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SUNRISE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNRISE NEWS AND VIEWS





WRITING IN MY GRATITUDE JOURNAL



I'm letting you take a peek at my Gratitude Journal. In this virtual gratitude journal, I've written words that express how grateful I've been to see you welcoming people to church, ushering and greeting, reading scripture and leading worship, lighting candles and driving the bus, teaching a class, comforting a friend, praying for others, going the extra mile, loving your neighbor, loving a stranger, being kind, and more.

I've "written" that I am grateful for your time, talent and commitment that brought us together to experience the events of Holy Week on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter. I'm grateful that Matt, Sue, the Choir and the Bell Choir generously spent many hours practicing and then beautifully played or sang to help us experience in new ways Christ's suffering, death and resurrection. The Lord's Supper was prepared and served, lights dimmed, lines read, and candles extinguished. The Deacons and worship committee and so many of you were busy behind the scenes.

It is now the season of Easter! The paraments will be white until we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit to the church at Pentecost on June 8. I'm grateful for every one of you for making Sunrise your home church, as we worship our living Lord together. I hope you are writing in your journal the Good News that Christ is alive!! May you share your love and excitement for Christ with everyone you meet.

Joyfully serving Christ with you,
Pastor Deb

AN EVENING OF MUSIC AT SUNRISE PRESBYTERIAN

Join Us for a Special Performance by Our Handbell Choir and Choir on May 7 at 7:00 PM



Mark your calendars and join us for a special night of music and fellowship at Sunrise Presbyterian Church! On **Tuesday, May 7th at 7:00 PM**, our **Handbell Choir** and **Choir** will come together to present an evening filled with joyful, uplifting music that celebrates the spirit of our church community.

These talented musicians dedicate their time and gifts each week to enrich our worship services, and this evening is a wonderful opportunity to show them our appreciation and support. Whether you've been blessed by their music on Sunday mornings or are simply looking for a meaningful midweek experience, this concert is sure to inspire.

Bring your friends and family, and let's fill the sanctuary with gratitude and love for those who bring music to our hearts each week. We can't wait to see you there!

Matthew Schwan, Bell Choir and Choir

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord! - Psalm 150:6

GRATITUDE

I want to say “thank you” for your prayers, cards, and visits while I was in the hospital and rehab. Hopefully I will be able to join everyone at Sunrise soon.

With love and appreciation,

Betty Rasette

Note: new address, 2601 E. Crawford, Apt. 218



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DEADLINE IS MAY 15



All youth who have been active participants at Sunrise are eligible for a post-secondary education **scholarship** from Sunrise Church. Students who have graduated from high school and who will be enrolled in career and tech-ed programs, colleges or universities for the 2025-2026 school year are eligible. Pick up an application at the church or call Edie in the church office to have one emailed to you. **Applications must be received by the church office by May 15.**

Members and Friends Online Church Directory Update

We are in the process of updating our church online directory. Please contact Edie or Patti Breeding to update your information. To update your picture in the directory (or to have a new one taken), schedule a time with Patti. If you have a photo you would like to be used, please take it to the church office. **We encourage our new friends to become part of our directory so that we can have a means to contact you** for birthdays, illness, etc.

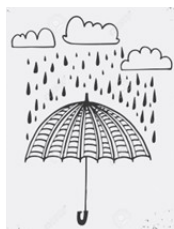


LINGERIE SHOWER FOR ASHBY HOUSE AND DVACK

Often when the young women arrive at Ashby House or DVACK, they are badly in need of underclothing. Currently, we are collecting lingerie for them. Please help by donating!

There is a lovely lingerie chest (made by Steve & Jeanne Sebree) close to the church office for the collection point. Often Walmart and Kohls have very nice things in their clearance areas. The Mission committee appreciates all you do! Thank you so much!

