

THE LEAVEN

First Presbyterian Church

Leavenworth, Kansas

December 2015

PROGRESSIVE DINNER-Dec. 5

The progressive dinner will be Saturday, Dec. 5 starting at 5:00 p.m. at Chris Aus for appetizers, 6:00 p.m. at Dody Marsh for soup and salad, and 7:30 p.m. at Dwaine and Kathie Wagner for dessert.

DID YOU KNOW?

Keep your church bulletins and take them to Chick-Fil-A on any Monday. You will get a free chicken sandwich if you order at least 1 other item. Thanks Barb and Steve Finch for the tip!

Faithful Discipleship Pledging Update

We proudly report that we can still reach our budget goal for 2016. Based on requests from the Church's ministries, the proposed 2016 asking budget is \$222,442. So far this year we have received 34 pledges totaling \$143,240, which is 64% of our total asking budget. There are 76 pledging units in the church and we have received pledges from 44%, so clearly reaching our goal is possible.

We are very grateful for all of those who have responded with such generosity, demonstrating their commitment and faith in the future of 1st Presbyterian Church. This commitment has been demonstrated not only in your pledging but in the giving of your time to the church in all of its ministries, particularly in your participation in the mission ministry of community meals, Back Pack Buddies, volunteering at Shelter of Hope, ringing the Salvation Army Christmas Bells, Operation Christmas Child, kitting groups, etc. Our church **cares** about our community – our church community and the community outside of our walls - and that is wonderful! Our church is glorifying God not only in feeding our own spiritual growth, but also all those in need!

For those who have not had the chance to pledge, there is still time to do so. Pledge cards are available in the Narthex of the church or call the church office at 913-682-6891 and one will be mailed to you. Please send in your pledge as soon as possible. We will be most grateful.

LEAVENWORTH ASSISTANCE CENTER

The Leavenworth Assistance Center is looking for some help for their Christmas collection. Do not wrap the gifts. Gift cards to Wal-Mart, K-Mart, Aldi's, Price Chopper, or Dillons are gladly accepted. The following are needed: Boys underwear sizes 2T, 3T, 4,6,9,10,12, 14 and 16

Toddler socks 6 - 12 months; 12-18 months; 18-24 months; 24 - 36 months

Socks: small, medium, and large for boys and girls

COMMUNITY MEAL SERVICE

Community Meal - Our November Community Meal on the 24th was great fun as Chris Cakes, Inc. came to make pancakes and sausage. This gave our volunteers (especially the cooks) a break, and at least 270 meals were served. Everyone enjoyed the pancakes - and the entertainment.

Our December Community Meal will be on the 22nd. Our meal will be different again as we will serve homemade soups. Some of you will be asked to bake a special dessert to serve.



The Christmas Joy Offering:

During the Christmas Eve service(7:00 p.), the traditional Christmas Joy Offering will be collected. This offering helps us to focus on sharing God's love with those in need of help and hope. It provides 1.) assistance to students to attend Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges for educational and leadership development *and* 2.) grants to current and retired church workers and their families who face challenging circumstances.

CAN YOU HELP?

Arlene is going to be out of the office December 8,15,23,29,30. If you have an hour or two to spare, please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex to help out. Let's keep the office open!

FELLOWSHIP TREATS

Here is the schedule for providing treats for December:

December 6-Circle 2 & 3 December 13-Circle 4
December 20-Circle 5 December 27-Session

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1-Lois Chapman 2-Jim Roe 12-Freda Proctor
21-Jami Lynne 27-Brad Egger 30-Carol Beall
31-Dwaine Wagner

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

7-Jim & Kum Cha Williams 14-Darrell & Margie Holland
20-Dwaine & Kathie Wagner 23-Howard & Carolyn Anderson
28-Brad & Liz Egger

PRAYER CONCERNS

Immediate: Dick Cameron (Member), Dominic (Marti's cousin), Ryan Kirk (son of Howard and Joyce Kirk).

On Going: Judy Jahn (Member), Ellen Carter (Member), Shirley Rockwell (Member), Doris Hendrickson, Peter Burgess (Friend of Sally Graham), Marilyn Ferbert (Judy Jahns' daughter), Bob Taylor (Friend of Egger Family), Sonya Philbrick (Caitlyn Daniels' mother), James Hughes (Member),



Taylor Dearing (daughter of Brian and Anna Hurt), Erin Mount (Maria Traynhams' niece).

