

Winfield Presby News

PASTOR'S POSITIVE THOUGHT

Dear Faith Family,

The past 4 days I've been blessed to begin the certification process as a Coach to Pastors and Leaders. 6 Presbyterian pastors and 9 Methodists were invited to attend.

The skills and instruction and friendships made have truly been transformational. I'm returning (after two canceled flights) with renewed vitality!

Each morning I walked the beach for at least 45 minutes and watched the sunrise daily. Here are some spiritual reflections I've made:

Picking up imperfect seashells...versus only seeking the perfect flawless unbroken ones. I began deliberately seeking the ones that were marred, chipped, cracked and crushed. Perhaps we need to look for God to create beauty from messes.

The Sound of the shore beckoned me out... quite literally I found myself being drawn away from the shore. I imagine discipleship like this. Jesus draws us away from the safety and comfort of the status quo beaches of our lives.

Birds are like David vs Goliath...these teeny tiny Birds on the most fragile little feet seem to taunt the ocean. I watched birds with attitudes that walked right into the water as if daring the giant to stop the wave.

The Pull of the sand...my feet were firmly planted when the sand was closer to the water.

Observations lead to new perspectives and possibilities. What are you observing about your life and the call of Jesus? Your gifts matter at any age and any place you find yourself.

This is the Day that God made! Rejoice and Be Glad in it!
Blessings on the Spirit's movement in your life,
Pastor Angela

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IMPORTANT DATES

- Secret Pal begins 2/3
- February Communion on the 10th
- Worship Meeting 2/6
- Winter Jam 2/8
- CE Meeting, Connections Committee Meetings 2/10
- Deacon's Meeting 2/17
- Secret Pal ends with a Kid Friendly Pot Luck 2/24

UPCOMING DATES FOR FEBRUARY

Every Sunday

Child Care and Blocks and Circles (protein and donuts) are available at 8:30 am

Sunday School begins at 9:00 am

9:00-9:15 am 1st-5th Grade Music in the Sanctuary

9:00 am Pre-K—K North East Lower Level, Youth in the Youth room Lower level, Parents Class in the CE office, Adult Class in the Murray room

9:16-9:31 am 1st– 5th Story telling in the upper room

9:32-9:50 am 1st—5th Creation Room 2nd floor South wing

Worship begins at 10:00 am with Fellowship following

2/3 Worship 10:00 am

2/5, 2/12, 2/19, 2/26

Tuesdays @ 10:00 am

2/6, 2/13, 2/20, 2/27

5:30 pm Middle School Youth Group

6:30 pm High School Youth Group

2/6, 2/13, 2/20, 2/27

Choir Practice

2/6 Worship Committee 10:00 am

2/8 Winter Jam

Youth at church by 4:00 pm

2/10 Worship with Communion 10:00 am

CE Meeting 11:15 am

Connections Committee 11:15 am

2/17 Worship 10:00 am

Deacons Meeting 11:30 am

2/18 OFFICE CLOSED President's Day

2/24 Worship 10:00 am

Kid Friendly Pot Luck

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

2/3 Claire Graham, Byron Jones

2/6 Bill Mueller

2/7 Drake Lowe

2/9 Lou Tharp

2/10 Mary Kerr

2/11 Barry Baker Jr., Kylee Wollard

2/12 Steve McSpadden

2/14 Ethan Archer

2/17 Debbie Badley, Mike Kendall

Brock Lowe, Laura Wollard

2/19 Jeanie Campbell

2/22 Roy Gilbert, Brendan Royston

2/23 Lynne Snyder

2/24 Lois Vasey

2/26 John Halverstadt, Amelia Simpson

2/27 Phil Jarvis, Norah Wolf

2/28 Mariah Ramos

ANNIVERSARIES

2/5 Ned & Claire Graham 65

2/5 Dwight & Lenore Keen 46

2/12 Ralph & Cathy Royston 36

2/17 Steve & Marilyn McSpadden 40

2/18 Chandy & Shanthi Samuel 51

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Annual Congregational meeting was held on Sunday, January 27. The Annual Report for 2018 was received and approved.

PARENTS CLASS STUDY

The Parents Class meets at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday's at Winfield First Presbyterian. Starting next Sunday we will be studying "The Struggle is Real" by Nicole Unice. We live in a world that often feels harder than we think it should be. And so it can be easy to believe the stories we tell ourselves--that we're doing it wrong, that we'll be stuck in this place forever, that God doesn't love us. So what can we do? Join Nicole Unice to discover why the struggle is real . . . and what to do about it. Nicole offers practical tools to help you navigate the daily ups and downs and ways to rewrite your struggle into a new, God-centered life story. The Struggle Is Real is an invitation to take the hard, hurtful, and confusing moments and turn them opportunities to grow in wisdom, strength, and joy. Join us! There's always coffee, donuts and plenty of room!

