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SUNRISE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNRISE NEWS AND VIEWS

Sunday, May 15, 2:00 pm
Prayer Shawl Ministry

Wednesday, May 4, 4:00 pm
God's Kids Fishing Trip



HOLY SPIRIT COME

Sunday, May 15, 6:00 pm
Annual Choir Picnic

Sunday, May 15, 10:45 am
Bouncy House Celebration

Wednesday, May 11, 7:00 pm
Spring Choir Concert



Martha's Musings

Throughout the Sundays of Easter we read from both Acts and John. They make an interesting pair. Acts, written by Luke, tells the story of how Jesus' followers came together for support, organized, and formed the church. We are most familiar with the story of Pentecost and the coming of the Holy Spirit. However, the rest of Acts speaks to administrative planning, leadership development, and the life of the early church. Luke constantly helps the church think about expanding its reach to those who might be left out. For Luke, the love of God speaks of loving enemies or those outside the bounds of the church. He pleads with churches to relax dietary laws. He tells the story of the Ethiopian eunuch who wants to follow. The eunuch would have been outside the bounds of society. Luke

speaks of the church that is known by its outward love.

John, on the other hand, speaks mainly to his worshiping community. Instead of stories, John often writes in figures: the good shepherd, water, light, and the vine. For John, the community brings life – hence being part of the community means to be grafted on to the vine. All members are integral and necessary – all vital for the life of the church. Water and light also bring light and life to the people. They open them to the love of God which prompts them to love one another. For John, the love of God is expressed by the love of the community for one another. As in Luke, the community is known by its love, but this is an inward love.

What do we make of these two different statements about love? What do they say to the church, and do they cancel one another? I believe that we do best when we hear and act on both of their messages. With Luke we are pushed outside of the boundaries we might construct. Luke would urge us to love those who are not like us. He insists that love of God is realized in love for enemies. He pleads for the church to look outward to those on the margins of society – the oppressed – the poor – those past hope. Daily life offers us countless opportunities to prac-

tice Luke's teachings. How might we at Sunrise better welcome others? How might we reach out to those not like us? How might we include some we would exclude? How might we bring hope to those past hope?

John reminds us that we also are called to love one another. John portrays Jesus as washing the disciples' feet – and asks them to do likewise to one another. Love is realized for him in humility and serving. It is made known as the community comes together and forgives one another the faults of daily life. It is realized as the community becomes light to others through such love and forgiveness. I constantly hear from people who want connection to others. They wish to be touched. They want to be loved. They desire acceptance and forgiveness. John's gospel reminds us of how Sunrise can love and share. It reminds us that without this love, we have little with which to reach outside of ourselves.

Love: love for others and love for the church is the message of both books. John and Luke offer us tall orders. But their offer beckons us; it calls us and offers us to join in the adventure of Christians across the centuries. Might we be known by how we love one another?

Much Love,

Martha

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Christian Education

God's Kids

What a wonderful year in God's Kids! Fourteen kids had fun each and every Wednesday.

Special thanks to Susie Walker, Betty Kerr and Patti Breeding for their help!

God's Kids have "gone fishing" for the summer!



Fishing!!

The annual God's Kids Fishing/Family Picnic is this Wednesday, May 4 from 4:00 to 6:30. This year we are at the home of Dexter and Ann Zimmerman, E Bar Z Stables, 3904 North Ohio (1.7 miles north of 1-70 on Ohio).

We will provide wieners and fixins', items for s'mores, drinks and paper goods. We are asking each family to bring a dish to go with the weenies.

Be sure to bring your fishing poles (we will have some extras) and we will have bait.

PARK IN THE LOT JUST NORTH OF THE HOUSE; it's just a short walk to the pond south of the house.



Questions?? Call Ken Miller (785-787-3452) or Pat Breeding (785-747-8877).

Bouncing!!

Your kids can also look forward to the annual Bouncy House Sunday, which is May 15th this year.

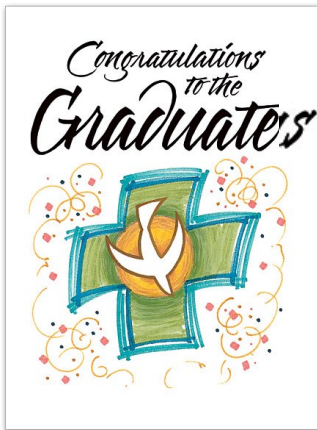
The last day of Sunday School is May 8th, but be sure to bring your kids on the 15th for bouncing fun!



