

# 2018 ANNUAL REPORT

Winfield First Presbyterian

1101 Millington

Winfield, KS 67156



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, WINFIELD, KANSAS  
MINISTRY TEAM

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| ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT                              | CATHY ROYSTON             |
| CHRISTIAN EDUCATION/YOUTH/<br>CHURCH LIFE COORDINATOR | CANDACE STEPHENS          |
| CLERK OF SESSION                                      | CATHY ROYSTON             |
| DIRECTOR OF MUSIC                                     | NIKKI KIRK                |
| DIRECTOR, CHILDREN'S MUSIC                            | NIKKI KIRK                |
| NURSERY ATTENDANT                                     | SHELLEY FISHER            |
| ORGANIST  | AIDAN WELLS FILBERT       |
| PASTOR/TEACHING ELDER<br>MINISTER OF WORD & SACRAMENT | REV. ANGELA DIONNE MADDEN |
| TREASURER   | DON PETERSON              |
| BLESSINGS BOX COORDINATOR                             | REBECCA MCCUTCHEON        |
| CHURCH HISTORIAN                                      | LOU THARP                 |
| LIBRARIAN   | MICHELLE BOYTS            |
| INTERNS   | BRIANA SHERMAN            |

## **2018 CHURCH OFFICERS**

### **Elders**

Session Moderator: Rev. Angela D. Madden

#### Class of 2018

- (1) Kerr, Duey
- (1) Lowe, Susan
- (1) Mackey, Brent
- (1) McCoy, Pixie
- (1) Miller, Russ
- (1) Rogers, Chris
- Belair, Calee (Youth Elder) \*term ends June, 2018

#### Class of 2019

- (1) Hartley, Paul
- (1) Herrman, Alan
- (1) Miller, Phillip
- (1) Penka, Ryan (Moved)
- (1) Samuel, Chandy
- (1) Stimmel, Debbie
- Archer, Ethan (Youth Elder) \*term ends June 2019

### **Deacons**

#### Class of 2018

- (1) Badley, Will
- (2) Graham, Ned
- (1) Jarvis, Mary
- (1) Misasi, Nancy
- (1) Royston, Ralph
- (1) Thompson, Susan

#### Class of 2019

- (1) Davis, Emily
- (1) Jim Godfrey
- (2) Hutchins, Mike
- (1) Kendall, Erika
- (1) Russell, Jackie
- (2) Scott, Jack

## 2018 COMMITTEE MODERATORS APPOINTMENTS

Personnel Committee

*Meets when called*

**Pixie McCoy, Moderator**

Buildings & Grounds

*Meets when called*

**Russ Miller, Moderator**

Finance Committee

*Meets 4th Tuesday of the month @ 4:00 pm*

**Susan Lowe, Moderator**

Stewardship/Evangelism Committee

*Meets when called*

**Ryan Penka, Moderator**

Worship Committee

*Meets when called*

**Duey Kerr, Moderator**

Connections Committee

*Meets when called*

**Brent Mackey, Moderator**

CE & Youth Committee

*Meets when called*

**Debbie Stimmel, Moderator**

Church Nominating Committee

*Meets when called (usually in September & October)*

**Russ Miller, Moderator**

Sound Room/Technology

**Duey Kerr, Cathy Royston**

## **2018 Pastor's Report**

**Rev. Angela D. Madden Scott**

### **A Year of God's Abundance... December 2018 Press Releases**

December 20: The 14th Annual Children's Interactive Christmas play "Chris-myth Busters" takes place at Winfield First Presbyterian on Sunday, December 23rd at 10:00 a.m. 1101 Millington. Every child who shows up can participate in the dancing, drama, donuts, music and of course, costumes. The play is co-directed by Deborah Badley, Nikki Kirk and Laura Wollard! Don't miss this opportunity for worship fun, fellowship following the play, learning about the true meaning of Christmas together and experiencing the baby Jesus' arrival.

December 4: Winfield First Presbyterian Church presents the Community Christmas Cantata Service. Sunday, December 9th, 7 p.m. at 1101 Millington. Join the Community in a presentation of The Silence and The Sound a Christmas Cantata by Heather Sorenson. Filled with original sacred songs and beloved carols, this innovative cantata is a true worship experience combining artistry and ministry. Are you worried about finding a sitter for your kids? No need! The Church Nursery is staffed with a joyful and capable professional. Join in the experience of the awe of silence, the humility of redemption, and the shout of joy during this Christmas season with the vibrant music ministry team directed by Mrs. Nikki Kirk, accompanied by Aidan Wells Filbert.

December 20<sup>th</sup> Presbyterian Bell Ringers (19 total) rang the bells at the South Walmart Entrance from 10-7 pm. For the Salvation Army

### **November 2018 Press Releases**

For Immediate Release November 24: The 4th Annual Lowell Holiday Bazaar happens on Saturday, December 1st at 1101 Millington. More than 35 vendors will be set up throughout the venue of Winfield First Presbyterian. A Bake Sale will happen. Lowell Elementary PTO invites the public to shop local and support this outstanding local elementary school. Santa will fly in from 9-11 a.m. and visit children (offering a free photo) at the North Pole (upstairs Sanctuary). The Bazaar runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, December 1. Make this a tradition this season!



November 16: Winfield First Presbyterian, 1101 Millington, will host it's 6th Annual Centers 4 Service on Tuesday, November 20, 4:30 pm. This annual hour of hands-on fun includes service projects designed for little-helping hands. Pre-K through 5th-grade students are invited! Activities will include making prayer pretzels, centerpieces for Good Samaritan, a Blessings Box project, and decorating Turkey Boxes for the annual Turkey Box meals for local families. Parents, Grandparents, Care providers are asked to attend and share in the joy of service. Snacks provided.

Pastor Madden attended the Heartland Presbytery Learning event for Pastors and Educators in November.

### **October 2018 Press Releases:**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** October 17, 2018 For More Information  
Contact: Rev. Angela Madden

Winfield First Presbyterian Church, 1101 Millington, joins the Children's Defense Fund in Multifaith National Observance of Children's Sabbath® Celebration Children's Sabbath to Focus on Ending Child Poverty in Winfield, Ark City, and Cowley County — Winfield First Presbyterian will host it's 7th annual Children's Sabbath by holding a special worship service on October 21st, 10:00 a.m. at 1101 Millington with the theme:

**“Realizing Dr. King’s Vision for Every Child: Lives of Hope, Not Despair”**

This year the Children's Sabbath is focusing on ending child hunger and eradicating childhood poverty.

October 3: Winfield First Presbyterian Church is eager to share the news that Candace Bradford Stephens has accepted the calling to serve God as the new Full Time Christian Education Discipleship Development Coordinator. She brings to this position a 4 year Bachelors Degree from Friends University in Business and Finance. She also holds an Associates Degree in Education from Cowley College.

Candace has served 465 school district as a substitute teacher and she taught 4th grade for one half year in South Haven. She has coached cheerleading and supports fundraising for the cheer squad that her 16 year old daughter is on at Ark City High. Her fried chicken and chocolate chip cookies are very well known!

Just this past weekend Miss CC won 1st Place at Winfield Art in the Park for her peach cobbler! In addition to her contagious faith in Jesus Christ she has established rapport with many local youth. Come and experience what Christ is creating. Youth Group for grades 6 through 12 happens weekly on Wednesdays beginning at 5:30 for Middle School, High school and Middle school share in a homecooked meal at 6:30 and High School meet until 8 pm.

### **September 2018 Press Release**

Thanks to a Generous Anonymous Donation **Circles (donuts) for all ages and 'Blocks' (Proteins)** for kids and youth are provided each Sunday at Winfield First Presbyterian Church. Juice and Hot Coffee are always a staple. We learn from Jesus that physical things (bread, juice, wine, water) can convey a spiritual lesson. One small child gave her pastor a note that said 'I love donuts and I love Jesus' (August 2018 retrieved online). Children can count on a satisfying breakfast and friendly grandparents to welcome them.

As a Pastor remarked online "Donuts, Kool-Aid, and casseroles are more than food and drink. They are symbols that someone cared enough to shop, prepare, and serve. They represent a loving, caring community. In those concrete symbols, the love and care of Christ shines through."

Come and Experience what Christ is doing with **Circles and Blocks** which strengthen God's presence in important ways in this sweet and welcoming faith family.

**September 2018:** Presbyterians at Play is hosting **PIGGYOKE in Island Park at 2 p.m.** Sunday, September 23, Soroptomist Pavilion. An annual event with a twist this year: you and yours provide the musical entertainment. A local noted DJ will be on hand to prompt the karaoke. Ned Graham and Mike Hutchins, co-chairmen of this Evangelism Sunday outreach, invite the community to this free event. Free Pork burgers, chips, and cookies served. at 3 p.m. Pork Burgers are the generous donation of Drake Lowe, Highschool Freshman, and fresh grilled by Grill Master Kent Miller. Island Park, 2-4 pm. Sunday, September 23rd..the place to make a memory and enjoy new and old friends.

