

# SUNRISE NEWS AND VIEWS

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December 24th  
Through January 1st  
Office closed for the holidays

December 16th  
Christmas Open House at  
Martha's



December 16th, 17th  
and 18th  
Blood Drive

December 24th  
**Christmas Eve Services**  
5:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

**Children's Christmas  
Pageant**  
5:00 p.m.

December 16th  
Ashby House Christmas Party  
2:00 p.m., worship at 4:30 p.m.,  
dinner immediately following

**Christmas Day**  
No Services



December 16th  
**"Let the Whole World Sing"**  
Chancel Choir Cantata



## Martha's Musings . . .

*"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free;  
Israel's strength and consolation, Hope of all the earth Thou art;  
Dear desire of every nation, Joy of every longing heart."  
From their fears and sins release us;  
Let us find our rest in Thee.*

Advent means coming. Its focus is on a long-held and long-expected hope that has not lost its light. "Come, Lord Jesus," is how John's Revelation sums it up. Our waiting in Advent is not only for the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem, but also for the second coming of Christ. Advent is a time we recall the promise of swords beaten to form plows. We tell old stories of deserts breaking in to bloom – of food for everyone – of no harm coming on God's holy mountain. Advent means coming, and it is time to renew our hope and longing for our Lord who promised to return soon.

And as we recall that hope, we wait each Advent for the birth of the one in the manger. Advent's dark and deep mood invites us to reflect on the long wait for the birth that is to come. In worship, the songs, the readings, and tone of Advent reflect the depth of waiting. They give voice to our yearnings and hope. Let us listen to them and ponder them.

As we ponder them let us look around us with eyes for God's vision. Where do we see the advent of God's vision at Sunrise? I see it each Wednesday afternoon and evening as our children and youth gather for God's Kids and youth group. I see the vision kindle in them as they visit with others over the Deli meal and learn more about how the stories of scripture impact their lives. I see the vision kindle in those who bring gifts and food to help others in our community. I see the vision spark as our wonderful choirs prepare joyous music for worship. God's vision grows bright as circles and PROFS and adult study groups take time to listen it each time they gather..

God's promised vision – that we might gather in congregations of love – that we might offer love and forgiveness to ourselves and one another – that we might seek to care for those around us - that we might live in the kingdom where the lion and the lamb lie down and sleep together. Is this a pipe dream? I say, *No!* It is real, and it is present. God's vision is with us even as we wait for it through Advent. We have but to recognize it and grow with it. We do that at Sunrise.

During Advent, I invite us to pray. Let pray that we see the advent of God's vision among us. Let us pray that we open our hearts and minds to one another and to God, so that together we can reach out to serve the one for whom we so dearly wait.

Much Love,  
Martha

# DECEMBER NEWS

## FROM CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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.

Our **Annual Advent Celebration** will take place on Sunday December 8th during the Sunday school hour. We will decorate cookies, drink festive drinks, make ornaments and enjoy merriment. This is a great time for young and old alike. If you would like to bake some cookies or volunteer in some way we would love to have you. If you want to decorate a cookie we would love that too. Please come and join us in a wonderful celebration at our church.

Also, on **December 8th** during coffee hour, we would like to take a photo of everyone who purchased a sweatshirt wearing said sweatshirt. Sunrise members bought 49 sweatshirts. It would be really cool to have us all wearing our shirts for the photo. Please consider donning your blues that day for this cool opportunity.

We will be mailing our **College Connections** packages on Thursday December 5th to donate for the postage or snacks, or write a letter offering encouragement or well wishes that will go in the package please get those to Scott by Wednesday December 4th attending institutions of higher education. We currently have 9 kids December Calendar: Those attending are as follows: Olivia Cooper, Kylee Ayres, Cassidy Coberly, Steve Olson, Miles Sanders, Spencer McAfee, Sara McAfee, Marina Coberly and Jessica Merrill.

The days are getting shorter and the wind a little colder. As per our new **Inclement Weather Policy** which we adopted last year, if there is inclement weather and USD 305 has cancelled school or evening activities, we will also cancel all Christian Education programs. We will also send out a notice on Facebook. Please remember this as ol' Man Winter approaches.

