

# *THE LEAVEN*

*First Presbyterian Church*

*Leavenworth, Kansas*

## *March 2015*

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



## **Valentine packages from the church.**

The Membership and Outreach Committee prepared Valentine bags for homebound and shut-ins members. They included snacks, a teddy bear and chocolate, of course. This was a way to remind them they are loved by their church.

## **DEACONS**



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



## BACKPACK BUDDIES

Thank you all the very speedy and thorough volunteers who helped pack the food for Backpack Buddy food on February 9<sup>th</sup>. The kids are very thankful for the food!

Once again, 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church will have the privilege of assembling 576 packs of food of food for children at the Henry Leavenworth Elementary School who routinely miss meals over the weekend. We will be assembling this food beginning at 8:00 am Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup>. Twelve volunteers completed the total packaging in fun-filled 1 hour and 45 minutes. So, please come, help, have fun and fill a very important need for the children in our community. *You will be glad you did!*



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

## FREE COMMUNITY MEAL

The Mission Committee is so pleased at the response to the proposal to host a monthly free community meal in our church fellowship hall. Since Session's approval, we have moved ahead to plan for starting this on Tuesday, March 24. These meals will always be held on the 4th Tuesday of the month. Students with the University of Saint Mary's Campus Ministry will join us when they are able. We will serve the community a nutrition meal (that we have cooked in our church kitchen) from 5 - 6:30p.m.

We will need the following from each of you: your time (to set up, to cook, to greet, to serve, to clean up) and effort (provide baked goods like cookies, brownies, sheet cakes and to provide fresh fruit). We won't need everybody every month, because we know we travel, get sick, etc. There will be summer months when the Saint Mary students aren't on campus to help us. The 13 other churches in our area who have been hosting such meals since 2010 promise that this will be a time of great fellowship with our fellow Presbyterians and of important service to the hungry in our midst - a way to live our faith.

Sign-up sheets for the meal on March 24 will be posted on the bulletin board. If you can't help with this meal, there will be another sign-up later for the April meal. Baked goods and fruit can be brought to the church office. Contact Joyce Kirk for further information.



## CLEAN UP DAY

Building and grounds plan on Saturday, March 28 at 9:00 a.m. to clean up around the church if you can help. Please mark your calendar. Raindate will be April 4<sup>th</sup>.

**THE WAY OF THE CROSS EVENT**  
***(Sponsored by Leavenworth Clergy Association)***  
**FRIDAY, MARCH 13**  
***(Rain/Snow Date is Friday, March 27)***

The Community “Way of the Cross” has been offered by the Clergy Association for many years. People gather on the steps of the County Courthouse at **noon**. Participants walk from there to Riverfront Park, stopping along the way to remember events of Jesus’ Passion and Death, linking them to events from Leavenworth history. The stops are:

1. Jesus is condemned to death & John Quarles and W. M. Bayes are lynched.
2. Jesus takes up the cross & William Phillips is tarred and feathered.
3. Simon of Cyrene helps to carry the cross & Land is donated for the V.A.
4. Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem & the Sisters of Charity and founding of Cushing Hospital
5. Jesus is nailed to the cross & The stabbing of Isaac Cody.
6. Jesus dies & the lynching of Fred Alexander.
7. Jesus is laid in the tomb & The two National Cemeteries.

Each of these stops begins with a reading from Scripture, the historical vignette which is scripted for reading, a pastoral prayer, and the singing of “Were You There.”

**SUMMER CAMP INFORMATION**

**WHEN:** July 13 – 17 (Monday through Friday)

**HOURS:** Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 8 AM – 3 PM  
Thursday 8 AM – 5 PM  
5 – 6:30 PM – FAMILY NIGHT, HOT DOGS  
6:30 PM - CAMPER SONGS, Sanctuary  
Friday 8 AM – NOON

**COST:** \$40 1 camper  
\$70 2 campers  
\$100 3 campers

**AGES:** First grade through 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

**FOR MEMBERS’ INFORMATION:**

Camp through the Presbytery costs \$2,840 plus approximately \$350 for feeding the Presbytery and Church Staff/Volunteers. With a reduction in the 2015 Operating Budget, all contributions will be cherished. A schedule for Volunteers will be forthcoming. However, if you already know you will be of help please contact the Church Office or Elders Ann Keeling and Liz Williams.