September 4 Press Release: Presbyterians at Play, Winfield First Presbyterian Church, is hosting **The Greatest Showman Carnival** for all ages at 9:00 am on Sunday, September 9. Folks will join the Greatest Story ever told, Jesus Christ Superstar Fall 2018 Educational Theme. On September 9, 9 a.m. step right up in Ring 1 (9:05) with Mrs. Nikki Kirk in the Sanctuary. Kids will be singing and dancing This is Me in worship with the Chancel Choir.

Step right up to the 2nd floor Sanctuary (elevator access is in the alley) and grab a bag of fresh baked popcorn and toppings from the Popcorn Variety Cart (9:00 am. to 11). Debbie Stimmel will be creating balloon creations in Ring 2 alongside of Pastor Angela's story scavenger hunt.

Funnel cakes will be served in Fellowship Hall around 9:30 courtesy of ***Carnival Cathy***. PT BARNUM himself will be 'on hand' greeting, singing and spontaneously dancing.

Games on the church lawn with Miss Laura and Juggling George Lowe. Pie the Face of Pastor Angela and Miss Nikki after worship--\$1.00 a toss or bring an item for the Blessings Box.

Face Painting in Fellowship Hall with artists Fiona and Coryn, and the Happy Believer Photo Booth.

Carnival begins at 9:00. Worship and Praise and Children and Chancel Choir singing in worship at 10. Fellowship Snacks hosted by Jackie Russell at 11. Come and experience what Christ is creating at 1101 Millington.

### **Open Letter in Courier:**

### **Sharing appreciation for the Winfield Arts and Humanities:**

Thank you for the staff, teachers, volunteers, and volunteer grandparents of Winfield Arts and Humanities for the spectacular Summer 2018 programming for children.

Each summer we anticipate with excitement the Arts and Humanities camps, courses, events, and happenings. Our nine year old son enjoys the variety of opportunities and the unique creative outlets. This summer he participated in 6 classes each one filled with imagination, stimulation, energy, color, and learning. We have lived in large cities (Cleveland and Louisville) and have not discovered the types of summer involvements offered right here in Winfield.

As a parent, it was refreshing, and very touching, to see the staff and Volunteer Grandparents Ron and Donna hug our child and tell him 'we love you' and 'you made our day fun.' Seeing first hand the genuine rapport and relationships that the teachers made with our child and other children was truly exceptional.

Communities thrive because of folks like Cherie, Liz, Ron, Donna, Angela, and all of the other community builders at the Arts and Humanities. Thank you!

Angela Madden Scott



## **Pastor's Commentary Fall 2018 Cowley Courier Traveler:**

A psychology instructor had just finished a lecture on mental health and had proceeded to give an oral quiz to the freshman class. The instructor asked, "How would you diagnose a patient who walks back and forth screaming at the top of her lungs one minute, then sits in a chair weeping uncontrollably the next?"

A young woman in the rear of the room raised his hand and answered, "A fan of college basketball?"

We must patiently wait for God's timing. God's love is supreme and God weaves together our lives into God's plan for good.

"Don't be discouraged," the footnotes of Isaiah 60: 1-6 reminds us when we see so few people turning to God's bright light. Together, we serve, using whatever gifts we have to share the LIGHT.

Consider how you could 'mind the light' Christ for the world to see. Isaiah 60:1-6 *Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you.*

Anxiety's like a rocking chair. It gives you something to do, but it doesn't get you very far. (Jodi Picoult, *Sing You Home: A Novel* Simon & Schuster, 2011, 322.)

The famous Danish furniture designer Hans Wegner once remarked, "A chair is only finished when someone sits in it." **As Rybczynski tells it, the way we choose to sit and what we choose to sit on speak volumes about our values, our tastes and the things we hold dear.** (-From the description of Rybczynski's *Now I Sit Me Down* at Amazon.com.)

***Are you sitting on the Spirit today?***

***Are you squelching the Light of Christ's movement in your life?***

***Are you relaxing on the easy attitude of 'I've done my part it's someone else's turn?***

***Are you closing your eyes in the comfy predisposition to recall the good old days and have total rigidity to a bright light beckoning for more good days in the future?***

**God's call in Isaiah has everything to do with attitude and not latitude. God's call has everything to do with our attitude and not the latitude of physical ability.**

**Arise, your light has come**

*Do we dare to leave the chair behind or at least reposition where it's placed? Can we move the rocker?*

Comfort is great -- for insomnia, or so I've heard.

Comfort is not our path.

Rise Up. Shine. God needs you to.

*Who are you going to rock for...How are you supposed to Mind the Light of Christ?* Rock on and be bearers of the light, the world needs you to shine brightly.

Summer 2018 Winfield First Presbyterian Unveiled a new Cowley Cinema ad

# Winfield First Presbyterian Presbyterians @ Play

## Shock your Grandma...

## Show up in



**Praise & Inspiration 10:00 a.m., fol-  
lowed by Snacks**

**Donuts & Child Care**



WinfieldFirstPresChurch

**1101 Millington St.**



**Winfield, KS 67156**



**July 2018: Presbyterians at Play, Winfield First Presbyterian Church, is hosting their 4th Annual Free Community Swim Night.**

**All are welcome for a night of swimming and fellowship. Sunday, July 22, 7:00 p.m. at the Winfield Aquatic Center. Popsicles and Refreshments provided.**

## **Pastor's Commentary to the Cowley Courier Traveler July 2018:**

***What is your favorite month of the year?* August is one of my top three favorite months. August represents a lot of anticipation and memories. The anticipation of so many beginnings: school, preparing for fall in the church, seeing the youth share in worship, celebrating my husband's birthday, having final summer hoorah celebrations, enjoying sweet corn, walking the exhibits at the fair: all of this happens in August. The days get progressively faster as a result of the abundance of things to accomplish in August.**

**If your last name is 'M' in the alphabet you renew your car tag in the 8<sup>th</sup> month of the year. If you have school aged kiddos you purchase school supplies and perhaps a new Incredibles Backpack.**

**Anticipation for the future. Acceptance for the inevitability that Summer must come to an end. These emotions happen in my heart each August.**

**Seasons of our lives are so important. As Christians we celebrate the liturgical seasons. Springtime planting leads to harvest. Fall leaves prepares us for the incarnation of Jesus. Winter solstice affirms solitude with God.**

**David, when we focus on his life in 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel Chapter 11, seemed to have little or no regard for the calendar. He was supposed to be focused on leading his army into battle in the spring of the year—David didn't do this. He remained in Jerusalem and stuck in the moments of spending lazy afternoons sleeping on his couch.**

**He was not doing the right thing at the right time. And, he got into big trouble.**

**We would get in trouble if we didn't send our kids to school in the fall.**

**We would get in trouble if we didn't teach them to do their homework and study.**

**We get in trouble if we don't worship God faithfully and make God a priority in the ordering of our lives. We get in trouble when we get stuck in the past.**

**Play, swim, go on vacation, then, flip the pages of your calendar and photo books and ask God to prepare your heart for autumn.**

### ***June 2018 Press Release***

**Winfield First Presbyterian Church Invites Children to Shipwrecked Kids of the Kingdom: Rescued by Jesus.**

year. At Shipwrecked, kids discover that Jesus rescues them! Kids participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, make and devour yummy treats, experience one-of-a-kind Bible adventures, collect Bible Memory Buddies to remind them of God's love, and test out Sciency-Fun Gizmos they'll take home and play with all summer long. Plus, kids will learn to look for evidence of God all around them through something called God Sightings.

The mighty Talented Crew includes many community leaders and teachers: Cassandra Penka, Coordinator of the Ship, Nikki Kirk, Spotlight leader/Musical Director, Katie Hartley (Imagination Station), Mary Jarvis (Kid Vid Cinema), Rev. Angela Madden Scott (Bible Discovery), Nick Lockyear (Shipwreck games), Belinda Mueller (Tropical Treats), Debbie Badley, Megan Wolf, Nancy Misasi, Lenore Keen, Ryan Penka, Kristi Westfall, and Cathy Royston

Each day concludes with the Sail Away Sendoff that gets everyone involved in living what they've learned. Family members and friends are encouraged to join in daily for this special time at 2:45 of Sail Away Sendoff.

Kids at Shipwrecked Kids of the Kingdom will join an outreach effort to provide toiletries to stuff the free community Blessings Box.

Shipwrecked is for kids from age 3 through 5th Grade and will run from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. each day. Register online for this unforgettable free journey:

[www.winfieldfirstpres.com](http://www.winfieldfirstpres.com) or call and Register 221-4500 or stop by 1101 Millington. Kids registered by June 4 receive an early bird prize.

Register NOW at [firstpreswinfield.com](http://firstpreswinfield.com) (form is under EVENTS and KIDS of the Kingdom).

### **April 2018 Pastor's Column in the Cowley Courier Traveler Newspaper**

Mark Zuckerberg compared Facebook to a church.

#### ***Is he right?***

In 2017, he said that Facebook, with more than 2 billion users is like a church in that users feel part of "a more connected world." But is a virtual community known more for cat videos and political rants really a substitute for the church?

