



October, 2025

SUNRISE NEWS AND VIEWS

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Weekly Regular Schedule of Events

Sunday morning:

9:00 am Youth Sunday School
9:30 am in person and virtual Worship
10:30 am Fellowship
10:45 am Adult Sunday School
10:45 am Bell Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday morning:

11:00 am Lectionary Study Group

Wednesday evening:

6:00 pm Choir Practice

Other Events

Sundays:

Presbyterian Manor Worship, first Sunday, 3:00 pm (Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct, Dec)
Grief Support Group – second Sunday, 2:00 pm
Prayer Shawl Ministries – third Sunday, 2:00 pm

Mondays:

Worship committee – first Monday, 6:00 pm
Stewardship & Finance – second Monday, 5:30 pm, **meets Oct. 6th at 5:00 pm**
Mission committee – second Monday, 6:30 pm
Third Monday Book Study – third Monday, 1:00 pm
Session meeting – fourth Monday, 6:00 pm

Tuesdays:

Nurture & Evangelism – first Tuesday, 10:00 am

Wednesdays:

Current Issues – third Wednesday, 7:00 pm **Asking for your input (see article)**

Meets periodically:

Deacons, Building & Grounds committee, Personnel committee, Memorial committee.

Meetings & Events

PROFS meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 8:30 am in the MPR.

OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH will meet on Thursday, October 2, at 11:30 am at Los Tres Oros, 200 E. Diamond Dr. (N. of I-70). Please RSVP to Patti Breeding if you plan to attend.

Please turn in articles for the November **NEWSLETTER** by October 22.

COMMODITIES were distributed on Wednesday, September 17, at the 4H Building. We served 77 boxes of food. Thanks to all that helped! Sylvia.

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS will be available on the third Sunday following worship.

The theme for October for **YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL** is "FIRST SIN." New teaching groups will lead the youth in their studies in the classroom across from the Library from 9:00-9:30 am.

OCTOBER REMINDERS

- Oct. 3 – Don Schroeder birthday at Presbyterian Manor, 1:00-4:00 pm
- Oct. 5 – World Communion Sunday
Peacemaking Offering received
- Oct. 12 – Coat drive ends
Kickoff of weekly Stewardship highlights in Minutes for Mission
- Oct. 26 – Reformation Sunday.
2:00 pm movie: "Bonhoeffer: Pastor. Spy. Assassin."

IN HONOR OF THE REFORMATION

Reformation Sunday falls on October 26 this year. This day honors the beginning of the Reformation when Martin Luther challenged the institutional church by nailing his 95 Theses on the door of the Wittenberg (Germany) church on October 31, 1517. Other leaders of the Protestant Reformation were John Calvin, a French reformer, pastor and theologian in Geneva; Huldrych Zwingli, a Swiss priest who led the Reformation in Zurich; and John Knox, a Scottish theologian and reformer who led the Protestant Reformation in Scotland.

“Reformed and always being reformed according to the Word of God” points to a commitment by the reformers in history and in our own time today to restore the church to its true nature by “sola scriptura” (Scripture alone). “By submitting themselves to Scripture, the churches of the Reformation movement were ... returning to a more ancient and therefore purer form of church life.” <https://pcusa.org/ecclesia-reformata-semper-reformanda>

Before the Reformation, it was observed and understood by religious leaders that there was a growing disconnect between what the institutional church said and did and what scripture revealed to be the truth. Sola scriptura – Scripture alone -- meant relying on the very Word of God for guidance and direction in one’s life; that the authority of the church was subject to the authority of God as attested to in scripture. Calvin writes in the “Institutes of the Christian Religion” that we need Scripture as a guide and teacher. We can figure some things out on our own, but we need the Word of God to reveal to us God as Creator, and Christ as Redeemer and Mediator. Sola gratia – Grace alone – means that God’s grace in Jesus Christ is a gift from God and that there is nothing we can do to earn or pay our way into right relationship with God. Knowing we are saved by grace, and not through works, inspires in us humility, gratitude, and devotion for God. We receive God’s grace through “sola fide” – Faith alone.