# ***Our Community Concert Series Continues***

## ***This Month With Musica Vocale***

*You'll remember that this group was on our series last year in March and loved singing in our space so much that they asked to return this year! Here is some information about their upcoming concert:*

"Singet!"

Our second concert revolves around three phenomenal - and very different - settings of Psalm 98 (Sing a new song unto The Lord) by German composers Heinrich Schutz from the very early baroque, Johann Sebastian Bach's double choir motet (the grandest of all his motets), and 20th century composer Hugo Distler's, a masterpiece of bravura choral writing. We have been working through the Bach motets since our beginning six years ago, and this performance will only leave Jesu, Meine Freude.

Reflecting the exhortation to sing a new song, we will include music from the last half century that remains new to concert goers and too little performed, featuring Agnus Dei by Krzysztof Penderecki from his Polish Requiem.

*Sunday, March 29, 2015 - 3:00PM*

*First Presbyterian Church*

*407 Walnut Street*

*Leavenworth, Kansas*

## ***Have You Ever Wondered What's Behind the Organ?***

Well, here's your opportunity to explore the organ chamber!

On Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m., our Organ Expert,

Doug Funston, is coming to take YOU on a tour!

Everyone is welcome to attend!

Doug will also give us information on what the organ now needs and will need for repair and maintenance as we go forward with our 103 year-old historic instrument!

## ***Our Lenten Wreath***

**Decorations during Lent** – During Advent it is our custom to place an Advent wreath with candles for each of the 4 weeks leading up to Christmas and the birth of Christ. This year, during Lent, we have placed a bare wreath in the sanctuary. This wreath reminds us of Christ's journey to the cross, his crucifixion and ultimately his resurrection.

As life is cyclical, our bare wreath reminds us of wintertime, when all of nature sleeps, awaiting the spring and the promise of re-birth. As we journey these 40 days of Lent, we are reminded each week that we are closer to Easter and the renewal of spirit that comes through Christ's resurrection to bring us closer to Him.

This Lent, let us watch this wreath, now so bare, transform itself into a wreath full of life with colors and blossoms and renewal as we look forward to Easter!

# 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.

## Dillons Community Reward Program

First Presbyterian Church has been accepted into Community Rewards Program! We will get credit for every purchase we make using a registered Dillons Plus card. Based on the amount spent at Dillons by our members, we will receive a donation. Any monies we receive will be designated for the Free Community Meals Program.

When you use the Dillons Plus card you will still receive your current benefits (primarily gas discounts) and the church **will also** receive credit for you purchases. The Mission Committee is not endorsing Dillons nor expects anyone to change their grocery shopping habits. However, if you do use Dillons, please sign up for the program.

### How to Enroll in the Program

A customer must have 3 things to register and begin supporting First Presbyterian Church:

- **A Plus card, which is available at any store by asking an associate or by signing up online**
- A valid email address, which can be obtained from any free online service and can be anonymous
- A personalized account at the Dillons website, which again can be anonymous

### To Enroll In The Community Rewards Program:

1. Members must visit their website at [www.dillons.com/communityrewards](http://www.dillons.com/communityrewards)
2. Sign in OR Create an account (see below on creating an online account at Dillon's website)
3. Click on "**Enroll Now**"
4. Enter the 5-digit NPO number **55006** and search
5. Select **First Presbyterian Church** and click on "**Enroll**"

## To Create An Online Account At The Dillons' Website:

1. Visit our website at [www.dillons.com/communityrewards](http://www.dillons.com/communityrewards)
2. Click on "**Register**" at the top of the page
3. Enter your email address, password, zip code (select preferred store) and check the box if you desire to receive email communication from us
4. Click on "**Create Account**" at the bottom of the page
5. You will receive an email confirmation to your inbox, to activate your account click on the link in the body of the email and enter your sign in information to confirm

For assistance in registering online see or call Howard Kirk (680-5768). He will be available in the Living Room after church each Sunday.

