Committee and Session, in concert with the Pastor, are developing guidelines for funerals. The Pastor has been working with individuals to provide guidance in preplanning so the celebration of their life is in accordance with their wishes. Because there are expenses incurred with funerals as well as timelines that must be addressed, the policy of other Presbyterian Churches have been reviewed. When the policy is adopted it will be distributed to the congregation as well as to area funeral homes.

PASTOR TO BE AWAY APRIL 21-27 (IF PULPIT SUPPLY IS AVAILABLE) SHE WILL BE TAKING CONTINUING EDUCATION TIME

JOHN STRAND HAS AGREED TO BE THE NEW CHURCH TREASURER

NEW CARRIER FOR WEBSITE ALLOWS FOR MORE EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION

fpc-lvks.org SERMONS ARE NOW BEING CARRIED. MEMBERS NEED TO REGISTER TO GAIN ACCESS TO MEMBER SPECIFIC INFORMATION.

THE COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE IS WORKING WITH THE MEMORIAL COMMITTEE TO PURCHASE NEW AUDIO EQUIPMENT THAT WILL ENHANCE THE WORSHIP EXPERIENCE. RECENTLY, A NEW FLAT SCREEN WAS INSTALLED ON THE BACK WALL OF THE SANCTUARY SO THE PASTOR, CHOIR AND WORSHIP LEADERS COULD FOLLOW THE POWER POINT. THE NEXT PHASE WILL ALLOW REMOTE ACCESS FOR THE PASTOR/SPEAKERS TO BE CREATIVE ON THEIR OWN WITH THE POWER POINT.

SUMMER CAMP IS COMING!

JUNE 16-20

Heartland Summer Camp

This year's summer camp is June 16-20, 2014 for 40 campers who have completed at least Kindergarten. The times will be 9 am to 3 pm Monday through Wednesday, 9 am to 4:30 pm on Thursday with Family Night from 4:30-6:00 pm, and 9:00 am to noon on Friday. The cost for attending the camp will be \$30 for one child, \$50 for 2-3 children in a family, and \$10 per child more than 3 in a family. Training will be provided for volunteers last April or early May.

There are several opportunities to help with the camp:

- 4-6 people needed to help each morning and afternoon—(people can do one or more sessions)
- Help with the food on Family Night
- Help with feeding the camp staff daily
- Help with the fun and games on Friday morning
- Provide food
- Donate money for scholarships for a limited number of children

The Carders and Roe will be in charge of food. Since Ann Keeling will be out the country for two weeks in April, Claude Wiedower can be contacted for questions then.

Other Christian Education news

There have been 3 – 9 children attending the church school class from 10:40 to 11:30 with 5-6 people rotating as teachers. Additional volunteers would be welcomed to assist or to teach. Starting April 6, Pastor Robyn will be teaching Sunday School at 9:10 am to 10:10 am in the classroom upstairs. Volunteers would be welcomed to help her and to teach on April 27.

Submitted by Ann Keeling (Christian Education)

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S PRAISE SERVICE

Sunday, May 11

SENIOR LUNCHEON HOSTED BY PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The Senior Luncheon hosted by Presbyterian Women will be held May 22, 2014, 11:30 to 1:00 in the family room. This is for all of our congregation who have passed their 70th birthday. Lunch will be provided with a short program following. Invitations will be sent around May 1. If we miss anyone, please call the church office.



ACOLYTES IN WORSHIP

Children in the congregation are invited to take part in worship leadership by serving as an Acolyte. This role is more than candelighting and the Pastor, Barbara Finch, the Worship and Education Committees are uniting to assist our young people in taking a proactive role in worship leadership. There are periodic training sessions announced in advance. A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the entry/narthex. If your child is interested please talk to the Pastor.

YOUR TURN FOR TREATS? CHECK OUT THE LIST!

Here is the schedule for providing treats for April.

4/6/2014	Choir and Bell Choir
4/13/14	Palm Sunday – Pancake Breakfast
4/20/2014	Congregation A-F
4/27/2014	Congregation G-P

Relay for Life 2014

May 31, 2014 – 12 a.m. to Midnight– Warren Middle School

Margaret Strange started the Leavenworth County Relay for Life raising money for the American Cancer Society 22 years ago. We have supported this event every year, and again our Mission Committee and Board of Deacons are supporting the 2014 Relay for Life

The Relay for Life Committee changed the format for the event this year. Rather than starting in the evening and ending with breakfast, we will start at Noon and end at Midnight.

Please mark 31 May on your calendar and join us for an afternoon and evening of fellowship and fun for a great cause – supporting the effort to find a cure for cancer. As true Presbyterians, we will all bring wonderful treats to enjoy.

More will be announced in the next few weeks. We all have four options:

- Joining the First Presbyterian team
- Sponsoring our team or a team member with a donation
- Dedicating a luminary bag in honor or in memory of a loved one lost to cancer
- Identifying a cancer survivor(s) to be a Guest of Honor for dinner and participate in the Survivors Lap ceremony.

