

# *THE LEAVEN*

*First Presbyterian Church*

*Leavenworth, Kansas*

## *January 2015*

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

### **POINSETTIAS**

Chuck Allen Family In Memory of: Dave & Marian Erhardt and Bernice Buchanan

Howard & Carolyn Anderson In Memory of: Loved Ones

Martha Auchard In Memory of: Family and Friends Who Are With The Lord

Aus Family In Memory of: Gary Aus, Bob & Barbara Tank, Millard & Margaret Aus

Linda Barry In Memory of: Tom Barry, Darrel Mishler, Mary Mishler, and Darrel Mishler, Jr.

Dick & Tera Cameron In Memory of: Jane Cliff, Dick Cameron Sr., and Ellen Cameron

Gerald & Elaine Carder In Memory of: Our Parents

Eugenia Cloud In Memory of: Maurice Cloud

Steve & Barbara Finch In Memory of: Leo & Catherine Malley and Glen & Dorothy Finch

Roger Frazer In Memory of: Mr. & Mrs. W.R. Frazer, Catherine Jones, LaVeda Mayers, Mary Frazer

Sally Graham In Memory of: John Graham, Ernie Graham, Ann Graham, Don & Mary Choice, Janie Cavitt

Jim & Benita Hendrickson In Honor of: Brothers & Sisters, Keith Hendrickson, Albert Nitz, Emily Brown,  
Mary Lindstrom, and Melinda Youn

In Memory of: Robert & Rose Nitz and Patricia Hendrickson

Darrell & Margie Holland In Memory of: Mary L. Budden

Huggins Family In Memory of: Sheena Hayungs

Anna Hurt & Shirley Rockwell In Memory of: Hurt, Denney, Rockwell Families and Departed Loved Ones

Carl & Linda Johnson In Honor of: Our Children

In Memory of: Our Parents

Bill & Barbara Katzenberger In Memory of: Our Parents and Siblings

Howard & Joyce Kirk In Memory of: Our Loved Ones

Dorothy Marsh In Memory of: Curtis N. Marsh III and Curtis N. Marsh Jr.

Jim & Lorna Mathison In Memory of: Ralph & Millie Willard and Jakie and Helen Mathison

Al Pursell	In Honor of: Pursell Family
	In Memory of: Betsy Pursell
Jim & Merna Roe	In Memory of: Lorelei Litewski and Our Parents
Arlene Stovall	In Memory of: Wayne Stovall, Harry Boardsen, Dustin Stovall
Tom & Becky Stovall	In Memory of: Wayne Stovall, Dustin Stovall, Lois Jimenez, Michael & Barbara Jimenez
John & Ginnie Strand	In Memory of: Our Parents and Departed Friends
Jack & Le Thomas	In Memory of: Steven Thomas and Zachary Marion
Claude & Judy Wiedower	In Memory of: Our Departed Parents



## **EAGLE SCOUT AWARD**

Chase Allen received his Eagle Scout award on December 15th. Chase started his scouting career in first grade as a Tiger Cub and has moved through all the ranks of scouting. Chase completed his Eagle Scout project this summer and restored the flower bed surrounding the flag pole at the old USDB on Ft. Leavenworth. Chase has earned 40 merit badges. He has spent 54 camping nights and earned the NOA Camping award and World Conservation award. He is a member of two Boy Scout honor societies, Order of the Arrow and Mic-O-Say, and has held the following leadership positions: Scribe, Quartermaster, Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, and Senior Patrol Leader. Chase looks forward to earning Eagle Palms and being a role model and mentor to other scouts.

### **Hear Ye, Hear Ye!!**

Some say opportunity knocks only once, so here is your opportunity to find out what is going-on reference the installation of an elevator. The Renovation/Capital Campaign Committee will provide an elevator information presentation on January 11, 2015 during the monthly church pot luck lunch. The committee has done research on three options of elevators, and our consultants have done much work to assist us with the technical pieces and design of each option. We will have architectural designs of where the elevator will go and how each option will affect each floor level and space surrounding the elevator shaft. We have cost estimates for each of the three options that we will share with you. The presentation will be to bring you up-to-date and get your feedback. This is not a decision briefing. The committee wants your feedback so that we can finalize the options, and then we will come back to the congregation for a final decision. So don't miss this opportunity to learn more about the church's future elevator plans. Bring your questions and concerns. See on January 11.

## The Mission Committee is very grateful for the following:

The **Angel Tree** project under Linda Huggins this year was very successful again. eleven families with 26 children received Christmas gifts. These were delivered Dec. 14 and 15 by the men of the Church. Circle 5 helped Linda bundle the gifts. Thanks to all who helped, especially Linda! She really gets things done, and we are most appreciative.



