

Winfield Presby News

From the Clerk of Session

The end of the year has come and gone. Now it is time for reporting the activities of the past year—to the congregation, to the Session, to the Presbytery.

Our Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 16, 2020, immediately following worship. When you receive your annual report, that will be up for approval at the Annual Meeting, you will see that there have been a large amount of changes in the membership of our church over the past year.

We have gained 5 new members since 2018 but lost 40 (7 transfers, 23 moved to inactive, 10 deaths). At the beginning of 2019 we were at 193 active members and now we are at 153.

Change is happening in our church—How are we going to deal with it?

Potatoes, Eggs, and Coffee Beans

Once upon a time a daughter complained to her father that her life was miserable and that she didn't know how she was going to make it.

She was tired of fighting and struggling all the time. It seemed just as one problem was solved, another one soon followed.

Her father, a chef, took her to the kitchen. He filled three pots with water and placed each on a high fire. Once the three pots began to boil, he placed potatoes in one pot, eggs in the second pot, and ground coffee beans in the third pot.

He then let them sit and boil, without saying a word to his daughter. The daughter, moaned and impatiently waited, wondering what he was doing.

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CHURCH STAFF

Cathy Royston
Administrative Assistant

Candace Stephens
Christian Education/Youth,
Church Life Coordinator

SUPPORT STAFF

Aidan Wells Filbert
Accompanist

Nikki Kirk
Director of Children's Music
& Music Director

Shelley Fisher
Nursery Attendant

Don Peterson
Treasurer

Cathy Royston
Clerk of Session

Rebecca McCutcheon
Blessings Box Coordinator

Michelle Boyts
Church Librarian

Ministers:
The Congregation

IMPORTANT DATES

2/1, 2/2, 2/16, 2/23
Youth Group

2/2 Youth Sub Sales
Secret Pal Begins

2/4, 2/11, 2/18, 2/25
Tuesdays@10

2/7 Youth Winter Jam

2/9 Communion
CE Meeting

2/16 Annual Meeting
Session Meeting
Deacons Meeting

2/17 Office Closed -
President's Day

2/20 Youth to Southwestern

2/23 Secret Pal Reveal

2/25 Finance Meeting

2/26 Ash Wednesday Service

From the Clerk of Session cont.

After twenty minutes he turned off the burners. He took the potatoes out of the pot and placed them in a bowl. He pulled the boiled eggs out and placed them in a bowl.

He then ladled the coffee out and placed it in a cup. Turning to her he asked. "Daughter, what do you see?"

"Potatoes, eggs, and coffee," she hastily replied.

"Look closer," he said, "and touch the potatoes." She did and noted that they were soft. He then asked her to take an egg. After pulling off the shell, she observed the hard-boiled egg. Finally, he asked her to sip the coffee. Its rich aroma brought a smile to her face.

"Father, what does this mean?" she asked.

He then explained that the potatoes, the eggs and coffee beans had each faced the same adversity—the boiling water.

However, each one reacted differently.

The potato went in strong, hard, and unrelenting, but in boiling water, it became soft and weak.

The egg was fragile, with the thin outer shell protecting its liquid interior until it was put in the boiling water. Then the inside of the egg became hard. However, the ground coffee beans were unique. After they were exposed to the boiling water, they changed the water and created something new.

"Which are you," he asked his daughter. "When adversity knocks on your door, how do you respond? Are you a potato, an egg, or a coffee bean? "

Moral: In life, things happen around us, things happen to us, but the only thing that truly matters is what happens within us.

Which one are you? Which one are we as a Congregation?

Cathy Royston, Clerk of Session

The Annual Congregational Report will be available beginning Sunday, February 2. The reports will be located in the Narthex as well as the church office. If you do not make it to church Sunday and would still like a report you can pick it up from the church office anytime during normal business hours.

The Annual Congregation Meeting will be held following Worship on Sunday, February 16, 2020 for the purpose of accepting the 2019 Annual Report. Please be sure to take the time to read through the report before the meeting.

Standing Meetings

Tuesdays @ 10 meets
Every Tuesday at 10 am

Choir
Every Wednesday Evening

Worship Committee
1st Sunday of the Month

Christian Education
2nd Sunday of the Month

Session/Deacons
3rd Sunday of the Month

Finance Committee
4th Tuesday of the Month

Join the connections committee,
Sunday March 22 at 5:00 pm for
dinner and a movie.

