

First Presbyterian Church, Salina

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November



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Newsradio 1150 KSAL

October 18 at 8:26 AM · 🌐

Peter Johnston of Salina has been appointed by Governor Laura Kelly to the Kansas Board of Regents.

<https://www.ksal.com/salina-attorney-appointed-to-board.../>



Two Salina businesses honored during state awards ceremony

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GeoProbe Systems and VP of Great Plains Manufacturing, James Hall recognized during Kansas Department of Commerce 2025 To The Stars: Kansas Business Awards ceremony. Image Courtesy of Kansas Department of Commerce

Salina Post

Two Salina businesses were recognized with awards during the Kansas Department of Commerce's 2025 "To The Stars: Kansas Business Awards Ceremony."

On Thursday night at the Robert W. Plaster Center at Pittsburg State University, GeoProbe Systems was honored with the 2025 Governor's Exporter of the Year, and VP of Great Plains Manufacturing, James Hall was honored with the inaugural Randi Tveitaraas Jack International Business Development Award.

Salina Area Chamber of Commerce

Business Hall of Fame INDUCTEES

Dr. William Eugene
Mowery



Richard 'Dick'
Renfro



Larry
Britegam



BHOF LUNCHEON

12:00-1:30 PM

NOVEMBER 13, 2025

SALINA COUNTRY CLUB

Featured Speaker:

Doug Girod

Chancellor

University of Kansas

In Sympathy

to Trey Cullins and family for the loss of his grandfather, Reverend William Thomas Hunter Jr.

to Jake Hessman and family for the loss of his grandmother, Wanda Malone

to Pastor Phil, Kathy and his family for the loss of his father, Ron Price

AROUND THE CHURCH

SALINA GRACE PREP CREW

Salina Grace Prep Crew cast: Eva, Ruth, Kathy, Linda, Betsy, Jon and Special Guest Chopper – Lew (terrific brother-in-law to Betsy!!)



POP-UP MISSION



8 cooks, 83 pounds of Rosalee apples and a whole lot of love! Applesauce and apple pie filling was made! 🍏 Such a great time together in community. The freezer is filling! Thanks Jirack Bros. for growing the delicious apples. 🍏

LOOKING FORWARD!



Alone for Thanksgiving? You are invited to join Phil & Kathy Price at their home! Please contact Kathy if you would like to join us (208-329-0784).

PARLOR UPDATE

WEEK OF OCTOBER 7



WEEK OF OCTOBER 14



WEEK OF OCTOBER 21



WEEK OF OCTOBER 28



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN WELCOMES MIRNA PÉREZ & GERBER PÉREZ

November 2nd - 9th

GUATEMALA MISSION CO-WORKERS



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



SCHEDULE OF ENGAGEMENTS

SUNDAY Nov 2

YOUTH: Lunch & Activity following worship

MONDAY Nov 3

12p: Rotary Club Lunch + Presentation

TUESDAY Nov 4

12p: Salina Healthcare Providers Lunch + Learn



WEDNESDAY Nov 5

10a: Tour of Salina Grace + EAFB

4p: FBI Kids in FPC Kitchen

5:30 Midweek Fellowship + Dinner Presentation

Blair Hall - Childcare Provided

THURSDAY Nov 6

5:30pm Women of Achievement @ SCT

FRIDAY Nov 7

Presbytery of Northern Kansas Lunch



SUNDAY Nov 9

9a: Breakfast Brunch Buffet - Blair Hall

10a: Worship

11a: Fellowship Q&A w/ Pastor Phil - Chapel



Mark your calendars to gather as the church family on:

- Wednesday, November 5th at 5:30pm in Blair Hall for a **Midweek Fellowship Dinner & Presentation**
- Sunday, November 9th at 9:00am in Blair Hall for a **Brunch Buffet**
- Sunday, November 9th at 11:00am in the Chapel for a **Fellowship Q&A!**

HOT CHOCOLATE RIVER CROSSING-PROBLEM SOLVING

The challenge was to get everyone safely to the other side of the hot chocolate river without losing anyone in the hot chocolate. Do you see what looks like white pieces of paper? Well, those are actually giant marshmallows. If you step in the river without a marshmallow, the whole team has to start over. They worked together to find a solution.



CHALLENGE



FBI CHILDREN WILL SING DURING WORSHIP NOV. 9TH!

The children's choir will sing during worship on November 9th, 2025! The kids have been having a wonderful time practicing with Dr. Richard Koshgarian and Kathy Hanson. They can't wait to show off what they have been learning!



