

The First Presbyterian Church in Wamego

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Pastor Bill and Deanna Vincent

The Pastor Nominating Committee unanimously recommends Bill Vincent for pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Wamego. The PNC has invited Pastor Vincent to give a guest sermon to the congregation at 10:15 a.m. Sunday, March 5, and will officially nominate him for the position at a congregational meeting following service.

If the congregational vote is in favor of the nomination, Pastor Vincent will start as pastor April 1 – no fooling.

Bill Vincent has served churches in Fairborn Ohio; Danvers, Illinois; Washington, Missouri; Cape Girardeau, Missouri; and Monett, Missouri, during his 32.5 years of ministry.

He attended Davidson College in Davidson, North Carolina and Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Virginia where he received a Master of Divinity, then a master's degree in Christian education from the Presbyterian School of Christian Education.

Bill grew up in Greensboro, North Carolina, with his two older sisters, parents and extended family who were very active in the Presbyterian Church. He met his wife, Deanna, who also has a master's degree in Christian education, while in Richmond and they were married in 1983. They have two children. Their son, Chris and his wife Monica, are engineers in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and their daughter, Ginny, who earned a master's degree in English from Kansas State University, works in marketing in Wichita, where Deanna's family lives.

As a family, the Vincents have enjoyed "camping" trips and have visited 35 states. Bill's passions include music, photography and history. Deanna is a homemaker and volunteer extraordinaire, and has held a variety of part-time jobs. Bill and Deanna enjoy traveling, movies and chocolate.

Please join us on March 5 to welcome Bill and Deanna to Wamego and then stay for the youth group's Mardi Gras celebration. ■

March _____

- 1 **Choir practice** at 5:30 p.m.
- 2 **AA** in lower level fellowship hall at 8 p.m.
- 3 **Inductive Bible study** in fellowship hall at 6 p.m.
- 4 **Mardi Gras Decorating** with the youth in fellowship hall from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Meet and Greet for Pastor Bill and Deanna Vincent at Victory Inn from 3:30-5 p.m.
- 5 **Creed Lenten Study** in the conference room at 9 a.m.
Congregational meeting following worship
Mardi Gras Youth fundraising luncheon in fellowship hall after worship
- 7 **Women's Study group** in fellowship hall at 1:30 p.m.
- 8 **Moms of OZ** in fellowship hall at 9 a.m.
Choir practice at 5:30 p.m.
Deacons meeting in fellowship hall 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.
- 12 **Creed Lenten Study** in fellowship hall at 9 a.m.
- 14 **Sewing/Crafts** in fellowship hall from 3-5 p.m.
- 15 **Session meeting** in conference room at 7 p.m.
- 16 **Pott. County Extension Tasters Luncheon** in fellowship hall at 12 p.m.
AA in lower level fellowship hall at 8 p.m.
- 17 **Inductive Bible study** in fellowship hall at 6 p.m.
- 19 **Creed Lenten Study** in fellowship hall at 9 a.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.
- 26 **Creed Lenten Study** in fellowship hall at 9 a.m.
- 30 **AA** in lower level fellowship hall at 8 p.m.
- 31 **Inductive Bible study** in fellowship hall at 6 p.m.

April _____

- 2 **Creed Lenten Study** in fellowship hall at 9 a.m.
- 4 **Women's Study group** in fellowship hall at 1:30 p.m.
- 6 **AA** in lower level fellowship hall at 8 p.m.
- 7 **Inductive Bible study** in fellowship hall at 6 p.m.
- 9 **Palm Sunday** – NO 2nd Sunday lunch
Creed Lenten Study in fellowship hall at 9 a.m.
- 10-13 **Holy Week lunch & Worship** at Noon/12:30 (responsive) at First Presbyterian
- 11 **Sewing/Crafts** in fellowship hall from 3-5 p.m.
- 12 **Deacons meeting** in fellowship hall at 6 p.m.
- 13 **Maundy Thursday Worship** service at 7 p.m.
- 14 **Good Friday Worship service** at noon at First Presbyterian
- 16 **Deacon's Easter Breakfast** in fellowship hall at 8 a.m.
Easter Worship/Communion service
- 18 **Women's Study group** in fellowship hall at 1:30 p.m.
- 20 **AA** in lower level fellowship hall at 8 p.m.
- 21 **Inductive Bible study** in fellowship hall at 6 p.m.
- 27 **Lions Club meeting** in fellowship hall at 6:30 p.m.
AA in lower level fellowship hall at 8 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

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Meet the Pastor Candidate!

DATE: MARCH 4, 2017

TIME: 3:30-5:00PM, COME & GO

Please plan to join us
in welcoming Bill
and Deanna Vincent
to Wamego.

Victory Inn Bed & Breakfast
710 8th Street

Your PNC,
Laura Fails, Stephanie Jacques,
Dick Shields, Kay Russell,
Charlie White

Meet & Greet

Dear friends,

After selling my home I am now living in Nebraska with my daughter Ann and her husband Alan. I am well and just celebrated my 93rd birthday.

I pray for you and hope to see you all again in my visits to Wamego. In the mean time I would love to hear from you. My new address in Nebraska is: 2138 Washington Street, Blair, NE 68008.

