



January, 2026

SUNRISE NEWS AND VIEWS

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Weekly Regular Schedule of Events

Sunday morning:

9:00 am Youth Sunday School
9:30 am in person and virtual Worship
10:30 am Fellowship
10:45 am Adult Sunday School
10:45 am Bell Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday morning:

11:00 am Lectionary Study Group

Wednesday evening:

6:00 pm Choir Practice

Other Events

Sundays:

Presbyterian Manor Worship, first Sunday, 3:00 pm (Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct, Dec)
Grief Support Group – second Sunday, 2:00 pm
Prayer Shawl Ministry – third Sunday, 2:00 pm
Current Issues – *new* – fourth Sunday, 2:00 pm.

Mondays:

Worship committee – first Monday, 6:00 pm
Stewardship & Finance – second Monday, 5:30 pm
Mission committee – second Monday, 6:30 pm
Third Monday Book Study – third Monday, 1:00 pm
Session meeting – fourth Monday, 6:00 pm,

Tuesdays:

Nurture & Evangelism – first Tuesday, 10:00 am

Meets periodically:

Deacons, Building & Grounds committee, Personnel committee, Memorial committee.

Meetings & Events

PROFS meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 8:30 am in the MPR.

OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH will meet on Thursday, January 8, at 11:30 am at Jalisco Mexican Restaurant, 2601 Market Place. Come and enjoy the food and fellowship. RSVP to Patti Breeding if you plan to attend. All are welcome!

Newsletter articles for the February **NEWSLETTER** should be submitted by Monday, **January 19**. Thank you!!

COMMODITIES will be distributed by Sunrise on Wednesday, January 21 from 9:00-10:00 am at the 4H Building. We appreciate help from all who are able. Thank you!! -- Sylvia Phillips

The Sunrise Nurses will provide **Blood Pressure Checks** on January 18 following worship.

THANK YOU for a wonderful Christmas Eve: Worship Committee, Deacons, Sue, Carolyn, Zimmerman musicians, Patti, Ann Z, Jean, kids & families.

JANUARY NOTES OF INTEREST

- **IMPORTANT** change for the month of January: Morning Circle will meet on a different day in January. Tuesday, January 20, at 9:30 am.
- **CURRENT ISSUES** is changing the day & time of its monthly meeting. We will meet monthly on the fourth Sunday afternoon at 2:00 pm.
- **ANNUAL REPORTS** are due to the church office on or before Thursday, January 29! All committees need to turn in a report. Please and thank you!

BEGINNING THE NEW YEAR A Note from Pastor Deb

As I was filling out the paperwork for the Presbytery for my new role with you as Designated Pastor, I was asked to write about the roles, responsibilities, and activities that will be my focus during this two-year term for which you have called me. It was an enlightening process to reflect on the needs and opportunities for ministry that are present at Sunrise and in this community, and to imagine how the gifts I bring and the gifts you also bring to this shared adventure will take root and grow in the twenty-four months ahead.

It is also humbling to reflect on the many changes that have occurred over the past three years since I was called as Transitional Pastor in January 2023. Changes in my health, in my family, and in the community here at Sunrise. We have endured challenges with grace and we have supported each other as we have exhibited Christ's love, confident of God's leadership among us and fully invested in the mission and ministry of Christ's church.

So I begin the New Year with a sense of awe and wonder. In awe of God for how God placed me in your midst to be loved so well and cared for through two different major health events. In awe of how you are steadfast and faithful in your commitment to Christ, as I see you giving, loving and caring for the least of these, just as Jesus asks. I have such a sense of wonder at the deep spirit of service that exudes from all corners of this church by you who are so faithful in participating where your gifts shine. "It is my ministry. It is my mission." These are not words you say, but the way you act. Each committee, every activity is undertaken with a sense of commitment and love. Love for others. Love for those who are often overlooked or pushed away in the world. You love them. You serve them.

And I love serving them with you. Serving Christ with you. ... Serving you. ... Loving you.

Grace and Peace in Christ,
Pastor Deb

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT PNKS Mission Project Grant awarded to Sunrise



Photo above and article below were published in the Presbytery of Northern Kansas December Newsletter. Shown in the photo are Dave Parks, Salina Sunrise, and Amanda Littell, Program and Resource Ctr Coordinator of PNKS.

