



# SUNRISE NEWS AND VIEWS



# February



### Sustaining a Community

I am grateful for each of you and for the love you bring to Sunrise, our members, friends, and community.

Someone expressed a desire to hear again the four parts of the Psalms of Lament that I spoke about in the sermon on Sunday. You may recall that more than one-third of the Psalms in the Bible are Psalms of Lament. When we need to share our deepest anguish, fears, and troubles with God, we can use the guidelines below. This list is shorter than the one in the sermon, so that it would fit into a compact space.

#### Prayers of Lament

Address God in prayer. Name and describe the One in whom you place your trust.

Complaint. Express your pain and concerns to God. Speak your truth. Say why you are hurting.

Petition. Request help or deliverance from God. Be brave and ask God for what it is you need.

Expression of trust. Express your gratitude, faith and hope. Convey your trust that God will help.

You've heard "birds of a feather flock together." That saying is nothing like a theological statement, but it does describe the ways that birds and humans gather with others with common interests, goals, or challenges to form community. And community is a good thing! It's a wonderful way to receive support, to feel less isolated or "different than," even when there is a great deal of diversity among us.

We have so many interests! Making things to be given away as a sign of God's love, praising God with our voices and with instruments, raising funds to provide for many needs, encouraging children and hoping they feel our love, feeding our neighbors, welcoming new friends and sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

In my short time at Sunrise, I have observed the deeply caring nature of this community. That caring nature is attractive, as it should be, for it reflects the love of God in Jesus Christ. I believe that our attractiveness takes shape and is evident in the generous and loving ways we treat others.

Look for the helpers.... A Fred Rogers quotable quote on Goodreads is probably one you're familiar with: "When I was a boy and I would see scary things in the news, my mother would say to me, "Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping." We become the helpers when we look out for those who are struggling, choose to put another's needs first, and make sacrifices for the common good.

Jesus was welcoming of everyone and spent a lot of time hanging out with those whom even our society today would frown upon. And while we do many things well, let's ask ourselves how we can be more expansive and welcoming of those who desire the love and acceptance that Jesus extends to all of us.

Thank you, Sunrise, for shining your light in the storm; for pouring the juice and serving the donuts; for allowing children to learn how to become servant leaders by actively participating in the worship of God; for gathering in community to love and serve each other and to become equipped to go out and love and serve others in the world. This is our mission and purpose: to CARE and SHARE in the name of Jesus Christ.

Joyfully serving Christ with you!  
Pastor Deb



## ADULT FAITH CLASS

Ken Bailey spent 40 years teaching the New Testament in Seminaries in the Middle East. In the Adult Faith class we are watching his DVD series "Women in the New Testament, (A Middle Eastern Cultural View)." Join us Sunday mornings at 10:45 in the church parlor.

## ANNUAL MEETING AND POTLUCK DINNER

A potluck dinner will follow the Annual Meeting on Sunday, February 16 at 11:30 am. The church will provide fried chicken, plates and table service. The congregation is asked to bring a side dish or dessert. Please bring enough to share. All are welcome.



## CASTLE PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Castle is having a Pancake breakfast on Sunday, March 2 at 10:45 am in the Multi Purpose Room. Come enjoy pancakes and all the fixings that go with them. Support our summer enrichment program for area youth with a generous donation at the breakfast.

## PULLED PORK FUND RAISER



Hello everyone ,  
Watch for more information. We will have a pulled pork sandwich supper in March or maybe April, 2025. This will take the place of the chili and soup supper. We will have more information soon. We are not quite ready for the Feb newsletter. The planned menu will be the pulled pork sandwich, beans, chips, drink and dessert. We will have tickets for sale. So keep your eyes open to be watchful of more information. Thanks!

Paul and Blaine and the crew.