More information will be available
next month. Make sure to mark
the date on your calendar

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS
 AND ANNIVERSARIES

- 2/3 Clair Graham
- 2/7 Drake Lowe
- 2/10 Mary Kerr
- 2/11 Cayla Chaçon
- 2/11 Kylee Wollard
- 2/12 Steve McSpadden
- 2/14 Ethan Archer
- 2/17 Deborah Badley
- 2/17 Michael Kendall
- 2/17 Brock Lowe
- 2/17 Laura Wollard
- 2/18 Steven Deere
- 2/19 Sylvia Reed
- 2/22 Roy Gilbert
- 2/22 Brendan Royston
- 2/23 Lynne Snyder
- 2/24 Lois Vasey
- 2/26 John Halverstadt
- 2/27 Phil Jarvis
- 2/27 Nora Kate Wolf

ANNIVERSARIES

- 2/5 Ned & Claire
Graham
- 2/5 Lenore &
Dwight Keen
- 2/12 Ralph & Cathy Royston
- 2/17 Steve & Marilyn
McSpadden



Don't forget the Blessings Box

The Blessings Box has been a "Blessing" to so many people here in Winfield. *We are always in need of toilet paper, toothpaste, tooth brushes, soap, deodorant, shampoo and any other personal items you might feel are needed. Your gifts of these items help us to continue to reach out to those in need.*

Along with items needed for the Blessings Box, we have been collecting food items that can be used without having to be heated, items that are in easy open packages, so that when we have someone come in who does not have access to sources of heat, we can give them a bag that will contain items of easy access. Some suggested items are: Bread, peanut butter, jelly, tuna in a zip lock bag, Vienna sausages, potted meat, canned food with pop tops, etc.

Offerings & Expenses		
	December	Year-to-date
Total Income	\$27,339.39	\$220,553.87
Total Expenses	<u>\$15,547.00</u>	<u>\$228,700.00</u>
Total to Date	\$ 11,792.35	-\$8,145.98

DATES TO REMEMBER

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 7:00 P.M.
 ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 10:00 A.M.
 PALM SUNDAY SERVICE

THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 7:30 P.M.
 MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 7:30 P.M.
 GOOD FRIDAY CANTATA

SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 6:55 A.M.
 SUNRISE EASTER SERVICE
 9:00 A.M. LOU MACKILLOP BREAKFAST
 10:00 A.M. EASTER SERVICE

Youth On The Move

WINTER NEWSLETTER

Hello there friends, I hope the new year has started out great for you all. I want to try something new on this year. I want to give you a place to shine. The church has a newsletter, so why not us, right? So introducing the Youth On the Move Newsletter. This is where you get to bring the news. If you have special events you want to share, exciting news or a testimony you want featured in your newsletter this is the place. You all are the writers and I am the editor in chief, if I have my newspaper lingo correct.. I will also include our calendar of events and all announcements, so your families won't have a bunch of postcard and stuff coming from me weekly. I will still use Facebook and text messaging for other means of communication. Of course I need your birthdays so I can make sure those are published and celebrated. If you can think of anything else you would like to include in your newsletter please let me know during youth nights.

*Best wishes for the New Year!
CeCe*

2020

Events:

Jan 17-19 High School Winter Retreat.

**Sub sale fundraiser
Feb 1st-2nd**

**Feb 1st, 11am-1pm prep
Feb 2nd after sermon fundraiser**

No youth this night

**Winter Jam-Wichita
Feb 7th, 2020 4:00 pm
You must be present at fundraiser days to go to Winter Jam.**

Feb 16th- Valentine friendship social. Wear Red more details to follow.

Feb 20th 4pm-Youth speaker at Southwestern college

Plans for the New Year

This is the year of New Vision and Better Focus. I plan through God's help to make us better focused on him.

We have a busy year again and I hope you are ready to not just have fun but learn more about God. I'm not selling fun but want you to come with expectations of something different each and every time we meet. As always bring a friend!!!!



Summer trip to the McSpadden's 2019.

VOLUNTEER CORNER

We are looking for volunteers to sign up for fellowship each Sunday. The board for sign up is in fellowship hall.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

2/2 Julie Mignone
2/9 Phil & Mary Jarvis
2/16 Candace Stephens
2/23 Mike Hutchins

CHILD CARE VOLUNTEERS

2/2 George Lowe
2/9 Michelle Boyts
2/16
2/23 Cathe Brennan

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

9/2 Ed Trimmer
9/9 Belinda Mueller
9/16 Pixie McCoy
9/23 Kris Trimmer

FELLOWSHIP

2/9 Baker/Krueger
2/16 Jim & Elva Godfrey
2/23 Secret Pal reveal—Bring Kid Friendly items to share.

