

# *THE LEAVEN*

First Presbyterian Church  
Leavenworth, Kansas

*MARCH 2017*

## **SOULE SEARCHING**



Saturday February 25, 2017 the final step in my becoming the pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Leavenworth, Kansas was completed. Heartland Presbytery in it meeting examined me. I was asked four questions. The first was essentially, how I would talk to someone at dinner who asked about my call to serve God in the ministry. The second asked me to tell about a difficult pastor situation in which I was involved and how I dealt with the issues and sought to be of help. The third was in regards to how I would lead this congregation with its many members with military background and training. The final question was will I, in good faith, answer the ordination questions in our Book of Order in the affirmative. My answers sufficiently satisfied the presbytery. I was told the vote for me to become pastor of this congregation was unanimous. With that action, which required a 2/3 affirmative vote of the presbytery, I became the next pastor of this church.

Many of you saw this action take place. When I went to lunch, Cathy Corley and I were the only two church members present. Entering the lunch room I saw several people from church and was pleased they had come to be part of the day. Returning to the sanctuary I saw that the first several rows were filled with all familiar faces. Yes, that's right, the front rows were filled!!! Many presbyters, coming back from lunch had to find new places to sit because thirty-five of you had come to cheer me on! I was overwhelmed with your support and at that point got a little nervous. I certainly did not want to disappoint any of you.

Thanks to each of you who made that trip and to those who were with us in spirit. This event brought to my mind the evening of my ordination service back in 1981. That night members of the Pastor Nominating Committee, who took a chance on calling a 26 year old, right out of seminary, made a ten hour drive (one way) to be present with Debbie and me at the service in our home church in Lyons, Kansas. I felt then, with that kind of support and commitment, we were going to do some amazing things for the Lord. The feeling was similar last Saturday.

This past year as your interim pastor has been exciting. Big projects have been or soon will be completed; the organ refurbishment, the installation of the elevator being the obvious ones. It took planning and saving and sharing to make these dreams come true. You are to be commended for this excellent work, while continuing to reach out to the community and push yourselves to do more and more. Great work!

Now, what will our new goals and projects that will keep our momentum moving in a positive direction? I look forward to working together to set these plans and to make further impact in the area. But before we get too far down that road there will be a celebration of our new relationship. On Sunday March 19, 2017, a Service of Installation will be held at 4:00 in the afternoon in our

sanctuary. Members of the presbytery will be here to rejoice with us as we begin this new journey. I hope each of you will make plans to be with us that afternoon.

Again, thank you for all your support throughout the last year. I am honored you have called me to be your pastor. May God use us together to share the good news with those who most need to hear.

Warmly,

Tim

## **THE ELEVATOR IS HERE!!!**

### **SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

The First Presbyterian Church has scholarship opportunities from two different endowments: the Boatright Scholarship Fund and the C Cory Community Scholarship Fund.

- The Boatright Scholarship is given to members of the congregation who have completed one or more years of college and will continue enrollment in 2017-2018.
- The \$850 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 2017.

Applications forms (with specific application requirements) are available in the church office. Completed applications must be received by April 1, 2017. We encourage all interested students to apply. If you have questions, contact Judy Wiedower.

### **RETIREMENT**

Chaplain Barb Sherer, a PCUSA Pastor, a member of Cimarron Presbytery in Oklahoma. Currently is stationed at Fort Leavenworth and is assigned as the Combined Arms Center Chaplain will retire on May 5<sup>th</sup>. Time and place will be announced next month.

### **WELCOME IRISH ANCESTRY AND IRISH 'ONLY FOR A DAY'**

Please Join us for the Saint Patrick's Day Dinner

Sunday, March 12 5:00pm

Fellowship Hall

\$10 per person

Corned Beef and Cabbage with Carrots and Roasted Potatoes

Fruit Cobbler

Sign up in the Living Room

on Sunday, March 5th

Last Day to Sign up -- March 8th

NURSERY WILL BE AVAILABLE (When signing up please indicate you need nursery service)



## PICTURES

We are looking for interesting pictures of the life of First Presbyterian Church to use in a brochure for legacy gifts. Pictures of people, worship services, kids and children programs, music programs, the building and building windows, mission activities (community meal, Back Pack Buddies, ESL etc.). Please contact Carl Johnson or the Church office.



