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SUNRISE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# SUNRISE NEWS AND VIEWS



“Glory to God  
*in the highest heaven!*”

Luke 2:14

# January



## SETTING OUR SIGHTS ON...

January. A New Year. A New Beginning. At least that is how we often think about the season following Christmas. We make New Year's resolutions, we begin to plan for Spring, and we hope to have the stamina to survive the long winter months ahead.

But as we bid farewell for another year to the Christmas carols and the wrapping of Christmas gifts for those we love, we also carry in our hearts the fond remembrances of the bonds of Christmas that have held us tightly in the bosom of God all these years. These connections have also bound us to each other in community. Silent Night, Holy Night. Peace, Peace, Peace on Earth.

How wonderful if we would be able to set our sights on the birth of new passion for ministries and outreach activities for those in our community. Some among us have a deep passion and heart for loving and caring for our neighbors, and I love that so much about Sunrise church. It is that looking forward, looking ahead, looking beyond where we are now and who we are now, and seeing the possibilities that God has in mind for us as we work, worship and minister in this community.

Setting our sights on where God is calling us as individuals and as a congregation is somewhat like the mystery of the call to the Wise Men who left their homes and traveled a very far distance in pursuit of something special. Something timeless. Something or someone precious.

A movie called "The Nativity Story" (2006) gives very human characteristics to the small ensemble of people we call "The Magi" or "The Wisemen." In the movie, these people seem very much like us, with their hopes and their challenges. We might think of them as highly educated scholars whose main daily activity is to teach and learn and uncover mysteries. They have studied for years and years, long after completing their degrees, making a hypothesis about this or that, gathering facts and evidence to support their theories. After all, they are Wise, so we would expect nothing less than their very best efforts to solve the puzzle that has been placed before them.

But one day, they decide to stop studying and speculating and calculating, and to pull on their boots and get on their camels and ride. And they went, guided by a star. The Magi set their sights on a star and they followed the star that led them to the One whom they would worship.

What are your sights set on in this New Year? What is God calling you to ponder, to study, to examine carefully, and perhaps even to travel over many miles to discover? What are you yearning to know and what will you be willing to sacrifice, to go on that journey? May you be as inspired as the Magi were, to go on a quest of your own choosing, to follow the star that leads us all to a new relationship with Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Joyfully serving Christ with you,  
Pastor Deb

# In Service of the Church - January

## January Lay Leaders

January 5 Nancy Modin  
 January 12 Ann Zimmerman  
 January 19 Paul McAfee  
 January 26 Steve Ewing



## January Greeters

January 5  
 East Door Brenda Pilcher  
 South Door LeRay Wilkie  
 January 12  
 East Door Chris Dancy  
 South Door Vickie Moss  
 Sharon Herrington



## January Ushers

January 5 Kevin & Stephanie Cool  
 January 12 Kim Gillam  
 Jean Adam  
 January 19 Karen Sutton  
 LeAnn Blancho  
 January 26 Blaine McAfee & Family

January 19  
 East Door Deena Horst  
 South Door Steve & Tanya Ewing

January 26  
 East Door Abner & Kathyne Perney  
 South Door Linda Waggoner & Carol Victory

## January Acolytes

January 5 Kolton & Kortney Flores  
 January 12 Lydia Schwan & Laiklyn Hodges  
 January 19 Lydia Schwan & Laiklyn Hodges  
 January 26 Kolton & Kortney Flores

## Presbyterian Manor Bus

January 5 Ed Viar  
 January 12 Pat Breeding  
 January 19 Dean Atteberry  
 January 26 Larry Buyse

## Attendance Register For December

Date	In Person	YouTube
1	87	38
8	89	31
15	87	30
22	89	45

## January Birthdays & Anniversaries

4 Rev. Deb Schmidt	19 Sylvia Phillips
6 Bill Alsop	20 Betty Rasette Carol Viar
11 Jeff Merrill	22 Gordon & Deena Horst Anniv
13 Steven Ewing	23 Mary Houck
15 Nancy Thompson Ann Zimmerman Mark Giles	25 Tom Phillips
17 Larry Justus Nancy Klostermeyer	

# MISSION

The Mission Committee sponsored the annual Sunrise Thanksgiving meal on November 24. Special thanks to Jean Buyse, Carol Viar and Blaine McAfee for cooking the turkeys. The turkey was amazing and we had enough left over that we froze it and provided a nice meal of turkey and dressing to about 60 people at Salina Grace.