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Ed and Nancy Thwaites, 9153 Yarrow Street #1222, Westminster, CO. 80021. Ed was a former minister of the First Presbyterian Church.

POINSETTIA

Poinsettia this year price will be \$10 and they need to be ordered no later than December 6th.



POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

YOUR NAME _____

NUMBER OF PLANTS _____ AMOUNT PAID _____

(Plants are \$10 each. Form and check are to be placed in offering plate or church office.)

DEADLINE FOR ORDERING IS DECEMBER 6

Plants will be in the sanctuary Sunday, Dec. 20 and Christmas Eve.

_____ *I will take my plant home.*

_____ *Give my plant to someone to enjoy*

IN HONOR OF: _____

IN MEMORY OF: _____

Submit form and check marked "Poinsettia"

EUGENIA'S THOUGHTS

Christmas the day we all look forward to. Children usually are happy because of Santa and gifts from others. I like to think of it as Christ's Birthday, but don't we all regard it as a day of joy? Thanks for printing my thoughts. I really appreciate it! Merry Christmas to each of you!

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.



CHRISTMAS Bell Ringers

We are still in need of bell ringers for Salvation Army at **Dillon's Store on Eisenhower Road** on four different days in December:

- Wednesday, December 9th
- Friday, December 11th
- Monday, December 14th
- And Saturday, December 19th

See if one of the times that are still available will work for you!

A sign-up sheet is posted in the church narthex or contact Carl Johnson 913-991-7942 or ceclj1@gmail.com to select your time to ring bells for those who need a little help.

Ten Guidelines >From God

Submitted by Ginnie Strand

Effective immediately,

please be aware that there are changes YOU need to make in YOUR life. These changes need to be completed in order that I may fulfill My promises to you to grant you peace, joy and happiness in this life. I apologize for any inconvenience, but after all that I am doing, this seems very little to ask of you. Please, follow these 10 guidelines

1. QUIT WORRYING:

Life has dealt you a blow and all you do is sit and worry. Have you forgotten that I am here to take all your burdens and carry them for you? Or do you just enjoy fretting over every little thing that comes your way?

2. PUT IT ON THE LIST:

Something needs done or taken care of. Put it on the list. No, not YOUR list. Put it on MY to-do-list. Let ME be the one to take care of the problem. I can't help you until you turn it over to Me. And although My to-do-list is long, I am after all... God. I can take care of anything you put into My hands. In fact, if the truth were ever really known, I take care of a lot of things for you that you never even realize.

3. TRUST ME:

Once you've given your burdens to Me, quit trying to take them back. Trust in Me. Have the faith that I will take care of all your needs, your problems and your trials. Problems with the kids? Put them on My list. Problem with finances? Put it on My list. Problems with your emotional roller coaster? For My sake, put it on My list. I want to help you. All you have to do is ask.

4. LEAVE IT ALONE:

Don't wake up one morning and say, "Well, I'm feeling much stronger now, I think I can handle it from here." Why do you think you are feeling stronger now? It's simple. You gave Me your burdens and I'm taking care of them. I also renew your strength and cover you in my peace. Don't you know that if I give you these problems back, you will be right back where you started? Leave them with Me and forget about them. Just let Me do my job.

5. TALK TO ME:

I want you to forget a lot of things. Forget what was making you crazy. Forget the worry and the fretting because you know I'm in control. But there's one thing I pray you never forget. Please, don't forget to talk to Me - OFTEN! I love YOU! I want to hear your voice. I want you to include Me in on the things going on in your life. I want to hear you talk about your friends and family. Prayer is simply you having a conversation with Me. I want to be your dearest friend.

6. HAVE FAITH:

I see a lot of things from up here that you can't see from where you are. Have faith in Me that I know what I'm doing. Trust Me; you wouldn't want the view from My eyes. I will continue to care for you, watch over you,

and meet your needs. You only have to trust Me. Although I have a much bigger task than you, it seems as if you have so much trouble just doing your simple part. How hard can trust be?

7. SHARE:

You were taught to share when you were only two years old. When did you forget? That rule still applies. Share with those who are less fortunate than you. Share your joy with those who need encouragement. Share your laughter with those who haven't heard any in such a long time. Share your tears with those who have forgotten how to cry. Share your faith with those who have none.