## FELLOWSHIP TREATS

Here is the schedule for providing treats for March:

**March 5-Congregation G-P    March 12- Congregation Q-Z**  
**March 19-Deacons    March 26-Circle 2 &3**

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

2-Paul Keeling    5-John Garnhart    5-Pam Crume    8-Linda Johson    9-Ivana Bowman  
14-Pamela Chambers    15-Bill Katzenberger    16-Brian Hurt    18-Howard Kirk  
21-Isabell Bowman    22-Mike Lemke    23-Marge Grafke-Doby    23-Shirley Comstock  
25-Caleb Gardner    29-Kathie Wagner

## MARCH ANNIERSARIES

7-Rodand Dru Cox                      9-Caleb and Fran Gardner  
17-Carl and Linda Johnson      19- Jim and Lorna Mathison

## PRAYER CONCERNS

**Immediate:** Joe Hudson, Jack and Le Thomas, Gerry Bowman, Kristin (Gayle Zillman's cousin).

**Ongoing:** Marilyn Ferbert (Judy Jahn's daughter), Al Pursell, Judy Jahn, Arlene Stovall, Norma Graham, Brianna Hoffman and Dorothy Streiner (Cindy Scircle's relatives), Gail Garrett.

## EUGENIA'S THOUGHTS

Winter will soon be over and even though we have not heard or seen or felt any snow or struggled walking on any ice many children have missed the fun of playing in the snow (I'm not mentioning of those boys who love to throw snowballs). But to me the joy of spring is watching the leaves of our trees getting ready to turn green once again. Of course, some of those young boys may not be as happy because the grass will be getting taller but always remember that our Heavenly Father who watches over each one of us here on earth. Thank you, Our Lord and Master.

## MISSION

Souper Bowl Sunday! We delivered 216 soup items to the Salvation Army - another incredible support effort from the congregation! Just think what it will be like next year when the Chiefs are playing for the championship'



Interfaith Shelter of Hope. On 22 January, Judy Wiedower, Howard Kirk, and Pastor Tim presented a check for \$5,000 to Sister Vickie Perkins, Welcome Center Director, and Linda Martin, Shelter of Hope Coordinator, for the new shelter construction fund. Our donation was approved by our Session in January with the funds coming from our Mission Endowment Fund.

## PWC ELECTIONS

Glamour! Excitement! Insider Info! Adoration of 10's of People! Well, at least some of that will be true for those willing to serve on our church's Presbyterian Women Coordinating (PWC) Team. We need to elect a moderator, vice moderator and secretary to start serving in May. The activities the new PWC will likely continue are a Senior Lunch (held in Sep last year); Operation Christmas Child ("Shoebox") collection (culminates in mid-Nov.); and a Spring Gathering next Apr/May for our Leav. 1st Pres. ladies. Other duties include getting the materials for the Circles and passing info to/from the Circles. Please consider this exciting and rewarding opportunity and offer your name for the election to be held in April.

Cathy Corley, Moderator PWC

# ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

One Great Hour of Sharing is a long-standing ecumenical effort aimed at raising the funds necessary to provide relief and reconstruction for communities in the aftermath of disaster. What started as an hour-long radio appeal has evolved over the years, varying from eight to 29 participating denominations, and has become the most participated-in offering in our denomination.

One Great Hour of Sharing, received during the season of Lent, (March 1-April 15), makes a difference in the world through three impactful programs: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People. You can learn more about each of these programs at [presbyterianmission.org/oghs](http://presbyterianmission.org/oghs). Today One Great Hour of Sharing supports projects in more than 100 countries. Check it out. There are three ways you can give. Our congregation will be receiving the offering on Palm Sunday, April 9. You can text OGHS to 20222 to give \$10. You may give on line through [presbyterianmission.org/give-oghs](http://presbyterianmission.org/give-oghs).

Debbie and I have often used the offering as a Lenten discipline. We put a container on our kitchen table and put in an offering each time we eat. We do this to remind us to pray for and work with those who are hungry. We then add the amount collected to our planned gift to the One Great Hour of Sharing.

This year One Great Hour of Sharing's theme this year is, ***You Shall Be Called Repairers of the Breach***, taken from Isaiah 58. Decide now how you will participate in being a repairer of the breach in many peoples' lives. One Great Hour of Sharing is an effective way to use your gifts to help change the lives of those who will need assistance in the year ahead.