Once again Sunrise members have been very generous donating items for the mitten tree and providing a nice Christmas for three families.

We were able to purchase 48 backpacks for the Salina Rescue Mission and Salina Grace with our share of the Peace and Global Witness offering.

We were able to take advantage of Giving Tuesday to double our contribution of \$268 from our share of the Pentecost offering to Living Waters for the World.

Jean Buyse gets the "Shopper of the Year" award for being able to purchase 70 pairs of panties and 15 bras for the clients of Salina Grace for \$140! The money was from special donations from Sunrise members.

The Mission Committee voted to give each of the eight agencies that we support monthly an additional one month's donation at the end of the year.

Souper Bowl of Hope 2025 is gearing up and you will be hearing more information from our Sunrise board members.

Thank you all for being so generous with your time and dollars to help Sunrise make a difference in our community and beyond!

Karen Sutton



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## MITTEN TREE

Be searching for those mittens you bought last Spring! The Mitten Tree is up and ready. Mittens, hats, scarves, and socks are needed for the people at Ashby House, DVACK, Martin Luther King Childcare, CKF, Salina Grace and the Rescue Mission.

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## SUPER BOWL OF HOPE

The Souper Bowl of Hope is coming! The Super Bowl is Sunday February 9, 2025. Can you believe this ?? So that means we will be manning the door at the Cloud St. Dillions. I will be asking for volunteers to help collect soup. I will be asking you during the month of January. The collection days will be:

- Saturday January 25, 10am to 6 pm, all are 2 hour shifts.
- Sunday January 26, 1 pm to 5 pm, 2 hour shifts.
- Saturday February 1, 10 am to 6 pm, 2 hour shifts.
- Sunday February 2, 1 pm to 5 pm, 2 hour shifts.
- Saturday February 8, 10 am to 6 pm, 2 hour shifts the last day of store collections.
- Sunday February 9 is The Super Bowl. I will see and talk to you in January, 2025.

Paul McAfee

# STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE

## New Year, New Goals

The beginning of a new year is exciting. We can put the trials and tribulations of the past year behind us and concentrate on a "new beginning" for the upcoming year. Whether you believe in new year resolutions or not, it certainly is a time to recalibrate and set new goals.

What goals might you have for Sunrise Presbyterian?  
How can you help Sunrise achieve those goals?

While you are pondering those questions, let me tell you about a couple of noteworthy items for early 2025:

**The Per Capita for 2025 is \$38.00 per person.** Of that amount, \$24 stays with PNK, while approximately \$3 goes to the Synod of Mid-America and approximately \$11 goes to General Assembly. If you can help cover this cost to Sunrise, it is always appreciated. Please put "Per Capita" in the memo line of your check so Karmel can record your donation in the proper account.

Match Madness 2025 planning has kicked off. The 2025 event will take place on March 13 at the Salina Fieldhouse. As usual, all monies donated will help to increase our endowment fund balance. In 2024 the Sunrise endowment fund had donations of approximately \$1800. We received a check from our endowment for over \$19,000!! This only happens because of the generous donations from years ago that continue to grow. Please consider giving to the future of Sunrise on March 13, 2025.

We hope you know that your Stewardship and Finance committee appreciates all you do in support of Sunrise.

Blessings to you and yours.

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.

### FINANCIAL UPDATE

End of November 2024	
Year to Date Income	\$ 241,123
Year to Date Expenses	\$ <221,056>
Difference	\$ 20,067

### DON'T FORGET

The next Stewardship and Finance meeting will be held on Monday, January 13 at 5:30 pm.

## IN HUMBLE GRATITUDE

It is so very hard to believe that six and a half weeks of radiation treatment have flown by and now I am on the road to recovery. I must let you know though, that it would not have been possible or easy or manageable without the love, support, and encouragement of my family, friends, Sunrise Presbyterian Church, the Presbytery of Northern Kansas, and the amazing medical teams here in Salina and at KU Medical Center. I am thankful that God has provided all I have needed and will be with me through whatever comes next. I am praying for a full recovery and many more adventures in life. THANK YOU for walking with me on this journey. --Joyfully, Pastor Deb