Our Graduates

Ryan Zimmerman

Ryan, the son of Mark Zimmerman & Carolyn Hofer-Zimmerman is going to be attending Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland Ohio where he will be double majoring in Aerospace Engineering and Music.



Rebecca (Becca) Winsky-Moreno

Becca is going to Sterling College to study musical theatre.

She enjoys watching anime, singing at the top of her lungs, and writing. She writes everything from stories to poems to song lyrics, and has been known to write parodies of her favorite songs. Becca also speaks fluent show

tunes and sarcasm. When she's not practicing her future Academy Award acceptance speech, she's participating in theatre productions at her high school.

As of yet, she has no idea what she will do for her career, but she wants to continue her life of performing no matter what.



Our Graduates

Katelyn (Katie) Adam

My name is Katie Adam and I am graduating from Smoky Valley High School. Throughout high school I have been involved in several clubs, activities, and sports. I have been involved in National Honor Society, Family Career and Community Leaders of America, Future Farmers of America, Big Brothers Big Sisters Program, Relay for Life, Friends of Rachel, basketball, cross country, and track.

I have attended Sunrise Presbyterian Church for all of my life. I have also been involved in several church

activities and helped as a volunteer on many occasions through the church. I have been participated in our youth group, as church usher, youth Deacon Representative, church deli and coffee server, Psalms Reader, Angel tree volunteer, and I have been a church acolyte.

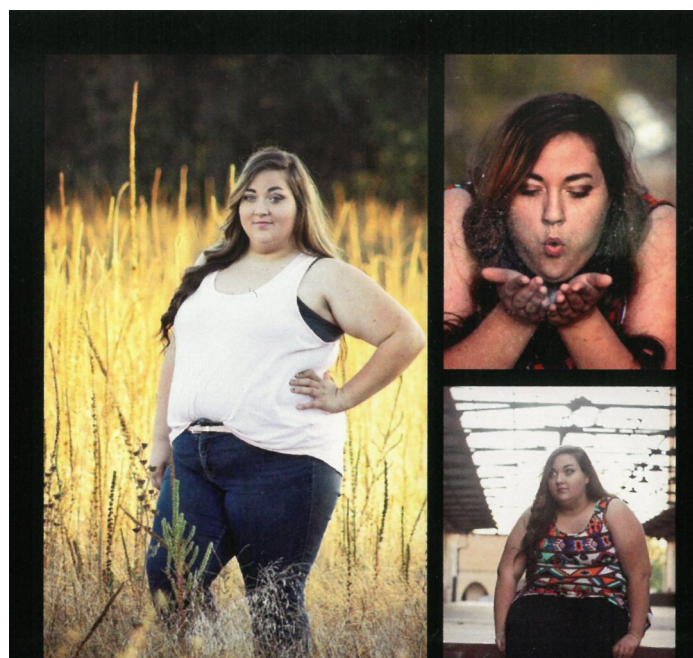
This fall I will be attending Bethany College to major in Elementary Education. I also have decided to continue my running career and I will be running cross country and track as a Bethany Swede!



Alexys Hedges

Sunrise. A family. My family. Thank you all for helping give me so many opportunities. With out this church I wouldn't have had the opportunities to attend 12 PNK rallies and go to Heartland camp for 11 weeks 2 while Day Camp was here and 9 there and finally Triennium for this summer a second time.

I plan to attend Cloud County Community College beginning the fall of 2017. In the meantime I plan to continue to try and better my latte art at Starbucks.



Presbyterian Women

5/5/16	9:00	PW Board
5/26/16	9:15	Morning Circle Hostess: Sylvia Phillips and Nadine Griffin.
	6:30	Evening Circle Hostess: JoAnn Gile-potluck



PW had a great year! Have a great summer and we will see you next fall.

Beth Miller, Moderator



Adult Faith Class in the Parlor

Join us in the parlor for a panel presentation from Ann Zimmerman, Harry Tysen and Janell Murphey next Sunday, May 15. They are all involved with the Salina Initiative for Restorative Justice (SIRJ). "Restorative Justice lets victims confront their offenders. It holds the offender accountable and involves the offender in repairing the harm caused to victims. Restorative justice focuses as much on the victim and the community as on the offender." (from the SIRJ website).

The panel will share information about this Salina program and tell of their experiences.

