

THE LEAVEN

First Presbyterian Church

Leavenworth, Kansas

February 2015

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

MARDI GRAS /ASH WEDNESDAY OBSERVANCE

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

**6:30-7:15 PM CAJUN MEAL IN
FELLOWSHIP HALL**

**Chicken & Sausage Gumbo with Rice
Beignets, King's Cake and Sherbet
Cajun Fritters**

**7:30 PM WORSHIP IN SANCTUARY
(with imposition of ashes)**



PWC

Blanket Offering

An offering to support the CWS Blanket + Mission will be accepted February 8 during the morning service. This program provides blankets, gardening tools and materials for resettling refugees, sewing machines and training for women empowering them to earn an income and feed their families, emergency food packages for displaced families and wells and dams to provide a source of clean water. This aid goes all over the US and the world. Blankets were provided during the arctic blast that hit the Midwest in January 2014. Relief and recovery assistance went to communities in Illinois, Indiana, Missouri, Ohio and Kentucky following a November 2013 outbreak of tornadoes, hail and high winds. Tools, seeds and microcredit loans have been provided for members of CWS-supported agricultural co-ops in rural, poverty-prone communities in Haiti. These are just some of the ways your contributions are used. Thank you for your support of the Presbyterian Women and the Church World Service Blanket + Mission.

FAT TUESDAY DINNER

Prior to the Ash Wednesday service at about 6:30 we will partake of a Fat Tuesday dinner. The menu is Sausage/Chicken Gumbo, Rice, Beignets, Sherbet and King's Cake. Preparing the gumbo and rice will commence around 2:00 that afternoon. Anyone wishing to help, please contact Marti Auchard (the cook) or Joyce Kirk (everything else). We will need help cooking, with setup and, of course, clean up. Thanks in advance for all help!

Scholarship Opportunities

The First Presbyterian Church has scholarship opportunities from three different endowments: Boatright, Carol Ann Low, and First Presbyterian Church Community.

- The \$1500 Boatright Scholarship is given to members of the congregation who have completed one or more years of college and will continue enrollment in 2015-2016.
- The \$1500 Carol Ann Low Scholarship is for graduating high school seniors who are faithful and active in this church and will enter college in 2015.
- The \$1500 First Presbyterian Church Community Scholarship is given to assist a graduating senior from Leavenworth County with academic potential and financial need. It is for students who are not members of this church and who will enter college in 2015.

Applications forms (with specific application requirements) are available in the church office. Completed applications must be received by April 1, 2015. We encourage all interested students to apply. If you have questions, contact Judy Wiedower.

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.

MISSION COMMITTEE

TOWN HALL MEETING

There are 13 churches in Leavenworth in a coalition that are serving a free meal to the hungry in their buildings. Your Mission Committee has been exploring the possibility of hosting one of these here once a month. We would like to discuss this hands-on project with each of you to see if we (the 1st Presbyterian Church) can commit time and energy to do so. Initially, we won't be asking for funds as we have an endowment from our predecessors for such a project. There is a pot luck after church on Sunday, Feb. 8. In the "Town Hall" format we will be ready for your questions, concerns and commitments. Hopefully, you can all come.

QUILTS OF VALOR

There is a huge organization of volunteer quilters across the country and here in our area who are dedicated to honoring servicemen and women who have served in combat - in all wars. They want to recognize and honor them with a homemade quilt. To date they have presented over 113,000 quilts to these heroes. If you or your loved one would like to receive one, you can apply through the Quilts of Valor Website @ qovf.org.

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.

YOUR TURN FOR TREATS? CHECK OUT THE LIST!

Here is the schedule for providing treats for FEBRUARY:

February 1 – Circle 5

February 8 – **POTLUCK & TOWN HALL MEETING**

February 15- Session

February 22- Choir and Bell Choir

On behalf of the Deacons, I want to invite you all to the monthly Potluck and Town Hall Meeting February 8 immediately following worship.

We remind you that ALL are welcome, whether you bring a dish or not. We always have plenty, so please join us! We suggest the following plan as a guideline only:

A, M-S: Main Dish

B, D-L: Dessert

C,T-Z: Salads, Sides, and/or Breads

Our St. Paddy's Dinner will replace the MARCH Pot Luck!

