SUNRISE NEWS AND VIEWS

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May the favor of the Lord our God rest on us...
PSALM 90:17a



MARTHA'S MUSINGS . . .





In the quiet of this place
in the dark of the night
I wait and watch.
In the stillness of my soul
and from its fathomless depths
the senses of my heart are awake to You.
For fresh soundings of life
for new showings of light
I search in the silence of my spirit,
O Blessing God.
— J. Philip Newell

As I write, things seem as far from quiet as they can be! Very little around me is still. At Sunrise we're putting the finishing touches on the Christmas Eve service. In our homes we're baking those cookies our kids liked when they were little. We're wrapping gifts. We're putting leaves in the dining room table so we can fit the cousins at the table. We're thinking about our loved ones. We are getting ready to celebrate Christmas in whatever ways our families and loved ones do this year. We're busy – we might be stressed – but we are in the mood to celebrate the great joy that Christ's birth brings our lives.

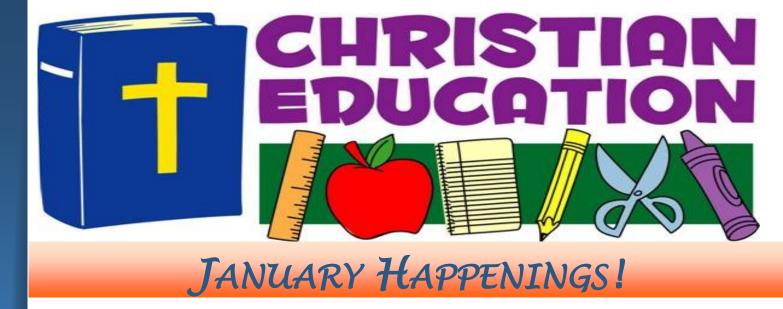
At the same time we are getting ready to greet the New Year. At Sunrise we are planning to ordain and install our new deacons and elders on January 4. It won't be long before committees begin make plans and envision ways to live our Christmas joy at Sunrise.

BUT in the meantime – between the rush leading up to Christmas Eve and the scurry of new things at New Year's – in the time let's find some quiet, and as Phillip Newell suggests let's listen to the stillness of our souls for fresh sounds of new life. Let's be quiet in the dark days of winter and listen for life and light. Let's take time to reflect on our lives and how we can better live the peace and good news which Christ's birth brings.

It is a marvelous thing indeed to celebrate. It is also a wonderful thing to be still and meditate. We need both joy and stillness in our spiritual lives. Let's take time to reflect and be still.

Peace.

Martha



NOTE FROM NONI:

Dear Members of Sunrise Presbyterian,

Thank you for the warm and generous welcome you have given to me as I began my service among you in December as Director of Christian Education. However, I have been offered a full-time position as Chaplain at Salina Regional Health Center, and I accepted the offer. This position will provide the health insurance and pension benefits that are essential for my family and me.

Because of my new call, I must resign my position as Director of Christian Education at Sunrise, effective at the end of December. I appreciate your willingness to hire me, knowing that my service would be temporary. I did not imagine at the time that my time of service would be so short.

Thank you so much for the opportunity to serve alongside you at Sunrise! You are a delightful and committed congregation who faithfully carry out the mission of Christ's Church in so many important ways! I will keep you in my prayers in the days, weeks, and months to come. And I appreciate your prayers for me as I begin a new call at Salina Regional Health Center.

In Christ's Service,

Pastor Noni Strand

SUNDAY SCHOOL Sunrise offers classes for all ages which are fun, loving and educational. Bring a friend and join us at 10:45 each Sunday morning.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP meets each week at 6:15 p.m. We play games, watch movies, share with one another and offer support to one another. We've got a fantastic group of kids. Get to know them by eating with them each Wednesday evening at the SUNRISE DELI. The DELI opens at 5:15 each Wednesday for a quick supper and lots of fun visiting time.

FACEBOOK Follow us on Facebook: This really can be an extremely effective form of communication. All you have to do is search: Sunrise Presbyterian church page and then "Like" the page. From there you will receive any information from the wall. We will be posting any and all information about our Wednesday night and Sunday school programs, weather closings, and any other information that you may need to know.

1/1/15 No PW Board Meeting

1/8/15 10:00 am Leader Training "Reconciliation and the Whole Creation"

11/22/15 9:15 Sunrise Polar – Lesson, Pat Tomlins

Hostesses - Sylvia Phillips & Beth Miller

7:00 pm Lesson – Sheryl Sweley

Hostesses - Mary Lee Arnold

Betty Rassette

If you enjoyed the PW Christmas Tea and Sing Along, give us some input for next year's programs. Thanks!

