

# THE LEAVEN

First Presbyterian Church

Leavenworth, Kansas

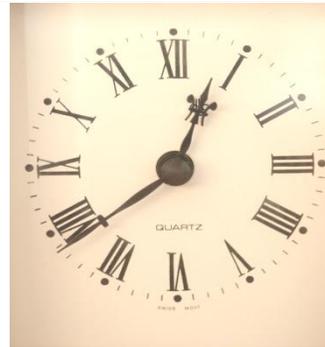
November 2015

Church Office will be open Monday thru Thursday from 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
Lunch will be from 11:30 a.m. to Noon. **CLOSED ON FRIDAYS.**

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS NOVEMBER 1<sup>st</sup>.**

**Set your clocks back one hour**

## **NOVEMBER 1<sup>st</sup> MOVIE NIGHT LITTLE BOY**



When auto mechanic James Busbee is sent to fight the Japanese during WW II, he leaves behind his wife and two sons, London and Pepper. Pepper feels his father's absence most keenly, and can't wait for him to return home. An encounter with a magician and advice from a priest convince Pepper that the power to bring his dad back safely may be within himself and his actions.

Bring a snack and JOIN US ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1 at **4:00 PM** IN FELLOWSHIP HALL!

## **ALL SAINTS' DAY WORSHIP AND COMMUNION**

### **NOVEMBER 1**

This annual worship emphasis provides the opportunity to remember the ones within our congregation who have died during the previous year. This year, during the worship service, the congregation will be given the opportunity to come forward to tables bearing candles so they may light a candle in memory of someone in their life who has died. This is an opportunity to remember the Saints who have gone before us and their light which still burns brightly in our hearts.

Remembering those of our congregation who have died since All Saints Day last year:

Ronald Jahn-December 14, 2014  
Eleanor Haines-February 12, 2015  
Lydon Drury – April 3, 2015  
Howard Walker-June 7, 2015  
Robert Ketter – June 7, 2015  
Jack Fulton-July 31, 2015

## **BACKPACK BUDDIES MEAL PACKING**

Sometimes we forget that there are children who go hungry every week in our community. Each week Back Buddies provides weekend meals to over 700 children in Head Start and Kindergarten through the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade in the Leavenworth School District. Each child receives 10 food items: 2 milks, 2 juices, 1 protein items, 1 vegetable, 1 fruit, 1 pudding, 1 cereal and 1 snack. The community, including 1<sup>ST</sup> Presbyterian Church Mission offering, raises \$150 per child to provide these meals. (Any additional donations gratefully accepted!) *And the Children love it!*

In November, once again, 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church will have the privilege of assembling packs 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, November 9<sup>th</sup>. With a group of volunteers, we can complete the total packaging in about 1 fun-filled 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!*

### **CAN YOU HELP?**

Arlene is going to be out of the office November 3, 4 and 5. 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!

### **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!

### **ADVENT CANDLELIGHTERS ARE NEEDED**



Each of the Sundays of Advent and on Christmas Eve we light a candle on the Advent Wreath. The pastor provides the Scripture and reading along with instructions in advance. If you would like to be a part of this sacred Advent tradition contact Lorna Mathison. The dates on which candles will be lit are the following: November 29 December 6 December 13 December 20 December 24.

### **CROP HUNGER WALK**

The 2015 CROP Hunger Walk was held Sunday, October 11. Thanks for the contributions to "Team Presbyterian" on the Crop Walk on Oct. 11. In our community we raised about \$6,000 and had about 75 walkers. Thanks to Carl Johnson for helping with the signs.

## **We ARE searching for a Pastor!**

The Worship Committee has been doing an excellent job in lining up preachers for Sunday Morning services. And they will continue to do so as we seek a permanent pastor for our church. At the October meeting we choose, with COM approval, the best option to follow. We are all anxious to move forward and secure our next great pastor who will meet our congregation needs. Please continue to support your Session with your prayers seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we push forward in this important effort in the life of His Church. If you have questions or suggestions, please talk to a Session member.

## **Faithful Discipleship**

WOW! It is November already. It is the time to be thankful. Actually we should be thankful throughout the year, but we seem to spend more time thinking about being thankful in November. It is also time to think about all that has been given to us, not only from friends and family but very importantly from God. As we think about this, we need to think about our returning to God a portion of what He has given to us.