Comparing a virtual church of billions of isolated individuals tapping on keyboards to the real thing will cause us to smile. **But** we have to ask the question: What is the church missing that allows Zuckerberg and millions of others to substitute wading through political rants and vacation selfies for real interaction with a living, breathing, church? **How has the church allowed this reality?**

For the answer, go back to the church's birth and the book of Acts. Almost nobody worships, evangelizes or bowls alone in that book and all of the interaction is face to face. This is what the church does. While Facebook's innovation brings us faces (of friends and family) right to our screen, *the church allows us to experience faces--* the faces and lives of people in a community of faith, a community in which we act, serve and work together for the glory of God. (F2F," *Homiletics*, December 19, 1999, at [homileticonline.com](http://homileticonline.com).)

From Acts we learn that God created this community called church not for the purpose of people merely checking one another out, but for introducing people to the good news of what God had done through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The very premise was that God had come in person in Jesus and hadn't settled for sharing a meme or posting a manifesto. Jesus formed a real community of disciples, complete with their own quirks and flaws, and trained them how to interact with others in order to bring them into God's kingdom. The Spirit empowered them for this work and the church grew by leaps and bounds (2:41). Immediately, this community began connecting in person around tables in their homes, in the temple and through sharing their goods with one another (2:42-47). We get a more detailed window into how the community functioned, and it was a lot more about selfless service than selfies!

### **Holy Week 2018 Press Release**

The Winfield First Presbyterian Church 1101 Millington offers the community several Holy Week Worship and fellowship opportunities.

On Maundy Thursday, March 29, 7:30 p.m., the Mandatum Communion and Pedlavium offers live music featuring Nikki Kirk and Ryann Myers and a journey with Jesus through the Upper Room. Childcare opens at 7:15 p.m.

The 5th Annual Good Friday Cantata "We Remember Calvary" will feature the Chancel Choir, Soloists, and Instrumentalists who take us on a spiritual journey at the foot of the cross. The Cantata begins at 8:00 pm. and Childcare opens at 7:30 p.m.

Celebrate the Easter Resurrection at a lively outside Sunrise Gathering at 7:00 a.m. on the lawns of 1101 Millington. Stay for the Annual Lou MacKillop breakfast (free will donations support Youth Mission and Youth Campers) and Easter Intergenerational Activities.

Foolhardy Faith: Easter Resurrection at 10:00 a.m. with Chancel Choir, Kids' moment, Baptism, Communion and a message "The April Fool" by Rev. Angela Dionne Madden.

Easter Egg Hunt on the church lawn following 10 a.m. worship.

All ages are included in these Faith Celebrations.

Holy Week opportunities--enjoy one or all. Come experience what Christ is Creating at 1101 Millington!

## **March 2018 Press Release: Baked Potato Bar to Send Local Kids to CAMP**

Help send 35+ kids to camp this Summer in the beautiful Flint Hills of Kansas!

March 11, 2018 at 11 a.m. is your opportunity to eat a baked potato with the fixin's and dessert and give a free will donation towards sending 35 local kids (grades 3 through 12th) to camp. Stop by 1101 Millington Fellowship Hall and support kids in having a life changing opportunity. Come and experience what Christ is creating at Winfield First Presbyterian, 1101 Millington.

## **February 2018 Press Release and News:**

From February 2 through 8 the Pastor attended and received the Executive Certificate in Religious Fundraising from the Indiana School of Philanthropy (the course was held at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary and was more than 35 hours with a follow up project created and conducted by Rev. Madden). The Pennies 4 Pillars began in the 50 days following Easter culminating on Pentecost. 37 Pillars were recognized on Pentecost in Worship. The Pastor Receives a Grant to support achieving this certification.

**February 12:** The Winfield First Presbyterian Church 1101 Millington offers the community a couple of means of being stamped with a heart of ashes on Valentine's Day Wednesday, February 14th. From Noon to 1 p.m. you may simply drive through the church parking lot, 1101 Millington, and receive your ashes and blessing 'to Go.' Pastor Madden and a few Deacon Spiritual Leaders will also be imposing ashes on Homebound members in the morning hours.

At 7 p.m. (childcare opens at 6:45) a spiritual journey of faith begins. Throughout the sanctuary spiritually interactive stations will be offered: Graffiti wall, Renouncement Station, Music, Chalk Art and a burning Brazier. The celebration of the beginning of turning our hearts back to Jesus, and changing our hearts, marks the 40 day journey to Holy Week.

All ages are included in this Faith Celebration. Two opportunities--enjoy one or both and come experience what Christ is Creating at 1101 Millington!

**January 2019** Pastor Angela Received from Omaha Presbyterian Seminary Foundation a Scholarship and invitation to become certified as a Coach for Pastors. She will complete this first step of Coach to Pastor certification January 28-30 when I join 6 colleagues from around the country.

*Dear Faith Family,*

Thank you for a year of miracles and moments of God's grace, love, and unexpected joy. During the period of January through April we celebrated the Graduations to Heaven of



these nine saints: Nolan Ryan Kerr, Rachel Lankton, Ruth Westfall, Lois Cole, Jane Duncan, Don Gibson, Dixie Broadhurst, Edrea Cooke, Donna Swartz. We celebrated the graduation of Harold Randolph Lewis. From that season of deep mourning we embraced the fullness of a spring and summer which brought dozens of children to the Kids of the Kingdom and the Pentecost Pillars Celebration. The Pool Party in July realized the best ever attendance with the Pool Manager remarking 'how did you get this many people here?' In addition to mourning the move of a delightful staff member we celebrated the joy of adding to our team.

Ministry is a 24-7 calling. From the office to the homes to the hospital to the bedside of a dying member to the lake with the youth, God is present and alive in this Faith Family. From church meetings to communications, and ample time spent writing and preparing weekly messages, to leading worship and teaching, being your Pastor brings a variety of memories and opportunities to impact lives and share God's heart. Ministry loves company and I'm deeply blessed by the abundance of gifts of the Spirit that are in each of you. Looking forward to seeing what's in store for unpacking God's abundance in 2019 and well beyond. ...

### **My 2019 Spiritual Priorities:**

- Spiritual Person; child of Christ seeking the guidance of God's Spirit
- Family Member to Jack and Major
- Preacher
- Pastor
- Care giver to Faith Family
- Teacher
- Community Leader/Presbytery Involvement: Rotary, Leadership Development PR of the Alliance, Church Orders Ministry Team for the Presbytery on the first Tuesday of each month (I am the liaison for 5 churches: Derby, Mt. Vernon Wichita, Haysville, Coffeyville, Wellington) and I am the liaison for an Inquirer to Ministry in Freeport
- Joy-filled Fellowship Memory Making
- Administrator & Evangelist

With gratitude to the Spirit's lead and the abundant love of Jesus,

Rev. Angela Dionne Madden Scott

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen Ephesians 3: 20-21

## 2018 Personnel Annual Report

The staff at First Presbyterian, Winfield remained mostly unchanged for the year of 2018 with a few exceptions.

Candace Stephens was hired as the Christian Ed/Youth director for fill the position when Cassandra Penka and her family moved to Garden City.

Brianna was hired as the youth intern.

The existing staff continues to lovingly serve our congregation.

Respectfully submitted,

Pixie McCoy

Personnel Committee Chair

**First Presbyterian Church  
Winfield, Kansas  
Board of Deacons  
End of 2018 Report**

Book of Order: The office of Deacon as set forth in Scripture is one of sympathy, witness, and service after the example of Jesus Christ. It is the duty of the deacons, first of all, to minister to those who are in need, to the sick to the friendless, and to any who may be in distress both within and beyond the community of faith.

The Board of Deacons met each month; usually on the third Sunday of each month after church (11:30 AM). Each meeting was called to order by the moderator/co-moderator. Each meeting was opened in devotion and prayer presented by deacons on a volunteer (sign up in December) basis. Many wonderful and inspiring devotions were presented by the board's members consisting of: Will Badley, Ned Graham, Mike Hutchins, Mary Jarvis, Nancy Misasi, Ralph Royston, Jack Scott, Emily Davis, Cassandra Penka (until they moved), Erika Kendall, and Susan Thompson.

Minutes from each previous month's meeting, as well as the treasurer's report, was read, corrected if necessary, and approved by a majority of the board. Erika Kendall, serving as secretary/treasurer, performed her recording and accounting duties monthly, after locating the checkbook. There were approximately 9 months of inactivity on the account while the checkbook was being located, due to the passing of Lois Cole. The Dillons card we used for purchasing bereavement dinner items was also being tracked down, as Dixie Broadhurst was our faithful deacon that helped in purchasing food before she passed away. Our beginning balance in our account in January 2018 was \$3793.23. Of that amount, \$2800.00 remains earmarked for bereavement dinners.