The **Christmas Pageant** will be held during the 5:30 p.m. service on Dec. 24, 2013. If you have further questions or would like to assist with this year's pageant email Rachel@rach.august@gmail.com.

There will be no Youth or God's Kids on Wednesday December 25th. There will be no Sunday School on Sunday December 1st.

P.S. I really can't stress how important it is for parents, youth or any church member to add us on Facebook. It really is an invaluable tool that delivers real time information. Please help us communicate better and add us. Plus, we have added some really cute pictures from various church functions. Don't miss out!

# Session Highlights

for November 21, 2013

**TREASURER'S REPORT** was approved.

## **GOVERNING BODY BUSINESS**

- ◆ Need volunteers to plan and host the PNK meeting on Jan. 25, 2014.

## **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

- ◆ Narrowed candidates to two for the Administrative Assistant position. Suggested 8-noon workday.

## **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

- ◆ Need 2 Elders

## **STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

- ◆ Budget to be finalized on 10 Dec.

## **WORSHIP COMMITTEE**

- ◆ No report

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

### **CLERK**

- ◆ Noted death of Barry L. Hutton on 3 Nov.
- ◆ Motion to approve Minutes and Statistical report for Stated Meeting on 10 Oct.
- ◆ Consent Agenda was approved.

### **WORSHIP COMMITTEE**

- ◆ Motion to approve The Rev. Amy Jo Hawley to serve communion at Women's Retreat on Sunday, Oct. 20
- ◆ Consent Agenda was approved.

**DISCUSSION OF LIFE AND MINISTRY AT SUNRISE** was continued.

## **LETTERS SENT TO THE SESSION**

*Editor's Note: What's a Mission Church? Questions and Evaluation are always good for all of us. The question about what makes a Mission Church has been asked by some. How are we at Sunrise doing with mission? Here's how an elder answers those questions."*

Dear Sunrise,

Are we a Mission Church as stated in our mission statement? I think we are. Oh, we don't show it in our budget, but hopefully that will grow with our monetary giving. I think of all that we do at Sunrise, not only financially, but in the people who work hours to make Sunrise Shine. I am talking about all the people who serve the Church by serving on committees, teaching Sunday school, working with God's Kids, the parish nurses, the choir, the ushers, greeters, lay readers, acolytes, all serving God's mission.

I think of all the member volunteer hours spent doing things out side of the Church: Souper Bowl, Habitat House, city cleanup, Meals on Wheels, blood mobile, and more. Our members donate to other mission projects not on the line item mission budget, such as Presbyterian Women, Thank Offering, Joy Offering, One Great Hour of Sharing, Peacemaking Offering, Birthday Offering, Presbyterian Disaster, Souper Bowl, CAS-TLE, adopt a family, the mitten tree, hunger barrel, Presbytery work trips, etc. I am sure I missed some things. I think Sunrise influences members to donate to charitable organizations outside of the Church.

Sunrise opens the Church doors for the blood mobile, Castle, AA, and as a safe place for Heusner school students.

Can we do more financially? Yes. But we should be extremely proud of our overall mission at Sunrise. So are we a mission Church? You Bet!

Sylvia Phillips, Ruling Elder

## MISSION TRIP TO NEW ORLEANS 2013

*Editor's Note—The Presbytery of Northern Kansas through the Stewardship and Mission Committee sponsors several mission trips similar to this one each year and supports each trip with \$2,000 in order to make trips affordable (\$75 registration fee) for all team members. The 2014 Presbytery of Northern Kansas Mission Trip dates/locations will be announced in January.*

Presbytery Mission Trip to New Orleans 2013 The 2013 team was a hard working bunch of Presbyterians who worked on Miss Barbara's house. The house was damaged during hurricane Katrina, but was not flooded. Unfortunately, Miss Barbara gave what money she had to a crooked contractor who did some shoddy work, and then disappeared with the rest of her money. Miss Barbara is a 70 year old woman who is helping to raise nine of her great grandchildren—all under the age of 7, and all in a 3 room apartment. The team was able to install all of the exterior siding; install two soffits; complete interior and exterior caulking (they caulk between every 2X4 and the sheathing); and lay the concrete based underlayment for tile floors in the kitchen and laundry room---plus do a major cleanup on the site, inside and out!