Sola Gratia
Grace Alone

Sola Fide
Faith Alone

Sola Scriptura
Scripture Alone

Since scripture is an essential tenet of the Reformed faith, it ought to be a central part of our worship life together as well as our devotional time in private or with a small group. A powerful way of integrating scripture into our lives of faith is to pray the words of scripture, using the words others have written long before us to fashion their praise or lament to God.

In his book, “Kneeling with Giants: Learning to Pray with History’s Best Teachers,” author Gary Neal Hansen introduces the method John Calvin used in prayer. Studying the Psalms was “itself a form of prayer” for Calvin. Hansen writes, “As Calvin meditated on the prayers of the psalmist, scenes from David’s life came to mind, and all of this reminded Calvin of his own experiences. This allowed him to pray the words of the psalm as his own prayers, speaking to God from a deep place where he felt connected to the Bible and the people who first prayed these words.” (*Kneeling with the Giants*, Gary Neal Hansen, © March 2012, IVP Books)

How might the Psalms and other scriptures guide you on a journey to deeper connection with the God who loves you so very much? I encourage you to pray with a particular Psalm daily for a week, letting the words become familiar and sink deeply into your spirit. Let God be with you and speak to you in a new way. May you be blessed.

Joyfully serving Christ with you,
Pastor Deb



October 2025

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
			1 8:30 PROFS 6 pm Choir	2 9:30 Personnel 11:30 Out to Lunch Bunch – Los Tres Oros 6:30 Deacons	3 6:30 pm Al Anon 8 pm AA	4
5 9:00 Youth S.S. 9:30 Worship World Communion Sunday 10:30 Fellowship 10:45 Adult S.S. 10:45 Bell Choir 3:00 Presb Manor	6 5:30 pm S&F 6:00 Worship 6:00 pm Salina Chorale	7 10:00 Nurture 11:00 Lectionary 8 pm AA	8 6 pm Choir	9	10 6:30 pm Al Anon 8 pm AA	11
12 9:00 Youth S.S. 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship 10:45 Adult S.S. 10:45 Bell Choir 2 pm Grief Group	13 6:00 pm Salina Chorale 6:30 pm Mission	14 11:00 Lectionary 5:30 Building & Grounds 8 pm AA	15 6:00 pm Choir 7:00 pm Current Issues Class	16	17 6:30 pm Al Anon 8 pm AA	18
19 9:00 Youth S.S. 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship 10:45 Adult S.S. 10:45 Bell Choir 2:00 Prayer Shawl	20 1:00 3 rd Monday Book Study 6:00 pm Salina Chorale	21 11:00 Lectionary 8 pm AA	22 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 6:00 pm Choir	23 9:30 Morning Circle at Presby Manor 2:00 Afternoon Circle at the church	24 6:30 pm Al Anon 8 pm AA	25
26 9:00 Youth S.S. 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship 10:45 Adult S.S. 10:45 Bell Choir 2:00 Movie / Current Issues, "Bonhoeffer"	27 6:00 pm Session 6:00 pm Salina Chorale	28 11:00 Lectionary 8 pm AA	29 6:00 pm Choir	30		

October Birthdays

1 Allen Johnson	17 Deborah Ann Fulford
3 Don Schroeder	17 Lillian Sanders
4 Jean Burch	18 Janet Atteberry
5 Vicky Tuey	18 Tacey Barrett
9 Lewis Reid	20 Norma Anderson
13 Nathan Zimmerman	21 Vicki Moss
13 Stephanie Cool	24 Suzie Walker
15 Brady McAfee	25 Patti Breeding
16 Kolton Florez McAfee	28 Judy Wooten
16 Sue Will	29 LaDonna Cox
	31 Julie Parks

October Anniversaries

6 Edie & Tom Hurtig
7 Tessa & Dan Bolen
14 Jim & JoAnn Gile
24 Kenny & Melanie Hancock
30 Nancy & Jim Modin



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

In Service of the Church - October



Children's Message

Would you like to volunteer to give a Children's Message during worship? We would love to have you!! Please see the bulletin board near the MPR.