Bring your coffee and come listen and learn with



Prayer Notes

Praying for Others

No one knows how prayer works or what exactly constitutes an answer to the many requests we make of God on behalf of our families, friends, and loved ones. It's a matter of faith. We pray because we trust that God precedes us in caring about all aspects of human life. We pray because we know prayer changes how we think, feel, and act. And sometimes we pray because we don't know what else to do—we've exhausted all human action on behalf of the one we are praying for. We have no choice but to leave the concern in God's hands.

Praying for others does not have to involve petitions or requests of God. Sometimes we have no idea what the person or situation *needs* from God, but we know they need something. So we pray with an open heart, asking that God's desire for that person or situation be fulfilled. In doing this, we follow Jesus, who taught his disciples to pray, "Your will be done." At the center of this prayer is a deep trust that God's will involves whatever is best for the person or the situation—even if the outcome is not what we would have chosen.

From "50 Ways to Pray" by Teresa A. Blythe



Bridal Shower

A good time was had a Becca Renteria's bridal shower on April 27 during Wednesday activities.

We deeply appreciate Becca stepping in to help finish out the year with the Youth.



Youth Jobs

Sunrise has the best children and youth in the world! We'd love for you to help teach and lead them.

We are looking for one or two volunteers to lead the Youth Group next school year. Our Youth Group has 15-17 kids from grades 6-12. They meet from 6:15-7:15 on Wednesdays for games, fun and Bible study. If you are interested,

please see Martha or Mindy Johnson to learn more.

We are also looking for a lead teacher for God's Kids. This program meets on Wednesdays from 3:30-5:00. The kids play, have snack, hear a story and scripture and work on crafts. We have 14 children this year. The lead teacher helps plan and carry out this program. If you are interested, please see Martha or Mindy Johnson to learn more.



Welcoming Host

Thanks go out to Jean Burch. In addition to Pat Tomlins, she is also serving as a Welcoming Host for Sunday morning worship services.

This person watches for and interacts with our visitors. The Host can introduce them to members and other visitors, invite them to Coffee Hour, Sunday School, etc. Our greeters are busy greeting everyone,

members and visitors alike. There is no time to stop and visit for long.

Thank you for volunteering, Jean!



Sunrise Mariners

Thank you

The Sunrise Mariners and our Youth want to thank everyone who worked and donated money for the Triennium pancake breakfast April 10.

We had fun and \$560 was raised to help our youth attend Triennium this summer.

Hot Diggity Dog

Once per month during June,

July and August we will have a hot dog supper for the congregation and the neighborhood around the church.

We will ask you to bring your own chair and nonalcoholic beverage. We will grill hotdogs, have a small bag of chips and ketchup and mustard for the supper.

We believe this will be a great time for fun, food and fellow-

ship and the same time meet our neighbors. We will let you know what day in the newsletter and bulletin.

Thanks,

Pat Tomlins and Paul McAfee,
Co- Admirals



Saline County Relay for Life

Date: Friday, May 6, 2016
Event Time: 6 p.m.
Location: C W Lewis Stadium
Contact Us: Donna Smith
Donna.Smith@cancer.org | 501-282-7219



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Our new prayer shawl ministry is off to a good start! There are 12 ladies who are knitting or crocheting. One quilted "shawl" has been blessed and sent off to Colleen Jewell, so that she will feel the loving arms of our congregation around her.

It's not too late to join in this ministry of blessing others. The next meeting will be Sunday, May 15 at 2 PM in the parlor. Teachers are available to teach

knitting or crocheting. The shawls will be blessed by members of Sunrise, and are to be presented to people who are experiencing critical life events. They will be distributed through the Parish Nurses. Contact Judy Granfield at 785-643-4155 if you know of a need.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Save the Date - Women's Retreat

September 10, 2016

"Rooted and Grounded in Love for Creation: A Workshop for People of Faith and Spirit" by Noni Strand

We will be at St. John's Military School.

Watch for details later!



Thank You from PNK

The Stewardship and Mission Committee of the Presbytery of Northern Kansas wishes to thank your congregation for the generous contributions to the mission and ministry of the Presbyterian Church (USA) in 2015.

Your congregation gave \$14,400.00 to Basic Mission Support this past year and these contributions keep all of us connected as the PC(USA) continues to be the body of Christ throughout the world through our local churches, our Presbytery, our Synod and the General Assembly.

Together we can do so much more!
We thank you again for this generous support.