Deposits to the account throughout the year were:

None to my knowledge

Expenditures throughout the year were:

\$50.00 to Bobby Baker for Karaoke

\$100 to Ned Graham for deposit for karaoke

\$120.00 to USD465 for Kindergarten Milk Scholarships

\$69.50 for "These Days" monthly publications for Parish Friends (shut-in members)

Ending balance=\$3206.73 (406.73 +\$2800.00 Bereavement Fund)

The remainder of this report will be activities of our board's committees throughout 2018.

Bereavement Committee – Chaired by Jack Scott – served 5 funeral dinners in 2018. Jack's commitment to this committee's mission was admirable and our church has received many compliments from families served. We owe many thanks to Jack and the committee.

Christmas Committee – Chaired by Ned Graham – ordered and picked up 19 poinsettias for distribution to our Parish Friends. Ned's work on this committee was not only efficient but entertaining as well.

Communion/Extended Communion – chaired by Mike Hutchins –with assistance of various deacons throughout the year helped prepare communion elements with worship committee from the session each month. Extended Communion was served to at least 94 people during the year at Cumbernauld, Rest Haven, Good Samaritan Rest Home and Nursing Facility, Veterans' Home,

Presbyterian Manor, and individual homes each month. Deacons volunteered each month to serve communion along-side a session member to many parish friends and extras at 11:30 and 12:30. We consider this to be one of our most cherished contributions. Mike made this a very valuable committee for our church.

Courtesy Committee – Chaired by Cassandra Penka for much of the year – sent anniversary cards, birthday cards and get-well cards each month to congregation members. Deacons also volunteered to make personal birthday telephone calls each month to children and adults of our congregation.

Food Pantry Committee – Chaired by Mike Hutchins – delivered non-perishable food supplies each month to the Winfield Community Food Pantry. Each month had a designated “food of the month” but many “others” were also contributed by congregation members. Jim delivered these each month and reported amounts at monthly deacons meeting. The overall total number of Food items collected for 2018 is at least 2,339 items. Not all month’s totals were reported at our meetings. Mike and Jim Godfrey are to be commended for delivering the foods each month.

Prayer Chain Committee – chaired by Ralph Royston – The prayer chain consists of all board of deacon’s members, the pastor and church secretary, plus many past deacons. Most of the passing of information and requests for prayers are by phone, however many are also contacted by email. Mike Hutchins kept emails going. The prayer chain was activated approximately 71 times for 88 people needing our prayers. This is a powerful committee evidenced by the glory of God’s blessings in times of needs. All who participated in this chain were influential in its positive outcomes.

Rosebud Committee – Chaired by Mary Jarvis – this year we only acquired 1 rosebud for a baby born to our church family, displayed it on the altar on Sunday and presented it to the parents/ grandparents. Mary was most gracious as a deacon for this joy. We hope to have more to purchase in the new year!

Scholarship Committee – Chaired by Erika Kendall – awarded \$2,250.00 in Deacons Scholarships. Recipients of these scholarships were Nick Lockyear, Nikki Kirk, Billy Wollard, Kylee Wollard, and Noah Graham.

Outreach Committee – Chaired by Mike Hutchins – is a new committee formed by this year’s deacons by a motion to our board from Mike. Our duty is to find needs throughout our community and involve our church family in providing help with those needs. He has been instrumental in the application of many of the missions created by our deacons. We continued with our mission for USD 465 in collecting school supplies. Through a Minute for Mission announcements during Sunday Church services, the congregation was asked to donate supplies and they were delivered to the district office for distribution to students in need. Julie Mignone was the contact for that. Through a Minute for Mission request, we also continued with the collection of money from the congregation for Kindergarten Milk Scholarships that had begun by a motion from Julie Mignone in 2016. Our board and individual deacons contributed to this mission. Minute for Mission for Food Pantry reports and requests each month was again our message to the congregation. First Presbyterian supports Helping Hands, an alliance of churches that provides help for community members with financial aid. Julie Mignone is our representative and worker for that effort. Deacons have supported the Blessings Box with contributions by individual deacons as well as promoting this mission through Minute for Mission announcements.

Mike is now President of the board of Habitat for Humanity and plans ways for our congregation to contribute to that mission. Mike also organized the first annual Piggyoke event. On September 23, 2018, we hosted the event with included karaoke provided by Bobby Baker and a pork burger meal donated by Drake Lowe. The deacons all volunteered for various jobs during the event. It was a huge success. Mike is truly a steward for God in his commitment to community needs and we are grateful for his big heart and kind works.

Care for Parish Friends – no chair – all deacons participate in visiting those members of our church that can no longer attend our church services. We want them to continue to feel that they are valued members of our church family. We visit them as often as we can, often taking things to remind them of our concern for their well-being. We report our visits at each monthly meeting to keep updated on their situations. We had 89 reports visits to our parish friends. This number is likely higher, do to absences at meeting so visits aren't reported. Deacons also sign up for a week at a time to make hospital visits. We had only 2 reported hospital calls in 2018.

Each Deacons meeting was closed in prayer led by Ned Graham.

This concludes the report of the Board of Deacons for 2018. Leaving the board at the end of December will be Deacon Ned Graham, Ralph Royston, Susan Thompson, and Will Badley. Cassandra Penka moved away earlier in the year and Ruthie Westfall passed away. Joining the Board of Deacons for 2019 will be Jim Godfrey, Jackie Russell, Belinda Mueller, Pennie Miller, Laura Wollard, Ethel Scott, and Jenette Hanna.

Respectfully Submitted by  
Erika Kendall and Ned Graham  
Secretary/Treasurer and Moderator of Board of Deacons

## **Building & Grounds**

### **2018 Annual Report**

Committee members were: Russ Miller, Gilbert Scott, Chris Rogers, George Lowe, and Casey Woner.

The largest expense was masonry repairs to the water table and brick surfaces 2 1/2 feet below the water table and east face of the church. The east face included the square columns on which the round columns sit and painting the exterior ceiling above the east entrance. This work was done by Mid-Continental Restoration Co., Inc. The total was \$35,582.00.

The flat roof west of the main dome was replaced after a windstorm tore some of it loose. The cost was \$2,800.00 with insurance paying for it less the deductible of \$1,000.00.

The Fire Marshall inspected the church and we were required to replace several exit signs and emergency lights. We also needed to replace some outlets in the kitchen with GFCI outlets and add a new outlet for the pop machine to eliminate the use of an extension cord. Chris Rogers touched up the paint around the exit signs and emergency lights as well as some other areas in the church.

We switched the elevator to a more economical maintenance contract.

The locks were changed on all exterior doors because many of the old keys were unaccounted for.

There were three motors replaced on the outside air conditioning units.

At the manse we replaced the heat and air system at a cost of \$4,000.00 as well as a new lift pump.

George supervised the lawn mowing this summer doing it him self sometimes and organizing you other times. We did come up a little short on donations to pay the youth.

In the future, we still have leaks in the roof. The worst are around the northwest dome and shingles facing the west. All of the shingles on the main church are old and cracked with age and will need replaced. The domes need work as well as sealing the rest of the brick on the church.

Russ Miller, Chairman



# WORSHIP COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2018

Worship Team members for 2018 are;

Duey Kerr, Moderator, Phil Miller, co-moderator, Suzie Johnson, Erica Kendall, Mary Blake, Gilbert Scott, and Pastor Angela.

The Worship Committee meets the first Wednesday morning each month at 10:00. In addition to the regular Sunday services, several special services were planned.

On Ash Wednesday, Angela, Cassandra Penka, Phil Miller and I went to Cumbernauld Village to impose ashes on our members there and afterward, Angela invited the public to “drive thru” the parking lot and receive their ashes. Communion was served at the 7:00 service.

On Maundy Thursday, Angela washed the feet of one our Church Disciples.

On Good Friday, the Choir performed the Cantata “We Remember Calvary” and it was well attended and amazing! Thank you Nikki Kirk!

Easter Sunrise Service was moved inside the east Narthex this year as it was cold. Communion was served and the Flowering Cross was decorated. After, the youth served breakfast and the Congregation gathered in the Sanctuary to celebrate the Resurrection with a Baptism, Communion and the traditional singing of the Hallelujah Chorus.

This year for the first time, Niki lead us in the Christmas Cantata, “The Sound and the Silence” with the Journey Kids. It was awesome and we all look forward to doing another next year! The kids performed a play called Christ-Myth Busters on December 23<sup>rd</sup> and we held our Candlelight Christmas Eve Communion service on the 24<sup>th</sup>

At the beginning of this year, we lost 5 of our beloved Church family and it took a toll on us all and especially our Pastor and I just wanted to thank Cassandra Penka and the youth and Nick Lockyear and Nikki Kirk for stepping up on 2 Sundays in March in Angela’s absence. We also had guest Pastors 4 other times this year. Thank you Eric and John.

Each Sunday, the church is decorated, or “dressed” according to the different seasons of the Church, Lenten and Advent to name two. Suzie Johnson has taken on this roll for many years and does a great job keeping things new and fresh. Sometimes as simple as a couple of banners and sometimes all around the Church! The Liturgical colors are also displayed by the Paraments on the pulpit and lectern and the choir stalls. Thanks to Suzie and all her helpers.