Worship Assistants Schedule

October Lay Leaders

October 5 Blaine McAfee
 October 12 Conni Steininger
 October 19 Steve Ewing
 October 26 Melisa McElwee

October Greeters

October 5
 East door: Ron Lovell
 South door Sharon Herrington
 October 12
 East door: Mel Abbott & Melisa McElwee
 South door Ed & Carol Viar
 October 19
 East door: Judy Wooten
 South door Dave & Julie Parks
 October 26
 East door: Cheryl Sweley & Ken Miller
 South door Linda Waggoner & Carol Victory

October Manor Drivers

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

October Acolytes

October 5 Kolton and Kortney
 October 12 Lydia and Laiklyn
 October 19 Lydia and Laiklyn
 October 26 Kolton and Kortney

October Ushers

October 5 Julie Parks
 Dave Parks
 October 12 Judy Wooten
 Nancy Modin
 October 19 Mindy Johnson
 Marci McCullough
 October 26 LeAnn Blancho
 Karen Sutton



Attendance Register for September

	In person	YouTube	Total
September 7	77	18	95
September 14	69	18	87
September 21	60	17	77
September 28	71	19	90

SERVING OTHERS IN THE NAME OF CHRIST



SUNRISE COAT DRIVE

More than 150 Coats have been collected for the Fall coat distribution to agencies and schools! Please check your closets or do some shopping and turn in your coats by October 12. The deck box in the East entry of the church is the place to add them to be distributed.



MEN'S LARGE T-SHIRTS & BLUE JEANS FROM 30 WAIST TO 44-46 WAIST NEEDED

The Mission committee is collecting Used or New Blue Jeans in good shape in Men's sizes from 30 waist to 44 or 46 waist, as well as Large T-Shirts. Please place your new or gently used donations in the deck box in the East entry of the church. Your help is greatly appreciated.



PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING

The Peace & Global Witness Offering will be received on October 5 which is also World Communion Sunday. The theme "Pursue What Makes for Peace" is based on Romans 14:19. "We are the Church, together. And when we all do a little, it adds up to a lot." Pcusa.org/peace-global

OCTOBER MEALS AT SALVATION ARMY CANCELLED

Thank you to those who signed up to help serve meals at Salvation Army. Plans have changed for now and they will not be serving meals in October. Please stay tuned and we will reach out when it is possible for us to help. Many thanks from your Sunrise Deacons!

WE ARE GIVING THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND GENEROSITY



CASTLE extends a huge "Thank You" to all who supported the CASTLE PROJECT'S 13th Annual Pumpkin Patch Sale on Saturday, September 27. Many volunteers support this annual fundraiser that helps us provide a daycamp at Sunrise each summer. So far, we have raised over \$2,000 from this event. Thank you for your support!



STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

It's almost time for the annual Stewardship Drive at Sunrise. Like many congregations in the PCUSA, we annually highlight and give thanks for the ministries through which we, as a congregation, serve God in the world. We are grateful for the ministry that has been made possible by your generous gifts.

During several **Minutes for Mission** in October and November, we will hear about the ways our gifts have been used this past year to advance the Word of God and the ministry of Christ among us.

Please note on your calendar that the **annual Pledge Sunday Thanksgiving meal** will be held on **Sunday, November 23, at 11:30 a.m.**, and hosted by the Mission committee.

In Christ,
Pastor Deb

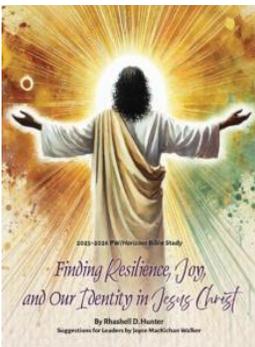
FINANCIAL UPDATE

End of August 2025	
Year to Date Income	\$ 148,569.01
Year to Date Expenses	\$ <157,509.30>
Difference	\$ < 8,940.29 >

REMINDER

Stewardship & Finance committee will meet on Monday, October 6 at 5:00 pm.