Questions? Please call Jean Buyse 785-452-0786



In Honor of You

A Gift in Honor of YOU

In Romans, Chapter 12, Paul says that by God's grace we are called into one body, the church. God's grace calls us to offer ourselves to God in service with the unique gifts that each of us has. Paul lists the various ways that each of us contributes to the whole body with our individual gifts.

Recently, I saw you serving the body of Christ at a funeral. I noticed that you, the people of Sunrise, work together in this gathered community to achieve the goal of serving others in Christ's name. I noticed many of you helping in some way at the funeral, in different roles, giving all your effort to making the family feel as welcome and cared for as possible. It was an honor to witness you serving others with such joy.

After the service, I sat down to write a "Thank You" in the form of A GIFT IN HONOR OF _____. You've seen the yellow form that we are invited to fill out when we want to honor someone. But once I began, the list of those I wanted to honor kept growing. It grew longer and longer because you are generous about contributing your time, energy, love, commitment, and compassion to serving families in a time of loss. I see you serving in the background, in the quiet tasks of preparing the meal, running errands, making arrangements, putting letters on a banner. Often actions may be largely unseen but are still felt so significantly. Below is a list of names that came to mind as I wrote this article. I thank you and honor you. Please know that I am certain that there are other names to be added, and I thank and honor you, as well.

Worship Committee (Steve Ewing, Mark Zimmerman, Sylvia Phillips, Deena Horst, Clarke Sanders, and Matt Schwan) fills the candles on the chancel, displays the memorial name banner, and provides leadership.

The inspiration for the memorial name banner came from Faye Morris who, along with Katie Weis and Betty Legge, designed, appliqued, and quilted it. Since 2003, Sunrise members who have died have been named on that banner, affirming the word of the Lord in Isaiah 43:1 – "I have called you by name, you are mine!"

Technology assistance is occasionally provided by one of the "team" – Kenny Hancock, Jack Gillam, or Mark Zimmerman. This might include running a video or slide show of family photos, assisting with microphones, making sure all the sound equipment is functioning properly, and more.

Soloists or special music may be chosen by the family, and, as often as she is able, Sue Will has consistently graced us with her wonderful talent at the piano or organ. She provides just the right balance to help transition from one part of the service to another, including the beautiful and meaningful "Alleluia."

Katie Weis also shares her gifts by designing artistic centerpieces for the tables in the Multipurpose room. She does this all year round, but her efforts make the MPR an extra special place for grieving families.

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The Deacons are a dedicated ministry of Sunrise and, with the Sunrise Nurses, provide compassionate care to our members. The Deacons provide a meal to be served following a funeral, consulting with the family for any special preferences. A Deacon greets family and guests as they arrive for the funeral. Nurses provide compassionate care in loving ways, often behind the scenes.

Deacons: Melisa McElwee, Julie Parks, Mary McCall, LeRay Wilkie, Nancy Thompson, Judy Wooten, Blaine McAfee, Marci McCullough, Mindy Johnson. Sunrise Nurses: Jean Adam, Sharon Anderson, Tessa Bolen, John Johnson, Jean Buyse, Judy Granfield, Judy Wooten, Sharon Herrington.

Sharon Herrington works in the background sharing bereavement materials with the family after the loss of their loved one. Pamphlets on different topics are mailed at intervals during the first year. These materials provide comfort, education, and connection to Sunrise, while also letting the family know we care.

Greg Kerr and the Building and Grounds Committee (Sharon Hauser, Jack Gillam, Blaine McAfee, Kevin Cool, and Kenny Hancock) maintain a clean, attractive building in which to celebrate the life of a family's loved one, and to receive the condolences of those who attend. Greg goes the extra mile to set up the MPR so each family is able to pay tribute to their loved one with memorabilia, photos and occasionally a slide show.

Edie Hurtig and her office volunteers assist with printing and folding bulletins, coordinating details with family, florists, funeral home, and others, and maintaining a warm and welcoming atmosphere.