# In Service of the Church - February

## February Lay Leaders

February 2 Dean Atteberry  
 February 9 Conni Steininger  
 February 16 Stephanie Cool  
 January 23 Nancy Klostermeyer



## February Greeters

February 2  
 East Door Mel Abbott & Melisa McElwee  
 South Door Conni Steininger

February 9  
 East Door Jim & Nancy Modin  
 South Door Kim Gillam

February 16  
 East Door Blaine McAfee Family  
 South Door Sharon Herrington & Vicki Moss

February 23  
 East Door Judy Christensen  
 South Door Pat Breeding



## February Ushers

February 2 Brenda Pilcher  
 Mary McCall

February 9 Mindy Johnson  
 Rosie McKee

February 16 Nancy Modin  
 Mary McCall

February 23 Marci McCullough  
 Tessa Bolen

## February Acolytes

February 2 Lydia Schwan & Laiklyn Hodges  
 February 9 Kolton & Kortney Flores  
 February 16 Lydia Schwan & Laiklyn Hodges  
 February 23 Kolton & Kortney Flores

## Presbyterian Manor Bus

February 2 Ed Viar  
 February 9 Pat Breeding  
 February 16 Dean Atteberry  
 February 23 Larry Buyse

## Attendance Register For January 2025

Date	In Person	YouTube
5	Church Canceled 18in. Snow	
12	66	45
19	69	24
26	68	18

# MISSION

Jean Buyse is the new moderator of the Mission Committee. We are excited that Mary Ann Lay and Janie Morris have recently joined our committee and to welcome Jean as our moderator.

Now is the time to be looking for bargains on coats when they go on sale. They can be brought to the church at any time and will be stored until the coat drive this fall.

Thank you for your generous donations to the mitten tree. We distributed 7 scarves, 2 pairs of ear muffs, 24 pairs of socks, 12 pairs of girl's panties, 50 pairs of gloves and 101 stocking caps to Martin Luther King Day Care Center, CKF, Ashby House and Salina Grace/Salina Rescue Mission.

Sunrise members donated \$927 to the Christmas Joy offering. Sunrise recently partnered with several other churches to provide sack meals for the weekend for the un-housed that are eating at Salina Grace. We will be purchasing shelf-stable items and filling bags to be distributed once every 5 weeks. If you would be interested in helping to fill about 30 bags every 5 weeks, please contact Carol Viar.

Karen Sutton, Past Moderator



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## WINTER COAT TIME

It's the time of year when things go on sale. It is also time to start looking for coats, hats, scarves, gloves, etc. to donate to the Mission Committee of Sunrise. Sunrise Mission Committee then gives the items to different places for children and adults. This is a well meaning project and helps the community so much.

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## SOUPER BOWL OF HOPE 2025



Paul is asking people to volunteer to help collect soup at the Cloud Street Dillons. Soup collections at Dillons will be February 1 and 2, and February 8, for 2 hour shifts. We were part of collecting 73,000 cans of soup last year (Soup and donations). The goal this year will be 59,000 cans for Souper Bowl 59. We want Sunrise to be part of the Souper Bowl of Hope 2025. \$30 will buy 50 cans of soup / \$60 will buy 100 cans. Any dollar amount is fine. If you write a check? Write it to Sunrise and write Souper Bowl of Hope 2025 on the memo line. Thanks!

**UPDATE!** The first weekend of the Souper Bowl of Hope was a success, collecting 3,652 cans of soup and \$2,186.42 in Cash!

Donations will stock the shelves at the Salina Emergency Aid Food Bank, Ashby House, The Salina Rescue Mission, DVACK, Salvation Army and Salina Grace!

Thank you to everyone who contributed—what an amazing start to our cause!