ADULT CLASS STUDY

The Adult Class meets at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday's in the Murray Rockhold room. The class is currently enjoying John Ortberg's "If you want to walk on water, you've got to get out of the boat."

You're One Step Away from the Adventure of Your Life.

Deep within you lies the same faith and longing that sent Peter walking across the wind-swept Sea of Galilee toward Jesus.

In what ways is the Lord telling you, as he did Peter, "Come"?

John Ortberg invites you to consider the incredible potential that awaits you outside your comfort zone. Out on the risky waters of faith, Jesus is waiting to meet you in ways that will change you forever, deepening your character and your trust in God. The experience is terrifying. It's thrilling beyond belief. It's everything you'd expect of someone worthy to be called Lord.

The choice is yours to know him as only a water-walker can, aligning yourself with God's purpose for your life in the process. There's just one requirement: ***If You Want to Walk on Water, You've Got to Get Out of the Boat.***

YOUTH CLASS

t.b.d. (think, believe, do) Takes faith formation one step deeper by engaging youth in group discussions to dive into their faith. They dive into particular topics, like Prayer, to help youth take ownership of their faith.

Children's Classes

The Children's class begin their Sunday's with music, then story telling, followed by time in the Creation Room learning a different topic every week.

Scheduled for February:

"Spreading the Good News" Luke 4: 22-30. The goal is to discover ways that God's love turns expectations upside down.

"Follow Me" Luke 5:1-11, 27-28; 8: 1-3. The goal is to identify ways God has called us to follow.

"Blessed Are..." Luke 6: 17-26. To practice being a blessing by helping others.

"God's Way to Live" Luke 6: 27-38 To practice God's way to live: loving, giving³ and forgiving.

VOLUNTEER CORNER

We are looking for volunteers to sign up for fellowship each Sunday. The Sunday's available in February are the 10th and 17th. The board for sign up is in fellowship hall. A Kid Friendly Pot Luck will be held on the 24th

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

2/3 Briana Sherman
2/10 Deborah Badley
2/17 Phil & Mary Jarvis
2/24 Candace Stephens

CHILD CARE VOLUNTEERS

2/3 George Lowe
2/10 Michelle Boyts

CHILD CARE Cont.

2/17 Cathe Brennan
2/24 Kristi Morris

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

2/3 Wayne Cherveney
2/10 Julie Mignone
2/17 Ned Graham
2/24 Bill Mueller

YOUTH MEALS

2/6
2/13 Cathy Royston
2/20
2/27



VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR:

- Kitchen Cleanup after fellowship
- Organizing Closets & Cabinets
- Cooks for Youth Meals
- Nursery Volunteers
- Sunday School Leaders 2019
- Children's Message Volunteers

FOOD PANTRY UPDATES

In January 2019 we had 218 visits and served 776 persons.

During January 2018 we had 262 visits and served 946 persons.

Phil Jarvis

HOW TO HELP WITH THE MINISTRY OF YOUR CHURCH

You can now give online by visiting the church's website and going to the Pay Pal button that is toward the bottom of the first page. Just click on the button and follow the directions to make a donation on line (no Pay Pal account is needed to use the Pay Pal button).

You can also set up automatic payments through your checking account and your designated amount will be drafted from your account and mailed to the church on the same day every month. No need to write the check... No need to mail the check...Everything is done for you! Ask your bank for more information.

Visit our new web site:
www.firstpreswinfield.com



WFP IMPACTING YOUTH YOUTH ACTIVITIES

- Middle School youth meet from 5:30 to 7 pm, with a light meal at 6:30, every Wednesday unless otherwise noted. High School youth meet with the Middle School youth on Wednesday's to share a meal at 6:30 and stay until 8 pm.
- If you are planning to attend Winter Jam on February 8, you need to be at the church by 4:00 pm. The concert is \$15 per person and the group will be eating in Wichita before the event so plan to bring enough money for the concert, the meal and if you want to purchase anything at the concert.
- Summer Camp will be here before we know it. Following are the dates for this year:
 - Family Camp June 1st
 - 3rd & 4th Grade June 4-7
 - 5th & 6th Grade June 10-14
 - 7th & 8th Grade June 17-21
 - High School June 24-30

The dates are based on the grade the student will be in for the 2019/2020 School year.

Registration is now open. Visit www.westminsterwoods.com

Blessings Box Items Needed

Please remember the box when you make a trip to the store as we can always use the following:

Men's Deodorant, Women's Deodorant, Disposable Razers, Baby Wipes, Feminine Napkins, Soap (bar and liquid), Shampoo/Conditioner, Brushes/Combs, Toilet Paper, Tissues, Toothpaste, Tooth Brushes, and as the weather continues on its cold streak Gloves, Hats, and Warm Socks are also needed.

If you can help out in any way, we would greatly appreciate it!!



Ms. CeCe and Briana in the full armor of God for the youth during youth group!