**Thanks** to those who helped donate gloves and hats and socks, etc. for the Leavenworth Assistance Center. We know there will be some grateful recipients as the weather gets colder and colder. Thanks so much!

**Carl Johnson** has been so busy in December with the Backpack Buddies meal packaging and delivering plus scheduling our volunteers for the bell ringing for the Salvation Army. Thank you, Carl!!

The **Holland's** held a festive Christmas party in our living room for all the ESL students and families. What generous, helpful people they are to all these students. Thank you, Holland's, for all you do for this program!

**Thanks** to those that provided cookies for the Backpack Buddies, raising \$2,400.

The **January mission** project will be collecting soup for the local food pantry(s) in conjunction with the Super Bowl (which is Feb. 1).

## **First Presbyterian Church Leavenworth, KS Snow Policy**

The Snow Policy for the First Presbyterian Church, Leavenworth, KS will be as follows:

**In the event of heavy snow or other event the decision to cancel church services/activities will be determined in the following manner: The Pastor and the Clerk of Session will confer and will confer with Building and Grounds. If these three deem it wise to cancel services/activities a polling of a sampling of Session members make a decision as to the advisability of canceling that day's church activities. Once a decision is made the following television stations in Kansas City, NBC, ABC, CBS, and FOX, will be notified to carry the announcement of the canceling of activities.**

**Additionally, an attempt will be made to send an e-mail to the congregation.**

## 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.

### **From the Deacons NEED A RIDE TO OR FROM CHURCH?**



The deacons maintain an account with the Veterans and Yellow Cab Company that can help you get to church or get home from church. All you have to do is call the company at (913) 682-7200, tell them to bring you to 407 Walnut, and charge it to the First Presbyterian Deacons. If one of us can't give you a ride home, just call them again.

### **DONATION TO ALLIANCE AGAINST FAMILY VIOLENCE and HOMELESS SHELTER**

Each year at Christmas time, the Deacons select local organizations to support with donations. This year, we decided to donate \$350 to the Alliance Against Family Violence, and \$350 to the new Leavenworth Homeless Shelter. We received very nice thank you cards back that are posted on the bulletin board in the narthex.

### **YOUR TURN FOR TREATS? CHECK OUT THE LIST!**

Here is the schedule for providing treats for JANUARY:

**January 4** – Deacons

**January 11-** POTLUCK followed with a **Town Hall Meeting**

**January 18-** Circle 2 & 3

**January 25-** Circle 5

### **January Anniversaries**

26-Bob Doby and Marge Grafke-Doby

29-Dick and Ruie Gibson

### **January Birthdays**

1-Linda Barry

6-Liam Austin

10-Eugenia Cloud

15-Gregg Scircle

19-Dick Cameron

28-Joe Hudson

31-Marguerite Brown

## DECEMBER STATED SESSION MEETING REPORT

The Session met on December 11, 2014. The following business was conducted:

Removed 2 members from the rolls; transferred 2 members to another church; moved 12 members to the Inactive Roll. These Membership and Outreach Committee, Board of Deacons and Session worked on this process over a couple of months and personal letters were sent to individuals who had not been attending or participating.

- Received the report from Commissioner Ann Keeling who attended the November 22 Presbytery meeting.
  - The Pastor will be working toward the development of a Committee to work with her on Interpretation of Giving to the congregation. This will include Wills Emphasis, Memorial Giving, Endowments, Giving of Time and Talent as well as regular financial giving. *(If you are interested in working with the pastor on this please let her know.)*
  - Received the Monthly Financial Report from Treasurer John Strand
  - Reviewed the status of finances for 2015. There is still a shortfall of \$3,600 per month.
- After discussion, a motion was made to have a Town Hall Meeting during the potluck on January 11 for the purpose of discussing the Capital Campaign/Renovation status as well as discussing the overall budget and finances of the church. The motion carried. This discussion is to be a dialogue with congregational participation.
- Reviewed the change in service contract from Trotter and Morton to Besel effective 1/1/15. Beginning in April 2015 a monthly deposit of \$800 will be made for potential HVACA repair.
  - Building and Grounds Committee was reminded to conduct the annual review of adequate insurance coverage and to report at the January meeting.
  - Joyce Kirk reported that the Mission Committee will bring a report at the January meeting concerning the possibility of FPC hosting community meals for ones in need as is being done by other churches. The committee is looking toward another Town Hall Meeting at the February potluck to discuss this potential mission project.
  - Approved Special Offerings to be received in 2015. Clerk of Session will contact Presbyterian Women to submit their offerings for approval at the January meeting.
  - Reviewed the committees to which elders are chairs and co-chairs for 2015
  - New Officer Orientation is January 20 at 6:30 p.m.
  - Joint Deacon and Elder meeting is February 5 at 6 p.m. followed by Stated Session meeting and Deacon's regular monthly meeting
  - The following elections took place:

Clerk of Session 2015	Gerald Carder
Treasurer for 2015	John Strand
Board of Directors for 2015	
President: Joyce Kirk	Vice-President: Dick Gibson
Secretary: Gerald Carder	Treasurer: John Strand

## 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.

## SYMPATHY

**Ron Jahn** son of Judy Jahn, died on December 15, 2014 in Overland Park. He is survived by his mother and daughters, Heather and Laura, and siblings Skip Jahn, and Marilyn Ferbert.

## INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

The following were installed during worship service on December 21:

**ELDERS:** Jim Garrett, Carl Johnson and Lorna Mathison

**DEACONS:** Merna Roe, Chris Aus, Marge Grafke-Doby and Jim Mathison

**ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION** for Elizabeth Williams and Installation of Joyce Kirk will be January 11.

## NEW OFFICER TRAINING

New Officer Training will be January 20 in Room #8 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. New incoming Deacons and Elders will meet with the pastor for this time of orientation as they begin their leadership positions.

**PRAYER CONCERNS** – Roger Frazer, Jack Fulton, Marilyn Ferbert, Judy Jahn, Howard Walker, Eugenia Cloud, Jim Miller, Gayle Zillman,



Bob Ketter, Ellen Carter, Judy Fulton, Bill Kendall, Barbara Fillucco, Sally Graham, Becky Stovall, Emily Brown, Ivan Worrrell, Le Thomas, Bob Taylor.

## HOMELESS SHELTER

This community has been working for some time to organize a homeless shelter. Welcome Central has found a place - to be called the Leavenworth Interfaith Shelter of Hope. They also have many needs: twin bed sheets, blankets, pillows, and towels - (clean but not necessarily new). They really need volunteers who can stay all night - once every other week or so. This is asking a lot - but the cause is important. It's just too cold now for anyone to sleep in a car or outside. Call Sister Vickie if you can consider volunteering. Take any donated items to Welcome Central on Delaware between 3rd and 4th St.

**NEED HELP ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 11 TAKING  
DOWN THE GREENERY!!!!!!**

# A HAPPY NEW YEAR

## JANUARY 2015 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 31		Church Office Closed
Jan.1	Holiday	Church Office Closed
Jan.2		Church Office Closed
Jan.4	11:30	Deacons' Meeting
Jan.5	4-8:30 PM	Music Lessons, Sanc. & Room 8
	6:45-9:45 PM	Cody Choraliers
Jan. 7	Noon-7 PM	Music Lessons Sanc. & FH
Jan. 8	8-3 PM	Classical Conversations
	3:30-6 PM	Music Lessons, Room #3
	6:00 PM	Session Meeting, Room #8
Jan. 11	11:30 AM	Potluck followed with a Town Hall Meeting Taking down the Greenery
Jan. 12	4-8:30 PM	Music Lessons, Sanc. & Room 8
	6:45-9:45 PM	Cody Choraliers
Jan. 13	9:30 AM	Circle 3
	5:30 PM	PWC Committee Meeting
	6:30 PM	Compassionate Friends, LR
	6:30 PM	Circle 5
Jan. 14	Noon-7 PM	Music Lessons Sanc. & FH
Jan. 15	8-3 PM	Classical Conversations
	3:30-6 PM	Music Lessons, Room #3
Jan. 18	Noon	Worship Committee Meeting, Room #8
	2:30 PM	Circle 2, Home of Kathie Wagner
Jan. 19	Holiday	Church Office Closed
	4-8:30 PM	Music Lessons, Sanc. & Room 8
	6:45-9:45 PM	Cody Choraliers
Jan. 20	6:30 PM	New Officer Training, Room #8
Jan. 21	Noon-7 PM	Music Lessons Sanc. & FH
Jan. 22	8-3 PM	Classical Conversations
	3:30-6 PM	Music Lessons, Room #3
Jan. 26	10:00 AM	Circle 4
	4-8:30 PM	Music Lessons, Sanc. & Room 8
	6:45-9:45PM	Cody Choraliers
Jan. 27	6:00 PM	Renovation/Capital Campaign Meeting Articles for The Leaven Due

Jan. 28 Noon-7 PM Music Lessons Sanc. & FH  
 Jan. 29 8-3 PM Classical Conversations  
 3:30-6 PM Music Lessons, Room #3

## EUGENIA'S THOUGHTS

I hope each one of you had a wonderful day celebrating Christ's birthday. Now we're entering a new year. Let us all use it to our Lord's glory.



