

ILLUMINATOR

The First Presbyterian Church in Wamego Newsletter • January/February 2017



Pastor Nominating Committee Update

The Pastor Nominating Committee has conducted Skype interviews with four candidates and are scheduling one final interview in the coming week. All five candidates are self-referrals, which means they saw the church's pastor opening, related to the ministry information form about our church and sought us out.

We have been very pleased with the quality of the candidates and have enjoyed the interview process. We have outstanding candidates and conversation thus far has been moving and a great opportunity to explore God's grandeur and the blessings of First Presbyterian Church in Wamego. This will be a difficult choice but we are excited for the next step — narrowing the list, checking references and then deciding who we would like to invite for our face-to-face interview and neutral pulpit worship service.

The members of the committee thanks Session and all of our members for praying for us during this process. We are honored to be serving our church in this capacity.



January 2017 ____

- 26 **AA** in lower level fellowship hall at 8 p.m.
- 27 **Inductive Bible study** in fellowship hall at 6 p.m.
- 29 **P.R.A.Y. annual meeting** at St. Bernard's Catholic Church.

February ____

- 2 **AA** in lower level fellowship hall at 8 p.m.
- 3 **Inductive Bible study** in fellowship hall at 6 p.m.
- 5 **Supper Bowl of Caring.** Bring cans of soup or make a monetary donation.
- 7 **Women's Study group** in fellowship hall at 1:30 p.m.
- 8 **Deacons meeting** in conference room at 6 p.m.
- 9 **AA** in lower level fellowship hall at 8 p.m.
- 10 **Inductive Bible study** in fellowship hall at 6 p.m.
- 14 **Sewing/Craft group** in fellowship hall from 3-5 p.m.
- 16 **AA** in lower level fellowship hall at 8 p.m.
- 17 **Inductive Bible study** in fellowship hall at 6 p.m.
- 21 **Women's Study group** in fellowship hall at 1:30 p.m.
- 23 **Lions Club meeting** in fellowship hall at 6:30 p.m.
AA in lower level fellowship hall at 8 p.m.
- 24 **Inductive Bible study** in fellowship hall at 6 p.m.

March ____

- 2 **AA** in lower level fellowship hall at 8 p.m.
- 3 **Inductive Bible study** in fellowship hall at 6 p.m.
- 5 **Mardi Gras lunch** in fellowship hall after worship. A youth fund-raiser.
- 7 **Women's Study group** in fellowship hall at 1:30 p.m.
- 8 **Deacons meeting** in conference room at 6 p.m.
- 9 **AA** in lower level fellowship hall at 8 p.m.
- 10 **Inductive Bible study** in fellowship hall at 6 p.m.
- 14 **Sewing/Craft group** in fellowship hall from 3-5 p.m.
- 16 **AA** in lower level fellowship hall at 8 p.m.
- 17 **Inductive Bible study** in fellowship hall at 6 p.m.
- 21 **Women's Study group** in fellowship hall at 1:30 p.m.
- 23 **AA** in lower level fellowship hall at 8 p.m.
- 24 **Inductive Bible study** in fellowship hall at 6 p.m.
- 30 **AA** in lower level fellowship hall at 8 p.m.
- 31 **Inductive Bible study** in fellowship hall at 6 p.m.



OUR CHURCH

In the News

First Presbyterian Church

601 Elm Street
Wamego, KS 66547
785-456-2556

Elders

Glenn Brunkow	Craig Johnson
Vernon Fails	Mary Beth Pfrang
Sarah Hancock	Dick Shields
Terri Hollenbeck	Brian Wohler
Barry Jacques	

Deacons

Kathy Bracken	Alex McKenzie
Jennifer Brunkow	Pat Nelson
Norm Delay	Brenda Patterson
Betty Kastner	Lorinda Sultzer

Others

Corporation President: Darold Brunkow	Treasurers: Sherry Breymeyer and Julie Shields
Family Emergency Fund: Callie Hildebrand, Darold Brunkow, and Pat Nelson	Assistant Treasurers: Stan and Susan Symons

Staff

Pastor: Vacant
Administrative Assistant: Brenda Patterson
Clerk of Session: Richard Shields
Organist: Dale Breymeyer
Choir Director: Sarah Hancock
Custodians: Bob and Lorinda Sultzer
Child Care: Sydney Ward

Website

www.wamegopresbyterian.org

Church email address
wampresby@gmail.com

Mailing address
601 Elm St., Wamego, KS 66547

Telephone: 785-456-2556
Fax: 785-456-8931

Christmas Bureau 2016

by Kay Russell

Our church's Mission project of participating in Christmas Bureau provided Christmas presents and food to three families. Our families this year were a single woman, a single mother with three children, and a family with five children. We shopped for toys, toiletries, and some fresh food items.