MONSTERS & JACK-O-LANTERNS FOR PRESBYTERIAN MANOR

Our FBI kids spent a considerable amount of time in October creating monster and jack-o-lantern pictures for Halloween. Some were taken home, but many others were saved to share with the residents of Presbyterian Manor! It might seem like a small thing to do, but for many of us, it isn't easy to give away our creations. It truly is a labor of love!



YOUTH NEWS

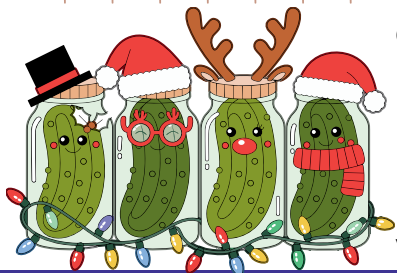
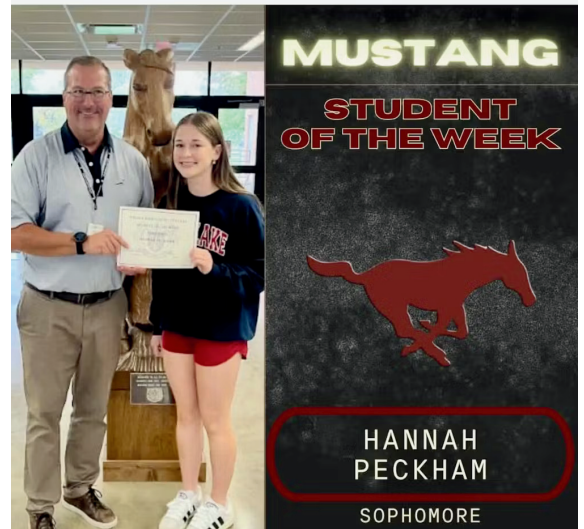
Fall is in full swing and one thing that defines this season is football! And so, it was a joy to spend Friday evening, October 10th at Central High watching two of our senior high youth shine! Gannon Cole and Danielle Peckham took to the field and cheered on the team on a beautiful evening in central Kansas. Not only was it fun to watch Danielle shepherd future members of the cheer squad and Gannon run plays and help energize his teammates, so too was it fun to see youth, children and their families from First Presbyterian Church out in the community. It was a glorious reminder of how we are the church outside the sanctuary!



In addition to our regular Junior and Senior High get togethers, God Squad and Hebrews, on Sunday, November 2nd our youth will have some one-on-one time with our mission partners from Juntos Guatemala at a luncheon following worship: look for pictures in the December edition of The News!



Congratulations to Hannah Peckham, sophomore, for being selected as our Mustang Student of the Week! #WeAreSC #BuiltDifferent #305GrowsGreatness



Coming in December, Kathy and I will host the youth for what has become an annual Youth night at the Prices. Past years we have made cut-out snowflakes, decorated gingerbread houses, and played minute-to-win-it games. Once a date and time is identified more information will be made available about what this year's youth night will look like.





This past June, Bruce Reyes-Chow met and talked with us about choosing faith. His book that we studied, "Everything Good about God is True" challenges us to think about generosity. He states, "God has been generous to me, so I give back to God all that I have the courage and faith to offer."

During this year's stewardship campaign, you have heard more of Bruce's message. However, Bruce is not the only writer espousing generosity.

A recent digital publication from Twin Cities Public Television tells that "Generosity isn't just a kind thing to do—it's one of the most powerful things you can do for your mind." Michael MacDonald, PhD writes:

DID YOU KNOW THAT GENEROSITY IS GOOD FOR THE BRAIN?

The brain loves to give. Acts of kindness release a mix of feel-good chemicals — dopamine, serotonin, even oxytocin — that lift your mood and energize your mind.

Sharper thinking, thanks to kindness. Generous actions activate the prefrontal cortex, the brain's control center for planning, decision-making and memory. Just by helping someone out or offering a small gift, we're giving our minds a workout that keeps them flexible and focused.

Less stress, more clarity. Generosity also seems to quiet the brain's alarm system. The amygdala, which handles stress and fear, becomes less reactive when we practice compassion.

Empathy builds brainpower. When we give, we're often tuning in to someone else's needs. That's empathy, and it's more than just a feeling — it's a cognitive skill. Practicing generosity helps us grow more intuitive, insightful and socially aware.

Practicing acts of kindness has been shown to reduce depression and anxiety, sometimes more effectively than traditional therapy. Helping others gently shifts our focus away from internal struggles, freeing up space for clarity and peace.

So when you give your time, your presence, your care, you're doing more than helping someone else. You're building a stronger, brighter, more resilient mind for yourself.