February Birthdays

7-Karen Engebretson

8-Camielle Austin

11-Robert Ketter

11-Scott Anderson

19-Paige Cox

26-Elizabeth Williams

27-Joyce Kirk

STEWARDSHIP AND GIFTS

MEMORIAL GIFTS RECEIVED

Gifts were received recently in memory of Ronald Jahn.

PRAYER CONCERNS – Roger Frazer, Jack Fulton, Marilyn Ferbert, Judy Jahn, Howard Walker, Eugenia Cloud, Gayle Zillman, Bob Ketter, Ellen Carter, Bill Kendall, Sally Graham, Emily Brown, Le Thomas, Bob Taylor, Jim Miller, Lydon Drury.



EUGENIA'S THOUGHTS

Know what would be nice? Walk up to someone in Church and hand them a nice valentine. Let's try it.

BACKPACK BUDDIES

Backpack Buddies provides weekend meals to over 740 at risk elementary school children in the City of Leavenworth – children who routinely miss meals on the weekends. This program requires a tremendous volunteer effort and First Presbyterian Church has participated since the program began.

And now we have that opportunity again, not once but twice!

We will be packing the weekend meals for the 144 children at Henry Leavenworth Elementary School for the month of February and March. For the mathematicians in the crowd that is 576 bags of food or 5,760 food items each month. The good news is that it requires less than 2 hours each month – if we get enough help. So please come help!!

Food Packing: Monday, February 9th at 8:00 am Fellowship Hall

Monday, March 9th at 8:00 am Fellowship Hall

The Men's Monday Morning Group will set up the food lines prior to volunteers arriving so it will be easy and FUN!!

DEACONS

Many thanks to each and every one of you who participated in the January COAT DRIVE for WELCOME CENTRAL over 170 coats were collected. A special thanks to Deacon Becky Stovall for coordinating this drive.



SAVE THE DATE:

St. Paddy's Dinner

Sunday, March 8, 2015

5:30 P.M.

Luck of the Irish Menu

Get your ticket: \$10.00 per person

See you wearin' the green!

This dinner will **replace the March Pot Luck Dinner**



Calendar

FEBRUARY 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>Building & Grounds Committee Mtg., FH Fellowship Treats Circle 5 Worship Committee Mtg., Room 8 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Worship</p>	<p>2</p> <p>4:00 PM - 8:30 PM Musi Lessons, Room #8 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Cody Choralliers</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>12:00 PM - 7:00 PM Music Lessons 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Bell Choir Practice 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Adult Choir Practice</p>	<p>5</p> <p>8:00 AM - 3:00 PM Classical Conversations 3:30 PM - 6:00 PM Music Lessons, Room #3 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Deacons Meeting-Joint Meeting with Session, FH</p>	<p>6</p> <p>10:00 AM PWC</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p> <p>Blanket Offering 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Worship Presented by the Mens Group 11:30 AM - 1:00 AM Pot Luck 12:30 PM Town Hall Meeting</p>	<p>9</p> <p>8:00 AM Food Packing for BackPack Buddies 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Circle 4 PWC 4:00 PM - 8:30 PM Musi Lessons, Room #8 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Cody Choralliers</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9:30 AM Circle 3 6:30 PM Circle 5 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM Compassionate Friends, LR</p>	<p>11</p> <p>12:00 PM - 7:00 PM Music Lessons 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Bell Choir Practice 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Adult Choir Practice</p>	<p>12</p> <p>8:00 AM - 3:00 PM Classical Conversations 3:30 PM - 6:00 PM Music Lessons, Room #3 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Lessons - Sanctuary</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>  <p>Valentine's Day</p>
<p>15</p> <p>10:30 AM - 12:00 PM Fellowship Treats Session 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Worship 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Bridal Shower for Mikayla Chambers 2:30 PM Circle 2 PWC-Kathie's Home</p>	<p>16</p>  <p>PRESIDENTS DAY Holiday - Church Office Closed 4:00 PM - 8:30 PM Musi Lessons, Room #8 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Cody Choralliers</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>  <p>6:30 PM Dinner 7:30 PM Ash Wednesday Service</p>	<p>19</p> <p>3:30 PM - 6:00 PM Music Lessons, Room #3 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Lessons, Sanctuary</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p>  <p>Fellowship Treats Choir & Bell Choir 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Worship 3:00 PM Community Concert Series</p>	<p>23</p> <p>4:00 PM - 8:30 PM Musi Lessons, Room #8 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Cody Choralliers</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Article for The Leaven Due 6:00 PM Capital Campaign/Renovation</p>	<p>25</p> <p>12:00 PM - 7:00 PM Music Lessons 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Bell Choir Practice 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Adult Choir Practice</p>	<p>26</p> <p>8:00 AM - 3:00 PM Classical Conversations 3:30 PM - 6:00 PM Music Lessons, Room #3 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Lessons, Sanctuary</p>	<p>27</p> <p>6:00 PM - 8:00 PM MO-Kan Vec/Pilot Knob Amateur Radio Club</p>	<p>28</p>  <p>for Everything There is a Season 20 MORE DAYS UNTIL SPRING</p>
<p>1</p> <p>10:30 AM - 12:00 PM Fellowship Treats Session Congregation A-F</p>	<p>2</p> <p>4:00 PM - 8:30 PM Musi Lessons, Room #8</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>12:00 PM - 7:00 PM Music Lessons</p>	<p>5</p> <p>8:00 AM - 3:00 PM Classical Conversations</p>	<p>6</p> <p>10:00 AM PWC</p>	<p>7</p>