Each family requested a ham for their Christmas dinner. At the Christmas Bureau Distribution on Saturday, Dec. 10, we filled boxes with donated canned and boxed foods, paper goods, and any special items we found in the distribution such as toiletries.

We were able to buy each child two gifts from lists of items the children liked provided by the mothers and to add several other gifts from the distribution. This year was unusual in that a huge number of toys were available at the distribution because Dollar General had a collection box in the store plus the employees made contributions and purchased toys with their discounts. A school class also collected toys.

The youth group was involved in Christmas Bureau this year. They took over selecting food items, toiletries and toys at the distribution for the single mother with three children. Thanks to Jennifer Brunkow for helping the kids at the distribution. It was terrific to have those young muscles carry out the boxes of food and toys as well as giving a part of their Sunday afternoon to delivery! Youth group members made the delivery to the family. Thanks to Sarah Hancock, Dave Hancock, and Sheryl Wohler for coordinating the effort.

Our congregation donated \$440 for us to adopt the three families. Our expense was \$324.31. The Christmas Bureau guidelines provide, at the least, a toy for children and Christmas dinner for the family. Thanks to distribution where the food items are provided by various food drives and school and bank contests, we are able to give the families a supply of canned and boxed food to help out over the holidays. Callie and Jim Hildebrand and Kay Russell attended the Christmas Bureau meetings to help with mailings for several months prior to December and in December took part in helping set up for the distribution and assisting people who adopted families on distribution day and in making deliveries to the families our church adopted. ■

Our Beautiful Sanctuary

The sanctuary on Christmas Eve was as beautiful as the messages, scriptures, and music shared, together with the thoughtfulness put into preparing for the service. A blessed evening for all who attended. ■





2nd Sunday Chili & Cinnamon Rolls

What a great way to fellowship, sharing a bowl of homemade chili and cinnamon rolls on a cold January day. Thank you to our Deacons for bringing veggies, chips and cheese, and for making several batches of delicious homemade chili for lunch. A special thank you to Rosanne Allenbrand and Jennifer Brunkow for making homemade cinnamon rolls. Mark your calendar for the next 2nd Sunday, Feb. 12, with a spaghetti luncheon. ■

Dear First Presbyterian Church of Wamego,

Thank you for awarding me with your scholarship. I appreciate your continued support of me over the years. I will use this money to purchase the textbooks that I will need to further my education at K-State. Thanks again for your support.

Sincerely,
Justin Moser

2nd Sunday Spaghetti Lunch

Come enjoy the Deacons 2nd Sunday Spaghetti Lunch on Feb. 12 after worship. We will have your choice of white or red sauce, meatballs, green beans and veggies. We'll have brownies or lemon bars for dessert.

There is no cost for 2nd Sunday lunches, but a free-will donation is always appreciated.

If you would like to be involved with planning or assisting with these lunches, or would like more information, please see Lorinda Sultzer or call the church office, 456-2556. ■

P.R.A.Y.

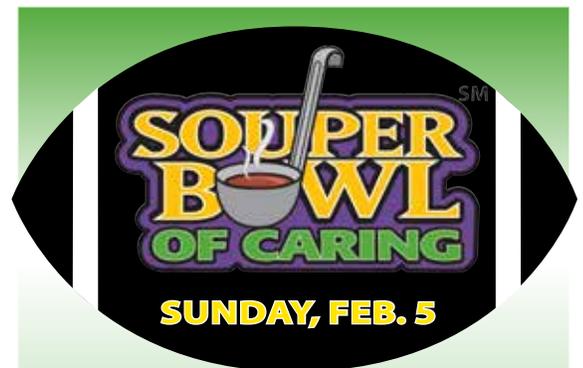
Project Rescue Amazon Youth

ANNUAL MEETING

4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 29, 2017

St. Bernard Catholic Church

St. Bernard is located at
17665 Old Post Road
(on Highway 99 north of Wamego)



There are families in our community who aren't able to put enough food on their table. You can help us stock the food pantry shelves at Community Health Ministry and the Food Bank.

Now through Feb. 5, you'll have the opportunity to give cans of soup (or other non-perishable food items) or you can put a dollar or two into the soup pot!



Beautiful Snowflakes

Pipe-cleaners and beads, with a mirror in the center... these are what the youth made during church in January.

The lesson was about snowflakes. No two snowflakes are the same. Just like snowflakes — we all start out the same, but then God makes us all uniquely special. No two Christians are the same. We are all beautifully and wonderfully made!

A mirror was glue to the center of each snowflake as a reminder that we are made in God's own image. ■

Ongoing Activities

Adult Christian Education Class

9 a.m. each Sunday in the Conference Room, nursery available.