The Memorial Committee provides information to families about the Memorial Tree. Families may wish to honor their loved one with a special inscription on a leaf which is then added to the tree. A family may also choose to designate a memorial to Sunrise Presbyterian Church in memory of their loved one. Memorial Committee members are Jack Gillam, Abner Perney, Sylvia Phillips, Paul McAfee, and Jane Alsop. The Memorial Committee and the Session are responsible for the stewardship of all memorial gifts.

Generous acts of hospitality are provided to the family by a team of two that we call "Ushers." Both Tom and Sylvia Phillips, for many years; and Pat and Patti Breeding, for about the last year, work tirelessly behind the scenes to help families feel welcome and cared for before the funeral service begins, and assist with tasks at the end of the service. Many little things are done behind the scenes as an act of hospitality. For instance, they prepare the sanctuary for an urn or casket, for photographs and flowers; set up the sound system when a tech person is not present; and provide ice water and hospitality in the Parlor. These acts of hospitality free the family to greet people during a visitation and/or gather together for quiet time before the service begins. Ushers have a wide variety of duties and are often some of the last to depart after the service concludes.

This "In Honor of ..." tribute would not be complete without giving honor to Betty Kerr. In the year between pastors (2022), Betty and others tirelessly and quietly guided Sunrise in taking care of families at the time of their loved one's death. She met people where they were, helped them make decisions and gave them comfort. By the time of my arrival, Betty had researched guidelines for funeral planning and the Session adopted the one we now use. These guidelines help us serve grieving families with love and compassion.

It is a joy to assist families to prepare for a funeral at Sunrise. Your dedication to being good stewards of your resources and opening your hearts and the church building to welcome families at a time of loss is a true gift. Thank you for serving families selflessly when a Sunrise member has died. God turns our humble offerings into expressions of love, and the love you have for others is so healing for them. They will long remember your welcome, the time you spent, the attention you gave to the details, and the respect and honor you gave to both them and their loved one. You wear the yoke of Christ well. It is with awe and thanksgiving that I honor you for your love and service to others in Christ's name.

Joyfully serving Christ with you!
Pastor Deb

In Service of the Church - May

May Lay Leaders

May 4 Julie Parks
 May 11 Sara Orr
 May 18 Jane Alsop
 May 26 Mark Zimmerman



May Greeters

May 4
 East Door Chris Dancy
 South Door Steve & Tanya Ewing
 May 11
 East Door Marilyn Griffith
 South Door Pat & Patti Breeding
 May 18
 East Door The McKees
 South Door The McKees
 May 25
 East Door The McAfee crew
 South Door The McAfee crew



May Ushers

May 4 Blaine McAfee
 Rodney Orr
 May 11 Kortney & Kolton Flores
 May 18 Paul McAfee & Family
 May 25 Kortney & Kolton Flores

May Acolytes

May 4 Lydia Schwan & Laiklyn Hodges
 May 11 Lydia Schwan & Laiklyn Hodges
 May 18 Kolton & Kortney Flores
 May 25 Lydia Schwan & Laiklyn Hodges

May Children's Message

May 11 Mindy Johnson
 May 25 Open

May Manor Driver

May 4 Ed Viar
 May 11 Pat Breeding
 May 18 Dean Atteberry
 May 25 Larry Buyse

Attendance Register For April 2025

Date	In Person	YouTube
6	70	24
13	69	30
17	48	4 Maundy Thursday
18	57	14 Good Friday
20	114	27 Easter Sunday
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THE CASTLE PROJECT

APRIL 1ST
Registration
OPENS

JUNE 2ND
THROUGH
JULY 18TH
9AM-12PM

Music * PE * Board Games * STEM Lab * Art * Math/Reading Games

A SUMMER PROGRAM FOR THOSE WHO HAVE COMPLETED KINDERGARTEN - 5TH GRADE

For more information, message the Castle Project Facebook page.

CASTLE is full at this time. Contact Dani (785-643-3911) to be put on a waiting list.