AFTERNOON WOMEN'S CIRCLE CHANGE OF LOCATION IN OCTOBER



October's Presbyterian Women's Afternoon Circle will meet at the church, due to a conflict with our usual hosting place. Please let others know to meet at the church on Thursday, October 23rd at 2:00 p.m. Lesson leader and hostess / refreshments remain the same.

CURRENT ISSUES FILM OFFERING

"Bonhoeffer: Pastor. Spy. Assassin." movie Current Issues class will host a showing of the 2024 film "Bonhoeffer: Pastor. Spy. Assassin." on Sunday afternoon, October 26, at 2:00 p.m. in the parlor. All are welcome. Popcorn and water provided. Please plan to attend.



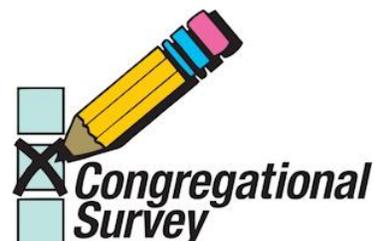
CURRENT ISSUES SURVEY: Your Input is Needed

As many of you may have noticed Sunday, a **current issues survey** was put out in everyone's boxes. The intent of the survey is to find out **what day and time** is preferred by those interested in participating with the current issues meetings once a month.

Additionally, the Presbyterian church has taken positions on several social issues. The survey is inquiring as to **topics** that members might be interested in discussing further. **Current Issues** is intended for persons with varying political and social views and understanding to come together and discuss these issues to develop a better understanding of the subject and one another.

Surveys do not need names. Extra copies of the survey are available on the table outside the church office if additional ones are needed for family members.

We hope you will join us in the future. Thank you for your time, understanding and input.





ASHBY HOUSE

Sunrise Presbyterian Church,

Thank you for answering God's call to serve through your support of Ashby House. Your church is a vessel of His grace, making a powerful difference in our community.

Many blessings,
Darrell Burgoon

SALINA GRACE

Sunrise Presbyterian Church,

On behalf of Salina Grace Foundation, I would like to thank you for your donation received in September. Your support helps us continue in our mission to show grace and love to those struggling in our community.

The generous support of those like you makes it possible for our Foundation to exist and to help the individuals and families we serve at the Community Resource Center and the Winter Shelter.

At the Resource Center we are showing encouragement to seek assistance and connecting individuals to community services. The winter shelter helps those that are homeless to survive another night, until they can get the help they need. We appreciate your support!

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Salina Grace Foundation
Kelly Brown, Board President

WE GET LETTERS!

We receive these wonderful letters every month from the service agencies locally who receive our generous gifts. It is heartwarming to receive these letters that share with us the impact that our donations have on those who receive the services our gifts help to provide. I hope you enjoy reading these thank you notes as much as I do.

Peace in Christ,
Pastor Deb

SALINA EMERGENCY AID FOOD BANK

On behalf of all of us at Salina Emergency Aid Food Bank, I want to extend our sincere gratitude for your generosity. Your gift ... helps our efforts to provide for the needs of those experiencing food insecurity in Saline County, Kansas. In 2024, we were able to fill 14,000+ requests for food assistance and distribute over 52,000 grocery items each month. It is only through the help of donors like you that we are able to remain a lifeline for this community.

We know that hunger isn't a choice, but that sharing food is.....so THANK YOU for generously sharing with those in need. Your gift makes a difference!

Karen Q. Couch
Executive Director



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REFORMATION SUNDAY, October 26



Sunday Mornings

9:00 am Youth Sunday School

9:30 am in person and virtual Worship

10:30 am Fellowship

10:45 am Adult Sunday School

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General Office Hours: 9am-noon, Mon. – Thurs.

Financial Office Hours: 10am-noon, Mon. & Thurs.

Music Ministry: Chancel Choir, Wednesday, 6:00 pm
Bell Choir, Sunday, 10:45 am

Pastor: Rev. Deb Schmidt

Director of Music & Bell Choir: Matthew Schwan

Organist: Sue Will

Church Treasurer: JoAnn Gile

Financial Secretary: Karmel Spencer

Custodian: Greg Kerr