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SUNRISE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNRISE NEWS AND VIEWS

The LORD is near
to all who call upon Him,



To all who call
upon Him in truth.

Psalm 145:18, NKJV



January 31st

Annual Potluck & Congregational Meeting



January-February

Salina Souper Bowl of Hope



January 18th

Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

Church Office Closed



Martha's Musings

“My experiences taught me that not to judge a faith tradition from one aspect or small group of it.”

During my middle year at Austin Seminary, I applied to be a seminary participant at the National Conference of Christians and Jews in Chicago. I remember the trip well; it was my first visit to Chicago! (I also made my first visit to the Art Institute on that trip) There were about 20 Christian and Jewish seminarians from around the country. In small groups and over dinner, we got to know one another and learned about each other's faith traditions. Before that conference, I did not know much about the breadth of Jewish faith traditions. I was surprised to learn from my new friends that their traditions spanned the same range that Protestant faith traditions do. For me it was the beginning of a long engagement with inter-faith dialog.

For several years following that conference, I participated in a smaller NCCJ conference at Laity Lodge in Texas. About 25 students from across the spectrum of our traditions would gather and discuss theology, scripture and share worship with one another. I learned a great deal from the rabbis who

attended each year. I discovered that leadership in congregations is pretty much the same for Christians and Jews.

Across the years of my ministry I have drawn from these inter-faith experiences. I learned to listen carefully to others, ask questions to clarify what I did not understand, and state where I agreed or did not agree with my partners. God's Spirit was present and my faith grew. I learned to look for God in places outside the confines of "my" church.

In the past month, I've been thinking about these inter-faith experiences. I wish Muslims or Hindu participants could have joined us because I would have liked to have learned from them. Given the events of the past month and the growing unrest concerning Islam in our country, I would really like to learn more about their practice and their faith.

My experiences taught me that not to judge a faith tradition from one aspect or small group of it. ALL faith traditions are broad - they have very literal and conservative branches and they have very liberal branches. ALL faith traditions have a sizable number of adherents in the "middle." My guess is that we could meet many Muslims who seem very similar to Presbyterians!

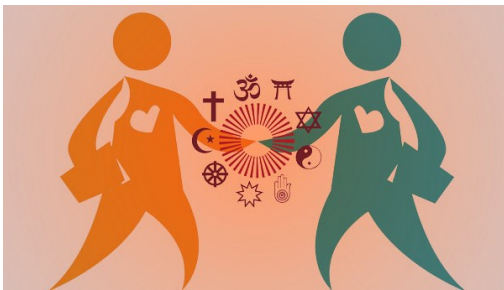


Presbyterians have a long history of inter-faith dialogue. I encourage you to read through the Presbyterian Principles of Interfaith Dialogue (I was on the committee which helped to write these) found at this link: https://www.pcusa.org/site_media/media/uploads/interfaithrelations/pdf/principlesforinterfaithdialogue.pdf

I also encourage you to seek out other denominational sources to learn more. I have many of these in the office, and others are available on-line. It's easy to take the actions of a few and condemn an entire group. I urge us to look for God's presence in other faith traditions - in other people - indeed in the entire world. We never know what grace we might find!

Love,

Martha



My Sermons Available Online

Missed church but want to know what the sermon was about? We've recently started posting Martha's sermons on the Sunrise website. Each week on Monday morning, we will post the previous Sunday's sermon on the front page of our website.



[sunrisepresbyterian.com](http://www.sunrisepresbyterian.com)

Christian Education

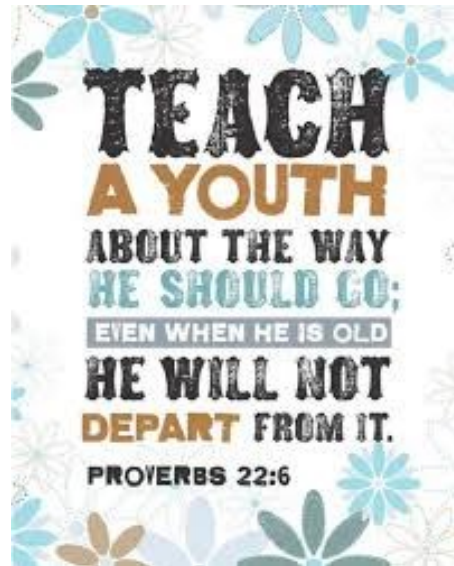
Sunday School and Wednesdays

God's Kids is back in swing after the Christmas holiday. If your kids or grandkids would like to attend there is always room. It starts at 3:40'ish and goes until 5:30. The kids eat a snack, learn a story, do a craft, play games and sing.

