

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SALINA, KS

## The News

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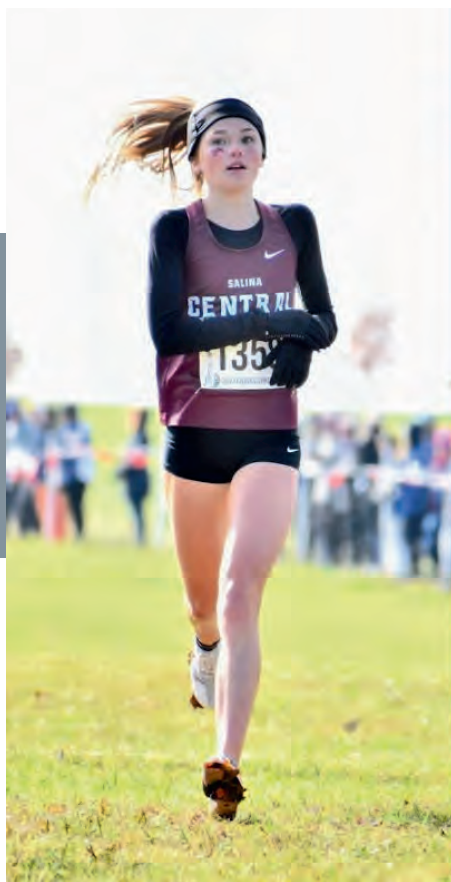
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"Create in me a clean heart, O God, and  
put a new and right spirit within me."

~Psalm 51:10

# news



GATORADE  
**PLAYER**  
OF THE YEAR

This is her second year earning this distinction for excellence on the field, in the classroom, and in community. Katelyn also holds the title of a Class 5A state champion, 2nd place at the Nike Cross Heartland Regionals, and 28th at the Nike Cross National Final.

*Congratulations!*

**Katelyn Rupe**

*2023-2024 Gatorade Kansas Girls  
Cross Country Player of the Year*

## *Birthday Celebration:*



**Margie Wilson** will celebrate her 97th birthday on February 2

## *In Memoriam*

**Ann Ludwig**, 90, a member of this congregation since 1970, passed away January 18. Sympathy is extended to her daughters, Lori Watson and **Paige Enriquez**.

## *In Sympathy*

to **Nan Miller** for the passing of her mother, Imogene Luce, Salina, January 2, 2024.

to **Rita & Pete Peterson**. Rita's daughter, Rochelle Lankhorst, passed away January 3, 2024.

## *50+ years of marriage:*

**Mitzie & Jimmie Lewis** will celebrate their 69th wedding anniversary on February 5.



# FIRST FACTS

Dr. Raymond Kerns was installed as pastor on May 12, 1927 on the 67th anniversary of the founding of the Church. During his ministry, the church was cleared of all indebtedness. In the Second World War, 219 of the young men of the congregation answered their country's call and the Church maintained an active Soldier Center. In 1946, Dr. Kerns resigned as pastor. Dr. James Elliott became pastor on December 30, 1946. The new Chancel was dedicated on July 7, 1951 when the Resurrection Window was revealed (having been hidden from view from the congregation since the church was first erected). In 1954, 200 members of the congregation were encouraged to start the Sunrise Presbyterian Church.

*~Information from the History Room*



## SESSION SNIPPITS

### Session January 22, 2024 Meeting Highlights

- Brian Carlgren, Cathy Hayes, Craig Renfro, Britton Zuccarelli and Peter Johnston are new Session members. Randy Hardy will remain for another term. Committee assignments were finalized.
- Gave approval for the 2024 budget for FPC Salina. Information about the budget will be presented to the congregation at the Feb 11 annual meeting which will follow that morning's service. Budget committee members were Randy Graham, Ruth Ascher, Randy Hardy, Margaret Wyatt, Kathleen Pierson and Phil Price.
- Received reports from standing committees and approved the 2023 church statistical report that will be filed with Presbyterian Church, USA.
- Approved participation in the Souper Bowl of Hope offering/food collection effort through February 11.
- Received a report about the Matthew 25 Summit that Pastor Phil, Chandra Cooper, and Amanda Littell from our congregation and Carol Viar from Sunrise Presbyterian attended recently. During 2024, three different worship services will feature each of the Matthew 25 focus areas (Building Congregational Vitality, Dismantling Structural Racism, and Eradicating Systemic Poverty).

# AROUND THE CHURCH



In mid-January, Chandra Cooper, Amanda Littell, and Phil Price along with 350+ Presbyterians spent three days at the first ever Matthew 25 Summit. While there, Amanda, Chandra, and Phil attended workshops, worship, and networking as we learned more about how to intentionally live into a Matthew 25 vision which seeks to *Build Congregational Vitality, Dismantle Structural Racism, and Eradicate Systemic Poverty*. In the coming year we will offer a worship service on each of these Matthew 25 foci. We are grateful for the congregation sending us to Atlanta and look forward to how the words of Jesus from Matthew 25:31-46 will help us grow in Christ, together in faith and love as we joyfully think, question, grow and serve, together.