Communion was served 14 times and extended Communion 11 times. Thanks to all who helped serve, especially with extended communion.

I would like to thank all who served on the Worship Committee in 2018. We all look forward to serving our Church in 2019 with Phil Miller as our Moderator.

Respectfully submitted, Duey Kerr, Moderator 2018

Phil Miller, Moderator Elect; Suzie Johnson, Church Dresser; Mary Blake, Worship Assistant Coordinator; Jack Scott, Acolytes; Gilbert Scott, Worship team “Go to Guy”

## Presbyterian Women Annual Report 2018

The Presbyterian Women's coordinating team met four times this year. No general meetings were held.

In May those women active in PW met to discuss the future of the Murray Rockhold Circle. It was decided at that time to disband the circle.

Due to our low membership it was decided to cut back on cookies to the William Newton Memorial Hospital snack bar and donate them just on the first and second weeks of September instead of the entire month. We do appreciate all those women in the congregation who contributed to this project.

In August the officers met to discuss the future of the PW organization. Motion prevailed that the Presbyterian Women's organization of First Presbyterian Church in Winfield, Kansas, would disband as of December 31, 2018.

It was agreed that Mary Blake, Belinda Mueller, Lynne Snyder, and Lou Tharp will remain active at least until the Pat Williams' Memorial Fund (used to support the annual presentation of the PW Honorary Life Membership Award) is depleted.

Mary Blake will continue to oversee the above award presentation each year as well as our mission sewing. Belinda will oversee the Least Coin offering at the Tuesdays at 10 Bible Study but will direct those funds to the USD 465 milk program. Lou will continue with the Box Top Labels and sewing projects. Lynne will oversee the cookie schedule for the hospital snack bar. The Deacons will be asked to continue with the Blanket/Tools Offering through Church World Service (collected from the congregation in July) and the Session, the Presbyterian Women Thank Offering (collected from the congregation in November). The Horizons Bible Study and birthday offering will be discontinued, and it is the hope of the former Presbyterian Women organization that those that gave monthly to the Hunger fund will find other places within the church to support.

Sue Nispel, moderator of Presbyterian Woman of the Presbytery of Southern Kansas, asked our PW to host one of the two fall gatherings, which we agreed to do. The meeting took place on Tuesday, Sept. 25, 2018. Pastor Angela presented the sermon for the worship service and told about the Blessings Box, which was the mission project for the day. Many of the participants brought items and others donated cash. Marsha Granberry served as pianist, and Mary Kerr served at the registration table. Because of our small numbers (Mary Blake, Belinda Mueller, Lynne Snyder, Mary Kerr, Lou Tharp) the ladies from the Cambridge PW (Marsha Granberry, Rita Ashenfelter, Kelly Hull, Koreen Bartell, Verla Whiteman, and Marilyn Watt) agreed to assist us. They provided early morning refreshments, and four casseroles of chicken tetrazzini and cole slaw for lunch. The Winfield ladies provided a gluten free casserole and crackers, desserts, garlic bread, and beverages. Table favors were flour sack tea towels inscribed "There's a little bit of Mary and Martha in all of us," based on Luke 10:38-42. The towels were well received and several women purchased extra towels to use as gifts.

A sewing session was held in Fellowship Hall in October. Those helping were: Marilyn McSpadden, Belinda Mueller, Mary Blake, Elva Godfrey, Pat Chrisler, Suzie Johnson, Candace Stephens, and Lou Tharp. We would like to thank those in the congregation who contributed to the purchase of items for the Days for Girls bags and postage. There were 39 bags made and filled with a wash cloth, two baggies, and a pair of panties. These were sent to the Days for Girls chapter in Omaha, Neb.; chapter members will add a bar of soap and hand-sewn sanitary supplies to the colorful drawstring bags. Seventeen diapers were made from tee-shirts and sent, along with two baby blankets, to a contact woman in Minnesota, who will forward them through Church World Service or Lutheran World Relief. Eleven baby quilts and two quilted lap robes were taken to the Open-Door Ministries in Wichita.

George Lowe received the PW Honorary Life Membership Award during worship on Sunday, July 15. A large family gathering was present and George was truly surprised.

The board made contributions to our local mission projects this year: CASA, Helping Hands, Eagle Nest, and the Birthday Offering.

Respectfully submitted by,

Lou Tharp, Secretary/Treasurer

## Music Ministry Report 2018

### 2018 Music Ministry Team

Susan Lowe  
Mary Blake  
Lenore Keen  
Kaela Massey  
Hannah Breshears  
Scarlet Green  
Addison Praytor  
Lauren Rosales  
Brant Myers  
Hilary Farmer  
Suzie Johnson  
Mary Jarvis  
RyAnn Myers  
Nancy Misasi  
Kayli Myers  
Alisha Montgomery  
Mary Topper  
Cari Pringle  
Gilbert Scott  
Mike Kendall  
Ned Graham  
Duey Kerr  
Chris Rodgers  
Jonathan Lane  
Tanner Schartz  
Jack Warring  
Matthew Porter  
Tyler Demaree  
Ryan Pangracs  
Aidan Wells-Filbert  
Nikki Kirk

The Chancel Choir rehearses every Wednesday from 5:30-6:30 p.m. and Sunday at 9:30 a.m.  
The Chancel Choir serves during each worship service September-May.

The Children's Worship Team meets every Sunday morning from September-May from 9:00-9:15 a.m. This group shares during the worship service throughout the Sunday School year.

On March 30th, members of the Music Ministry Team shared "We Remember Calvary" a contemporary cantata service for Good Friday. This marked the 5th annual Holy Week Cantata service.

In June the Kids of the Kingdom, "Shipwrecked", participated in music led by Nikki Kirk. The children enjoyed the experience of moving and singing with the songs and shared their music with the congregation during KOK Sunday service, June 24th.

Many adults and children in our congregation shared special music during worship throughout the summer. We are blessed by the talents of this faith family and their willingness to share.

Rally Day on September 9th was the first Sunday Worship service back for the Chancel Choir and Children's Worship Team. The combined groups shared a fun and upbeat anthem, "This Is Me" from The Greatest Showman to coordinate with the Rally Day theme.

Our Music Ministry Team was rejoined by the following Southwestern College singers in September: Tanner Schartz, Jack Warring, and Matthew Porter. We were also blessed to have four new College Singers this fall, Ryan Pangracs, Scarlet Green, Addison Praytor, and Hannah Breshears. We have greatly enjoyed having the College Singers throughout this year. This important outreach allows these students to gain experience for possible careers in worship music and gives them the opportunity for fellowship among a family of faith. We have been blessed by the energy and talent of these students and the others who have joined us over the past five years. We hope to continue this vital ministry for many more years to come.

The Music Ministry Team shared our first annual Cantata for Christmas "The Silence and the Sound" on Sunday, December 9th . During the cantata, the team was joined by the JourneyKids Choir, a program of the Community Music School at Southwestern College under the direction of Nikki Kirk. Many were in attendance for this memorable service.

Throughout the months of November and December the children's Sunday School collaborated to perform "Chris-Myth Busters" a musical play for Christmas. The performance was shared with the Congregation on Sunday, December 23rd. Many thanks to Debbie Badley, Laura Wollard, and Candace Stephens for their work on this program.

Throughout the year our church accompanist Aidan Wells-Filbert has shared his time and exceptional talent with our congregation during Sunday worship services, choir rehearsals, and special music rehearsals. In closing, the members of our Music Ministry Team continue to show us God's heart through their commitment and faithful contributions to the church and our worship services. The long-standing members of our choir and their dedication to service in our church continues to inspire the faith family. It is by their continuous generosity of time and talent and examples of unconditional service that we, as a Music Ministry Team, continue to grow in faith.