## **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 @ [govf.org](http://govf.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 March:

**March 1** – Congregation A-F

**March 8** – Deacons

**March 15-** Congregation G-P

**March 22-** Congregation Q-Z

**March 29** - Deacons

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

## March Birthdays

2- Paul Keeling	5- John Garnhart	8-Linda Johnson	9-Howard Walker
14 – Pamela Chambers	15- Bill Katzenberger	16-Brian Hurt	18-Michael LeBar
18-Howard Kirk	22 – Mike Lemke	22- Marge Grafke-Doby	24 – Bob Adkins
25 – Caleb Gardner	29 – Kathie Wagner		

## MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

7 – Rod and Dru Cox	9 – Caleb and Fran Gardner
17 – Carl and Linda Johnson	19 – Jim & Lorna Mathison

**PRAYER CONCERNS** – Roger Frazer, Jack Fulton, Marilyn Ferbert, Judy Jahn, Howard Walker, Eugenia Cloud, Gayle Zillman, Bob Ketter, Ellen Carter, Bill Kendall, , Emily Brown, Le Thomas, Bob Taylor, Jim Miller, Lydon Drury, Barbara Filluco, and Cheryl Musick and Family.



### 2015 OPERATIONS BUDGET

	<u>ASKING</u>	<u>REVISED</u>
Presbyterian Church (USA) Unified Giving	\$ 5,000	5,000
Mission – Local and World Wide	\$ 9,000	3,000
Building and Grounds	\$ 30,050	27,550
Christian Education	\$ 2,550	2,550
Communications	\$ 1,553	1,053
Operations	\$ 28,206	28,206
Worship	\$ 4,240	4,000
Board of Deacons	\$ 600	600
Staff Salaries/Benefits (no pastor increase)	\$ 132,332	131,452
Administrative Costs	\$ 6,400	6,400
Membership and Outreach	\$ 600	600
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 220,651</b>	<b>\$ 210,411</b>

## **TWO PRIMARY GOALS FOR 2015**

(adopted at the Joint Meeting of Deacons & Elders 2/5/15)

### **Stewardship Emphasis**

**(Interpretation/Education related to of Time, Talent, Resources, Memorial Giving Wills Emphasis, Legacy Giving/Endowments)**

### **Community Commitment**

*From these two goals will flow the other 3 goals adopted in 2014. Those being:*

*GROWTH (numbers, spiritual evangelism, attraction, education)*

*CARING FOR & LOVING EACH OTHER (pastoral care, loyalty/dedication,*

*Maintaining tradition, Christian Education)*

*FOCUS ON YOUTH (Christian Education, Children's Church, Music Ministry, Sunday*

*School, Supporting wholesome activities)*

## **PHILANTHROPIC EDUCATION ORGANIZATION**

P.E.O., a women's philanthropic education organization, is seeking female candidates interested in applying for a continuing education grant. Candidates must be citizens of and studying in the U.S. or Canada. They should be enrolling in a non-doctoral degree program, leading to employment or job advancement. Desirable candidates must have had a break in their education for a minimum of 24 consecutive months and must be within 24 months of completing their education. This is a need-based, one time only grant for up to \$3,000, awarded for two-year, four-year, or technical programs. It may be used for educational expenses, including but not limited to tuition, books, transportation, daycare while in class, etc. For additional information, please contact Dody Marsh.

## **2015 HEARTLAND PRESBYTERY RESIDENTIAL CAMP**



Information brochures are now available on the table in the Narthex. You may also contact the website: [www.heartlandcamps.org](http://www.heartlandcamps.org). There are a variety of "themed" resident camps for all ages as well as Specialty Camps for Grandparents, Family and Friends.

# **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***

# Tables of Eight

The Membership and Outreach Committee is resurrecting our Tables of Eight ministry! Our first meal will be on **6 June**. We encourage everyone to consider joining us in a fun way to socialize with other members as well as visitors in our church in a relaxed, social setting. Each group will consist of about eight people with a person(s) volunteering to host the dinner. The host person(s) provides the entree, and the other people in the group will bring a part of the meal, and maybe a nice bottle of wine. This is NOT a gourmet group, just a way to get to know each other better in a setting of fellowship. Signup sheets will be posted on the bulletin board soon.