"On Sunday November 16, staff member Amanda Littell was invited to 'give a big check' at Sunrise Presbyterian Church of Salina, KS.

"This check represents a Mission Project Grant given to Salina Sunrise for their ongoing work with Living Waters for the World in Honduras. A 'check' in the amount of \$2290 was presented to the congregation to help fund a motorcarga which will carry filtered, bottled water to Pajuiles, Honduras and villages nearby. A Living Waters for the World (LWW) water purification system was installed in the village of Pajuiles in 2014. The sponsors of this project were the Presbytery of Northern Kansas and Collierville Presbyterian Church (CPC) in Collierville, TN. The members of the PNKS Mission Ministry Team were pleased to continue support of this project.

"The Presbytery's Mission Ministry Team is responsible for granting mission dollars to our local PNKS churches. If you have a project we can support, contact Amanda for information, or find the application on the PNKS website."

Reflection

By Carol Viar

Matthew 25:36

"I was in prison and you visited me."

Sunrise Mission committee has been working to embody this request from Jesus. Over the past couple of years, Sunrise has donated on a regular basis to Ellsworth Family Connections, an old motel near the Ellsworth Correctional Facility that serves as inexpensive housing for weekend visits of family members of the residents of the correctional facility. Dave Parks now serves on the Board of Ellsworth Family Connections.

In December, some Mission Committee members and their spouses attended a Christmas concert and craft show at the correctional facility.

It was an incredible, moving experience to see the talent of the men as they sang and played instruments; and to see the wonderful work of their hands as they witnessed to their love for God.



Christmas on the "inside"

By Julie Parks
December 11, 2025

Last Sunday, most of our Dinners for 8 group attended a Christmas Program in the Spiritual Life Center at the Ellsworth Correctional Facility. None of us had been to a correctional facility before. You can imagine we were a bit anxious. There were 3-4 buildings and checkpoints we had to go through just to get to the center.

But...I was amazed! The building had a stage that held several bands that cycled through with excellent musicians playing drums, electric guitars, keyboards and sharing beautiful vocals! There was also a dancer dressed in painter whites, ball cap and a mask who was fabulous and joyous. And there was a sound and lighting set up that was wonderful. There was even a "gift shop" at the back of the room with "handmade" items that were incredibly professional! These folks were all inmates at the facility...with the addition of the chaplain and a few others. Following the program, we got to shake hands with them and thank them for their amazing skills.

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I came away feeling a whole new sense of what Jesus was instructing us to do in Matthew 25! To be concerned with those who are "in prison" had not meant much to me as I'd never had anyone I know go through the system even. But I came away with a sense of including them in my prayer world. We have a printed program from the Christmas show...and I have names, which I love, but even without names, these are people who have made bad choices, mistakes, done ugly things...but are still coming to know Christ. Amazing! He asks we care for them...and so I will in my prayers. Maybe you could too.



The Spiritual Life Center (SLC) at Ellsworth Correctional Facility

From the website

<https://www.doc.ks.gov/facilities/ecf/spiritual-life-center-1>



"Faith communities can play a significant role in the lives of residents by providing hope, compassion, and helping them to understand and internalize ultimate issues. The SLC provides opportunities for residents from diverse faiths to develop and restore relationships with God, their families, communities and crime victims."

"Why a Spiritual Life Center is needed and the benefits it offers: ECF has constructed a freestanding Spiritual Life Center (SLC) with approximately 9,167 square feet of floor space. The design incorporates six classrooms, an audio/video/book library, two chaplain offices and a sanctuary that accommodates up to 300 people."

To read more, visit their website (URL above).

There are photos of the Christmas Program Carol and Julie talked about on ECF's Facebook page at this address:
<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064316606817>