Submitted by,  
Nikki Kirk

# Nominating Committee Annual Report 2018

Moderator: Russ Miller

Members: Paul Hartley, Julie Mignone, Erika Kendall, Elliott Rodda, Phil Jarvis, Brent Wolf

Ruling Elder nominated for the class of 2019 to fulfil 1 unexpired seat: Brent Mackey

Ruling Elders nominated for the class of 2020: Deborah Badley, Suzie Johnson, Susan Lowe, Donnie Peterson, Chris Rogers, Lynne Snyder and Robyn Shaw (youth Elder to begin term July 1, 2019 and go through June 30, 2020)

Board of Deacons nominated for the class of 2019 to fulfil 2 unexpired seats: Jim Godfrey and Jackie Russell

Board of Deacons nominated for the class of 2020: Jenette Hanna, Mary Jarvis, Pennie Miller, Nancy Misasi, Belinda Mueller, Ethel Scott, Laura Wollard

2018 Nominating Committee: Paul Hartley—Moderator, Dr. Chandy Samuel, Erika Kendall, Julie Mignone, Elliott Rodda, Brent Wolf, 1 representative from Deacons

Respectfully Submitted,

Cathy Royston on behalf of the 2018 Nominating Committee



## DEACONS 2018 FOOD PANTRY REPORT

| Month     | Food of the Month (FOM)                             | FOM Qty | Other Food Qty | Month Total | Year Total  |
|-----------|---|---------|----------------|-------------|-------------|
| January   | Breakfast cereal                                    | 19      | 205            | 224         | 224         |
| February  | Canned fruit & Peanut Butter                        | 17      | 255            | 272         | 496         |
| March     | Canned meat & fish                                  | 46      | 303            | 349         | 845         |
| April     | Pasta & Macaroni                                    | 79      | 274            | 353         | 1198        |
| May       | Breakfast cereal                                    | 37      | 363            | 400         | 1598        |
| June      | Instant pudding & Jello                             | 28      | 162            | 190         | 1788        |
| July      | Canned vegetables                                   | 35      | 216            | 251         | 2039        |
| August    | Peanut butter & Jelly                               | 42      | 350            | 392         | 2431        |
| September | Dried peas, beans & rice                            | 10      | 74             | 84          | 2515        |
| October   | Canned soup   | 34      | 180            | 214         | 2729        |
| November  | Muffin & biscuit mixes                              | 17      | 239            | 256         | 2985        |
| December  | Soap & toilet tissue                                | 13      | 143            | 156         | 3141        |
|           | <b>TOTAL FOR 2018<br/>Through December 31, 2018</b> |         |                |             | <b>3141</b> |

# Youth/Christian Education/Church Life Report

## 2018 Highlights

### 1/10-5/9 MS & High School Youth

#### **REACHING EVERYONE BY EXPRESSING the LOVE of our SAVIOR**

R.E.B.E.L.S. meet Wednesday evenings 5:30-7:30 (Supper at 6:30)

This energetic group had an average attendance of 13 youth with some nights reaching 16 youth ready to hear God's message! We studied Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Lent, Jesus's Life, Death & Resurrection. We worked on service projects like making mats for the homeless, we dived deep into discussions with Pastor and we learned about the history of our Church. This wonderful group had a blast traveling, playing games and growing in their faith. Thank you for helping send them to camp, cooking and providing food for them to eat, chaperoning a trip and for all the many ways this faith family shows their support for the youth! You are a blessing!

### 1/14 Intergenerational Sunday School

Every 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Sunday School the classes gather together for fellowship and activities. The purpose is to work with others and get to know more members of our faith family. This Sunday we wrote prayer poems to God, made picture frames, created snowflake ornaments, enjoyed donuts and colored our way to calmer minds. Thank you for your participation! We had 40 in attendance!

### 1/14 Frozen Event

This event was 'Frozen' themed and welcomed all to enjoy a movie, activities, snacks and a snowball fight (with marshmallows) We hosted this event for 35 people, 9 of whom were visitors to our church! [2 online compliments were given to us-](#) "We love the Winfield First Presbyterian Church. The kids love going to all the activities and everyone is so welcoming!" & "We had so much fun today! Thank you all so much!"

### 1/15 MLK Day Youth Service Project & Snow Tubing Rally

8 youth and 3 adults made the trek to Kansas City to join with over 12 other congregations to turn ordinary plastic grocery bags into functional sleeping mats for those who are homeless. Did you know that according to the National Alliance to End Homelessness, this heartbreaking problem affects almost 200,000 people in families, more than 30,000 unaccompanied youths and nearly 50,000 veterans? The youth worked all morning and into the afternoon sorting good bags from bad bags and making the first link for the braid of bags that became several beds of comfort. The youth's hard work was rewarded with a new and exciting experience of snow tubing for a couple hours at Snow Creek.

### 1/19-1/21 High School Winter Retreat at Westminster Woods

This year's theme was 'Harmless' and the scripture focus was on 1 Timothy 1:12-17. Campers have Chapel every day of camp. Camp cost is \$100, of which our church pays half. We helped send 2 high school students to this life changing experience.

### 1/31, 2/28, 3/28, 4/25 Chupper

Chupper (church supper) is a free meal kindly prepared by loving volunteers for anyone who would like to join us for food and fellowship. The provisions for the Chupper Menu largely come from the commodities the Church receives. Chupper is attended by 50-70 people! Chupper was held on the last Wednesday night at 6:30 pm of the following months; January, February, March, April, September, October and November.

### 2/4-2/25 Secret Pals

This 10-year tradition is a wonderful ministry that takes place during the month of February. There was a toddler table for children who have not entered Pre-K. This table had little trinkets for the smaller children to enjoy. All children Pre-K—5<sup>th</sup> grade who have signed up to have a secret pal are paired with a member of our congregation. Each Sunday the Secret Pal leaves a clue for the child to try to figure out who their Secret Pal might be. Secret Pals are then revealed on the last Sunday of the month during a wonderful potluck of kid friendly dishes. This ministry helps the children of our faith family know they are cared for and it also helps everyone to get to know other members of our faith family better in a fun way! This year we had 22 children and 20 adults participate. We had an online compliment about this ministry—"Such a great program!" Thank you for helping with this loving outreach. I hope you all had fun and continue to be a presence in each other's lives.

### 2/2-2/4 Middle School Winter Retreat at Westminster Woods

This year's theme was 'Harmless' and the scripture focus was on 1 Timothy 1:12-17. Campers have Chapel every day of camp. Camp cost is \$100, of which our church pays half. We helped send 5 high school students to this life changing experience!

### 2/4 Superbowl Sub Sandwich Sale Youth Fundraiser

This fundraiser was held to help the youth earn funds to help pay for summer camp costs. We received 25 pre-orders. We made 42 sandwiches and sold-out the day of the sale! 4 youth helped prepare and serve the sandwiches. Subs were sold for \$5, including a bag of chips and a pickle. We had many make donations or pay more than \$5 for their sandwiches. We thank you for your support and helping make attending camp a reality for our youth.

### 2/7 Youth Trip to Derby, Kansas

We had 11 youth and 4 adults welcomed into the Laura Wollard's home for a wonderfully fun evening! All learned more about the Lenten Season as we worked together using Lent themed clues to unlock a mysterious prize box. We also enjoyed some delicious Frito chili pies and cinnamon rolls. Thank you everyone for the love shown to our youth!

### 2/14 Ash Wednesday Service

Ash Wednesday began with a team of 4 delivering Lenten devotionals and administering heart shaped ashes to 14 residents at Cumbernauld Village. A new outreach for our church this year was offered, 'Ashes to Go' were offered in the parking lot. This outreach touched 12 individuals! We held the traditional Ash Wednesday Service at 7 pm with 38 in attendance. All were moved by the Spirit as we journeyed through interactive stations that shifted our focus back to God.

### 2/25 Intergenerational Sunday School

God's children of all ages gathered together for fellowship and activities. The purpose of this intergenerational gathering is to work with others and get to know members of our faith family better. This Sunday we began with donut fellowship and music in the Sanctuary. Then we moved to Fellowship Hall and wrote prayers of praises and prayers of requests to God. We attached our prayers to balloons and followed Pastor Angela onto the lawn. Everyone formed a large prayer circle and all were spiritual moved when we released our prayers upward to God. Thank you for your participation! We had 11 visitors join us for the balloon release making the total attendance of 67 participants!

### 3/9 WinterJam

WinterJam is a wonderful experience for the youth of our faith family to worship God. The event was held at the Intrust Bank Arena in Wichita, Kansas. We had 9 youths with 4 adults experience an amazing night of moving music, scripture and testimonials. Reports from our youth included: "This is awesome!", "We have to come back next year!" and my favorite comment "I so needed this." God is alive! I see him in our youth. Being in a stadium that seats over fifteen thousand people and hearing them worship God together is a life changing experience.

### 3/11 Youth Baked Potato Bar Fundraiser

This fundraiser was held to help the youth earn funds to help pay for summer camp costs to go to Westminster Woods. Summer Camp in Tier 1 pricing ranges from \$245 (3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> grade) to \$495 (High Schoolers) for each camper. We arrived at the church early Sunday morning and began cleaning and prepping around 200 potatoes! We had a total of 12 youth help prepare and/or serve lunch, desserts and beverages. Donations were accepted as a free will offering the day of the fundraiser. This fundraiser was advertised with a press release and we had visitors to our event. We thank you for your support and your continued help in ensuring each youth longing for the summer camp experience can have it.

### 3/25 Palm Sunday~Butterfly Release

We excitedly proclaimed Jesus as King on Palm Sunday! Worship began with the choir, children and Sunday School teachers leading a processional song of Hosanna and waving palm branches. A truly moving experience! The processional was recorded and posted on the Church's Facebook page and has been viewed 562 times upon the submission of this report!

### 3/29 Maundy Thursday

This Holy Thursday Service is a commemoration of the Last Supper of Jesus Christ. Service was held at 7:30 p.m. The 46 in attendance listened to Jesus' Mandatum: Love One Another. This traditional service included a re-enactment of John 13:1-17 with the pedilavium (foot washing).