Too often we think that our world sees financial prosperity as success. When we shift our focus from “success” to “service”, our work will have more meaning. This brings us to one of our responsibilities as church members. We are to serve through our giving of our time, talent, and resources. This month, we are asking for your thoughtful decision on what portion we will give in 2016. We have recently received a letter and pledge card with the request that we thoughtfully think and decide what part of our resources we are going to pledge to give to our church – of what we have received from God are we going to return to Him.

The Faithful Discipleship Committee is committed to an ongoing program to continue thinking and reminding us all about our giving of our time talent and resources back to God and our church throughout the year. The Committee will be asking us to think our time, talent, and resources during the year. They will be asking each of us to think about all of the hours we give to others through our volunteering in the next few months. I am betting that many hours are given each year. We know of many different ways we are already sharing our talents.

This month, let us pledge what we should give back to God.

Gerald Carder, Clerk of the Session

## **ESL CLASSES**

English as a Second Language (ESL) Classes held at the Leavenworth Baptist Church every Tuesday from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. Call Margie Holland for more information 360-259-7244.

## **HANGING OF THE GREENS**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22 AFTER WORSHIP**

Please help us make the church festive for the Christmas Season by helping to decorate the sanctuary and living room. We will be decorating on November 22 after the church service. You don't need any experience or know "where they were placed last year" to help. Even if all you can do is motivate the rest of us, please



stay after church and help us. Pizza and soda will be provided by the Anderson and Mathison families. **Thank you. The Worship Committee**



## Operation Christmas Child (OCC) “Shoeboxes” Time is Near

Once again, 1<sup>st</sup> Pres members will have the opportunity to send a shoebox Christmas gift for a child in need (US and worldwide). Choose a recipient category by gender and age group (2-4; 5-9; 10-14). Hygiene items, school supplies and fun stuff should all be included in one box. We have OCC cardboard boxes. (Or you may use a plastic box or any cardboard shoe box.) The boxes will be **due Nov 8<sup>th</sup>**. We’ll have a sheet with suggestions and no-no’s available. (Or go to <http://www.samaritanspurse.org/> ) For the near-term consider...

### Some don’ts for the boxes.

Avoid liquids, breakables, aerosols and anything close to expired. Also avoid war-related items. No chocolate (it melts); no fruit roll-ups; no drink mixes.

### Some “yes, you can” include.

Playing cards; batteries (if loose, cover both ends with tape); glue sticks; scissors; tools (excluding saws and pocketknives); glowsticks; Tootsie Rolls; gummy bears; lip balm (like Chapstick)

Sponsored by the Presbyterian Women

## COMMUNITY MEAL SERVICE

For our Community Meal on Tuesday, the 27<sup>th</sup>, the weather was rainy and cool. We served 180 meals; 76 ate in and 104 took meals out. We again had volunteers from Saint Mary (4) and 31 Presbyterians, including a couple volunteering for the first time. It was Eugenia who easily wins the volunteer of the month award – helping Lorna hand out fruit and then helping the dishwasher in the kitchen – a really drying machine!! The baked goods were pretty scarce, but thanks to Arlene and Barb we had special Halloween treats. Ask Barb about the nutty acorn treats. We are thinking our cooks and those who usually bake for us all need a break. At our next Community Meal (Nov. 24) we won’t be asking for baked goods or fruit as we have a special treat in mind (more on that later). This was our 8<sup>th</sup> Community Meal to serve. Congratulations, Presbyterians! We are making a difference and are enjoying working together on this.



## Let's Knit!

Still time to join the knitting class/group every

Wednesday at 9:30 at the church. We have organized a group wanting to knit scarves or hats as Christmas gifts for our Community Meal patrons. Bring a skein of yarn and a pair of knitting needles (any size - medium to large) and let's get started. We can knit, visit with friends, and have a lot of fun. Please come and bring a friend who might want to join us.



# DILLONS CONTRIBUTION

The Dillons Family of Stores is committed to bringing hope and help to local communities. We do this through a variety of activities, including charitable giving, sponsorships and the unique Community Rewards Program of Dillons. We are also committed to carefully protecting our customers' personal information. In order to meet their expectation of privacy, we have adopted a simple policy to never share a customer's personal information. Our privacy policy applies to Community Rewards participation as well. As your neighborhood food retailer, we deeply value our ability to support local organizations like yours.

Your supporters (15 households) who shopped at **Dillons** between **07/01/2015** and **09/30/2015** (Cycle 2015, Qtr 3) have contributed to your **\$87.43** total donation. Thank you for your continued support of your local Dillons store.