## MARCH 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>26</b> Fellowship Treats -Congregation A-F <b>9:00 AM</b> Adult Education Class <b>9:00 AM - 9:50 AM</b> Children's Sunday School <b>9:30 AM</b> Children Choir Practice <b>10:30 AM - 11:30 AM</b> Worship	<b>27</b> <b>7:00 AM</b> Men's Morning Discussion Group <b>7:00 PM - 8:30 PM</b> <i>Cody Choralliers</i>	<b>28</b> <b>5:00 PM - 6:30 PM</b> Community Meal	<b>1</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> PWC <b>7:00 PM</b> Ash Wednesday Service	<b>2</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Deacons Meeting	<b>3</b> Church Office Closed	<b>4</b> <b>1:00 PM</b> Flute Practice
<b>5</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Adult Education Class <b>9:00 AM - 9:50 AM</b> Children's Sunday School <b>9:30 AM</b> Children Choir Practice <b>10:30 AM - 12:00 PM</b> Fellowship Treats Congregation G-P <b>10:30 AM - 11:30 AM</b> Worship <b>12:00 PM</b> Worship Committee Meeting	<b>6</b> <b>7:00 AM</b> Men's Morning Discussion Group <b>7:00 PM - 8:30 PM</b> <i>Cody Choralliers</i>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Crafts & Fellowship <b>6:00 PM</b> Bell Choir <b>7:00 PM</b> Choir Practice	<b>9</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> <i>Session Meeting</i>	<b>10</b> Church Office Closed	<b>11</b> <b>1:00 PM</b> Flute Practice
<b>12</b> Fellowship Treats Congregation Q-Z <b>9:00 AM</b> Adult Education Class <b>9:00 AM - 9:50 AM</b> Children's Sunday School <b>9:30 AM</b> Children Choir Practice <b>10:30 AM - 12:00 PM</b> Fellowship Treats -Deacons <b>10:30 AM - 11:30 AM</b> Worship <b>11:30 AM</b> Christian Education Committee Meeting <b>5:00 PM</b> St. Patrick's Dinner	<b>13</b> <b>7:00 AM</b> Men's Morning Discussion Group <b>7:00 PM - 8:30 PM</b> <i>Cody Choralliers</i>	<b>14</b> <b>10:00 AM - 11:30 AM</b> Circle 3 <b>10:00 AM</b> Faithful Discipleship <b>6:30 PM</b> Circle 5 <b>6:30 PM - 8:30 PM</b> Compassionate Friends, LR	<b>15</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Crafts & Fellowship <b>6:00 PM</b> Bell Choir <b>7:00 PM</b> Choir Practice	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Church Office Closed	<b>18</b> <b>1:00 PM</b> Flute Practice
<b>19</b> Fellowship Treats-Deacons <b>9:00 AM</b> Adult Education Class <b>9:00 AM - 9:50 AM</b> Children's Sunday School <b>9:30 AM</b> Children Choir Practice <b>10:30 AM - 11:30 AM</b> Worship <b>2:30 PM</b> Circle 2 PWC-Kathie's Home <b>4:00 PM</b> Installation of Rev. Tim Soule	<b>20</b> <b>7:00 AM</b> Men's Morning Discussion Group <b>10:00 AM</b> Circle 4 <b>7:00 PM - 8:30 PM</b> <i>Cody Choralliers</i>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Crafts & Fellowship <b>6:00 PM</b> Bell Choir <b>7:00 PM</b> Choir Practice	<b>23</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Capital Campaign/Renovation Meeting	<b>24</b> Church Office Closed <b>6:30 PM - 8:00 PM</b> Amateur Radio Testing	<b>25</b> <b>1:00 PM</b> Flute Practice
<b>26</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Adult Education Class <b>9:00 AM - 9:50 AM</b> Children's Sunday School <b>9:30 AM</b> Children Choir Practice <b>10:30 AM - 12:00 PM</b> Fellowship Treats -Circle 2 & 3 <b>10:30 AM - 11:30 AM</b> Worship	<b>27</b> <b>7:00 AM</b> Men's Morning Discussion Group <b>7:00 PM - 8:30 PM</b> <i>Cody Choralliers</i>	<b>28</b> <b>5:00 PM - 6:30 PM</b> Community Meal <b>6:00 PM</b> Capital Campaign/Renovation	<b>29</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Crafts & Fellowship <b>6:00 PM</b> Bell Choir <b>7:00 PM</b> Choir Practice	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Church Office Closed	<b>1</b> <b>1:00 PM</b> Flute Practice