### 3/30 Good Friday Cantata

The choir engaged 118 people with their outstanding delivery of We Remember Calvary: A Contemporary Tenebrae Service at 8 p.m. This service reminds us the history of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and how he gave freely of himself for the forgiveness of sins and inclusion of all. A truly memorable experience!

### 4/1 Easter Sunrise Service

17 people braved the extreme cold to gather in the North Sanctuary Entrance to worship God. All partook in communion and listened to the drum beat of Resurrection. This moving experience concluded with the placement of flowers on the cross (displayed at the East entrance) and the singing of Great are you Lord.

### 4/1 Lou Mackillop Breakfast

This fundraiser was held to help the youth earn funds to help pay for camp costs to go to Westminster Woods this summer. Tier 1 pricing for summer camp ranges from \$245-\$495 for each youth. 8 youth gathered very early Sunday morning to prepare and serve breakfast. Casseroles, fried potatoes, cinnamon rolls, croissants, biscuits, gluten free muffins, and many other items were enjoyed by all. The youth accepted free will donations the day of the breakfast and successfully raised \$613.30! Thank you to everyone who showed their love and support to the youth of our caring faith family.

### 4/1 Easter Sunday Morning Activities

Fun and engaging Easter activity stations were set up in Fellowship Hall for all to enjoy. Activities included making felt owls for 'Who, who are you going to tell about the Resurrection?', dying eggs, building homes out of toothpicks and jelly beans or marshmallows for our peep chicks, coloring sheets to calm your mind, and hidden picture and word search challenges! 60 attended this time of fun and fellowship.

#### 4/1 Easter 10 am Worship & Egg Hunt

At the traditional Easter Worship Service at 10 am there were 165 in attendance with more than 40 kids! Our generous faith family donated all the candy, trinkets and change that were used by our youth to stuff 1,000 eggs for the hunt! The yards were sectioned off for 0-5 years, 6-10 years and 11-15 years. All children were encouraged to gather 20 eggs each.

#### 4/8 Intergenerational Sunday

God's children of all ages gathered together for fellowship and a planting activity led by Kayli which served as her confirmation project. This intergenerational gathering provides everyone with an opportunity to interact and get to know members of our faith family better. This Sunday one of our youth, Kayli, with her Sponsor, Katie, led us through her project "Let your Roots Grow into Him." Participants learned what it takes to help a plant grow and what everyone receives from God to help us grow in our faith as good Christian disciples. All who joined in planted the verse John 15:4-5 for their bulb to grow on. Thank you for your participation! We had 49 people attend and join in growing our roots into a firm foundation!

#### 4/18 Pizza with Pastor

Youth gathered at 5:30 to prepare and bake pizza. Family members of the youth were invited to dine with the group and Pastor Angela at 6:30 We had 16 youth attend and 10 guests! All were invited to fill a bucket with questions for Pastor Angela. Participants were encouraged to ask questions about practices that we do in church that they may not understand, anything they have heard about Jesus that is confusing to them or any other questions they may have. Great discussion was had by all. Those in attendance learned about what Pastor Angela typically does in this calling, the joy and fun she has found, how long she has been a pastor, if she has a pet, how long someone can be a pastor, and many more topics. Pastor then quizzed the group on their church history knowledge A wonderful time of food and meaningful fellowship was enjoyed by all.

#### 4/29 Faith Family Spring Picnic

We had over 100 people attend the Faith Family Spring Picnic and enjoy the pleasant weather. Fellowship inside and on the lawn was enjoyed by all. Kites, bubbles, chalk play & basketball were appreciated activities in the wonderful sunshine. Thank you to the Congregation for brining side dishes and thank you to the Connections Committee for grilling out and serving this Faith Family delicious food!

#### 5/6 Recognition of Teachers

We recognized 20 teachers who volunteered their time and talents to teach the 2017-2018 school year in the Sunday School Classrooms. Sunday School was held from the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in September, Rally Day, to May 6<sup>th</sup>. Sunday Mornings begin with Donut Fellowship & the Nursery opening at 8:30 Followed by Sunday School at 9:00 Pre-k-5<sup>th</sup> Grade



begin with Music and at 9:15 transition into their respective classrooms. Sunday school adjourns at 9:45 with time for children to transition into Worship. Clipboards with coloring pages, busy bags, etch-a-sketches, lacing cards, building blocks, and many other sensory elements for the children to use in the pews during Worship are available in the Narthex.

#### 5/6 Recognition of Graduates

This year we recognized 1 high school senior and 2 college students for their accomplishments. Their hard work, dedication and faith has led them to this new beginning in their lives. We remember and honor them on their future life journeys.

#### 5/9 Youth Blessings Send-off for Aniefiok Ukim & End of the Year Celebration

The youth celebrated Ukim with pizza, yard games and chocolate cake! Ukim has been a part of youth mission for 3 years. The youth routinely have a round of low/highs where each youth takes a turn sharing 1 item that made them feel low this week followed by 1 or more items that made them feel high this week. This evening the majority of lows shared was that Ukim was moving away. He will be greatly missed. We wish him the best of luck as he ventures forward in the next chapter of his life.

#### 5/13 Celebration of Women

All women were celebrated on Mother's Day. Women were honored for their talents and shared faith with a flower and bookmark. The amusing 'Mom Song' video was played for the congregation to enjoy. We celebrated expectant and new mothers, we mourn with mothers who have lost a child, we walk with those waiting to become mothers and we grieve with those who have experienced the loss of their Mother. We continually pray for you all.

#### 5/20 Pentecost—Celebrating the Pillars of the Church & the Church's Birthday

On Pentecost Sunday we celebrated the birth of the Church! 37 Children were present and each received the honor of being celebrated as a Pillar of the Church in Worship! After worship all enjoyed birthday cake and fellowship. A Facebook shout-out was received "This is an amazing kid friendly Church! Pastor Angela does an incredible job!" Total attendance for this amazing celebration was 112 and the Pennies for Pillars Event gifted \$184.10 to the Church's Legacy! The Spirit is creating beautiful experiences at Winfield First Presbyterian Church! Pillars of the Church build up God's Kingdom on Earth! Keep sharing your kindness, love, helpfulness & forgiveness!

#### 5/29-6/1 3rd-4th Grade Summer Camp at Westminster Woods

Westminster Woods Summer Camp is a meaningful experience and a lasting memory for youth to grow in their knowledge and understanding of their faith. This year we sent 6 children to the 3rd-4th grade camp. 5 of the 6 were first time campers! All had an amazing time meeting new friends and building lasting bonds. The theme for 2018 was Stand Firm, rooted in Ephesians 6:10-20. The children learned about the Armor of God & by the end of camp all had professed Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

### 6/3-6/8 Leadership Development Program at Westminster Woods

The leadership development program at Westminster Woods is for high school students who have completed their freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior year. This Program is held in conjunction with the third/fourth grade and fifth/ sixth-grade summer camps. This year we sent 1 youth to participant. This camper received training and hands-on experience in leadership development. This excellent service opportunity made an unforgettable week as campers served others and practiced putting others needs first. Goals for this program encourage spiritual growth, sharing of your faith & character development, creating a strong work ethic, enhancing relationship skills, promoting teamwork & communication skills and developing a Servant's Heart for Leadership.

### 6/4-6/8 5th-6th Grade Summer Camp at Westminster Woods

Campers learned how Paul wrote the book of Ephesians to the church at Ephesus to encourage and build up anyone who would hear. Transportation to and from camp was provided using the Church Vans. The vans were driven by loving and caring volunteers. We appreciate your willingness to see these children had the opportunity to grow in their understanding of our awesome God. We sent 2 youth to the 5th-6th grade camp and provided transportation for 1 youth from Arkansas City. These youth learned how to find strength in God and not solely in ourselves. Emphasis was made on how we are all called to put on the "full" armor of God—not just part of it.

### 6/11-6/15 7th-8th Grade Summer Camp at Westminster Woods

This year we sent 5 children to the 7th-8th grade camp summer camp. We also provided transportation for 2 children from Arkansas City. These youth learned about how standing through the battles (trials & troubles they may face day to day) requires bravery, persistence and perseverance. The experience of being with other youth their age and the opportunity to have meaningful discussions of their faith is provided through this amazing Westminster Woods Summer Camp. Many of the youth this year were only able to attend because this loving faith family showed them financial support through attending the youth fundraisers. Thank you!

### 6/17 Celebration of Men Sunday (Father's Day)

Special Celebration of the Gifts of Men was held on Sunday June 17th  
Celebration of Men Sunday began with breakfast served from 9 am to 9:45  
Worship followed at 10 am with a showcase slideshow of precious pictures of the Special Men in our faith families' lives.