## FELLOWSHIP TREATS

Here is the schedule for providing treats for November:

November 1 – Congregation A-F

November 8 -Pot Luck Sunday-

**A, M-S** Main Dish

**B, D-L** Dessert

**C, T-Z** Salads, Sides, and/or Bread

November 15 – Congregation G-P

November 22 – Congregation Q-Z

November 29 - Deacons

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1-Twila Corley

3-Tera Cameron

7-George Morton

10-Jim Williams

10-Kathy Kenton

13-Ginnie Strand

18-Alexa Allen

18-Ellen Carter

18-Emalee Litewski

22-Elaine Carder

30-Jim Mathison

## NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

8-Bob and Carol Beall

11-Jim and Gail Garrett

30-Howard and Joyce Kirk

**PRAYER CONCERNS** –Judy Jahn, Ellen Carter, Bob Taylor, Shirley Rockwell, Doris Hendrickson, Peter Burgess, Kum Cha Williams, Dick Cameron.

## NEW E-MAIL ADDRESS

Tera Cameron has a new e-mail address: [teracameron@icloud.com](mailto:teracameron@icloud.com)



# 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.

## EUGENIA'S THOUGHTS

Have you ever seen such a wonderful fall? The leaves are red, yellow and orange. Families are out in their yards getting it ready for the winter. What a wonderful site!!

## 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"



## CHRISTMAS Bell Ringers



What would Christmas be without bells? And what would Christmas shopping be without a red bucket and bell ringer in front of the store?

Although the economy seems to be improving, unfortunately those seeking help from The Salvation Army are increasing. This year's request for assistance are higher than the past year's. **So your help is needed again to ring those Bells!** And First Presbyterian Church has been so generous in the past!

**First Presbyterian Church** will ring bells at the front of the **Dillon's Store on Eisenhower Road** on four different days in December:

- Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup> 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm;
- Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup> 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm
- Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup> 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm
- And Saturday, December 19<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am to 9:00 pm

A sign-up sheet is posted in the church narthex or contact Carl Johnson 913-991-7942 or [ceclj1@gmail.com](mailto:ceclj1@gmail.com) to select your time to ring the bell for those who need a little help. If these dates don't work for you or if you would like to sign up for more time than is on this schedule, contact Carl and there will likely be need for ringers at other times and/or other locations.

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](mailto:fpclvks@gmail.com)

THANKS!!!

Membership Information

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

Children

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

	Date: _____

Calendar

NOVEMBER 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1 Fellowship Treats Congregation A-F 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Worship 12:00 PM Worship Committee Meeting 4:00 PM Movie " Little Boy"</p>	<p>2 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM <i>Cody Choralliers</i></p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM Knitting Group/Class 6:00 PM Handbells Practice 7:00 PM Choir Practice</p>	<p>5 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Deacons Meeting</p>	<p>6 Church Office Closed 9:00 AM PWC</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8 Deadline for Operation Christmas Child Shoebbox Ministry 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Worship 11:30 AM - 1:00 AM Pot Luck</p>	<p>9 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM <i>Cody Choralliers</i></p>	<p>10 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM Circle 3 6:30 PM Circle 5 home of Chris Aus 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM Compassionate Friends, LR</p>	<p>11 HOLIDAY - Church Office Closed 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM Knitting Group/Class 6:00 PM Handbells Practice 7:00 PM Choir Practice</p>	<p>12 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM <i>Session Meeting</i></p>	<p>13 Church Office Closed</p>	<p>14</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 - Home of Kathie Wagner</p>	<p>16 10:00 AM Circle 4 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM <i>Cody Choralliers</i></p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM Knitting Group/Class 6:00 PM Handbells Practice 7:00 PM Choir Practice</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 Church Office Closed</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM Fellowship Treats Congregation Q-Z 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Worship</p>	<p>23 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM <i>Cody Choralliers</i></p>	<p>24 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM Community Meal 6:00 PM Capital Campaign/Renovation</p>	<p>25 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM Knitting Group/Class 6:00 PM Handbells Practice 7:00 PM Choir Practice</p>	<p>26 THANKSGIVING - Church Office Closed</p>	<p>27 Church Office Closed</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM Fellowship Treats - Deacons 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Worship</p>	<p>30 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM <i>Cody Choralliers</i></p>	<p>1</p>	<p>2 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM Knitting Group/Class 6:00 PM Handbells Practice 7:00 PM Choir Practice</p>	<p>3 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Deacons Meeting</p>	<p>4 Church Office Closed 9:00 AM PWC</p>	<p>5</p>