For more information please contact **Howard or Joyce Kirk**.

The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering on Easter is a long-standing ecumenical effort to give to those in need throughout the world. Funds are used for disasters, hunger, and community development. 32% of the funds go to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance - to work with communities as they recover and find hope after disruption from natural or human-caused disasters. 36% goes to the Presbyterian Hunger Program to alleviate hunger and its systemic causes and to strengthen alternatives to produce and share healthy food. 32% goes to the Self-development of People program - to partner with people struggling to alleviate poverty, oppression, and injustice in their communities.

The Mission Committee would like to thank all the willing hands who helped bundle the food for Backpack Buddies after the pot luck on March 9. 340 children will receive these weekend food items says Carl Johnson, our coordinator for the project. He praised Studdard Moving and Storing for their volunteer help. They receive, warehouse, and then deliver the food items to the various churches in the program.

If you are looking for a unique gift for someone, check out the Presbyterian Giving Catalog at presbyteriangifts.org With so many in our world struggling daily a gift from you could make a life-changing difference. \$500 buys a mule to help a farmer in the Caribbean transport his fruits, vegetables, and grains to market. \$65 buys a treadle pump to ensure precious crops will come to harvest. \$10 buys farming tools to help bring a fruitful yield from the land. \$100 buys food and fuel for the selfless YAV (Young Adult Volunteers) for a month. The list goes on and on.

In April the congregation can help our local community by bringing in juice boxes, granola bars, etc. we want to provide a snack for after-school tutoring that takes place at the Richard Allen Cultural Center Mon. - Thursdays. They could use some more volunteer tutors as well. There will be a collection bin in the narthex.

It has come to our attention that our community is in desperate need of foster families. More information on this will be forthcoming.

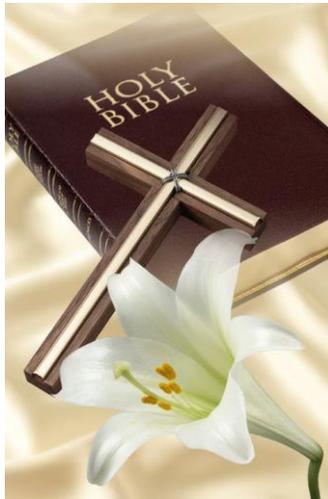
PW News

PW was going to sponsor a Kitchen Clean Up this month, but with the electricians still working it has been put off until late April or May. We will be announcing a date in the next few weeks. Our objective is to clean the inside of all cabinets and drawers and reorganize and label the contents. Volunteers will need to bring paper towels, cleaning materials and a few step stools to enable reaching to the highest areas. Dick Gibson has already cleaned the tops of the light fixtures and anything else close to the ceiling.

A Vice Moderator and Treasurer to serve on the Coordinating Team are to be elected in May. The term is two years and we have one meeting a month on the first Tuesday for 1 hour. The Team does what its name indicates – we coordinate the activities of the women of First Presbyterian Church. A nominating committee will be calling soon.

April 26, 2014 is the Presbyterian Women of Heartland Presbytery Spring Gathering at Parkville Presbyterian Church. Since we are not having a local Spring Gathering, the Coordinating Team is urging all women of First Presbyterian to attend the event at Parkville. It will take less than 30 minutes for most to get to Parkville. Information and registration slips are on the bulletin board in the hall outside classroom 8. Parkville Presbyterian is special to me since that is the church I attended throughout my youth.

Marti Auchard, Moderator



2014 Easter Lily

Howard & Carolyn Anderson

In Memory of **our Dads and Other Loved Ones**

Martha Auchard

In Memory of **My Son and Parents**

Linda Barry

In Memory of **Tom Barry, Darrel Mishler, Mary Mishler and Darrell Misher, Jr.**

Eugenia Cloud

In Memory of **Maurice Cloud**

Steve & Barb Finch	In Memory of Family
	In Memory of Friends
William Frazer, Jr.	In Memory of Family & Friends
John Graham SallyGraham	In Memory of John W. Graham, Mary Jane & Don Choice, Janie Choice Cavitt, Ann & Ernie Graham
Jim & Benita Hendrickson	In Memory of Patricia Hendrickson and Robert Nitz
	In Honor of Our Children; Rob, Cori, Dustin and Bethany
Darrell & Margie Holland	In Memory of Mary Louise Budden
Jarod & Linda Huggins	In Memory of Jarod's Buddy (family dog)
	In Memory of Sheena Hayungs
Howard & Joyce Kirk	In Honor of our 8 Grandchildren
Dorothy Marsh	In Memory of Curtis N. Marsh III
Jim & Lorna Mathison	In Memory of Ralph and Millie Willard and Jakie and Helen Mathison
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Al Pursell	In Memory of Elizabeth Pursell
Shirley Rockwell & Anna Hurt	In Memory of The Rockwell, Denney and Hurt Families
Jim & Merna Roe, Dennis & Keri Litewski	In Memory of Ernest & Jane Nagely, C.A. & Lucille Roe, and Lorelei Jae Litewski
Tom & Becky Stovall	In Memory of Michael & Lois Jiminez and Wayne Stovall
John & Ginnie Strand	In Memory of Family Members
Jack & Le Thomas	In Memory of Steven Thomas and Zachary Marion
Claude & Judy Wiedower	In Memory of Departed Family



GETTING TO KNOW YOU.....