Youth is going great. We have around 14 kids attending regularly and we have been learning about

each other, playing games and studying different views on the bible. Youth starts at 6:15 and lasts until 7:15. Immediately after Youth, we have Youth Choir.. We hope you will send your kids and grand-kids.

Please come and join us for spiritual development, fellowship and fun!



Blessing Bags!

Our little ones are making Blessing Bags to be given to the less fortunate through the Salina Food Bank. The kids are collecting toiletries and food items.

If you're able to donate, please put your items in the container beside the Hunger Barrel. Thank you!



Commodities

Commodities Distribution

The Emergency Food Assistance Program

Hosted by The Volunteer Connection

Wednesday, January 13, 2016

4-H Building

900 Greeley Ave

12-2 pm

Items: Whole Kernel Corn, Mixed Fruit, Peas, Peanut Butter, Grapefruit Juice, Egg Noodles, Cereal Corn Squares, UHT Milk, Fresh Apples, Dried Cranberries.

Everything is distributed on a first come, first served basis.

Participants are required to bring:

Proof of income, photo I.D. or proof of a Saline County address & a signed note if picking commodities up for someone else.

INCOME GUIDELINES (monthly)

HH Size	Income	HH Size	Income	HH Size	Income	HH Size	Income
1	\$1,276	3	\$2,177	5	\$3,078	7	\$3,980
2	\$1,726	4	\$2,628	6	\$3,529	8	\$4,430

* For each additional family member add \$451

Contact The Volunteer Connection at 785-823-3128 with questions.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Session

Session Highlights for 17 December 2015

TREASURER'S REPORT was approved.

Discussion on Sunrise to Publicize 211 as a New Beginnings Project. Approved the go ahead with the 211 project by forming an organizing group composed of a volunteer from each of the 6 New Beginnings groups.

Received *Introducing the Missional Church* handout to review.

SESSION BUSINESS

Reminder: Annual Reports are due by Jan. 4. Elders rotating off Session are responsible for 2015 reports.

Reminder: The Annual Congregational Meeting is Jan. 31

THANK YOU!!!! to Mindy Johnson, Jennifer Hewitt, Sharon Hauser and Deena Horst for their faithful and good service on Session. Request from Melanie Hancock that Session commit to praying the birthday calendar for Sunrise members during 2016 was **APPROVED** by consensus.

Request from Melanie Hancock that Sunrise create a "Humbled Servant" Award was discussed.

PRESBYTERY BUSINESS

Sunrise will host PNK on Jan. 23. The Evangelism/Nurture Committee and Presbyterian Women will help with meeting details. Elder Ken Miller was elected to be commissioner to this meeting

CONSENT AGENDA

CLERK

Motion to approve Minutes and Statistical reports for the Stated Meeting on 19 Nov 2015 and Called Congregational Meeting on 13 Dec 15.

PASTOR

Motion to set January 10 for ordination/installation of deacons and elder

MISSION

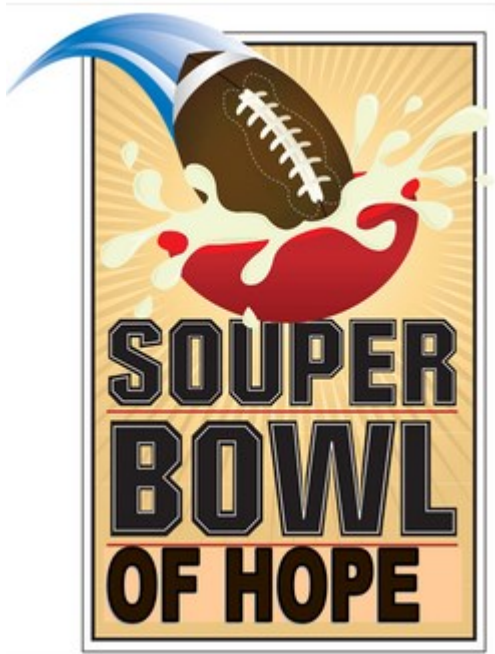
Motion: The mission committee recommends to Session that Sunrise become the administrator for commodities distribution in Salina beginning in the spring of 2016.

Reports from the following committees:

BUILDING AND GROUNDS, FINANCE AND STEWARDSHIP, MISSION, WORSHIP

The Consent Agenda was approved.

Souper Bowl Time!