2025 Souper Bowl of Hope.

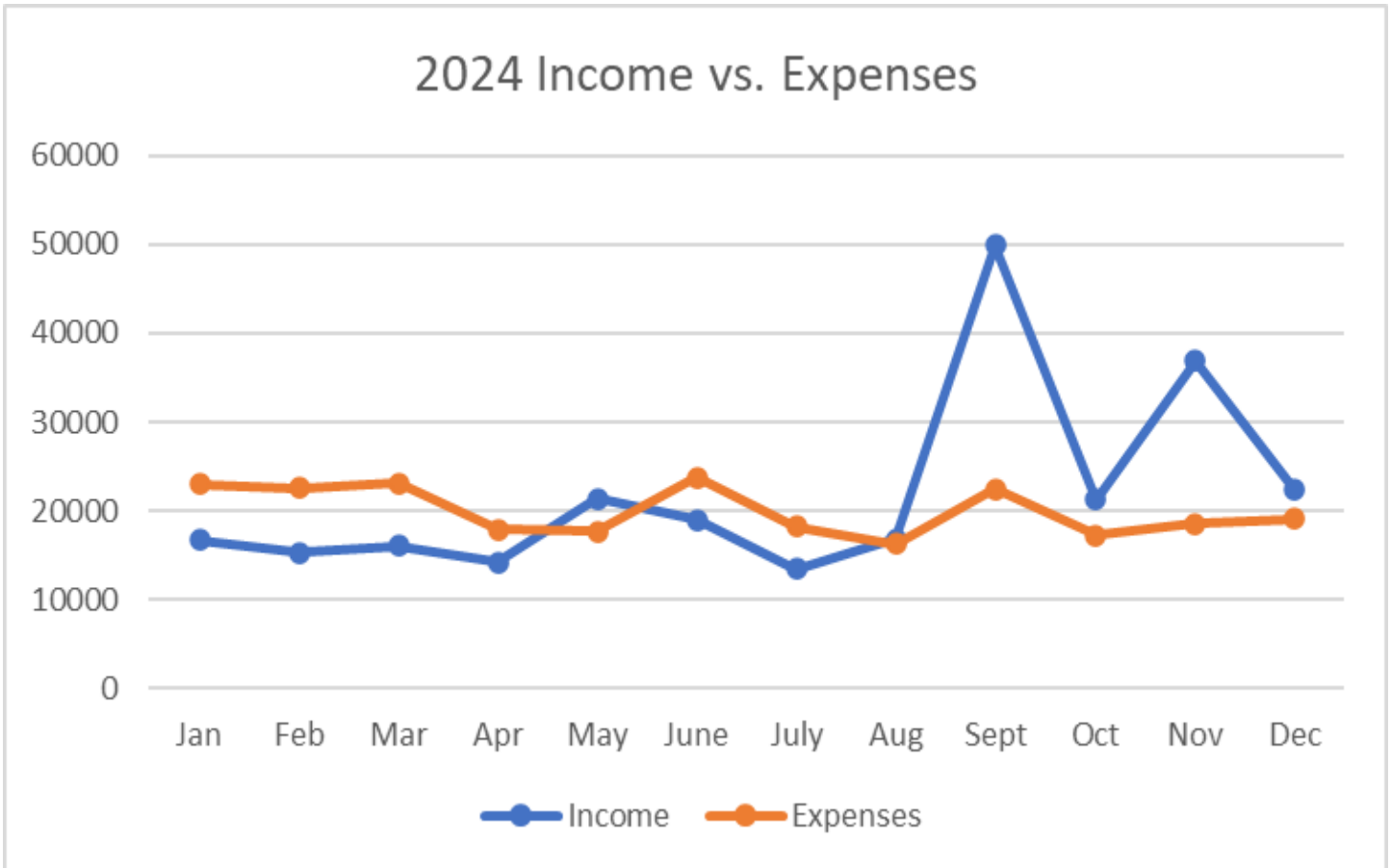
Paul McAfee

# STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE

For the year, income was up, and expenses were down!! In each of the last 5 months of 2024 income exceeded expenses. Just a reminder, the Per Capita amount for 2025 is \$38 per person. Please put "Per Capita" in the memo line of your check. Your Stewardship and Finance Committee thanks you.

Dave Parks - Moderator

S&F Committee members: Tom Phillips, Ann Zimmerman, Kevin McElwee, Chris Dancy, Stephanie Cool, with assistance from Karmel Spencer and Pastor Deb Schmidt.



<b>FINANCIAL UPDATE</b>	
End of December 2024	
Year to Date Income	\$ 263,516
Year to Date Expenses	\$ <240,213>
Difference	\$ 23,303

**DON'T FORGET**

The next Stewardship and Finance meeting will be held on Monday, February 10 at 5:30 pm.



## Agency of the Month: Ellsworth Family Connections

As part of our Matthew 25 commitment (“I was in prison, and you visited me”), Sunrise supports Ellsworth Family Connections.

