

# *THE LEAVEN*

*First Presbyterian Church*

*Leavenworth, Kansas*

## *JULY 2016*

### **FROM THE PASTOR**

Dear Friends,

The days since returning from vacation have given me some time to reflect on our first three months together. My schedule during these months has been full and rewarding. I am enjoying getting to know you and learn the history of the congregation. There is a good deal of ministry taking place here in the church and there is great potential for exciting things in the future.

This congregation is blessed with strong committed leaders who give of themselves to this ministry. I am impressed and thankful for the initiative the elders and deacons take in leading you in your work. Your good planning processes have enabled you to use this interim period to complete some major projects and keep moving forward on others.

Your care for members and friends of the church is a strength. The demonstration of that caring is seen in calls you make on one another who are hospitalized or homebound, sending cards and greetings to encourage and celebrate another's joy or concern, taking them communion or a meal, going with them as they shop for food or medicine, seeing that someone gets to school each day, praying for one another. This is the "Body of Christ" in action and making a difference in peoples' lives.

Your love is expressed in a variety of ways for the Leavenworth/Lansing community. The community meal prepared and served each month by church members and friends is one such expression. So are the various monthly offerings that are collected to support people and agencies of the area. The Welcome Center and the Homeless Shelter get the loving service of many Presbyterian volunteers. English as a Second Languages classes continue to be offered here at the church to help newcomers incorporate into the life of the community. Your eyes look outward to see the mission needs you can address and that is the sign of a healthy church.

Financial giving this year is meeting our congregation's needs. Special project funds are growing and the organ's much needed refurbishing is underway with all the money in hand. You are within reach of getting the elevator/lift installed this year. Thank you for your faithfulness in this matter.

Some of the other strengths that I see are:

- an outstanding music director and administrative assistant
- good adult Sunday School Classes
- choir, bell choir
- the building
- members who dearly love this congregation

Yes, there are also real concerns that are part of our life together. On top of that list I would place attracting and engaging visitors to the church. With all the strengths we have for ministry, our congregation will be attractive to others if we can get them here to see what we are doing for our Lord. Let me ask you, when was the last time you talked to a neighbor or friend about this church, telling them why it has an important place in your life and what we are currently doing for God's sake? When did you last invite anyone to come to worship or a church activity? Many will have other plans but someone may just be waiting for someone to ask them. You are the best recruiters the congregation has. We do not need to be a big church again but to maintain our size we do need to keep up with the natural attrition that goes with church life.

Those are some of my thoughts after my first three months. If you want to talk further with me about them or about other strengths, dreams or concerns, know that my office door is open. Know that I am honored and pleased to be here with you in Leavenworth. I look forward to worshipping with you each Sunday.

Blessing,  
Tim

## **SYMPATHY**

The Celebration of life for Ellen Carter was held at 11:00 am on Thursday, June 30. Ellen passed away on June 20.

## **MEANING OF THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

*The Pledge of Allegiance was written with a strong meaning that we, as citizens, believe.*

**“I pledge allegiance”** means I promise to be true.

**“To the flag”** means to the symbol of our country.

**“Of the United States of America”** means each state that has joined to make our country.

**“And to the Republic”** means a republic is a country where the people choose others to make laws for them. The government is for the people.

**“For which it stands”** means the flag stands for the country.

**“One Nation”** means a single country.

**“Under God”** means the people believe in a supreme being.

**“Indivisible”** means the country cannot be split into parts.

**“With liberty and justice”** means with freedom and fairness.

**“For all”** means for each person in the country.

## **PIPE ORGAN**

The Mid States Pipe Organ specialists have started work on refurbishing our organ. This is a \$44,000 project that will take up to 6 weeks. This is a project of the Memorial/Endowment Committee. We have the funds from memorials and from the Worship and Music Endowment. We are so grateful for our members and friends that have been donating to this project for many

years. There will be a big celebration rededicating our organ this fall. Money was donated in memory of the following people: Ron Jahn and the Jahn family, Lura Geiger, Sally Graham, Dick Cameron, John Hatcher, Betsy Pursell, Catherine Morgan, Dorothy and Howard Walker, Bernice Buchanen, Marietta Gregor, Robert Ketter, Lydon Drury, and Eleanor Haines. We remember them fondly.