The Salina Souperbowl of Hope will be collecting soup from all three Dillons stores on Saturday January 23rd, Sunday January 24th, Saturday January 30th, Sunday January 31st and Saturday February 6th. Our goal is to raise 50,000 cans of soup to be divided between the Salina Food Bank, Salvation Army, Salina Rescue Mission, Ashby House, and DVACK. Please mark your calendars for this special event. We thank you in advance for your caring and sharing.

-5008. Dean will be available after the service today if you'd like to sign up to help collect soup on one or more of these dates. Thank you!

For further information, please call Dean Atteberry at 785-452



Feed My Starving Children Event



Volunteers will work to package 100,000 meals for distribution to hungry children in 70 countries.

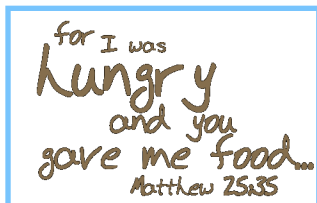
To donate: Go online to fundraising.fmsc.org/SalinaKansas. Click on "Donate" then click on "Give Now"

To volunteer: Go online to fundraising.fmsc.org/SalinaKansas. Click on "Volunteer to Pack", then find a two hour session that you would like to work. Volunteers can be as young as 5 years old.

If you need help signing up, please call Carol Viar at 827-7401, and Carol will help you get signed up.

UPDATE:

Sign-up is mostly full, but if you REALLY want to work, please check periodically during the week as spots are always opening up.



Presbyterian Women



- Jan. 7 9:00 AM PW Board
- Jan. 14 10:00 AM Leader Training; Patti Breeding and Betty Rasette
- Jan. 28 9:15 AM Morning Circle; Hostess-Betty Abbott and Pat Tomlins
Lesson-Patti Breeding
7:15 PM Evening Circle; Hostess-Mary McCall and Jean
Reed
Lesson-Betty Rasette

PW will be helping with the PNK meeting here at Sunrise on January 23. We will be responsible for morning snacks and the noon meal.

PW helped the following organizations with a Christmas gift of \$200.00 each: Morrison House, Circles of the Heartland, Campus Ecumenical at K-State, Salina Animal Shelter and The Salina Christmas Fund.

We also have given \$500.00 to help with the recovering of the sanctuary pews.

Beth Miller, Moderator



Mariner's News

The annual *Chili and Soup Supper* will be Saturday February 27 5pm to 7pm. Cooking will start between 7am and 730 am. Watch the E-news and bulletins, tickets will go on sale in early January.

want to save the soup for the next day! We hope to see you in February!

Admirals:
Pat Tomlins & Paul McAfee.

Take-out will be available if you can't stay and eat or you just



Chili & Soup SUPPER

Prayer Notes

May we see each person we meet not as inferior or unworthy of attention but as a person of immeasurable worth whom God created.

Have you Prayed about it as much as you've talked about it?

Books on Prayer Available from the Presbytery Resource Center

- Sacred Breath: Forty Days of Centering Prayer by J David Muyskens
- Praying the Movies II, more Daily Meditations From Classic Films by Edward N McNulty
- A Praying Congregation by Jane E Vennard
- Pray All Ways by Edward Hays
- Praying with the Body, Bringing the Psalms to Life (Book and CD)
- Prayer: Does It Make Any Difference? By Philip Yancey



Ashby House - Thank you Sunrisers!

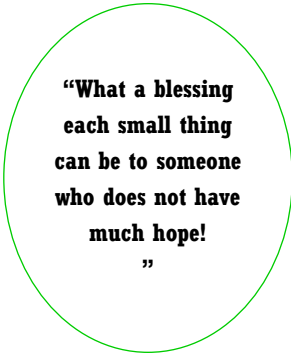
Thanks for making Ashby House Christmas brighter!

Many thanks to all church members who participated in Christmas events for Ashby House: to the Mariners for providing funding for gifts; to those who helped shop and wrap gifts; to cookie bakers; to Ann Zimmerman for singing; to open house helper; to worship helpers; to Christmas dinner helpers and clean up helpers; and to breakfast casserole bakers.

Christmas can be a very bleak time for someone without a home, who may have severed ties with their families.

What a blessing each small thing can be to someone who does not have much hope!

Thank you SO much!





Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!

A Heusner Thank You

Adopt-A-Family Christmas

This Christmas season, Sunrise responded with love to 4 families of Heusner School by donating wrapped presents and money for Dillons gift cards. They were received with enthusiasm and thankfulness. Also, the Youth Group was responsible for 1 of the 4 families.

To the right is a handwritten note from Lori at Heusner School.