Ellsworth Family Connections Center was established to provide affordable, child-friendly and safe accommodations for families visiting inmates at Ellsworth Correctional Facility in the hope of preserving the prisoners’ family units.

Rooms are rented out at the lowest rates possible. The facilities include small motel-like rooms, a safe, fenced-in playground, a shared kitchen, and food supplied by Ellsworth’s food bank. All of this is to make family visits more affordable.

Studies show a direct correlation between positive family support and post-prison release success; and better offender mental health, behavior and rehabilitation while incarcerated.

Ellsworth Family Connections has been an important ministry since 1988; and is one of the very few programs of its kind in the nation. Sunrise is honored to share in this invaluable ministry to prisoners and their families!



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT PRESBYTERIAN MANOR



### SPECIAL NEEDS:

Tuesday paint fingernails at 1:30 pm and Thursday at 10:30 am.

Help with Bingo Mondays, Wednesday and Thursday at 2:00 pm.

Needing a pianist for their choir.

Please call Dave Parker (785-565-2639), Chaplain at Presbyterian Manor.

Nurture & Evangelism Committee

## FROM THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE IN HONOR OF

Our "In Honor Of" program kind of came to a halt when the pandemic hit. It's time to honor those who have helped you, who are having a birthday, are having an anniversary, a graduation or any other reason you can think of to say thanks or congratulations to them.

Fill out the form and send it, along with your check, to Sunrise and we will announce your gift to your honoree in our next newsletter (unless you want to remain anonymous). Who are you thankful for? Show them you care by honoring them.

Dave Parks,

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### SUNRISE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH A GIFT IN HONOR OF....

In Honor Of \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \_\_\_\_\_

Check this box if you want your gift to be anonymous

I would like to honor them because: \_\_\_\_\_

Honoree's address: \_\_\_\_\_

Donor: \_\_\_\_\_



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### SUNRISE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH A GIFT IN HONOR OF....

In Honor Of: Building and Grounds Committee

Date February 2025 Amount \$25

Check this box if you want your gift to be anonymous

I would like to honor them because: They did an outstanding job of preparing our church to host Presbytery on November 12, 2024.

Honoree's address: \_\_\_\_\_

Donor: Pat and Patti Breeding





# February 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9:30 Worship Communion 10:30 Fellowship 10:45 Sunday School 10:50 Bell Choir 3:00 Presbyterian Manor Worship	3 6:00 Worship Committee 6:00 Salina Chorale	4 10:00 Nurture & Evangelism 11:00 Lectionary 6:00 Choir 8:00 AA	5 8:30 PROFS	6 11:30 Out to Lunch Bunch	7 6:30 AI-Anon 8:00 AA	8 Presbytery Meeting on Zoom
9 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship 10:45 Sunday School 10:50 Bell Choir 2:00 Grief Support	10 5:30 Stewardship & Finance 6:30 Mission 6:00 Salina Chorale	11 11:00 Lectionary 5:30 Bldg & Grounds 8:00 AA	12 6:00 Choir	13	14 6:30 AI-Anon 8:00 AA	15
16 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship 10:50 Bell Choir 11:30 Annual Meeting with Lunch 2:00 Prayer Shawl	17 1:00 3rd Monday Book Study 6:00 Salina Chorale  Newsletter Articles Due to the office	18 11:00 Lectionary 8:00 AA	19 6:00 Choir 7:00 Current Issues	20	21 6:30 AI-Anon 8:00 AA	22
23 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship 10:45 Sunday School 10:50 Bell Choir	24 6:00 Session 6:00 Salina Chorale	25 11:00 Lectionary 8:00 AA	26 6:00 Choir	27 9:00 am Morning Circle 2:00 pm Afternoon Circle	28 6:30 AI-Anon 8:00 AA	