## **MUSIC NOTES**

First Presbyterian Church is blessed to have an Austin pipe organ to provide music for worship, as well as for recitals and concerts. Our organ was given as a memorial to honor Edward Payton Willson (1832-1910) by his widow, Olive Sinks Willson. The organ builder, John Turnell Austin, came to Leavenworth at Mrs. Willson's request to view the church and determine how to install

the organ. The Willson Memorial Organ was #389 for the Austin Organ Company, and the first in the area. It was dedicated June 16, 1912. Later, other churches in the area installed Austin organs. The one at First Methodist was installed in 1914, the one at First Congregational United Church of Christ in 1921, and a larger organ in the Xavier Theatre Auditorium at St. Mary at a later date. That organ was not restored and was removed a few years ago.

The original Willson organ consisted of a two manual (keyboard) console and pedals with electric action. Pipe organs are custom built for each sanctuary and this instrument took advantage of the Romanesque arches that served to enhance the organ sound.

In November of 1949 a group of artisans from Austin Organ Company came to the area to supervise the rebuilding of the Willson Organ. The rebuilt installation was completed in 1950. This included a new three-manual console at a cost of \$9,480. It featured 26 speaking stops which included chimes. The selection of stops were added to create a "singing" organ rather than a recital instrument. It was capable of presenting traditional organ literature, but the real focus was music for worship. Later on, other work was done that resulted in a more brilliant,

crisp tone, and the console was moved two times.

Austin organs require major work every 50-70 years, but the lifespan of the work is almost unrivaled. At this point, the electrical system is causing some trouble. Keys may or not play or may be slow to respond. Various stops may have dead notes, and the pistons, which capture and hold the registration the organist selects, are unreliable.

The church has contracted with Mid State Pipe Organ to do the work that will keep our organ functioning properly over the coming years. We will be without use of the organ for about six weeks while our electrical system will be updated with a solid state control system, new keyboard and pedal contacts, and power supply units. After completion of the work our console will look pretty much the same, but will be retrofitted with the new components. This is much more cost effective than building a new console. In addition to greatly enhanced piston settings with multiple memories, this system will provide a transposing feature and a record and playback capability.

It is a tribute to the stewardship of First Presbyterian Church that our organ will continue to serve as a memorial and to the glory of God.

Freda Proctor, Director of Music/Organist

## **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN SPRING OUTING**

The PW (Presbyterian Women) had a spring outing instead of a spring gathering for 2016. On June 18th, 12 ladies met at church for a short program on Presbyterian missions and a devotion time called "Examen". Examen is a daily focused reflection on the events of the day. It was suggested by the PW study Come to the Waters. After that, the group was treated to a tour of the Leavenworth Waterworks (south). Nick, our guide, has 25 years with the waterworks. His knowledge and overt enthusiasm for his work made the experience memorable. Hearing about all the safety precautions for our drinking water is quite comforting. The ladies finished with a meal at Luigi's {ask about the bread!!! ;) }

## **PRAYER CONCERNS**

**Immediate:** Judy Jahn, Melissa, Paula and Melissa (friends/family of Cindy Scircle), Jessica (Liz's sister), James Zillman (Gail's brother-in-law), Richard Schmidt (friend of Bobbie Snyder), Marcia Jackson (Steve Finch's sister), Jim Schroeder, Al Pursell, Marge Brown.

**Ongoing:** Judy Fulton, Marilyn Ferbert (Judy Jahn's daughter), Family of Dominic and the Family of Ellen Carter.

## **FELLOWSHIP TREATS**

Here is the schedule for providing treats for July:

July 3-Circle 4      July 10- Circle 5

July 17-**Potluck Picnic**    A, M-S- Main Dish    B, D-L- Desserts  
C, T-Z- Salads, Sides, and/or Bread

July 24-Session      July 31-Choir and Bell Choir

## **JULY BIRTHDAYS**

5-Tom Stovall	7-Carla Hathaway	12-Gary Auchard
13-Gail Garrett	15-Daniel Williams	16-Ellen Morton
19-Robert Chambers	22-Ann Kelling	27-Anna Hurt
28-Barbara Katzenberg	28-Jennifer Jacobs-LeBar	30-Edward Chapman

## **JULY ANNIVERSARIES**

7-Harold and Carla Hathaway	9-Chuck and Annette Allen
12-John and Ginnie Strand	15-John and Gayle Zillman

## **MISSION**

The Community Meal on Tuesday, the 28th, will be remembered for a couple of things. We had more volunteers than we ever have - 48 total!! This included 6 from the Society of St. Vincent DePaul who were covering for the Saint Mary students who are gone for the summer. Then, unfortunately, we ran out of our chili mac before most of the volunteers had eaten. We did serve more young people than usual, and Liz and the Litewski's were there to inform them about our Vacation Bible School next month. The Membership and Outreach Committee had drivers available - and took 10 take-out meals to our members requesting it. Thanks to all our really special volunteers!! What a group!