Do you have time to share with others? Time to work on special projects?

Let CeCe or Cathy know and they'll share some ideas with you!



SCRIPTURE READINGS February

Feb. 2

Micah 6:1-8
Psalm 15
1 Corinthians 1:18-31
Matthew 5:1-12

Feb. 9

Isaiah 58:1-9a (9b-12)
Psalm 112:1-9
1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16)
Matthew 5:13-20

Feb. 16

Deuteronomy 30: 15-20
Psalm 119:1-8
1 Corinthians 3:1-9
Matthew 5:21-37

Feb. 23

Exodus 24:12-18
Psalm 2 or 99
2 Peter 1:16-21
Matthew 17:1-9

COMMUNION DATES

January 12	July 12
February 9	August 9
March 8	September 6
April 9 (Maundy Thursday)	October 4
April 10 (Homebound Only)	November 22
April 12 (Easter)	December 20 (Homebound Only)
May 10	December 24 (Christmas Eve)
June 7	

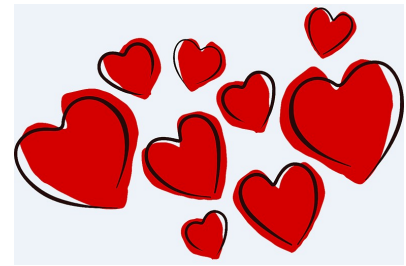


Roy & Nancy Gilbert have moved to Tucson, Arizona, near one of their children. They would love to hear from their church family. Their new address is:

8005 E. Ragweed Dr. Tucson, AZ 85710

Their new phone number is: 520-722-2703

Interim Committee Update



The Interim Committee continues to work toward finding a Pastor to help us prepare for the future of our congregation.

The committee has registered with PCUSA as looking to fill the temporary position of an Interim Pastor and an account has been set up that receives names and Pastor Information Forms (PIF) for those Pastors that are available and that match the talents that we are looking for in a Pastor.


The committee then looks at the PIFs and selects who to contact to have a phone interview with. At this point the committee is finding that out of every four to five they contact, only 1 is actually available. The others have already taken another call, are currently on a call that doesn't end until later or they do not return the committee's calls at all. One pastor was very qualified and the committee was very excited about the possibility of hiring him, however, he was called to another church.

The committee meets nearly every Tuesday and is dedicated to finding the right person to lead us through the next couple of years, to help us prepare for the future of the church.

Unfortunately, this process does take some time. The committee asks for your prayers during this search. The committee needs God's guidance in finding the person to help lead us into the future. Please pray daily that God will lead the committee in their mission.

Cathy Royston
Clerk of Session

February 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 11-1:00 pm Youth Meet
2 8:30 Nursery Opens 9:00 Sunday School 9:30 Choir Rehearsal 10:00 Worship 11:00 Fellowship-Youth Sub Sales Worship Committee Meeting NO YOUTH	3 Staff Meeting 11:15—1:00	4 10:00 Tuesdays @ 10 6:30 Interim Committee Meet	5 5:30 Choir Rehearsal	6	7 Office Closed @ 12 Youth to Winter Jam TBA	8 Presbytery @ Lyons 2-4 Birthday Celebration for Mary Kerr in Fellowship Hall
9 8:30 Nursery Opens 9:00 Sunday School 9:30 Choir Rehearsal 10:00 Worship/Communion 11:00 Fellowship/CE Meeting 5:30—7 Youth Group Middle & High School	10 5:00 4-H Fellowship Hall	11 10:00 Tuesdays @ 10 6:30 Interim Committee Meet	12 ALL AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE SESSION MEETING ARE DUE BY 5:00 P.M. TODAY. 5:30 Choir Rehearsal	13	14 Office Closed @ 12 	15 5-9 pm Fellowship Hall Reserved
16 8:30 Nursery Opens 9:00 Sunday School 9:30 Choir Rehearsal 10:00 Worship/Annual Meeting 11:00 Fellowship/Session/Deacons 5:30—7 Youth Group Middle & High School—Valentine Friendship Social	17 OFFICE CLOSED <i>President's Day</i>	18 10:00 Tuesdays @ 10	19 5:30 Choir Rehearsal	20 4:00 Youth to Southwestern	21 Office Closed @ 12	22
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