We also made time to have some fun—Friday night we took a riverboat cruise. Most of us went with the idea that this would be the last year for a work trip to New Orleans; but came home with our minds changed. The damage was so massive, that there is still legitimate work to do. The work we do is a combined effort of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and a group called Project Homecoming, which is mostly funded by grants from the city of New Orleans and private citizens. The work is hard, but Miss Barbara's tears and grateful thanks make it all worthwhile. You can see more of our story on the Project Homecoming website at: <http://projecthomecoming.net/kansas-invades-nola-again>

## SALINA PARADE OF LIGHTS

We participated in the Salina Parade of Lights on November 23. Members of Sunrise and First Presbyterian Churches worked together to plan and make a float for the parade. Church members walked in the parade and handed out flyers naming our churches and our Christmas Eve services. Everyone had a fun, albeit FRIGID time! .

A huge thanks to all who participated !!



# Honduras in November

I recently went to Honduras and thought I would share some highlights. A quick review of the Living Waters for the World (LWW) process shows that the first visit to a community is to do a Water Issues Survey and to test the water. Then we negotiate the covenant. The next visit would be to install the system and then comes the follow up visits.

In September I did the Water Issues Survey and tested the water in Santa Rita in the Department (like our States) of Santa Barbara. We learned that this very poor community has a huge problem as their children have parasites, per a doctor who has been doing missionary work in Honduras for the last 7 years. I shared this information with the Memphis Rotary Club and they decided that they were interested in helping Santa Rita community.

So my trip in mid-November included four folks from the Memphis Rotary and myself. We went to meet the people of Santa Rita and to negotiate the covenant. The covenant describes who is responsible for what.....cost of the system, the tanks, the PVC, the water building, etc. We spent 5 hours in the village. Everything has been agreed upon except the location of the building. That still needs to be decided. They are planning a July 2014 installation.

The following day we traveled to Los Caminos to visit the system that two of the Rotary folks on this trip and I helped to install in September of 2012. We spent about an hour and a half there and got to talk to the operators of the system – all is fine - and the local nurse. The nurse was able to share 2012 & 2013 health data with us that showed that the LWW system was really improving the health of the village.

Then we headed to Palomas for follow up visit. This system was installed in June (with Sunrise Presbyterian support) of 2013. They have produced 14,000 gallons of pure water in the last 5 months. This is above average for a new system. Again, thanks for your support. We spent about two hours there. We talked about the need for more bottles, the need to paint the building, and the fact that they wanted to put up a security fence. They showed us that they have about L4200 (over \$200) in the bank, but they do not have enough to cover the estimated cost of L7250 (\$360) for the fence. After a quick conference, Santa Claus came early this year in Palomas. We took up a collection among the North Americans and gave them \$200 towards the fence. They were thrilled and very grateful. We ask that they contribute the balance, which they readily agreed to. Construction will begin soon.

We were then off to Pajuiles to sign the covenant negotiated in September. We will be installing their system in March 2014. The Initiating Partners for this installation are the Presbytery of Northern Kansas and Collierville Presbyterian Church in Collierville, TN. They will supply the money for the system, tools, bottles, caps, training materials, etc. Pajuiles already has a building we can use and they are going to pay for the tanks and PVC needed to complete the system. PNK and CPC will pay for all of the rest of the system and education related items.

Again thanks for your support of LWW and all of the Sunrise mission efforts.

Dave Parks



# Adult Faith News

## ADULT CLASS IN THE PARLOR

Beginning January 5 for seven weeks, the Adult class in the parlor will watch and discuss *Painting the Stars*. This is a new series from *Living the Questions*. It celebrates the communion of science and faith, exploring the promise of evolutionary Christian spirituality. We will hear from several theologians we have come to enjoy. Please bring your coffee and join us at 10:45 in the parlor.