Nancy McIntosh
and the
Stewardship and Mission Committee



Spring Music Concert

The 5th annual Spring Concert will be Wednesday, May 11th at 7pm.

Performing will be the Chancel Choir, Sunrise Ringers, Youth Music Group, and God's Kids Choir as well as solos by Benni Amsuess, Ann Zimmerman, Jack Gillam, Josh Tackett, and a lively trio by Tom Phillips, Nancy Klostermeyer, and Sue Will.

An offering will be received to help fund new Stoles and gloves for the bell choir, new anthems, instruments for the kids, hand bell maintenance, and recording software to be able to record cantatas, concerts and services onto CDs. A reception with cookies and punch will follow the concert.

Please join us to celebrate our wonderful musical talent at Sunrise!



Annual Choir Picnic

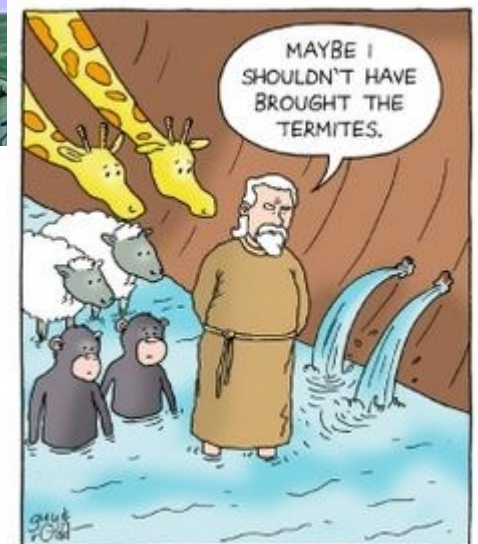
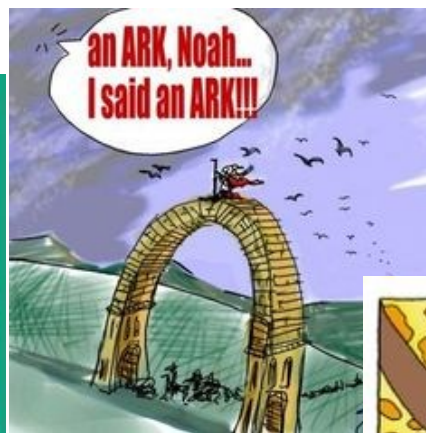
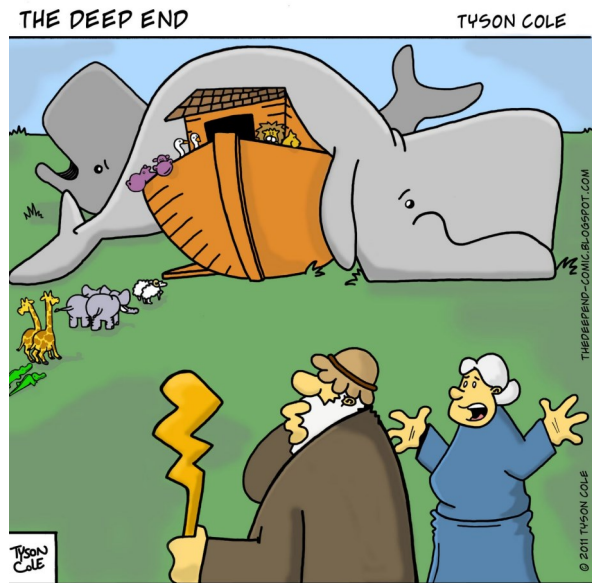
After all their hard work this year, the choirs are taking a much deserved break and having a picnic!

The picnic is May 15, 6:00 pm at 2133 Pheasant Lane. In case of rain it will be at the church.



Just for Fun

In light of the lovely rain we've received recently in Salina, we thought we'd add a funnies page related to Noah's Ark. Enjoy!



Scholarship Awards

Sunrise Scholarships were awarded to the following students:

Kylee Ayres (Bethany College)
 Cassidy Coberly (Washburn Law School)
 Tyler McElwee (Kansas State)
 Jessica Merrill (Pittsburg State)
 Miranda Merrill (Fort Hays State)
 Rebecca Winsky (Sterling College)
 Katelynn Adam (Bethany College)

Cade Calvert (Kansas State)
 Cole Calvert (Kansas State)

Please continue to pray for our wonderful young people!



Kids and Fundraising

We encourage our members to help with fundraising for non-Sunrise Church organizations.