## Concert to celebrate holiday spirit through jazz

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questions for

**Karen Engebretson**

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Karen Engebretson is the Director of Music at First Presbyterian Church and has been the

coordinator for all the community concerts since their beginning in March, 2012. In this Quick 5, Karen talks about the upcoming jazz Christmas concert.

**1** Karen, can you tell us about First Presbyterian Church's upcoming jazz Christmas music celebration? Who will be performing, and who organized the event?

First Presbyterian be-



gan a Community Concert Series in the spring of 2012 and continues to offer six or seven pro-



Karen Engebretson is pictured at left. Above, is The Kicks Band. SUBMITTED PHOTOS

grams to the community-at-large each season. All concerts are open to the community and an

opportunity to make a freewill donation is

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# Jazz concert scheduled for Sunday

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available, the prime purpose of which is to help continue the series.

On Dec. 14, we will host The Kicks Band who boasts four members from Leavenworth.

This big band, with a roster of 18 musicians, based in the Kansas City area, has been performing Big Band Jazz music for the last 28 years, and is excited to perform a concert in Leavenworth. I worked closely with Bob Cowan, a known Leavenworth resident, to bring this group to First Presbyterian for this installment of the Community Concert Series.

**2** Since most Christmas music is more traditional, why did you decide to go the jazz route for this concert? Do you think jazz will add an element of diversity to the music that will prompt listeners to better hear details of their favorite songs they may not have noticed before?

We have so many traditional programs during the holiday season; we thought diversity would be a pleasant addition to the large menu of holiday programming.

We will perform both sacred and secular holiday music that we believe will please the listeners who will hear holiday favorites in a new or different way.

Actually, there is a great history of Jazz artists in Popular Christmas Holiday Music. During the 40s 50s

and 60s artists. Jazz artists, were mainstream.

Songs Like the The Christmas Song, was written by Mel Torme' and sung by Nat King Cole, two Jazz legends. Bing Crosby, Ella Fitzgerald, The Mills Brothers, all had popular Christmas records.

I think it would be impossible to listen to anyone's top-10 Christmas songs without experiencing the Jazz influence that is Christmas.

The Kicks Band is made up of professional musicians, performers and educators who believe that jazz is an art form which expresses emotional responses through improvisation and the printed page.

**3** What are some of the standards that will be featured at the concert?

This concert will feature popular Christmas music that everyone knows. From traditional carols like Silent Night, and Jingle Bells, to fun renditions of Let it Snow, and Sleigh Ride. Even a little sing-along. Great vocals like White Christmas and Baby It's Cold Outside, and a special rendition of O Holy Night will be performed.

**4** Is the concert open to community members? When and where will it be?

The concert is certainly open and welcomes all members of the community-at-large. The Kicks Band will perform

a concert on the Community Concert Series at First Presbyterian Church, 407 Walnut, Leavenworth, Kansas, on Dec. 14, at 3 p.m.

**5** Why is good music such an important part of fellowship and celebrating Christmas to the fullest?

Christmas and holiday music evoke emotions that are not necessarily felt at other times of the year.

It seems that people of all faith backgrounds enjoy the music of the season, both sacred and secular.

Good music is in the ear of the beholder. Musicians strive to enhance the listeners' appreciation of music in every performance.

Music, unlike almost anything else, is completely universal, needing no translation. Each song has all of your life experiences wrapped inside.

When we experience music in a group setting we are taking our very personal life and sharing it with all of those around us, it has the ability to reach back in time and deep into our soul.

Like Christmas, music is a gift to us from God.

Fellowship is an important part of the human existence as we rely on one another for support, encouragement, laughter and tears.

No one is ever really alone because we encounter people in every aspect of our everyday

life.

Music is a key element of our existence. Fellowship with others is also a key element of our existence.

We hear music every day of our lives - whether on the radio, the television, in an elevator, on the telephone ... but also in the streets where we hear birds or trains or the wind in the trees.

It is all music and it is all part of our experience.

To celebrate Christmas and the holidays with music is important because it is good to stir up our emotions with sounds and songs: remembered, recalled, or even, those sounds and songs new to our ears.

It is good to fill our lives with music.

Each one of us is a musician in his or her own right.

Whether one is a student of music, a teacher of music, a performer of music, or, someone who appreciates music, all of us can come together through music.

Whether a performer or an audience member, we all need each other to further the continuation of music as a valuable and needed art form through performance, appreciation and education.

This is our goal. Music for today. Music for tomorrow. Music for everyone.

What better way to prepare for this holiday season than with music.