# Sunrise News

## Meetings & Events

### Every Sunday

Bell Practice 10:50 am

### Every Tuesday

Lectionary Study 11:00 am

### Every Wednesday

Choir Practice 6:00 pm

### First Sunday

Communion

### First Monday

Worship Committee 6:00 pm

### First Tuesday

Nurture & Evangelism 10:00 am

### First Wednesday

PROFS 8:30 am

### First Thursday

Lunch Bunch 11:30 am

### 2nd Sunday

Grief Support 2:00 pm

### 2nd Monday

Stewardship & Finance 5:30 pm

Mission Committee 6:30 pm

### 3rd Sunday

Blood Pressure Check 10:45 am

Prayer Shawl Ministries 2:00pm

### 3rd Monday

Book Study 1:00 pm

### 3rd Wednesday

Current Issues Class 7:00 pm

### 4th Monday

Session 6:00 pm

### 4th Thursday (Sept-May)

Morning Circle 9:00 am at Pres. Manor

Afternoon Circle 2:00 pm at Katie Weis'

### Periodically

Building & Grounds

Deacons

Personnel

Worship at Presbyterian Manor

### PROFS

PROFS will be held, Wednesday, February 5, at 8:30 am in the MPR.



### OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH

The Out To Lunch Bunch will meet on Thursday, February 6, 11:30 am, at Mokas Cafe. Don't forget to RSVP Patti Breeding. Please come and enjoy good food. Everyone is welcome!

### NEWSLETTER

Articles for the March Newsletter are due February 17.



### CURRENT ISSUES CLASS

We'll begin looking at some of the current issues in the news from Biblical, Christ-like perspective. Please join us for these thoughtful discussions. The next Current Issues Class is February 19, at 7:00 pm.



### Commodities Distribution

We gave 71 families food on January 22. Not a big crowd. I think it was because it was so cold, but our workers showed up to help and a couple of girls from South East of Saline School. Thanks to all who helped. The next Give away will be March 19th. Thanks to all who helped. Sylvia Phillips

### BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK

Blood pressure checks will not be held in February due to the Annual Meeting and potluck dinner. Next Blood Pressure check will be March 16.





A big thank you to all who participated in our Heusner School Christmas gift basket. Each child received clothes and a toy. Mothers received a gift card for groceries. Mission Committee hopes it lightens and enlightens their Christmas.  
 Judy Christensen

Thank you for your thoughtfulness and bringing out this beautiful rose for being included in the milestones this year as I turned 80. Still love you all at Sunrise and you all will always be special to us.  
 Jim Gile

Karmel and Edie want to thank Sunrise Congregation for the Staff Appreciation. It will be put to good use. We would also like to thank those who gave us private gifts. They all were much appreciated.

Dear Sunrise Family,  
 Thank you so much for my Christmas gift. I appreciate you all so much!  
 Tacey Barrett



Congregation,  
 Your generosity fills my heart with joy! Thank you for the Staff Appreciation and for all the many other ways you share God's love with me.  
 Pastor Deb.



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## February Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 5 Marilyn Benyshek  
 Gabe Decker  
 Paedyn Merrill
- 7 Greg Kerr
- 9 Ashlynd Merrill
- 10 Brianna Hutton  
 Dean & Janet Atteberry Anniv
- 11 Sherril Kerr
- 12 Becky Schwan

- 14 Deena Horst  
 Terry Steininger
- 16 Melisa McElwee
- 17 Jeanne Sebree
- 19 Mary McCall  
 Linda Waggoner  
 Jeanne Ihnken
- 20 Steve Sebree  
 Karmel Spencer
- 24 Edie Hurtig
- 25 Miranda Merrill

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## Sunday Mornings

9:30 am in person and  
Virtual Worship  
10:30 am Fellowship  
10:45 am Sunday School



Sunrise Presbyterian Church  
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### General Office Hours:

8:00 am-12:00 pm, Monday, Tuesday,  
Thursday, Friday  
Wednesday 8 am-12 pm, & 1 pm-5 pm

### Financial Office Hours:

10:00 am-12:00 pm, Monday & Thursday

Pastor: Rev. Deb Schmidt

Director of Music: Matthew Schwan

Director of Bell Choir: Matthew Schwan

Organist: Sue Will

Church Treasurer: JoAnn Gile

Financial Secretary: Karmel Spencer

Office Administrator: Edie Hurtig

Custodian: Greg Kerr

**BELOVED,**

let us *love* one another,  
for *love* is of God;  
and everyone who *loves*  
is born of God  
and knows God.

1 JOHN 4:7, NKJV