Dr. Martha Marchison -
I wanted to thank your Congregation for adopting Heusner families and giving the gift of Christmas. As we dropped off packages to homes we realized this really was the only Christmas that the children would have. Thanks for being the light for families at Christmas time.

Sincerely,
Lori Marsell

Thanks from Kylee Ayres



Sunrise Family,

Thank you for the wonderful care package to help me through Finals week. I always hold a special place in my heart for you all. I miss you dearly! Thank you for the support and love!

God Bless,

Kylee Ayres

Thanks from Cassidy Coberly

Dear Sunrise,

Thank you so much for thinking of me during finals week. It was a pleasant surprise to get such an array of treats from all of you. It is nice to know I am still thought of. It was a great pick-me-up when all I wanted was for the week to be over ☺. ONE MORE SEMESTER!! I hope everyone is doing well, and have a wonderful holiday!

With love,
Cassidy Coberly



Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!



Thanks from Tyler



Thank you for the finals
care package. It came in
handy while studying.

From
Tyler McElwee

Thanks from Ashby House



Thank you for your wonderful
donations of Christmas
gifts! Your support really
makes a difference.

Best Regards,
Emily Walker

Thanks from Salina Rescue Mission

December 21, 2015

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your gift of \$250.00. Your continued faithful,
prayerful support provide hope for the men that enter our door.

These men come from all walks of life. Some: young-old;
with addiction - some free; healthy - medical issues, yet they
come.

Through our programs men receive many opportunities
to respond in positive ways. Some seek/obtain a job and
work their way into an apartment, others obtain the medical
treatment, rehab, and our highest joy is witnessing a man
in receiving/accepting Christ as Lord: Savior.

Thank you for your partnership:

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Stew



In Service of The Church - January



January Lay Leaders

- 03 Lewis Reid
- 10 Linda Tysen
- 17 Don Hamilton
- 24 Pat Breeding
- 31 Tessa Bolen

Volunteers



*They don't necessarily have the time;
they just have the heart.
Thank You!*

January Acolytes



- 03 Ushers
- 10 Ashlynd Merrill
- 17 Allen Johnson
- 24 Ashlynd Merrill
- 31 Allen Johnson

December	
Attendance Register	
6th	117
13th	103
20th	148
24th-5:00....	106
24th-7:00....	86
27th	59

January Ushers

January 03
Bruce & Marilyn Benyshek
Scott Lee & Leslie Mangrum-Lee

January 10
Lewis & Gladys Reid
Jim Price & Randy Week

January 17
Jim & JoAnn Gile
Jack & Kim Gillam

January 24
Lewis & Gladys Reid
Jerry & Rosie McKee

January 27
Gordon & Deena Horst
Jerry & Rosie McKee

January Greeters

East: Kurt Braun
South: Dean & Janet Atteberry

East: Don & Noreen Slaughter
South: Sharon Anderson

East: Kevin & Melisa McElwee
South: Gene & Sue Fuller

East: Roger & Sharon Herrington
South: Perry Hunsley & Shirley Lang

East: Bob Hagen & Marilyn Griffith
South: Betty Rasette & Carolyn Eland



January Birthdays and Anniversaries



- 2 Joey Soltis
Jill Werner
- 5 Bill Alsop
Ben Sebree
- 6
- 10 Dale & Jean Reed Anniversary
- 11 Jeff Merrill
- 12 Ariel Nothern
- 13 Steve Ewing
- 14 Kim Cerny
- 15 Nancy Thompson
Ann Zimmerman
- 17 Larry Justus
Nancy Klostermeyer

- 19 Kurtis Crawford
Sylvia Phillips
- 20 Mike Jensen
Betty Rasette
Carol Viar
- 22 Gene Fuller
- 22 Gordon & Deena Horst Anniversary
- 24 Susan Olson
Mildred Sebree
- 25 Tom Phillips

Did we make a mistake?



Please don't hesitate to let us know if we've left out anything such as birthdays and anniversaries, or if we have made a mistake or omission in the newsletter.

We want to correct it! Thanks!

Do you have news?

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have newsletter items to share, or with any comments about the newsletter! Have a great January everyone!

Angie Koshgarian,
Newsletter Editor

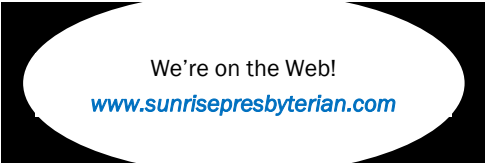


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Happy New Year

Sunday Mornings

9:30 a.m. *Worship*
(Communion– First Sunday of Each Month)
10:30 a.m. *Fellowship*
10:45 a.m. *Sunday School for All*

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