8. BE PATIENT:

I managed to fix it so in just one lifetime you could have so many diverse experiences. You grow from a child to an adult, have children, change jobs many times, learn many trades, travel to so many places, meet thousands of people, and experience so much. How can you be so impatient then when it takes Me a little longer than you expect to handle something on My to-do-list? Trust in My timing, for My timing is perfect. Just because I created the entire universe in only six days, everyone thinks I should always rush, rush, rush.

9. BE KIND:

Be kind to others, for I love them just as much as I love you. They may not dress like you, or talk like you, or live the same way you do, but I still love you all. Please try to get along, for My sake. I created each of you different in some way. It would be too boring if you were all identical.

Please, know I love each of your differences.

10. LOVE YOURSELF:

As much as I love you, how can you not love yourself? You were created by me for one reason only -- to be loved, and to love in return. I am a God of Love. Love Me. Love your neighbors. But also love yourself. It makes My heart ache when I see you so angry with yourself when things go wrong.

You are very precious to me.

Don't ever forget.....

DECEMBER 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM Fellowship Treats - Deacons 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Worship	30 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM <i>Cody Choralliers</i>	1 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM Circle 6:30 PM Circle 5 home of Cindy Geiger 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM Compassionate Friends, LR	2 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM Knitting Group/Class 6:00 PM Handbells Practice 7:00 PM Choir Practice	3 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Deacons Meeting	4 Church Office Closed 9:00 AM PWC	5 Progressive Dinner 10:00 AM Flute Choir Practice
6 Congregation G-P 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Worship 12:00 PM Worship Committee Meeting	7 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM <i>Cody Choralliers</i>	8 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM Circle 6:30 PM Circle 5 home of Cindy Geiger 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM Compassionate Friends, LR	9 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM Dillons - Bell Ringing 6:00 PM Handbells Practice 7:00 PM Choir Practice	10 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Session Meeting	11 Church Office Closed 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM Dillons Bell Ringing	12 10:00 AM Flute Choir Practice
13 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM Deacons 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Worship 11:30 AM - 1:00 AM Pot Luck 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Compassionate Friends Candle Service	14 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM Dillons Bell Ringing 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM <i>Cody Choralliers</i>	15	16 6:00 PM Handbells Practice 7:00 PM Choir Practice	17	18 Church Office Closed 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Mo-Kan VecPilot Knib Amateur Radio Club	19 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM Dillons Bell Ringing 10:00 AM Flute Choir Practice
20 Congregation Q-Z 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Worship 2:30 PM Circle 2 PWC-Kathie's Home	21 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Circle 4 PWC 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM <i>Cody Choralliers</i>	22 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM Community Meal 6:00 PM Capital Campaign/Renovation	23	24 HOLIDAY - CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 7:00 PM Christmas Eve Service	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS	26 10:00 AM Flute Choir Practice
27 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Worship	28 Article For Leaven Due 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM <i>Cody Choralliers</i>	29	30	31 HOLIDAY - CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	1 Church Office Closed	2 10:00 AM Flute Choir Practice

In a couple of months we will put out a new directory and would like to make sure we have updated information. Please bring this sheet to church to give to the greeters or e-mail to fpclvks@gmail.com

THANKS!!!

Membership Information

	Head of Household	Spouse
Title: (Circle one)	Mr. Mrs. Miss. Ms. Dr. Rev. Other	Mr. Mrs. Miss. Ms. Dr. Rev. Other
Name: (First - Middle or Maiden - Last)		
Sex: (Check one)	Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>	Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>
Birthdate:	Date: _____	Date: _____
Preferred or Nickname		
Address:	_____	_____
City, State / Zip:		
Alternate Address		
Address:	From: _____ To: _____	From: _____ To: _____
City, State / Zip:	_____	_____
Home Phone:	() -	() -
Cell Phone:	() -	() -
Work Phone	() -	() -
Email		
Extra Phone:		
Marital Status:		
Anniversary Date:	Date: _____	Date: _____
Occupation:		
Employer:		
Member Status:		
Church Background		

Children

Name (first, middle, last)	Birth Date
	Date: _____
	Date: _____

	Date: _____
	Date: _____
	Date: _____
	Date: _____