Much love to all my dear church family! ■

~ Marie Carrel



During worship, "The Littles" took part in learning about the Holy Spirit. They each created their own doves, and then flew them afterwards. ■

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

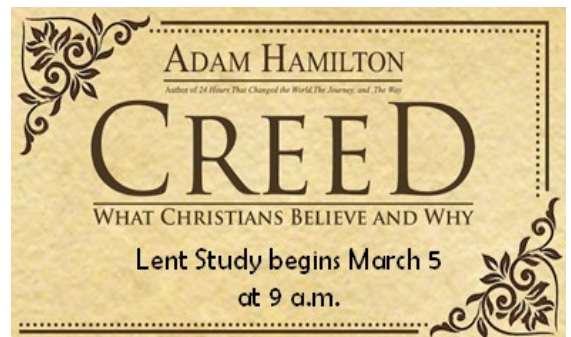
6 p.m. each Friday in Fellowship Hall.



April is our month to deliver Meals on Wheels. We have three routes to cover Monday through Friday.

You can sign up at church or call the church office. If you

have questions, please see Lorinda Sultz. ■



We will meet March 5 in the conference room and then upstairs fellowship hall for the rest of the study. See Brenda if you would like a study guide. Thank you. ■

Lunch after worship

Thank you for helping to make our Deacons 2nd Sunday Lunches after worship a great success. Be sure to mark your calendar for the next few events...

There will be no Deacon's 2nd Sunday Lunch in March and April.

In March, our youth will be hosting a fun Mardi Gras luncheon as a fundraiser after worship. Come support our youth as they serve your choice of Gumbo or salad, Jambalaya over rice, roasted chicken, green beans and Cheddar Bay biscuits. Your choice of Kings Cake (actually festive cupcakes), sugar cookies, or banana pudding for dessert. Come for the food, stay for the fun and fellowship, and support our youth after worship March 5.

In April, instead of 2nd Sunday Lunch, we will offer our traditional Deacon's Easter Sunday Breakfast. The breakfast will be April 16 starting at 8 a.m. after Sunrise Service.

In May, we will be featuring our Annual Mexican Buffet, May 7th, or Seite de Mayo! Come enjoy the Mexican feast, with enchiladas, a taco bar, rice and beans, and of course, chili con queso with chips.

In June, it's back! Our wonderful Birthday Bash is coming back! June 11, we will need to have twelve tables decorated in themes for each month of the year. The table decorators will also need to provide the dessert for their tables. The meal itself will be a potluck lunch.

Watch for more details as June draws nearer, or talk to DeAnn Bussart-Savalaja.

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. ■

Getting ready for the fun!

The youth have been busy for several weeks making decorations, and masks, and other surprises for their Mardi Gras fund-raiser. Everyone put a lot of effort into their creations and are excited to share the food and fun with you March 5 after worship. ■



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. ■





Spaghetti and fellowship

The Deacon's 2nd Sunday Lunch in February had good attendance. We featured spaghetti with red or white meat sauce, meatballs, salad, and garlic bread. We had red velvet cake and brownies for dessert. ■



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 (785-456-9161) and Alex McKenzie (785-844-2710) will be the contact Deacons for this part of our ministry.

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



Birthdays & Anniversaries

March

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| 2 Taylor Symons | 11 Eli Artzer |
| Bob & Marjorie Dillon | Ryan Moser |
| 5 Cadence Jacques | 15 Gordon Crilly |
| 6 Sharen Tessoroff | Kasey Feyh |
| Brian Wohler | Brandon Walker |
| 10 Blaine Hupe | Robert & Carol Fink |
| 12 Laura Fails | 17 Cambrey Eichem |
| 14 Stacy Blanka | 21 Marilyn Mahan |
| Sybil Hayes | 22 Justin Moser |
| 16 Lance White | Chris & Jill Hupe |
| 17 DeAnn Bussart-Savalaja | 24 Sonny Morton |
| Dora Morris | 26 Betty Sineway |
| 18 Emilie Fink | Adam & Nicole Block |
| 21 Bryan Blanka | 27 Talon White |
| Cale Hupe | 28 Brandon & Shirley Walker |
| 25 Alex McKenzie | |
| 26 Dona Blanka | |

May

- 12 Rosemary Crilly
- 13 Ethan Artzer
- Kay Russell

April

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|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| 2 Julie Shields | 17 Sonja Block |
| John & Juanita Habluetzel | 19 Lance & Kara White |
| 5 Sam Wohler | 25 Robert Fink |
| 6 Bill Ayres | Vernon & Laura Fails |
| 7 Paul & Stacie Eichem | 30 Bob & Lorinda Sultzer |
| 8 David & Lois Sauer | 31 Vernon Fails |
| 9 Jimmy & Sharen Tessoroff | |

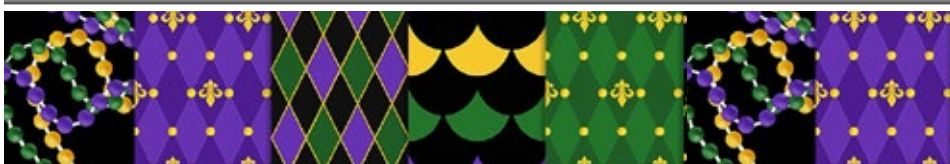
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



You are invited to
Mardi Gras Luncheon
Sunday, March 5, after worship

Join us in Fellowship Hall for this special fund-raiser presented by our youth!
We'll serve great food, and give out Mardi Gras masks and beads. Proceeds will go to help our youth with random acts of kindness in our community!



Choir Practice

We will get the choir back together to provide special music for our pastor candidate visit on March 5 and for Lent! All are welcome.

Rehearsals will be:

March 1 at 5:30 p.m.

March 8 at 5:30 p.m.

We'll add more after that.

Contact Sarah Hancock at
sechancock@gmail.com or call
785-341-1583 with questions! ■

Want to know more about activities at the First Presbyterian Church?

Visit www.wamegopresbyterian.org