## Adult Faith

## ADVENT

Our Advent study for the Adult Faith Class in the parlor continues: *A Season of Hope and Anticipation: Advent Themes in the Four Gospels* began on Sunday, November 24th. This 4 session Bible study examines the Advent themes found in the four gospels including hope and anticipation. We will meet December 8th, 15th & 22nd. We hope you will bring your coffee and join us in the parlor from 10:45-11:45 each Sunday during Advent!

## HELPING HEUSNER FAMILIES

This year Sunrise has adopted two families for Christmas. Their wish lists are on the bulletin board. Please sign up to help! Deliver wrapped gifts labeled with the family member selected no later than Monday, Dec. 16. We also are looking for cash gifts so that we can purchase food cards.



## PCUSA JOY GIFT

A cherished Presbyterian tradition since the 1930s, the Christmas Joy Offering is one of the four Special Offerings designated by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Because Advent and Christmas are a time for celebrating the arrival of "the true light" (John 1:9), the PC(USA) provides this opportunity for congregations to support those in need of help and hope. Alongside this message of promise and fulfillment, we also hear the encouraging words, "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it" (John 1:4). When we give out of the abundance of God's blessings in our lives, the light of Christ shines through us and illuminates those in need of help and hope we'll receive the Joy Gift Offering on Dec. 22.

# Thank You Sunrise!

Thank you to our Sunrise friends and family for the many cards, phone calls, thoughts and prayers we received for our Golden Wedding Anniversary. Each one helped to make a memorable occasion even more memorable.

Mel & Betty Abbott



# SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY

The Souper Bowl is coming soon. It's time to solicit workers to work at the Sunset Dillon's to collect soup and money. This year, we are going to try to get Sunrise members to help us fill all of the time slots for working at that Dillon's store. We are going to try to get the youth to fill all of the slots for Saturday, January 25; then get the adults to sign up for the others. Souper Bowl will be held on Sunday, February 2; but more importantly, soup collection will be held from mid-January through the first Saturday in February. We need you, everyone of you, to please check your calendars and sign up to work on one of the dates when soup is being collected at the Sunset Dillon's store.

Workers will be needed on Jan. 18, 19, 25 and 26, plus Saturday, Feb. 1. So, please check your calendars and determine what date(s) are available for you to work. Clay Thompson will be signing up volunteers every Sunday through January 26. Let's show Salina that Sunrise through their mission commitment will fill all of the dates and times at that store. Grab a colleague, spouse, neighbor and volunteer for 2 hours on one of those dates. And remember, we can show our support by bring cans of soup to the church, or write a check for the purchase of soup. A \$25.00 check will purchase 60 cans of soup! Bulletin article and or e-news article **Support the Souper Bowl Campaign** with your soup. check and willingness to work at the Sunset Dillon's for 2 hours on one of the four dates that Sunrise will be collecting soup at that location. We need everyone to work one shift. Show that you care, sign up to work. And, **THANK YOU!!**

# SUNRISE MARINERS

Hello everyone, The Mariner Fleet Night will be Sunday, January 12th at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to join us. This is the evening we add new members. If you are interested in joining call Paul or Mary Lee.

Mark your calendars now: The Chili Suppler will be February 15th.

The Admiralty Board will have a meeting Sunday December 15th at 9:00 a.m. before church. For 2014, the Board needs a Log Keeper and a Co-Admiral. Thanks to Betty for being our Log Keeper during 2013. Paul will stay on for another year and we need someone to fill Mary Lee's place as Co-Admiral.

Skippers, let's get the information for the 2014 Mariner Book to the office by December 10th.

Thanks for a great 2013 and Merry Christmas!!



# ALTERNATIVE GIVING FOR CHRISTMAS



Are you looking for a meaningful way to remember loved ones at Christmas? As in the past, Sunrise will have alternatives to the frenzied Christmas shopping trip. In the coming weeks, look outside the MPR for an alternative gift table. This year, in addition to catalogs from Heifer International, we also have a catalog from the Mission Agency of the Presbyterian Church. These are wonderful and trusted ways to remember those you love by giving gifts which help others.

