

# *THE LEAVEN*

First Presbyterian Church  
Leavenworth, Kansas  
March 2014

## **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

**We have a new Admin Assistant, Arlene Hansroth.**

**The office hours are:**

**Monday, Wednesday and Friday 8am to 4pm;**

**Tuesday and Thursday 7:30-1:30.**

***(Lunch with normally be from 11-12 daily)***

## **DONATIONS**

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

Allergy medicines: Claritin, Zyrtec, Coricidin HBP or generics

Lysol and other air freshners

Clorox 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*

## SESSION NOTES

The Session met for their February meeting and took the following actions:

The Session accepted, with regret, the resignation of Elder Steve Becker from the Session and other activities effective 13 February 2014 due to his impending move to Nashville, TN.

The PWC reported that they are in the process of selecting their Bible Study for next year and are requesting input from the Circles. They are planning the May 11 worship service that the women will conduct, as well as a kitchen cleaning day for March 29 for which they will be asking for help from the congregation.

The Deacons reported that Valentine Dinner plans have been finalized (Excellent work on the part of the Deacons). Deacon Becky Stovall is going to spearhead the organization of the storage area in the basement and will be asking for volunteers to assist in this process.

The Clerk of Session reported that the February 23 Community Concert had been canceled but that a different concert had been planned for March 9. This will be in addition to the concert scheduled for March 16. He distributed a Calendar of Events and a listing of all committee members and ask for updates and corrections.

The Administration Committee presented the January Financial report.

Total Income	\$ 9,911.66
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 15,723.41</u>
Balance	<\$ 5,811.75>

They also presented the Restricted Fund balances as follows:

Memorial Account	\$ 24,526.59
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Capital Campaign Account \$ 203,914.63

Baum Account \$ 54,293.19

Elder Becker reported that there were additional funds added to the Memorial and Capital Campaign fund received after the report was prepared due to contribution and interest received.

The Annual Statistical Reports was approved for submission.

The Personnel Committee reported that Arlene Hansroth had been hired to fill the Administrative Assistant position. She will begin on February 18. Her hours will be adjusted through March so she can train her replacement.

A motion was approved to have a special collection for funds to repair the alley between Fourth and Fifth streets. A date for this collection will be determined by the Building and Grounds Committee.

Elder Joyce Kirk reported that the Mission Committee will continue the collection of needed items for the St Vincent Clinic through the month of March. Following the March Potluck, the congregation will be asked to help sack food for Backpack Buddies.

The Worship Committee reported that orders for Easter Lilies will begin on March 9. Elder Anderson also noted that he has 50 Easter Devotional booklets available for the Lenten season.

The Memorial Committee reported receiving funds following the funerals of Linda Schroder and Betsy Pursell. The Committee is looking at two major memorial projects for designation possibilities – stain glass restoration and protection and the organ repair.

Requests for a \$ 500.00 filing fee for tax credit to cover the electrical movement project and an amendment to the September 27 2013 Agreement with DGM Consultants P.A. for an additional \$ 3,769.00 for

future work under the original agreement were approved. Funds for both approval requests come from the Capital Campaign Fund.

The Session approved a “Snow Policy” for notifying the congregation and public regarding the canceling of church activities (See article in this newsletter).

Gerald M Carder  
Clerk of Session

### **SNOW POLICY**

The Snow Policy or other situation for 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 the following television stations in Kansas City: NBC, ABC, CBS, and FOX, will be notified to carry the announcement of the canceling of activities. A e-mail, using the church-wide address, will be sent as soon as the decision to cancel church activities is determined.**

This Policy/Procedure will be placed in the Leaven, the bulletin for three consecutive Sundays, and announced during the worship service as well as posted in the church.

Adopted by the Session on 16 February 2014.

## WELCOME CENTER

Welcome Center, a clearing house for services to those in need, opened January 27, 2014.

This program was developed after a year and a half study of services for those living in poverty in Leavenworth.

Anyone requiring assistance from the Church will be referred to the Welcome Center for assistance. The Center will assist in locating the services needed and help fill out applications. They will also provide transportation to the store several times a week.

Welcome Center is located at 314 Delaware, Leavenworth, KS (use the parking lot door). Hours of operation are Monday-Friday 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.

*Dorothy Marsh*

## MONTHLY POTLUCK

The potluck for the month of March will be held the 9<sup>th</sup> of March immediately following the service.



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

Here is the schedule for providing treats for March.

3/2/14

Circle 2 & 3

3/9/14	POTLUCK
3/16/14	Circle 4
3/23/14	Circle 5
3/30/14	Session

### COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIPS



Steve Finch has provided applications to the Leavenworth, Lansing, Pleasant Ridge and Basehor schools for our Community Scholarship. Applications are due back by April 1st. Joyce Kirk, Carl Johnson, and Elizabeth Williams are on the Selection Committee.

### EUGENIA'S THOUGHTS

How are your Christmas poinsettias doing? I hope yours are as beautiful as mine. I had a friend a few days ago who was surprised mine were still sporting lovely blooms. I was asked how I did it, my answer: My Dad taught me to love and care for flowers. He knew how! He didn't grow wheat and corn – he seeded our one large field with gladiolus. Vegetables were grown in an adjoining lot of our house, but the lot was surrounded by a row of “glads” (that's what we called them, and still do!) My sister and I were taught how to treat any kind of flower; our brother was taught how to plant the seed or “plant.” My sister and I were taught how to dust and wash and dry the dishes! John A. Learned

how to mow the large lawn and adjoining “park.” The “park was where our swing was under the weeping willow tree.  
(Eugenia Cloud is a former reporter who periodically shares her thoughts with us.)

## **NEW TV**

You will have noticed the flat screen TV installed at the rear of the church sanctuary for the Pastor, Liturgist, and Choir. The church had the TV and undesignated memorial funds paid for the installation.

*Joyce Kirk*

## **Heartland Summer Camp**



A week at summer camp can serve as one of the most powerful and life-changing experiences in a person’s life. Heartland provides experiences and activities that foster deep relationships and help children and youth engage with God. Whether it’s shooting all bulls-eyes on the archery range, riding horses through the beautiful trails and pastures, screaming as you fly down the 100 ft. long slip n’slide or

overcoming fears on the challenge course, campers will be sure to encounter God and know they are loved every moment. If you have children who would like to attend, please pick up a brochure in the Church Narthex. The brochure contains the camp schedule and application information.

## **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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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.