Beth Miller, Moderator



INCOME TAX VOLUNTEER?

DO YOU ENJOY WORKING WITH NUMBERS AND PEOPLE? Due to an anticipated increase in demand, additional VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) volunteers are needed to prepare basic returns electronically for taxpayers who are lower-income, elderly and/or limited English-speaking individuals for the 2015 filing season. Laptop computers and TaxWise software are used – and provided. Free training is also provided, with successful completion of a test required in order to provide service. Hands -on, classroom training will be offered January 6-8, 2015, with two options - one for experienced tax preparation volunteers and one for those who desire additional content and practice. Home study is also available, with assistance available via individual or small group sessions. Certified volunteer preparers can work either daytime or evening shifts, weekdays or Saturdays, as scheduled, on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and/or Saturdays, between January 26 and April 15, 2015, with shorter-term assignments available throughout the filing season.

Greeters and Interviewers/Screeners are also needed to welcome and schedule clients, seeing that they have all of the forms, etc., that they need. A two-hour training session is held to prepare volunteers for these positions.

When you experience the grateful response of those you have helped, it will give you a great sense of satisfaction, as well. Contact the staff at The Volunteer Connection, 823-3128, for more information, including the opportunity to talk with one or more volunteers who have served as VITA volunteers.

ADULT FAITH CLASSES

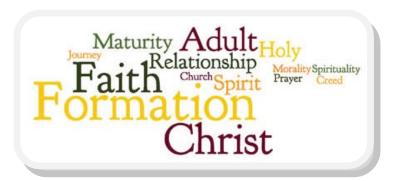


Everyone is invited to join the next two Adult Faith class studies beginning on Sunday, January 4th.

The first study is titled "Today". How much time and energy do we spend wishing things were how they used to be? Maybe we need to learn to embrace our past for what it is, in order to live our lives to the fullest, right here, right now.

On January 11 through February 15, the study will be "Making Sense of the Bible". with Adam Hamilton. This is a 6 week study for those who love the Bible and look to it to help them find meaning and purpose for their lives. It is also a study for people who are willing to wrestle with portions of the Bible about which they have questions. Finally, it is a study for people who are largely unfamiliar with the Bible but who are curious and want to know more.

We meet in the Parlor at 10:45. Bring your coffee and explore and grow with us!



ANNUAL REPORTS DUE

If you are responsible for an annual report for your group or committee, please have it to the office no later than January 5th.



POTATO RECIPES

CHEESY POTATOES

Shared by Betty Kerr. These were the potatoes served on a Wednesday evening at church in December. Enjoy!

2# frozen hash browns

2 cups Velveeta shredded cheese or ½ or 2lb box chopped/cubed

2 cups sour cream

1 can cream of chicken, celery or mushroom soup

1 stick butter

1/4 tsp. pepper

1 tsp. salt

1 chopped onion

Combine all ingredients except potatoes, and place in warm oven or microwave to melt cheese and butter. Stir together, then add potatoes mixing well.

Bake in 9X12 pan at 350o for 45min.

KIELBASA & BACON POTATO SOUP

Shared by Angie Koshgarian: When Betty gave me the above recipe to share, it arrived in my email after I, too had made something the night before that I liked quite a bit and my husband raved over. When potatoes are involved, he rarely raves... Anyway, the ingredients are not exact, but you get the idea. I decided to write it down before I forgot what I used in it so I can make it again!

Around ½ pkg good bacon

One of those name brand or Kroger turkey kielbasas (maybe just called polish sausage, the rope one) - chop in bite size pieces

Cook meats REALLY well to get a good sear (is that spelled right?), starting with just the bacon, in the big soup pot. Browning really heavily makes great broth and it ensures the bacon isn't grisly!

Add some onion to taste

Chopped celery and carrots (I used around 5-6 of each)

A little garlic (whatever kind you like, even powder is fine)

Can of chicken broth

Some 1/2% milk to make the thickness you like

Some whipping cream (not a lot, just like ½ of one of those medium size cartons)

A little dried basil and thyme (or fresh if you have)

Add 5-6 Russet potatoes after the carrots and celery are almost cooked



MARINER NEWS

We hope you had a great Christmas and have a great 2015.