## Salvation Army Bell Ringing

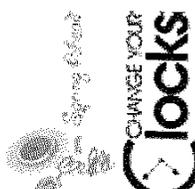
Carl Johnson, Jack Thomas, and Howard Kirk represented our Church at a recent Salvation Army appreciation lunch for organizations supporting the 2014 Red Kettle Season. We were recognized for bringing in \$1,146 for the days we rang the bells at Dillons. Over \$79,000 was raised during the Christmas season.

Our next opportunity to stand in the ~~cold~~ **heat** will be the Christmas in July bell ringing 21-25 July. Carl will be soliciting bell ringers soon.



Calendar

MARCH 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM Fellowship Treats Session, Congregation A-F 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Worship 12:00 PM Worship Committee Mtg. Room 8</p>	<p>2 4:00 PM - 8:30 PM Musi Lessons, Room #4 &amp; 8 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Cody Choralliers</p>	<p>3 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM Circle 3 6:30 PM Circle 5 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM Compassionate Friends, LR</p>	<p>4 12:00 PM - 7:00 PM Music Lessons, Room #4 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Bell Choir Practice 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Adult Choir Practice</p>	<p>5 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 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Music Lessons, Sanctuary</p>	<p>6 10:00 AM PWC</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8 8:00 AM Food Packing for Backpack Buddies 4:00 PM - 8:30 PM Musi Lessons, Room #4 &amp; 8 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Cody Choralliers</p> <p></p> <p>10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Worship 11:30 AM Fellowship Treats-Deacons 5:00 PM St. Paddy's Dinner</p>	<p>9 8:00 AM Food Packing for Backpack Buddies 4:00 PM - 8:30 PM Musi Lessons, Room #4 &amp; 8 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Cody Choralliers</p>	<p>10 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM Circle 3 6:30 PM Circle 5 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM Compassionate Friends, LR</p>	<p>11 12:00 PM - 7:00 PM Music Lessons, Room #4 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Bell Choir Practice 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Adult Choir Practice</p>	<p>12 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM Classical Conversations 3:30 PM - 6:00 PM Music Lessons, Room #3 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Music Lessons, Sanctuary 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Session Meeting</p>	<p>13 6:00 PM Wedding Rehearsal</p>	<p>14  10:00 AM - 5:00 PM Wedding</p>
<p>15 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM Fellowship Treats Congregation G-P 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Worship 2:30 PM Circle 2 PWC-Kathie's Home</p>	<p>16 10:00 AM Circle 4 4:00 PM - 8:30 PM Musi Lessons, Room #4 &amp; 8 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Cody Choralliers</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 12:00 PM - 7:00 PM Music Lessons, Room #4 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Bell Choir Practice 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Adult Choir Practice</p>	<p>19 3:30 PM - 6:00 PM Music Lessons, Room #3 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Music Lessons, Sanctuary</p>	<p>20 </p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22 Fellowship Treat - Congregation Q-Z 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Worship</p>	<p>23 4:00 PM - 8:30 PM Musi Lessons, Room #4 &amp; 8 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Cody Choralliers</p>	<p>24 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM Community Meal 6:00 PM Capital Campaign/Renovation</p>	<p>25 10:00 AM Explore the Organ Chamber 12:00 PM - 7:00 PM Music Lessons, Room #4 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Bell Choir Practice 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Adult Choir Practice</p>	<p>26 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM Classical Conversations 3:30 PM - 6:00 PM Music Lessons, Room #3 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Music Lessons, Sanctuary</p>	<p>27 Arlene Off Article for The Leaven Due</p>	<p>28 Spring Clean Up</p>
<p>29 Fellowship Treats - Deacons 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Worship 11:30 AM Called Congregation Meeting 3:00 PM Community Concert</p>	<p>30 4:00 PM - 8:30 PM Musi Lessons, Room #4 &amp; 8 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Cody Choralliers</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>1 12:00 PM - 7:00 PM Music Lessons, Room #4 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Bell Choir Practice 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Adult Choir Practice</p>	<p>2 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM Classical Conversations 3:30 PM - 6:00 PM Music Lessons, Room #3 6:30 PM Jewish Seder Observance, FH 7:30 PM Maundy Thursday Worship</p>	<p>3 HOLIDAY - CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 10:00 AM PWC</p>	<p>4 Rain Date for Clean Up</p>