

THE LEAVEN

First Presbyterian Church
Leavenworth, Kansas
February 2014



VALENTINE DINNER MARK YOUR CALENDARS

SAVE THE DATE-ANNUAL VALENTINE'S DINNER IS FEBRUARY 15TH!
Back by popular demand, the Deacons invite you to attend the annual Valentine's Dinner, which will be held in the fellowship hall of the church on Saturday, February 15th at 6 PM. The event will be catered with advance reservation sales in the Living Room after church. Cost is \$10 per person-meal includes Beef Stroganoff (special recipe provided

by Sally Graham), mixed greens, & scrumptious desserts prepared by chefs Gerald Carder & Anna Hurt. Coffee and tea are included & wine available for \$1.00 per glass. This event is open to all adults in the congregation and provides an opportunity for us to celebrate God's precious gift of love. This has always been a fun evening of great food and fellowship so please mark your calendar and plan to attend.

Tera Cameron

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

**Until we get a new admin assistant,
the office will be staffed with volunteers
from 9-2 on Monday
through Thursday and closed on Friday.**

EUGENIA'S THOUGHTS

Happy New Year! Suddenly we are in another year. Do you suppose our Heavenly Father looked down upon us, thought awhile how we had supported our families, our church and our country? We must have passed His tests for here we are in another year. We ask our heavenly Father each night to let us have a peaceful night and upon morning to be given a peaceful day. But do we remember to thank him when a day is over and the next day has arrived? Then the next morning we thank Him for giving us another day. It wouldn't hurt to add "and let me use it wisely." But then we might also add "Thank you for our church where I can worship you with others who depend upon you.

(Eugenia Cloud is a former reporter who periodically shares her thoughts with us.)

MISSION TRIPS

Did you know that our Presbytery has a group making mission trips? The Guatemala Partnership Committee makes trips and if any of us might care to join them, it might be possible. In fact, there are funds left by past members to help pay for such ventures. The next trip will be an in-depth visit with the Maya Quiche Presbyterians in Guatemala in April. For more information on future trips and the particulars, we can help you contact the right people.

DONATIONS FOR FEBRUARY

The Mission Committee in February is asking for over-the-counter medicines for the St. Vincent's Clinic. Their needs include:

Allergy medicines: Clariton, Zyrtec, Coricidin HBP or generics

Lysol and other air freshners

Chlorox wipes

Paper lunch sacks

Ace wraps, 3 inch

Paper towels

Kleenex

Cotton socks for diabetics

Dr. Scholl's inserts

Jugs of spring or drinking water (not distilled water)

Joyce Kirk, Mission Committee

2014 – 2015 OFFICERS

Did you ever wonder who does what????

ELDERS

Class of 2014 Claude Wiedower, Howard Anderson
Jim Garrett, Joyce Kirk

Class of 2015 Steve Becker, Dick Gibson, Ann Keeling
John Strand

Class of 2016 Jim Hendrickson, Dorothy Marsh, Tom Stovall
Gerald Carder, Clerk of Session

DEACONS

Class of 2014 Darrell Holland, Merna Roe (Membership),
Marti Auchard (Vice Moderator),
Jim Mathison (Treasurer)

Class of 2015 Tera Cameron (Moderator), Linda Barry
Secretary), Rick Nichols (Nominating),
Becky Stovall

Class of 2016 Sally Graham (Alt. Membership), Elaine Carder,
Benita Hendrickson, Anna Hurt

2014 CONGREGATIONAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE

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| John Strand | Rick Nichols | Carl Johnson |
| Jim Garrett | Maria Traynham | Barbara Finch (alt.) |
| Chris Aus | Howard Kirk | |

COMMITTEE CHAIRS FOR 2014

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| WORSHIP COMMITTEE | Howard Anderson |
| CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE | Ann Keeling |
| PERSONNEL COMMITTEE | Dody Marsh |

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| FINANCE COMMITTEE | Steve Becker |
| STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE | The Session |
| ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE | Joyce Kirk, Steve Becker |
| MEMORIAL COMMITTEE | Joyce Kirk, Linda Barry |
| COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE | Tom Stovall |
| BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE | Claude Wiedower, Jim Hendrickson |
| MISSION AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE | Joyce Kirk |
| STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE | John Strand |
| CAPITAL CAMPAIGN/RENOVATION | Dick Gibson |
| MEMBERSHIP & OUTREACH COMMITTEE | Jim Garrett, Merna Roe, Sally Graham (alt.) |

BOARD OF TRUSTEE OFFICERS

President Joyce Kirk, Vice-President Dick Gibson, Secretary Gerald Carder, Treasurer Steve Becker

DEACONS' LOVE OFFERING

The Deacons have only a small line item in the budget of the church even though they have a real role to play in the life of the congregation. Their primary support comes from the loose plate offering on the first Sunday of each month. That money is designated for the Deacons and provides their primary monetary support. Please remember this and try to drop in a few extra coins or bills!

EGG SALES

Speaking of the Deacons, their other main source of income is from Ginny and John Strand's hens! The Strands sell their farm-fresh eggs in the narthex for \$2.00 a dozen. Half of the proceeds goes to support the needs of the hens and the other half goes to the Deacons.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU.....

LIZ, DAN, and ALICE WILLIAMS



The Williams family officially became part of our church family on December 8, 2013 when Liz and Dan joined First Pres. and Alice was baptized. They arrived in Leavenworth in August when Dan took a teaching job at the University of St. Mary. They had hardly gotten settled when baby Alice was born on October 19th.