Some dates and events to remember. Sunday January 11 at 6pm we have our annual Fleetnight. Bring your table service, a sandwich to share and a side dish. The Admiralty board will provide drinks. We will have entertainment and have the tying on ceremony for any that want to join our ships. Anyone can join. If you have questions call Paul at 823-1517 or Pat 827-8305.

Saturday February 28 will the day of our annual chili and vegetable soup supper. Tickets will be out soon.

Lastly, thinking of warmer days our ice cream social will Saturday July 25.

That is it for now.

Co admirals,

Pat Tomlins 827-8305 Paul McAfee 823-1517



SENIOR SINGLES

The following activities have been scheduled for the Senior Singles:

January 10: Martinelli's 6:00 pm. Salad & spaghetti - you'll need \$12.50 total for the meal & Bingo.

February 21: Sunrise Church, 6:00 pm Cranberry chicken meal \$9.00 total.

If you are interested in attending the activity or joining Senior Singles, contact Jean Burch, 827-2878. Reservations must be turned in by the Tuesday prior to the event.

SALINA SOUPER BOWL

The **Salina Souperbowl of Hope** will be collecting soup from all three Dillons store on Saturday Jan 17th, Sunday Jan 1st, Saturday Jan 24th, Sunday Jan 25th, and Saturday Jan 31st. Our goal is to raise 49,000 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.



ITEMS OF INTEREST

• **DEATH OF FORMER MEMBER:** Betty Fuller called to say Walter Fuller died (they were past members for about 40 years). Walter died on the 14th of December. There will be a Memorial Service on 1-3-15, 11:00 am, 1st Presbyterian Church, Derby, KS. Memorials go to Westminster Woods or Habitat for Humanity. If you would like to call her, Betty's number is 316-789-8628



• **NEW MEMBER** - Randy Weed joined us in December, Welcome Randy!



Randy grew up in Wakeeney, KS but he has spent the past 20 plus years in Salina. He has worked at the Central Mall and is currently helping the Salvation Army as a bell ringer this season. The new year will find him working at WalMart.

Although most of his family is still in the Wakeeney area, Randy has a son who is a semi truck driver and lives in Larned.

Randy enjoys bike riding and is a big New Orleans Saints fan -- his favorite football team! He has been attending the Present Word Adult Class and is looking forward to getting to know others at Sunrise.

Please give a warm greeting to Randy when you see him!





• **HEUSNER THANK YOU!:** We were able to help out 3 Heusner families this year with 3 bins of clothes, shoes & toys plus \$150 gift cards. Thanks to all who contributed and made these families' holidays more special!

JUST FOR FUN

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Word search puzzles courtesy of John Wright. Woodbine Church of Christ, Nashville, Tennessee These puzzles can be used freely in church bulletins, etc.

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MEMBER MILESTONES

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- 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 Rassette Carol Viar
- 22 Gene Fuller
- 22 Gordon & Deena Horst Anniversary
- 24 Susan Olson Mildred Sebree
- 25 Tom Phillips



IN SERVICE OF THE CHURCH

JANUARY



Acolytes - January

04 Ushers

11 Ashlynd Merrill

28 Jace Hewitt

25 Ashlynd Merrill



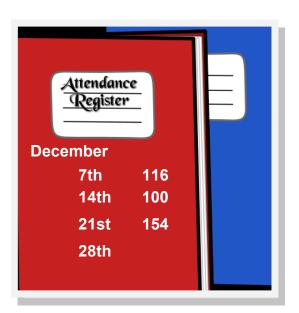
Lay Leaders - January

04 Pat Tomlins

11 Melissa McElwee

18 Jerry McKee

25 Jeff Merrill





Ushers

Greeters

January 4

Jean Burch East: Irene Hill

Paul & Brady McAfee South: Sharon Anderson

January 11

Paul & Brady McAfee East: Rosie & Jerry McKee

Jean Drees & Betty Rassette South: Beth & Jim Fox

January 18

Mel & Betty Abbott East: Rosie McKee & Bob Hagen Irene Hill & Jean Burch South: Jean Reed & Brenda Pilcher

January 25

Ken & Beth Miller East: Bob Hagen & Sharon Hauser

Julie & Dave Parks South: Dean & Janet Atteberry



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Return Service Requested

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

Wednesday Evenings

3:30 p.m. God's Kids 5:15 p.m. Sunrise Deli

6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir (adult)

6:15 p.m. Youth Group

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Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have newsletter items to share, or other comments about the newsletter.

Have a Happy New Year! Angie Koshgarian, Newsletter Editor