January 2026

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
JANUARY				1 NEW YEAR'S DAY HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSED	2 6:30 pm AI Anon 8 pm AA	3
4 No Youth S.S. 9:30 Worship Communion 10:30 Fellowship 10:45 Adult S.S. 10:45 Bell Choir	5 6:00 pm Worship	6 10:00 Nurture 8 pm AA	7 8:30 PROFS Bloodmobile noon-6:30pm 6:00 pm Choir	8 11:30 am Out to Lunch Bunch @ Jalisco's Mexican Bloodmobile noon-6:00pm 6:30 pm Deacons	9 Bloodmobile 8am-2pm 6:30 pm AI Anon 8 pm AA	10
11 9:00 Youth S.S. 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship 10:45 Adult S.S. 10:45 Bell Choir 2 pm Grief Group	12 5:30 pm S&F 6:30 pm Mission 6:00 pm Salina Chorale	13 11:00 Lectionary 5:30 Building & Grounds 8 pm AA	14 6:00 pm Choir	15	16 6:30 pm AI Anon 8 pm AA	17
18 9:00 Youth S.S. 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship Blood Pressure Ck 10:45 Adult S.S. 10:45 Bell Choir 2:00 Prayer Shawl	19 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 1:00 3 rd Monday Book Study 6:00 pm Salina Chorale	20 9:30 Morning Circle at Presby Manor (date chg) 11:00 Lectionary 8 pm AA	21 Commodities 9am-10am 6:00 pm Choir	22 2:00 Afternoon Circle at Katie Weis'	23 6:30 pm AI Anon 8 pm AA	24
25 9:00 Youth SS 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship 10:45 Adult SS 10:45 Bell Choir 2pm Current Issues	26 6:00 pm Session 6:00 pm Salina Chorale	27 11:00 Lectionary 8 pm AA	28 6:00 pm Choir	29  <i>Important reminder!</i> ANNUAL REPORTS ARE DUE TODAY!	30 6:30 pm AI Anon 8 pm AA	31



January Birthdays

- 4 Rev. Deb Schmidt
- 6 Bill Alsop
- 13 Steven Ewing
- 15 Ann Zimmerman
- 15 Mark Giles
- 15 Nancy Thompson
- 17 Larry Justus
- 17 Nancy Klostermeyer
- 19 Sylvia Phillips
- 20 Betty Rasette
- 20 Carol Viar

January Birthdays

- 23 Mary Houck
- 25 Tom Phillips

January Anniversaries

- 22 Gordon & Deena Horst



In Service of the Church - January

Worship Assistants Schedule

Date	Lay Leaders	Acolytes
January 4	Nancy Modin	Kolton & Kortney
January 11	Blaine McAfee	Lydia & Laiklyn
January 18	Sara Orr	Lydia & Laiklyn
January 25	Paul McAfee	Kolton & Kortney



Date	Ushers	Greeters
January 4	Jean Adam Sharon Anderson	East door: Judy Wooten South door: Judy Christensen
January 11	Judy Wooten Mary McCall	East door: LeRay Wilkie South door: Ron Lovell
January 18	Mindy Johnson Marci McCullough	East door: Blaine McAfee & Victoria South door: Tom & Sylvia Phillips
January 25	Steve & Tanya Ewing	East door: Chris Dancy South door: Sharon Herrington & Vicki Moss



Date	Manor Drivers
January 4	Ed Viar
January 11	Pat Breeding
January 18	Dean Atteberry
January 25	Larry Buyse

Children's Message

Would you like to volunteer to give a Children's Message during worship? We would love to have you! Please check the bulletin board near the MPR to sign up.



Attendance Register for December

	In person	YouTube	Total
December 7	79	16	95
December 14	71	33	94
December 21	104	23	127
December 24, 5 pm	82	21	105
December 24, 7 pm	65	19	84
December 28	46	35	81



Souper Bowl of Hope 2026

Super Bowl 60 will be here before we know it. **Super Bowl 60 is February 8, 2026.** Can you believe that!?! Anyway, like other years we will be collecting soup at the Cloud Street Dillons on these dates:

- Saturday, January 24, 10 am to 6 pm
- Sunday, January 25, 1 pm to 5 pm
- Saturday, January 31, 10 am to 6 pm
- Sunday, February 1, 1 pm to 5 pm AND
- Saturday, February 7, 10 am to 6 pm
- No collecting on Super Bowl Sunday

We will be seeking your help in January to man the 2-hour shifts. The citywide goal will be 60,000 cans !!! Super Bowl 60 !!!

Thanks for your help in advance.
Sunrise Mission Committee
Paul McAfee



Salina Salvation Army Meal Serving

Sunrise has been a great help to the Salina Salvation Army in providing folks to help serve meals during the weekdays in the months of **March and October**. We plan to continue this! Those months, two people sign up and show up to serve meals from 4:00-5:30 pm at the Salvation Army located at 1137 N. Santa Fe, from Monday – Thursday each week.