NORMA GRAHAM

By Lorna Mathison

Though Norma Graham has lived in Leavenworth for over 60 years, she is not a native of this area. She was born in Washington, D.C. when her military father was stationed in Baltimore. Her brother was born 4 years later. Everything changed when her mother died when she was only 7. Norma spent time back and forth between her father and her grandmother who became a mother to her. When her father remarried, she spent all summers with her grandmother. Dad was in Columbus, Ohio when Norma was in high school, and after graduation from East High, she went on to nursing school at Ohio State. Why nursing? Because her very influential grandmother had said, "You will be a nurse." Grandmother must have been psychic because that decision determined the course of Norma's life, both personally and professionally.

It was at Ohio State that she met medical student Ken Graham. Ken graduated from med school in 1945, and she received her BS in nursing in 1946. Though Norma had been a cadet nurse, the war was over now, and she didn't serve. However, the army sent Ken to Ft. Leavenworth, attached to the Eisenhower VA, and, though the couple had plans to marry in Columbus, the army wouldn't give Ken leave to go back. Chaperoned by her father, Norma came here for her wedding. They were married at the VA chapel with the other 35 VA doctors and their wives in attendance, none of whom Norma knew. A brave and, I suspect, a little bit scary at the time!

St. John Hospital still had a nursing school at that time, and Norma was asked to teach as she had a bachelor's degree in nursing.

After Ken completed his military service, the newlyweds planned to go back to Columbus. Then Ken came home one day and said he wanted to start his own practice here in Leavenworth. Though not initially overly thrilled with the idea, Norma agreed, and plans were made to do just that.

By 1948, their first child was due to arrive, and Ken was processing out of the army. He had to go to Ft. Riley for that 3 day routine, but with their baby due at any time, he made the then 3 hour trip back and forth every day so Norma would not be alone at night. Ken was officially out of the army on May 15, and son Mike came along on the 30th.

At the time Ken set up his practice, doctors' waiting rooms were segregated in Leavenworth. Ken told Norma he would not do that, and he opened the first truly integrated medical practice. Norma said she helped out in the office, but, from her description of her responsibilities, she would be called the office manager today. Doctors still made house calls, and, before Ken went out, he always called the telephone operator to tell her where he could be found in case of an emergency. (Parents: you can explain what a telephone operator is to your children!) During this time, 3 more children joined the family: Tom in 1949, Rob Roy in 1952, and Scarlett in 1954.

According to Norma, she didn't "work" any more. I am confident that you would agree that managing a doctor's office and raising 4 small children qualifies as work, work, and more work! Apparently it wasn't enough, though, because she decided to run for the school board.....and won. It was during her 4 year term that

- April 10 Deacon and Elder Joint Meeting and Leadership 6-8 p.m.
- April 13 Pancake Breakfast 8:30 a.m.
- April 17 Maundy Thursday Worship 7 p.m.
- April 18 Good Friday-Church Office Closed
- April 20 Easter
- April 22 6:00 p.m. Renovation/Capital Campaign
- April 25 Amateur Radio Testing 7 p.m.
- April 26 Heartland Presbyterian Church Women's Spring Gathering at Parkville

Dear Friends in Christ –

Diane and I want to convey how very much we appreciate all the kind words and travel prayers as we launch into new beginnings in Tennessee. Sunday the 23rd was very special with a yummy decorated cake, Applebee's cards (I had the Roma Pepper Steak at only 550 calories – that was only so I could have the 1000 calorie dessert), and the ubiquitous Presbyterian plates and mugs. The First Presbyterian Church of Leavenworth has been a major part of our lives over the last 25 years or so in so many ways. In addition to worshiping our Lord Jesus Christ we are eternally grateful for all the friends both past and present that have been a part of our Church family. You indeed hold a special place in our hearts. We leave with some sadness but secure in the knowledge that the Church is in good hands with Robyn at the helm and a loving God looking down on you with favor. We learned long ago in our many re-locations that we don't say Goodbye, we just say "see you later". We are indeed blessed.

Love, Steve and Diane Becker

Web site

fpc-lvks.org is up and running. Church members need to register with an ID and password going to lower right corner. Call Tom Stovall with any questions.

HAVE A HAPPY EASTER!