# January 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 New Year's Day Office Closed	2 11:30 Out to Lunch Bunch	3 6:30 Al-Anon 8:00 AA	4
5 9:30 Worship Communion 10:30 Fellowship 10:50 Bell Choir	6 12:00 Blood Drive 6:00 Worship Committee 7:00 Mission	7 10:00 Nurture & Evangelism 11:00 Lectionary 12:00 Blood Drive 8:00 AA	8 8:00 Blood Drive 8:30 PROFS 6:00 Choir	9	10 6:30 Al-Anon 8:00 AA	11
12 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship 10:50 Bell Choir 2:00 Grief Support	13 5:30 Stewardship Finance	14 11:00 Lectionary 5:30 Building & Grounds 8:00 AA	15 9:00 Commodities 4H building 6:00 Choir 7:00 Current Issues	16 Newsletter Articles Due to the office	17 6:30 Al-Anon 8:00 AA	18
19 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship 10:45 Blood Pressure Checks 10:50 Bell Choir 2:00 Prayer Shawl	20 1:00 3rd Monday Book Study	21 11:00 Lectionary 8:00 AA	22 6:00 Choir	23 9:00 am Morning Circle 2:00 pm Afternoon Circle	24 6:30 Al-Anon 8:00 AA	25
26 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship 10:50 Bell Choir	27 6:00 Session	28 11:00 Lectionary 8:00 AA	29 6:00 Choir	30	31 6:30 Al-Anon 8:00 AA	

## 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

Mission Committee 7:00 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

### 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

# Sunrise News

## PROFS

PROFS will be held, Wednesday, January 8, at 8:30 am in the Parlor as we have Blood Mobile here.



## OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH

The Out To Lunch Bunch will meet on Thursday, January 2, 11:30 am, at Bayards Cafe. Don't forget to RSVP Patti Breeding. Please come and enjoy good food. Everyone is welcome!

## NEWSLETTER

Articles for the February Newsletter are due January 16.



## CURRENT ISSUES CLASS

The Current Issues Class will be held on Wednesday, January 15, at 7:00 pm.



## Commodities Distribution

Thanks to all who helped. Thanks to the kids from Southeast of Saline who came to help. It is a blessing to work with such nice people who are willing to come and help so early in the morning. Next give away will be January 15. Thank You!

Sylvia Phillips

## BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK

Blood pressure checks will be held Sunday, January 19, at 10:45 am.



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## JANUARY AGENCY OF THE MONTH

### \$60K FOR 60 YEARS

Central Kansas Mental Health Center's mission is to make life better in our communities by providing excellent behavioral health services, education, and coordination of care which exceeds the expectations of those we serve.

**With your gift, you become a vital part of that mission.**

**There are multiple ways to support CKMHC this giving season and beyond:**

#### Donate Directly to CKMHC

Donations can be made on our website at [CKMHC.org](http://CKMHC.org) or mailed to CKMHC Attn: Healthy Community, 809 Elmhurst Blvd, Salina, KS, 67401

#### SAUW Funded Partners

Strengthen our community by donating to Salina Area United Way's annual campaign. As a Funded Partner a portion of your donation will go directly to CKMHC along with 12 other organizations working towards a shared mission and goals. Donations can be made at <https://unitedwaysalina.org/give-1>.

#### Greater Salina Community Foundation

Make a donation to the Central Kansas Mental Health Center Fund at GSCF and support our services for the next 60 years and beyond. Make a donation of \$20 or more in honor of someone special and GSCF will mail them a beautiful, personalized card announcing the gift made in their name. More information at <https://gscf.org/about-us/news/greater-salina-community-foundation-nonprofit-holiday-card-program/>

#### Dillons Community Awards

Dillons will make a donation to CKMHC every time you use your shopper's card. Find more information and link your Shopper's Card at <https://www.dillons.com/!community/community-rewards>

#### In-Kind Gifts

In-kind donations play a crucial role in supporting children and youth at CKMHC, providing them with the necessary resources and tools to improve their overall well-being. These donations encompass a wide range of items, including personal hygiene products, cleaning materials, cooking utensils, and other essential items. Contact CKMHC to learn what products are most needed and how to donate.

#### Sunday Mornings

9:30 am in person and

Virtual Worship

10:30 am Fellowship

10:45 am Sunday School



**Sunrise Presbyterian Church**

**825 E Beloit, Salina, (785) 823-6344**

**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**