Our contact at Salvation Army has told us that several of the churches who have been faithful meal servers are no longer able to help. Alison is wondering if anyone would like to go serve meals there during January or February or in other months? Anyone interested can contact **Alison at 785-823-2251** (the main office) and let her know what day/s they would like to help. You also can email Alison at **Alison.Rider@usc.salvationarmy.org** if that is easier. She asks we do this with advanced notice so she can plan accordingly. She only needs two people each afternoon, Monday – Thursday.

Sunrise Deacons will still post a sign-up in February for March serving dates. But if you are able to go help for a day or two (or more!) in other months, you will be a blessing to the Salvation Army!!

Thank you!
Sunrise Deacons



STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

FINANCIAL UPDATE

End of November 2025	
Year to Date Income	\$ 232,254.52
Year to Date Expenses	\$ <208,516.63>
Difference	\$ 23,737.89

REMINDER

Stewardship & Finance committee will meet on
Monday, January 12 at 5:30 pm.

“Gifts in Honor of” Program Continues

We greatly appreciate the interest that has been shown in the “Gifts in Honor of” program. We’re going to take it out of the newsletter for a bit but the form will still be available to you on the table outside the church office. If you wish to honor someone on their birthday, anniversary, graduation, or other special occasion, or just want to say “Thank You so Much!” we would love to highlight your joy with an announcement in the next month’s newsletter. Thanks so much!

The Stewardship Committee

SUNRISE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH A GIFT IN HONOR OF ... SUNRISE CHURCH OFFICE HELPERS

Pastor Deb gave a gift in honor of those who served as Church Office Helpers during the last half of 2025.

Patti Breeding	Judy Wooten
Sharon Anderson	Julie Parks
Sharon Herrington	Sharon Hauser
Marci McCullough	Jean Adam
Edie Hurtig	Carol Viar

They have been faithful to greet guests, answer the phone, help with office tasks, provide encouragement and oversight when various service persons (think “plumbers, heat & air people, bug zappers, and more...”) or community members (think “Salina Chorale music sorters and others, and Bloodmobile staff and clients”) are in the building doing their thing. Most of all, they have been a great support to her and have been so very faithful to show up every time as scheduled. She appreciates them so very much!!!

SUNRISE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH A GIFT IN HONOR OF ... SUNRISE CHURCH STAFF / EMPLOYEES

Pastor Deb also gave a gift in honor of our Sunrise employees. Each of them honors Christ and his church by the use of their God-given gifts. She thanks them for their steadfast faithfulness.

Sue Will, Pianist and Organist
Matthew Schwan, Director of Music
and Director of Bell Choir
Greg Kerr, Custodian
Karmel Spencer, Financial Secretary
JoAnn Gile, Church Treasurer
Edie Hurtig, Retired, Secretary
Tacey Barrett, Nursery



*With our gifts we
honor Christ.*

SUNRISE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH A GIFT IN HONOR OF ... PAT & PATTI BREEDING

Holding the office of the Clerk of Session is an enormous responsibility that can be daunting at times. For several years now, Pat Breeding has served as Clerk of Session. He keeps up with all the rules and requirements for church records and keeps a checklist of all matters to be stated in the official minutes of Session and church business. Patti Breeding assists the Clerk with updating church records, noting births, deaths, transfers, active and inactive members, and adding new members to the rolls.

With her gift in honor of them, Pastor Deb expresses her profound gratitude for the excellence, attention to detail, and great respect both Pat and Patti have given to the care of church minutes and records. She hopes we will all say “Thank You” to Pat and Patti for faithfully carrying out this important work of Christ’s church.

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General Office Hours: 9am-noon, Mon. – Thurs.

Financial Office Hours: 10am-noon, Mon. & Thurs.

Music Ministry: Chancel Choir, Wednesday, 6:00 pm
Bell Choir, Sunday, 10:45 am

Pastor: Rev. Deb Schmidt

Director of Music & Bell Choir: Matthew Schwan

Organist: Sue Will

Church Treasurer: JoAnn Gile

Financial Secretary: Karmel Spencer

Custodian: Greg Kerr