Help us reach **100%** return of commitment forms!

ANY QUESTIONS WITH YOUR COMMITMENT FORM, CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE!





ADULT EDUCATION

All adults welcome, not just women!

During November, in the conference room at 9:00 and 11:15 am, respectively, Martha Murchison will offer Bible stories which delve into the lives of women in the Hebrew scriptures. Many times, we have read these stories and have not thought deeply about the issues involved in the lives of the characters. It also may be that we've never heard the stories. If you can read the scripture before class, great, but come even if you haven't had time to read.

- **November 2:** We will read and discuss the book of Ruth, which is about grief, depression, migration, and navigating patriarchal systems.
- **November 16:** We tell the story of Abigail found in I Samuel 25:2-43. It's about a brave and courageous woman who saves her household from the mistakes of her husband, Nabal. (His name literally means the fool)
- **November 23:** We tell the story of Hagar found in Genesis 16 and 21:1-20. It's about divorce, spousal abandonment, child abandonment and angels coming to help.

SESSION SNIPPETS

SESSION OCTOBER 20, 2025 MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- Pastor Tim Maguffee served as Acting Moderator of the meeting in Pastor Phil's absence.
- Received reports from the Clerk and standing committees including a financial report from the Treasurer. Committees were reminded to review and prepare 2026 budget requests.
- Approved the recommendation to move Pastor Phil's Board of Pension health insurance coverage from the Transitional Plan to the Congregational Pastor Plan to take advantage of cost savings.
- Rescheduled the December 7 communion service to November 30 due to plans for the annual cantata that will fill the chancel with instruments on December 7.
- Elected Ruling Elder Randy Hardy as commissioner to the Presbytery of Northern Kansas (PNK) Stated Meeting on Nov 18 at this church.
- Approved submission of a Mission Grant Application to the PNK in the amount of \$3,000 in support of Juntos Guatemala and their upcoming visit, Nov 1-9, 2025.
- Set Sunday, Nov 16 as the date of a congregational meeting to receive the report of the nomination committee for church officers, endowment trustee and nominating committee for 2026.
- A memorial tribute will be given on behalf of the congregation for Pastor Phil's father who passed away on Oct 17. Pastor Phil had traveled to Pennsylvania to be with him.

1 Madi Carlgren
1 Melinda Hoffman
7 Addison Justus
8 John Shetlar
9 Molly Zuccarelli
11 Rosalie Short
13 Marshall Zuccarelli
15 Chandra Cooper
15 Jeff Cooper
15 Bret Wallace
15 Marty Mills



15 Justin Klaassen
17 John Hogarty
19 Linda Salem
22 Sandy Mills
23 Annie Hayes
23 Will Hayes
24 Kristy Yenkey
25 Tom Gates
26 Jack Jarvis
26 Cyndy Knutson
29 Molly Michaelis

NOVEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2  WORSHIP, 10:00 ASSEMBLE WEEKEND FOOD BAGS, 11:15	3 COFFEE & CARD MAKING, 9:30 PERSONNEL, 3:30	4 FAITH FORMATION, 5:15	5 SALINA GRACE PREP & SERVE FBI, 4:00 WORSHIP, 4:30 MIDWEEK FELLOWSHIP, DINNER PRESENTATION, 5:30 CHOIR, 6:30	6 HEBREWS, 7:00 BUILDING & GROUNDS, 3:30	7	1/8
← MIRNA & GERBER VISITING FROM JUNTOS GUATEMALA →						
9 BRUNCH BUFFET, 9:00AM WORSHIP, 10:00 FELLOWSHIP Q&A, 11:00AM	10 SOCIAL JUSTICE & MISSION, 2:00	11 	12 SALINA GRACE PREP & SERVE FBI, 4:00 CHOIR, 6:30	13 HEBREWS, 7:00	14	15
16 ADULT ED, 9:00 WORSHIP, 10:00 CONGREGATION MEETING ADULT ED, 11:15	17 SESSION, 5:15	18 DEACONS, 5:30	19 SALINA GRACE PREP & SERVE FBI, 4:00 GOD SQUAD, 6:30 CHOIR, 6:30	20 HEBREWS, 7:00	21	22
23 ADULT ED, 9:00 WORSHIP, 10:00 ADULT ED, 11:15 FILL THE FREEZER, 11:00-1:00	24 STEWARDSHIP CMTE, 3:30PM	25	26 SALINA GRACE PREP & SERVE	27 	28	29
← EPC HOLIDAY →						
30  WORSHIP, 10:00	31					



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Musician: Parker Freeland

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