Though Midwesterners now, both Liz and Dan grew up in the Atlanta, GA area. After high school, Dan earned an AA degree in history from Floyd Junior College in 1999. He then went on to Berry College where Liz had enrolled after high school. Dan was 2 years ahead of her, and their paths had not yet crossed. That changed in the summer of 2002 when they did an internship together at Georgia State University in Atlanta. Dan graduated from Berry in 2002 with a BA in history and an education minor. He then went on to graduate school at Georgia

College and State University where he earned his MS in biology in 2004. At the same time, Liz completed her undergraduate work at Berry, graduating with a BS in biology.

Liz and Dan were engaged in 2004 and then headed in different directions. Dan began work on his PhD at KU, studying ecology and evolutionary biology with a focus on paleontology. Liz began her master's work at South Dakota School of Mines and Technology where she also concentrated on paleontology. They were married in 2005 and Liz then joined Dan in Lawrence. While he was finishing his PhD, she worked for the Lawrence Parks and Recreation Department. Dan received his degree in 2009.

Back to Georgia they went for Dan's first job at Georgia Southern University in Statesboro, GA. Liz was now able to return to school, and she completed her Master's degree in biology in 2011. Both Liz and Dan then taught at GA Southern until they came here when Dan accepted the job at St. Mary. He has been teaching biology, primarily human anatomy and physiology and is now developing a course in forensic biology.

With a new town, a new home, a new job, and a new baby, the Williams don't have much free time. When they find some, Dan enjoys bird watching and loves to tinker with "Volkswagen stuff." Liz's interest in historic costuming has brought her to the right place with Leavenworth's historic emphasis. She also plays the flute and enjoys singing. The First Pres. choir has a place just for her!

At this point, the Williams family plans to be here for the foreseeable future, and we are delighted that they have chosen to share that future with us.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CHURCH WORLD SERVICE BLANKETS+ PROGRAM

You are the plus in Blankets+. February 9 we will accept the CWS Blankets+ Offering. What is the CWS Blankets+ program? It is a special mission opportunity for all ages. Some 8,000 congregations and groups across the U.S. hold CWS Blankets+ events, providing funds to help people in need around the world.

For over 60 years, CWS has worked in partnership with local communities to identify their needs and access resources they need to build the foundation for a more viable future, including:

- Blankets, tents, food and other emergency supplies in the wake of a disaster
- Tools and seeds for refugees returning home to replant their fields
- Wells for families living in drought prone areas to provide clean, safe water to drink and to irrigate crops and gardens
- Literacy training and microcredit for women struggling to realize their potential.

CWS Kits and Blankets brought practical comfort to people in Floyd County, KY, who were struggling amidst multiple disasters – including flash flooding that overwhelmed schools and homes on August 12.

The flooding further battered a county already devastated by 80% unemployment due to the collapse of coal mining and still recovering from deadly tornados that swept Eastern and Southern Kentucky last year, killing 25 people and causing millions of dollars in damage.

510 CWS School Kits arrived just in time for the start of the school year. The morning of August 7, kindergarten through sixth grade teachers compiled the names of students who came without any school supplies. That afternoon, the kits were delivered to the teachers for those students in need of them. Two families in the local homeless shelter also received CWS School Kits.

Barely had the kits been distributed when, on August 12, Floyd County was hit by flash flooding after some areas got more than four inches of rain in 35 minutes. CWS responded with 300 CWS Emergency Clean Up Buckets, 300 CWS Blankets, 300 CWS Baby Care Kits, 300 CWS Hygiene Kits, and 300 more CWS School Kits.

This offering helps many in their times of need. Without these supplies, they would not receive any type of assistance for their loss. Thank you for your generosity.

Marti Auchard, Moderator
PW of First Presbyterian Church

MONTHLY POTLUCK

The potluck for the month of February has been canceled, and the Deacons will supply treats that day for fellowship. Please join us for the Valentine's Dinner instead.

YOUR TURN FOR TREATS? CHECK OUT THE LIST!

Here is the schedule for providing treats for the next 2 months.

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| 2/2/14 | Congregation G-P |
| 2/9/14 | Deacons |
| 2/16/14 | Congregation Q-Z |
| 2/23/14 | Deacons |
| 3/2/14 | Circle 2 & 3 |
| 3/9/14 | POTLUCK |
| 3/16/14 | Circle 4 |
| 3/23/14 | Circle 5 |
| 3/30/14 | Session |

MISSION COMMITTEE

Our "Souper Bowl" collection of soups netted just about 100 of them. This is a collection for the food pantry at the Salvation Army, where the requests for food are quite high these cold, winter days. More cans of soup will undoubtedly come in during the first two weeks of February, as well.

Joyce Kirk
Mission Committee

EASTER LILY ORDER TIME IS APPROACHING

The Worship Committee will begin receiving lily orders on Sunday, March 2 in order to meet the deadline of the store. Lilies will be \$10. Orders will be received through March 16. Please use the order form below.



EASTER LILY ORDER FORM

IN MEMORY OF: _____

IN HONOR OF: _____

Your Name: _____

No. of Lilies Ordered _____

Amount Paid _____

Community Concert Series @ First Presbyterian Church

Join Us on Sunday, March 9th at 3:00 p.m. as

The Ancora Chorale, a 24 voice ensemble presents



Menagerie: Music of Beast and Fowl

[The Ancora Chorale](#) presents a delightful program filled with songs that explore the inhabitants

of Noah's Ark. Come listen to songs of creatures big and small! This program includes music from Whitacre, Davies, Hogan, Anderoth, Rutter, Jing Ling Tam, and much, much more!

And Then Come Back the Following Sunday, March 16th at 3:00 p.m. for



[Musica Vocale](#) presents an afternoon of Palestrina & Friends featuring Missa Brevis by Giovanni Palestrina and motets by Palestrina, Orlande de Lassus, Andreas Willaert, and Americans Ned Rorem and Kansas City native, Virgil Thomson.