JEWISH SEDER OBSERVANCE

Maundy Thursday, April 2

6:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

(led by Cantor Sharon Kohn of

Congregation B'Nai Jehudah

Overland Park, Kansas)

What is a Seder? The **seder**, is a festive holiday meal and actually means "order." It is called this because the meal is done in a certain order which takes us from slavery to freedom.

The Haggadah - which means "the telling" - is the book used at the Passover **seder**. The Haggadah explains the foods on the seder plate, recounts the highlights of the Exodus, and includes songs, prayers, and questions.

At the seder we can rejoice, take our time, and ponder the questions of freedom and service to God.

A VIGIL OF DARKNESS TAKES PLACE

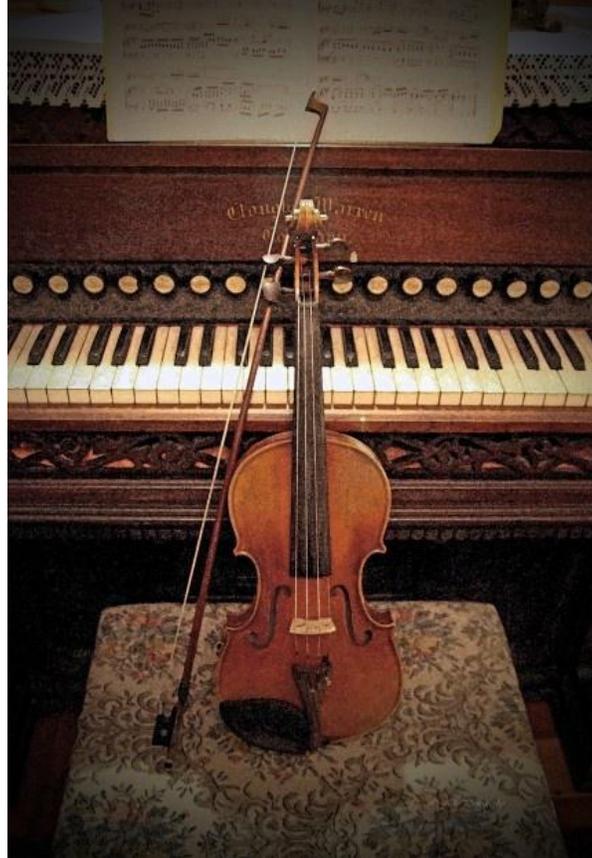
AFTER THE SEDER IN THE SANCTUARY

With a choral cantata on the last words of Christ and extinguishing of candles.

(Note: The Seder is in place of Communion.)

A FREE WILL OFFERING WILL BE RECEIVED FOR CANTOR KOHN

**Our Community Concert Series
continues this month with
Vicki Hauser, Violin
Karen Engebretson, Organ**



**Sunday, February 22, 2015
3:00 p.m.**

**Come and join us for an afternoon of beautiful music
and a time for fellowship following the concert.**

**Your presence is most welcomed and your support is
appreciated aids in the continuance of this program.**