If you and your children's organizations will be offering items for sale, i.e. raffles, cookies, quilts, candy, etc., during a Sunrise function, we ask you to seek approval through Martha or a Session member.

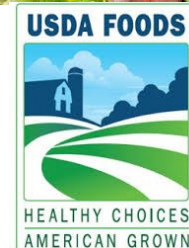


Fundraising

USDA Commodities

The Sunrise session has approved the Sunrise Presbyterian Church to be the administrator of the Commodities Distribution and Sunrise's application has been approved by the State of Kansas. The distributions will be held at the 4-H Building on the following Wednesdays: May 18th, July 20th, September 21st and November 16th from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. The distribution is for those that meet the income guidelines as well

as the Saline county residency guidelines. Many Sunrisers are volunteers for this worthwhile activity. There are a number of jobs available. Please contact Janet Attebery at 452-5008 if you would like to volunteer.



In Service of The Church - May



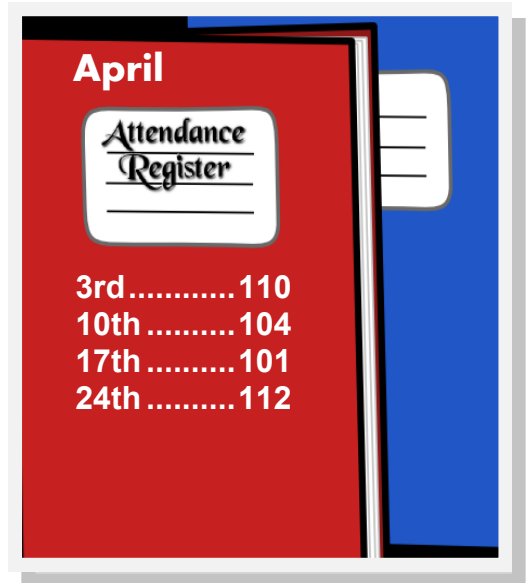
May Lay Leaders

- 01 Steven Ewing
- 08 Conni Steininger
- 15 Sharon Hauser
- 22 Jack Gillam
- 29 Lewis Reid



May Acolytes

- 01 Allen Johnson
- 08 Ethan Bolen
- 15 Jace Hewitt
- 22 Allen Johnson
- 29 Ushers (Memorial weekend)



May Ushers

- * May 01
Jane Alsop
Jean Drees
- * May 08 *
Mary Lee Arnold
Judy Christensen
- * May 15
Rosie McKee
Jerry McKee
- * May 22
Betty Kerr
Maurice Kerr
- * May 29
Len & Lyla Buehre
Rose Marie Merrill

May Greeters

- East: Ruth Hutton & Grandchildren
South: Ruby McBee & Carolyn Eland
- East: Pat & Patti Breeding
South: LeRay Wilkie & Jean Adam
- East: Judy Christensen & Jane Alsop
South: Scott Lee & Leslie Mangrum-Lee
- East: Rose Marie Merrill & Grandchild
South: Don & Bev Hamilton
- East: Clay & Nancy Thompson
South: Kathryn Lee & Dolli Winsky-Moreno



* Please ask 2 people from the congregation to help take up offering.

May Birthdays & Anniversaries



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| 2 | Rowena Arensman | 20 | Brooklyn McKnight |
| 4 | Jeff Drees | | |
| 5 | Beverly Hamilton
Jessie Jensen | 21 | Barbara Smischny
Doug & Jan Albrecht Anniversary |
| 6 | Eva Nitsch-Schriner | 22 | Colleen Jewell
Ken Klostermeyer |
| 7 | Jerry McKee
Terry & Conni Steininger Anniversary | 23 | Ruth Self
Kevin & Melisa McElwee Anniversary |
| 8 | Marty Jenner
Kelsee Adam | 25 | Jeff Adam
Dave & Julie Parks Anniversary |
| 9 | Don Slaughter | 26 | Kurt Braun
Alexys Hedges |
| 10 | Lillie Norman | | |
| 15 | David Calvert | 28 | Mindy Johnson |



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 May everyone!

Angie Koshgarian,
Newsletter Editor

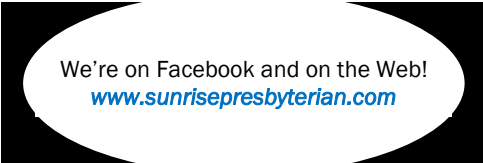


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Sunday Mornings

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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