# SUNRISE SECRETARY

The Personnel Committee has hired Angie Koshgarian as our secretary. She began on November 26th. She will be working reduced hours. Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 12:00 pm. Please introduce yourself to Angie when you come into the office . We are happy to have Angie with us!

Should you call when no one is in the office, PLEASE leave a message on the answering machine. Martha's number will be on the church door should you need to reach her.



# PW NEWS FOR DECEMBER

12/05/13	9:00 a.m.	PW Board hosted by Katie Weis
12/14/13	10:00 a.m.	Leader Training; Rosie McKee and Deena Horst"
12/19/13	9:15	Morning Circle - Parlor - Lesson: Rose McKee Hostess - Nancy Thompson and Trudy Chaney
	7:00 p.m.	Evening Circle - Lesson: Deena Horst Hostess: Faye Morris and Judy Christensen

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## DECEMBER CELEBRATIONS

1	Noreen Slaughter	18	Joy Jensen
3	Lloyd Arensman Brenda Merrill	20	Faye Morris Louise Simcox Pat & Patti Breeding Anniversary
4	Perry Hunsley	21	Linda Tysen
		23	Joe Young Richard Nelson
6	Joshua Jensen	25	Dan Bolen
9	Martha Murchison	26	Gordon Wilkey Bill Wilkie
13	Blaine McAfee	28	Olivia Cooper
14	Don & Bev Hamilton Anniversary	30	Carla Welsh
17	Katie Weis	30	Jodi Calvert

## 3rd Monday Book Study

New book starting in Jan. 2014.

"Growing Older Doesn't Have to Mean Growing Old" by J. Ellsworth Kalas.

Kalas says, "Growing older is a process. Growing old is a conclusion. If you're growing older you see some hope because you have perspective and you keep learning."

This book is about learning how to "make peace with where you are right now." We meet on the 3rd Monday of each month at 1 pm in the parlor. We read a chapter a month and discuss what we've read.

If you'd like to be part of this study group, call the church office to order a book. Cost will be approximately \$9.00.

# SUNRISE HELPERS

## NOVEMBER ATTENDANCE

03 115  
 10 107  
 17 121  
 24 108

## ACOLYTES

December  
 01 Ashlynd Merrill  
 08 Karee Adam  
 15 Whitney Young  
 22 Ethan Bolan  
 29 Ashlynd Merrill

## LITURGIST

December  
 01 Jerry McKee  
 08 Stephanie Cool  
 15 N/A  
 22 Pat Breeding  
 29 Julie Parks

## PSALM READERS

December  
 01  
 08  
 15  
 22  
 29

## GREETERS

December 01  
 East Pat & Patti Breeding  
 South Mary Ellen Nelson & Helen Schmidt  
 December 08  
 East Kevin & Stephanie Cool  
 South Deat & Janet Atteberry  
 December 15  
 East Jen Hewitt & Family  
 South Dal & Marty Jenner  
 December 22  
 East Robert Hagen  
 South Dale & Marty Jenner  
 December 29  
 East Robert Hagen  
 South Mr. & Mrs. Gordan Cox

## USHERS

John & Sheryl Weishaar  
 Cheryl Sweeley & Pat Tomlins  
 Tony & Jennifer Hewitt  
 Jim & Ellen Price  
 Jean Drees & Bethany Drees  
 John & Mindy Johnson  
 Pat Tomlins/Ann Zimmerman  
 Katie Weiss & Karen Sutton  
 Ruth Self/Jean Burch  
 Dan & Tessa Bolen

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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*

**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*

7:30 p.m. *Youth Choir*

8:00 p.m. *Handbell Choir (adult bells)*

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Dir. Of Handbells & Youth Choirs: Rachel Augustine

Organist: Sue Will

Church Office Administrator, Newsletter Editor: Angie Koshgarian

Church Treasurer: JoAnn Gile

Financial Secretary: Karmel Swindler

Custodian: Greg Kerr