May Birthdays & Anniversaries

5 Linda Allen
7 Jerry McKee
Terry & Conni Steininger Anniv
8 Marty Jenner
18 Jim Modin
21 Steve & Anne Hoekstra Anniv
22 Ken Klostermeyer

23 Kortney Flores
Ruth Self
Kevin & Melisa McElwee Anniv
25 Dave & Julie Parks Anniv
26 Judd & Joy Bircher Anniv
28 Mindy Johnson

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

The Stewardship and Finance Committee wishes to **thank** all who have contributed to the financial health of Sunrise Presbyterian Church through your pledging and other gifts, through our Per Capita campaign for 2025 and by contributing to the Greater Salina Community Foundation during its Match Madness campaign.

The **GSCF Match Madness annual event** was held on March 13, 2025, from 7:00 am to 6:00 pm. We had 18 generous donors giving a total of \$2060 to the Sunrise endowment fund at GSCF during Match Madness. With the 50% match, our endowment fund grew by \$3090. And Sara Orr made six free throws for an additional \$60 for our general operating fund.

We THANK YOU! Dave Parks



This is a photo of Sara (McAfee) Orr sinking a basket at Match Madness. Sara made six baskets for Sunrise. Thank you, Sara!!!

Per Capita is an annual amount we forward on and is calculated at \$38 per active member. It is distributed between our Presbytery of Northern Kansas, the Synod of Mid-America and the General Assembly. Members who have not contributed to Per Capita for 2025 may still do so. If you can help Sunrise cover this expense, your contributions are greatly appreciated. Just note "Per Capita" in the memo line of your contribution.

Blessings,
Stephanie Cool
Moderator
Stewardship & Finance Committee



FINANCIAL UPDATE

End of March 2025

Year to Date Income \$ 56,686

Year to Date Expenses \$ < 67,611 >

Difference \$ <10,925>

DON'T FORGET

The next Stewardship and Finance meeting will be held on Monday, May 12 at 5:30 pm.

May 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 11:30 Out to Lunch Bunch 12p Blood Drive 6:30 Deacons	2 8-2 Blood Drive 6:30 Al-Anon 8:00 AA	3 Presbytery Meeting PNKS at Minneapolis ALL DAY
4 9:30 Worship Communion 10:30 Fellowship 10:45 Sunday School 10:50 Bell Choir	5 2:00-3:30 Hosting PNKS Coffee for GA Co-Moderator 6:00 Worship Committee	6 10:00 Nurture & Evangelism 11:00 Lectionary 8:00 AA **Pastors' Event Milford Lake	7 8:30 PROFS 7:00 Choir & Bell Choir Concert	8 CASTLE Parent Night 5:00-6:30	9 6:30 Al-Anon 8:00 AA	10
11 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship 10:45 Sunday School (Last day) 10:50 Bell Choir 2:00 Grief Support	12 5:30 Stewardship & Finance 6:30 Mission	13 11:00 Lectionary 5:30 Building & Grounds 8:00 AA	14	15	16 Newsletter articles due to office 6:30 Al-Anon 8:00 AA	17 2:00-4:00 Come & Go Graduation party for Tacey Barrett
18 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship Blood Pressure Check 2:00 Prayer Shawl	19 1:00 3rd Monday Book Study	20 11:00 Lectionary 8:00 AA	21 9-10 Commodities 7:00 Current Issues Class resumes meeting	22 9:00 am Morning Circle 2:00 pm Afternoon Circle	23 6:30 Al-Anon 8:00 AA	24
25 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship	26 Memorial Day HOLIDAY Office closed	27 11:00 Lectionary 6:00 Session 8:00 AA	28 1:30 Women's Retreat committee	29	30 6:30 Al-Anon 8:00 AA	31

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

Memorial Committee

Worship at Presbyterian Manor

Sunrise News

PROFS

PROFS will meet on Wednesday,
May 7th at 8:30 am in the MPR.



OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH

The Out To Lunch Bunch will meet on
Thursday, May 1, 11:30 am, at Old
Chicago. Don't forget to RSVP to Patti
Breeding. Everyone is welcome, so
please come and enjoy the food and
fellowship!



NEWSLETTER

Articles for the June Newsletter are
due to the church office on May 20th.



CURRENT ISSUES CLASS

The Current Issues class meets to explore
current issues in the news or culture
through a biblical and Christ-like
perspective. Please join us for thoughtful
discussion as we resume this class on
Wednesday, May 21, at 7:00 pm.



COMMODITIES DISTRIBUTION

On Wednesday March 19, Sunrise
distributed commodities to 39 customers
waiting for food. The next distribution will be
held on May 21. Sincere thanks to all who
helped. Sylvia Phillips



BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK

Sunrise Nurses will check your blood
pressure at your request on May 18
following worship.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

The Red Cross Blood Drive will be
held at Sunrise on the following
dates:

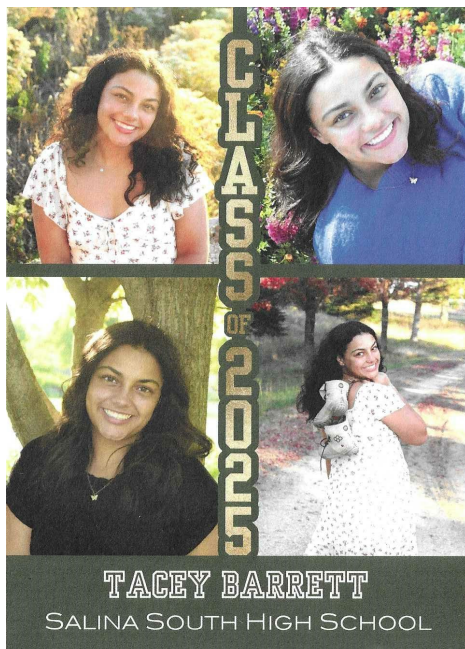
June 25, 12-7, June 26, 12-7, and June 27, 8:30a-2:00p.
Aug. 27, 12-7, Aug. 28, 12-7, and Aug. 29, 8:30a-2:00p.



CONGRATULATIONS, TACEY BARRETT!



Tacey Barrett, great granddaughter of Vicki Moss, is a senior at South High School. She attended Wakefield Elementary through first grade, and moved to Salina in 2014. While at South High School, she participated in band, volleyball, basketball, softball, and wrestling. Outside of school, she has two black cats, Bynx and Harlowe. Tacey plans to attend Salina Area Technical College for EMT training.



**CONGRATULATIONS,
TACEY!**





MEET THE CO-MODERATOR
226th General Assembly, PC(USA)
The Rev. Tony Larson
May 3-6, 2025



The Presbytery of Northern Kansas has arranged several opportunities for us to meet and greet **PC(USA) General Assembly Co-Moderator Rev. Tony Larson**. He will be at **Sunrise on Monday, May 5, 2:00-3:30 p.m.** Please plan to attend the reception hosted by our Nurture & Evangelism committee.

- Rev. Larson will preach and lead worship at the **Presbytery meeting on May 3** at First Presbyterian Church, Minneapolis; lead a program "A Presbyterian Walked into a Tackle Shop: Cultivating Authentic Relationships" during the meeting, and join in fellowship time after the meeting.
- He will be in Emporia and Marysville on Sunday, May 4th.
- **On Monday, May 5th**, he will be at WaKeeney at 10:00 a.m. and at **Sunrise from 2:00-3:30 p.m. for an afternoon break and chat.**
- Also on Monday, May 5th, he will be visiting and enjoying a meal at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Topeka for "Meals on Mondays" from 5:30-7:00 p.m. Call the church office to be added to the meal count, 785-357-0039. Cost for dinner is only \$3 for adults, \$1 for children. (Pay at the door.)
- Tony will lead a Pastor's Retreat for PNKS at Acorns Resort, Milford Lake on May 6th.

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Sunday Mornings

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

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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