The Mission Committee met on Sunday, June 26. The "school supply" collection will continue through the summer. There are lists of needed supplies near the collection bins. Our share of the Pentecost Offering last month will go to the Youth Achievement Center (YAK). Since several of our local food pantries are running low of food, we will now keep a bin marked "Food" for weekly donations - hoping that our members will get in the habit of bringing a can or a box to church when we come.

## **EUGENIA'S THOUGHTS**



Have you ever just sat in our church and gazed at our beautiful and precious windows? If not, please do. They are beautiful and each one gives us a remembrance of what we've read in our bibles or have learned in Sunday School.



## **Gimme that OLD TIME RELIGION**

**July 17, 10:30 AM**

**VA Park (Limit & Home Place-east of CVS)**

**Preachin' Prayin' Singin' Eatin'**

**Potluck-A, M-S- Main Dish B, D-L- Desserts**

**C, T-Z- Salads, Sides, and/or Bread**

**Picnic tables, plenty of shade, and  
restrooms are available**

**Bring your lawn chairs and join us**

**If rain or excessive heat, service will be at church**

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**Leavenworth**

## **VBS July 26-28**

Christian Education is planning a Bootcamp VBS for 6-12 years old; July 26, 27, and 28 from 6-8:30pm. Dinner will be provided. No registration fee. Please contact Liz Williams or the church office if you are interested in volunteering or if you wish to register a child to participate. More information regarding volunteer duties will be available in the coming weeks.



## ACTIVITIES ARRANGED BY MEMBERSHIP/OUTREACH

Mark your calendar for Friday, August 19<sup>th</sup> to attend a T-Bones game.



Mark your calendar!!!  
**Friday, 19 August**  
First Presbyterians cheer for the T-Bones  
A sign up list will be posted.

Tickets will be \$10 or less depending  
on our group size.  
Claude Wiedower will donate \$100 to our  
Church for every foul ball caught.  
More to follow!

Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. a private tour of Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts/Lunch is arranged. The \$100 cost of tour will be divided by attendees.

Wednesday, October 26 we will travel to the New Dinner Theater to see "Have You Met Miss Jones". World premiere of a cabaret style show centered on the life and career of Oscar Winner Shirley Jones. Doors open at 11:15 lunch is served from 11:40-12:40 with the show at 1:00. Tickets will be \$33. Please fill out form and return with your money to Barbara Finch or Merna Roe by **September 18<sup>th</sup>**.

Name/s \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Will drive

Would like a ride

**Due Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> to  
Merna Roe or Barbara Finch**

## JULY 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>26</b> 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM Fellowship Treats Circle 2 & 3 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Worship 11:45 AM Mission Committee Meeting	<b>27</b> 7:00 AM Men's Morning Discussion Group 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM <i>Cody            Choraliars</i>	<b>28</b> Articles for Leaven Due 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM Community Meal	<b>29</b> 9:30 AM Crafts & Fellowship	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b> Church Office Closed 9:00 AM PWC	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM Fellowship Treats Circle 4 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Worship 12:00 PM Worship Committee Meeting	<b>4</b> Holiday-Church Office Closed 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM <i>Cody            Choraliars</i>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 9:30 AM Crafts & Fellowship	<b>7</b> 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Deacons Meeting 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM <i>Session Meeting</i>	<b>8</b> Church Office Closed	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> Fellowship Treats Circle 5 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Worship 11:30 AM Christian Education Committee Meeting 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM Fellowship Treats Circle 5	<b>11</b> 7:00 AM Men's Morning Discussion Group 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM <i>Cody            Choraliars</i>	<b>12</b> 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM Compassionate Friends, LR	<b>13</b> 9:30 AM Crafts & Fellowship	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Church Office Closed	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> 10:30 AM Outside Worship and Picnic (VA Park-Limit & Home Place)	<b>18</b> 7:00 AM Men's Morning Discussion Group 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM <i>Cody            Choraliars</i>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 9:30 AM Crafts & Fellowship	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Church Office Closed	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM Fellowship Treats Session 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Worship	<b>25</b> 7:00 AM Men's Morning Discussion Group 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM <i>Cody            Choraliars</i>	<b>26</b> 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM Community Meal 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM Bootcamp VBS 6-12 year olds	<b>27</b> 9:30 AM Crafts & Fellowship 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM Bootcamp VBS 6-12 year olds	<b>28</b> 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM Bootcamp VBS 6-12 year olds 6:00 PM Capital Campaign/Renovation Meeting	<b>29</b> Church Office Closed	<b>30</b>
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