We're a  
**Matthew 25**  
church  
[pcusa.org/matthew25](http://pcusa.org/matthew25)

Join  
us!

Fellowship  
Meals



**WEDNESDAYS**

**@ 5:15PM**

**Wandering  
Heart**

*Lent & Dinners  
for 8 or more*

Sign up with the church office or in Realm

Small groups will meet weekly for dinner and discussion of the Wandering Heart devotional. Once leaders and groups have been assigned, times/dates will be communicated!



**HELP TACKLE HUNGER!**

Please bring your canned soup  
and place in the endzone of the  
Chiefs or 49ers!

**FEBRUARY 1 - 11**



**Annual  
Congregational  
Meeting**

**February 11, 2024**



# REPAIRING THE BREACH

— ISAIAH 58



For 75 years, One Great Hour of Sharing has partnered in taking action to share God's love.

MATTHEW 25

Every gift makes a difference in the life of the most vulnerable of God's people.


WE ARE THE CHURCH, TOGETHER.

FEBRUARY 14 - MARCH 31, 2024 75 YEARS ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING SPECIAL OFFERINGS HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

## Faith & Flour

2/17/2024 (Scones)  
6/1/2024 (Dill Rolls)

9:00 - 12:00  
Church Kitchen



"Please rise."

*Making breads and exploring our faith*

# Ash Wednesday

Hearts & Ashes

## February 14

## WOMEN'S WATERCOLOR PARTY

February 22  
6:00 - 8:00 pm  
Blair Hall

- Feel free to bring your own drink & snack to share
- Wear comfy painting clothes
- Painting supplies and instruction will be provided by Meghan Hessman
- \$10, limited to 20 people
- RSVP to the church office

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2024 MATCH MADNESS

SAVE THE DATE

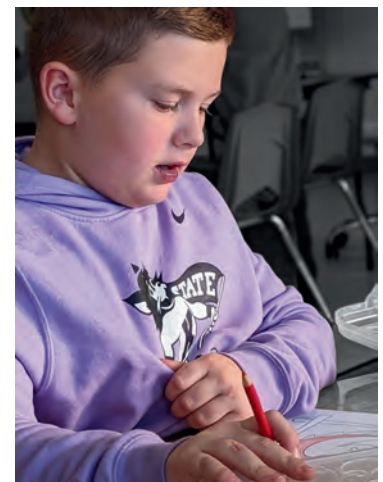
GIVE ON MARCH 21!






## What Do Faithful Bible Investigators Do for Fun?

Faithful Bible Investigators started January off with a little fun! We didn't have a Christmas party due to our pageant preparation this last year, so we decided to celebrate the 2024 New Year. The kids enjoyed cupcakes, tangerines, bananas and various other snacks. Along with our tasty snacks, we played games like Jenga, and Boggle. This group tends to love any opportunity to express themselves through drawing and coloring so we did have various New Year's coloring pages and blank paper available. The kids enjoyed each other's company. They get along so well! Here are a few pictures of them having a fun time.



## What Are We Learning as Faithful Bible Investigators?

FBI has started a new unit titled Love God, Neighbor and Enemy! Our first lesson was titled, Love Extravagantly. These are all very interesting concepts to explore. **Love** is defined by the Hebrew word “ahava” which means “to give.” This helps us frame our understanding of what Jesus refers to when he gives us the Golden Rule. Love isn’t the warm and fuzzy kind of love which often comes to mind, but rather an active giving of self. We explore who exactly are our neighbors. **Neighbor** literally means “nearby ones,” but this unit asks us to see our neighbors as those whom we are bound to through our shared humanity. So, everyone is a potential neighbor. **Enemies** are defined as people we find hard to love.

The **Golden Rule** calls us to love others the way we would want God to love us. This isn’t easy and is often some of the most difficult work we ever do. Reverend Jochim Alexandropoulos was an Orthodox priest on a Greek Isle in World War II, when the Nazis came one day, demanding that he provide them with a list of all the Jews on the Island. The next day he handed them a list containing only one name, his own. God may never ask us to love our neighbor to this extent, but we pray if we are asked we will face our task with the same kind of courage, mercy and extravagant love the Reverend did.

February and our learning will ask us to; serve a stranger, show mercy wash another’s feet, be courageous and live peaceably! We can’t wait to share what we learn with all of you!











## How Can YOU Help Us In Our Learning?

During lent, we are asking for your help in creating an interactive bulletin board in the lobby near the sanctuary entrance. It will be titled “Words of Love” and will include various colored hearts. Each week a new question will be posted on a different colored heart. The children’s answers will be displayed with the question heart. We are asking that you provide a response for each question on the appropriately colored heart so that your heart can be added to our display. The FBI students are interested in reading your responses. Hearts and sharpies will be set out in the sanctuary. Please answer the question on a construction paper heart and leave in the sanctuary near the back ledge or on the table in the lobby. Additional colored hearts will be left on the table in case you miss a particular question on any given Sunday. Please help us by telling us what you think!