Youth Christian Education Class

9 a.m. each Sunday in the Youth Room.

Younger Children Lessons

Younger children have a lesson on Sundays during worship following the children's sermon.

Worship

10:15 a.m. each Sunday.

Women's Study Group

1:30 p.m. the first and third Tuesday in Fellowship Hall.

Sewing / Crafts Group

3-5 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month.

2nd Sunday Lunch

Lunch after worship the second Sunday of the month in Fellowship Hall.

AA Meets

8 p.m. each Thursday in lower level Fellowship Hall.

Inductive Bible Study

6 p.m. each Friday in Fellowship Hall.



New Deacon and Elder Installation

Jan. 6, the first Sunday of the year, we celebrated Epiphany, served communion, installed new Elders and Deacons, and said farewell to Pastor Patti, who was able to fill the pulpit during the Advent season.

Pastor Patti was a blessing to us. We wish her and her husband, Jim well as they move to Colorado. ■

News from the Pews

A look at what our members have been doing outside of church.

Keith Hancock and **Claire Wohler** were selected for North Central District Kansas Music Educators Association Honor Choir and Band. Keith plays saxophone, and Claire plays flute.

Dave Hancock was installed as Moderator of the Presbytery of Northern Kansas on the PNK meeting on Saturday, Jan. 21.

Justin Moser was named to K-State's College of Business Administration Dean's List for his first semester academic accomplishments. He also was inducted into the Alpha Kappa Psi professional business fraternity. Justin is also a member of the K-State Cat Band providing music at the men's and women's basketball games. ■



Ladies Gathering

Eleven brave ladies attend the Ladies Gathering in December. Extreme cold temps kept a lot of ladies away. Bible study, fellowship, a gift exchange, and homemade treats to share warmed the hearts of those who attended. ■

Take Note

Weekly prayer list

Weekly prayer list is located on the table beneath welcome board in the Narthex. ■

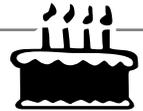
From the Deacons

The Deacons focus is Pray & Serve. We are here for you. Let us know if you are in or going into the hospital. We want to know how we can serve you by visiting, providing meals upon returning home and other needs you may have. If you are unable to call, you may ask a family member to call the church office at 456-2556.

Bette Kastner (456-9161) and Alex McKenzie (844-2710) will be the contact Deacons for this part of our ministry.

If you have other needs or questions, please call the office. ■

Birthdays & Anniversaries



January

- | | |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| 26 Craig Johnson | 25 Chris Hupe |
| 27 Marissa Uhrich | 26 Jeanette Hupe |
| 28 Marie Carrel | 27 Maddy Anderson |
| 31 Jennifer Brunkow | |
| Harriet Woodyard | |

March

- | |
|---------------------------|
| 2 Taylor Symons |
| Bob & Marjorie Dillon |
| 5 Cadence Jacques |
| 6 Sharen Tessendorf |
| Brian Wohler |
| 10 Blaine Hupe |
| 12 Laura Fails |
| 14 Stacy Blanka |
| Sybil Hayes |
| 16 Lance White |
| 17 DeAnn Bussart-Savaloja |
| Dora Morris |
| 18 Emilie Fink |
| 21 Bryan Blanka |
| Cale Hupe |
| 25 Alex McKenzie |
| 26 Dona Blanka |
| Bob Dillon |
| Ashley Hollenbeck |

February

- | |
|-----------------------------|
| 1 Claire Wohler |
| 4 Kalli Ayres |
| 8 Beverly Howard |
| 10 Ryan Gaffney |
| Sheryl Wohler |
| 11 Gordon & Rosemary Crilly |
| 12 Betty Bretz |
| 14 Elise Artzer |
| Kim Ayres |
| Francis Feyh |
| Stan & Susan Symons |
| 15 Rob & Sue Potter |
| 20 Norman Hupe |
| 22 Lorraine Hirsch |
| 23 Adam Block |
| 24 Margaret Feyh |

Fill the cart at church with non-perishable food items

Bring nonperishable food items to church the first Sunday of each month. All items collected will be given to the Community Health Ministry Food Bank and the Food Pantry. ■

First Presbyterian Church
601 Elm Street
Wamego, KS 66547

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Save the Date

Join us for Mardi Gras
Sunday, March 5, after worship

A fund-raiser for our youth. Watch for details.



HAVE hope
TRY new things
BE active
SEE the good
SAY "I Love You," more
CHALLENGE yourself
CHOOSE to be happy
EAT better
ENJOY today
FORGIVE more readily
READ more often
BECOME your best you

Want to know more about activities at the First Presbyterian Church?
Visit www.wamegopresbyterian.org