### 6/18-6/24 High School Camp at Westminster Woods

Campers learned about the armor of God, Ephesians 6:10-20. The Belt of Truth holds together the rest of the armor. When we believe in Christ we are filled with His truth. The Breastplate of Righteousness protects our heart. Our heart holds our feelings, values and worth. The Feet fitted with the Readiness from God to further the Kingdom. God provides us with the opportunities and strength to speak the truth of the Gospel to others. The Shield of Faith provided by God to hold up against all the temptations, lies, insults, the fiery arrows

shot at us. Our shield of faith is our trust in God and his ultimate plan. The Helmet of Salvation protects our thoughts and keeps us Christ-like. The Sword of the Spirit must be sharpened with the continual study of the scriptures. When we are being tempted we are to use scripture to fight against temptation. Lastly Prayer is a gift from God. We are called to pray without ceasing. We can strengthen our relationship with God when we talk to him and listen to him. We sent 5 youth to High School Camp and provided transportation for 6 youth from Arkansas City.

#### 6/18-6/22, 6/24 Kids of the Kingdom & Spotlight Children led Worship Service

Entering its 28th year Kids of the Kingdom's theme for 2018 was Shipwrecked! The 57 children in attendance learned about the amazing rescuing power of Jesus! Each day children learned these key Bible points; when you are lonely, when you worry, when you struggle, when you do wrong, or when you feel powerless...JESUS RESCUES! Children learned a Bible verse each day with the help from their Bible memory buddies. All enjoyed the outstanding Shipwrecked songs with a guided visual component each day! This crucial outreach that is an amazing experience for everyone involved was made possible by 38 loving volunteers. These volunteers put their energy into transforming our church building into the shipwrecked theme, led stations for the children to enjoy and taught them about Jesus, became captains of their crew of kids, and ensured the Spotlight Sunday was a success! This year to highlight our Kids of the Kingdom all were invited to attend the Spotlight Children's led Worship. This was followed by a pork burger lunch and the Fire Department blocked the street off for waterplay with their firetruck!

Words of praise received:

*"My kids loved Kids of the Kingdom."*

*"It was fun!"*

*"I want the Sunday Children's led Worship to happen again, my daughter felt VERY important."*

*"Thank you for KOK—my daughter loves it! I know you work hard to make it Great! P.S. Thank you for the DVD! Thank you!"*

*"I liked having it in one week—the kids would comment on what they learned or did the previous day or days."*

*"Tremendous teamwork and collaboration between volunteers!"*

*"The transformation of the Church into the shipwrecked theme was amazing!"*

*"The leadership was awesome."*

*"Great Curriculum"*

*"Great Curriculum this year!"*

*"My kids enjoyed coming. Thank you for all you do."*

*"It was awesome, like a 2nd Church Camp."*

*"Our son had a great time!"*

*"Very well organized and Fun event."*

*"The best part was how the kids enjoyed each day."*

*"The best part was how excited the children were to be here and learn."*

### 7/6, 7/13, 7/20 & 7/27 Summer Youth Group

Dr. Chandy & Dr. Shanthi welcomed the youth into their home and garden for a fun filled afternoon on July 6<sup>th</sup>! The 11 youth and adults in attendance enjoyed pizza, pop and cupcakes while getting to know each other more. An exciting treasure hunt game commenced with all who participated receiving \$2 bills! Children enjoyed playing in the beautiful yard and feeding carrots to the horses. Thank you for the hospitality and love shown to the youth!

On Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> the youth had an adventure going to The Rink. All enjoyed testing their skills skating with regular skates or roller blades. Limbo on wheels proves to be a difficult task!

July 20<sup>th</sup> the youth group enjoyed a trip to Derby Bowl. 2 games were bowled, pool was played and of course the arcade was a big hit. Opportunities like these are essential for the kids to relax and get to know one another better.


### 7/22 Community Free Swim Pool Party

Presbyterians @ Play are hosted a FREE Pool Party at the Winfield Aquatic Center on July 22, from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm 325 people attended this fun event! Popsicles were given out to attendees with grape juice and water. This event was published in the paper with an open invitation to everyone and also had 386 responses on Facebook.

### 7/24 KOK Appreciation Lunch

Volunteers were treated to loaded baked potatoes, nachos, cherry cobbler and fruit punch at the Kids of the Kingdom Appreciation Luncheon. All the volunteers made a huge impact on the success and outreach of Kids of the Kingdom this year. Thank you for being a blessing to our faith family and to the community.

### 8/10-8/12 Youth Trip to McSpadden's Home

Marilyn and Steve McSpadden opened up their lovely home at Table Rock Lake to welcome 7 youth and 4 adult leaders. Many new experiences were had including tubing, knee boarding, waterskiing, learning a new sequence card game, amazing homemade meals, games and meaningful devotional times. Lake time is great for the soul! Lasting memories were made on this adventure to Table Rock Lake, but the best part of all were the conversations with the youth here--asking questions, learning grace, seeing God 

### 8/19 Youth Sunday Service

Youth in the Church & World Message spoke of where we see God. 13 Youth led the Celebration of Worship Service on this special Sunday. Youth handed over their worries to God, faced their fears and insecurities and led this Faith Family through a truly memorable service! Scripture focus was on 1 Kings 3:5-14, Psalm 111, Ephesians 5:15-20 and "For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom his whole family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power,

together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge – that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

Ephesians 3:14-19

(The above report was submitted by Casandra Penka before she moved to Garden City in August)

9/9 Rally Day Sunday School Kick-off

9/12 Fall Youth begins

Bluegrass Sunday

9/23 Evangelism Sunday-Pig in the Parking Lot-Piggy-okie

**Candace Stephens begins her role as CE/Youth Director**

11/16-11/18 Work Weekend at Westminster Woods

11/20 Centers for Service & Turkey Box Party

This was an awesome event for me as being the new youth director. We had 11 children, 5 youth helpers and 15 adults. 20 center pieces were created and delivered to Good Samaritan. Turkey boxes were decorated, homemade cards for 19 homebound members and the famous prayer pretzel were also baked. 23 boxes were given out to families in the area. The boxes contained full fixings for a Thanksgiving meal. Thank you to all who donated items or the funds to purchase them. Looking forward to going beyond what was done in 2018.

12/1 Morning with Santa & Lowell Elementary Holiday Market

This event hosted over 100 children and adults to meet Santa. Participants enjoyed time with Santa and received stuffed animals, candy canes and an Advent calendar. Pictures were taken with Santa and mailed out to those who attended. Youth hosted a bake sale to raise money for summer camps. We had some great goodies for sale and sold out.

12/9 Hope Floats

This was a very fun event put on at the southwestern college campus pool. Around 40 children and adults enjoyed a swimming, ice floats and goldfish for this advent themed event.

12/12 Youth Christmas Party

What a night to remember !!! We had 22 youth and 5 adults enjoying snacks and multiply games. We played bingo with prizes and our big blowout game required a lot skill to unravel a big ball of plastic wrap filled with prizes, ranging from a quarter to 10 dollars, while wearing oven mitts. We prepared sliders, ice cream floats and a gift exchange for this awesome event for the youth.

## 12/24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

We did not receive a total count on attendance for this night, but it was a beautiful and intimate service. Children received a slice of birthday cake with little activity papers inside and a cupcake, donated by The Scott family. They also received a activity bag with a Christmas storybook, activity book, coloring page with crayons, manger scratch art activity and fruit snacks.

## Sunday Mornings

Our Nursery opens at 8:30 We enjoy donut fellowship 8:30-9:00 Our Children's Worship Team meets at 9:00-9:15 Pre-Kindergarten-5<sup>th</sup> grade have Sunday School Class from 9:15-9:45 and Youth-Adult have Sunday School Class 9:00

I want to thank all the volunteers who help this church show love to one another. We are truly blessed to have an amazing faith family that helps each other however they may be able. Thank you for your time. Thank you for sharing your talents. Thank you for your direction and wisdom. Thank you for loving and caring for the future of this church.

Respectfully submitted,

Candace (CeCe) Stephens

## The 2018 Annual Report of the History/Archive Committee

### History

Newsletters of 2018 & Church Bulletins of 2017 & 2018 are ready to be bound.

A history page was placed in each Grapevine this year. Because my computer programs are not compatible with the churches, I thank Cathy so much for her help, as she has had to retype all my articles.

The church family celebrated the churches 145th birthday on January 21, 2018 with a birthday cake and punch.

Name and dated brass plates were purchased and will be placed on a number of our memorial gifts.

Due to being on the Museum Book Committee for the new Cowley County Heritage Book, Vol. II, a lot of research time went into finding the histories of the 12 Presbyterian Churches that were in Cowley County in the early 1890's. Those being: Walnut Valley, Floral, New Salem, Cambridge, Tisdale, Dexter, Maple City, Arkansas City 5th Avenue, Arkansas First, Winfield First, Mount Vernon, Geuda Springs (across the street from being in Cowley County). I will be sharing these stories in 2019.

Updated the scholarship records, church officer, and staff records. Filed all the Presbyterian Women records since they have disbanded.

A picture of the second year of the Kids of the Kingdom program was given to us. Most of the children were identified. We did ask the congregation for their help in identifying three of the children. One more child was identified as Craig Pringle. The picture has been framed.

Special thanks to Pat Chrisler & Joan Hanna for their advising & support and to Bill Tharp for his continued search for a date for the Platter window.

Respectfully submitted,

Lou Tharp, Historian