### Schedule of Questions for our “Words of Love” Bulletin Board

Sunday	Question	Colored Heart
February 18, 2024	Who is someone you love so much your heart overflows?	Red 
February 25, 2024	What is something you could do to share God’s love with a stranger?	Orange 
March 3, 2024	What is the name of someone who has shown you forgiveness?	Yellow 
March 10, 2024	What is something kind that has been done for you when you were not feeling your best?	Green 
March 17, 2024	Who or what, such as an object, song, or words, helps you feel brave?	Blue 
March 24, 2024	What types of things help to bring peace to a situation?	Purple 



## **God Squad** Junior Highs who meet every other Wednesday evening.

2024 started with a gathering at Old Chicago hearing about Christmas gifts and activities during a break from school. We also talked about the weather with all of the snow and cold. Our last gathering for January happened at church with pizza and playing a hide-and-seek game on the third floor called Grog.



## **Hebrews** Senior Highs who meet weekly at 7 a.m., on Thursdays, at Mokas.

It has been a joy to reconnect with our Senior Highs, following Christmas break, as they make their way through the school year, especially a senior or two who are eagerly looking forward to the conclusion of their High School years. We also enjoy seeing all that everyone chooses to order and hear about what is going on in one another's life through sharing "Highs and Lows" experienced over the past week.



## **Special Thanks and Activities:**

As we look at the year to come I want to thank both Trey & Makenzi Cullins as adult help at both groups as well as Heidi Paquin who handles communication with parents. As we look at what is yet to come for youth ministry; both groups are looking forward to a second annual Lock-in to be held later this summer. Hopefully there will be a few pop-up gatherings during summer break and please share with either Phil or Trey and Makenzi your ideas for activities for growing faith and relationships among our congregation's young people.

Pastor Phil as Youth Director  
Trey & Makenzi Cullins - Youth Volunteer Leaders



After hearing positive feedback from the congregation's experience of resources used throughout Advent, I'm looking forward to making fuller use of *A Sanctified Art* throughout Lent. Their theme is "Wandering Heart: Figuring out faith with Peter". Other than Jesus, Peter is the most mentioned person in the gospels and by following his pursuit of Jesus we too catch a glimpse of who Jesus is for us in our own journey of faith.

Sign-ups for Dinners for 8-or-more (small groups that meet weekly over a meal or appetizers) are found at the back of the sanctuary or calling the church office. Like last year, once we have a list of participants, groups will be assigned which will set their own schedule throughout February and March. Many of those who participated in 2023 saw both their faith and fellowship with others grow, so please consider making Dinners for 8-or-more part of your Lenten journey at First Presbyterian Church.

As the creators of *A Sanctified Art* remind us, “faith is a constant journey of steadfast pursuit, one that ebbs and flows.” And with many journeys, it is best done with others beside us. So please consider joining Dinners for 8-or-more, participating in Ash Wednesday or Maundy Thursday services, or simply joining in worship throughout Lent in anticipation of Easter! May our wandering hearts better figure out faith as we continue to be led by Christ, together in faith and love, as we joyfully think, question, grow and serve God’s purposes in our lives and throughout Salina.



★ HAPPY ★  
*Birthday*

2 Ruth Cathcart-Rake	9 Cathy Hayes
2 Lisa Graham	13 Linda Ellison
2 Sallie Morrison	14 Meghan Hessman
2 Margie Wilson	18 Tommy Payne
2 Haley Lindenmuth	21 Avery Cooper
4 Ryan Payne	21 Trey Cullins
5 Stratton Cole	25 Jeremiah Cole
6 Roger Morrison	26 Morrie Soderberg

February 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	31	1 HEBREWS, 7:00 BUILDING & GROUNDS, 3:30	2 	3
4 VIDEO STUDY, 9:00 WORSHIP, 10:00 VIDEO STUDY, 11:15	5 COFFEE & CARD MAKING, 9:30	6 PERSONNEL, 3:30	7 FBI, 3:45 WORSHIP, 4:00 MIDWEEK MANNA, 5:15 GOD SQUAD, 6:30	8	9	10
11 VIDEO STUDY, 9:00 WORSHIP, 10:00 ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING VIDEO STUDY, 11:15	12	13 FAITH FORMATION, 5:15	14 FBI, 3:45 MIDWEEK MANNA, 5:15 <i>Ash Wednesday, 6:00pm Service</i>	15 HEBREWS, 7:00	16	17 FAITH & FLOUR, 9:00
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**EASTER SUNDAY**

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*Wandering  
Heart*  
"And I hope"