

The PresCryterian

*Giving of Ourselves and Caring for one another.
Shawnee Presbyterian Church Worships, Learns, and
Serves our needy world together.*

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

Every
Sunday
10:30a.m.

OFFICE HOURS

M-Th
9am-12:30pm

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Craig R. Gibson, Pastor

Rob Mance, Choir Dir

Andrew Morris, Organist

Vonda Norman,

Adm. Assistant

*The next issue of the
PresCryterian will be
published on*

March 27th

*Please submit your
materials by*

Monday, 3/25

for

*inclusion in the next
PresCryterian.*



**ASH
WEDNESDAY**

Something new is brewing at Shawnee Presbyterian Church. Our congregation has always proclaimed welcome and openness to all of God's children regardless of one's background, nationality, race, and/or gender identity. Our Session has taken a step forward in this welcome of all people as we are now a member of the More Light Presbyterian ministry. More Light Presbyterian congregations are intentional about their welcome of all who identify and LBGTQ+.

This new affiliation changes very little about our identity and function as a congregation. Being a More Light congregation opens our doors more publicly to all who identify as LBGTQ+ and provides safe sanctuary in a worshiping community. We will have the support of the organization of More Light to help us learn more about ourselves and more of how to reach out with welcoming hands to everyone in our community. Our church will have a listing in the More Light Presbyterian database assisting those searching for churches like ours to find us.

I share this news during a week when our sister denomination United Methodist Church wrestles with the same issues but appears to be choosing to hold tight to their "traditional" beliefs resulting in not being welcoming to the LBGTQ+ people and population. I share this news as we move closer to Ash Wednesday (March 6 – service at 6:30pm) and Lent itself. This news should give us great reason to pray for greater possibilities within our congregation and hopefully our connection with the community around us. I share this news as Shawnee Presbyterian Church prepares to celebrate our 65th anniversary on May 5 with worship and fellowship luncheon to follow. This news I believe is good news and news that can and will bring us closer together in the fellowship of Jesus Christ.

I also recognize that this news may be challenging for some. I invite you to contact me and/or one of our Elders to more fully understand what is happening and to talk through your concerns. Our intent is in no way to cause extra challenge but instead to help each one of us and our church to grow into the identity we already proclaim to be true.

In Ministry Together, Pastor Craig

More Light Presbyterian website: <https://mlp.org>



IT'S BACK! TRIVIA NIGHT!!

SATURDAY, MARCH 2 BEGINNING AT 6:30 P.M.

A sign up sheet is on the "Happenings" window! Gather your family members and/or friends for a fun filled evening. Bring \$3 per player and a snack or appetizer to share. Drinks will be provided.

Food When We're Fed

is a time to remind ourselves to bring food for others every time we gather for communion.

To make this even easier, communion is now shared the

first Sunday of every month.

The next Food When We're Fed will be

Sunday, March 3rd

Let's take this opportunity to make a difference in the world around us.



THE NEXT SENIOR ADULT

LUNCHEON WILL BE ON

TUESDAY, MARCH 5TH

Senior Adult Luncheon (SAG) will be held the first Tuesday of the month in the Fellowship Hall.

11am—Program;

Noon—LUNCH!

Please bring a side dish, or dessert of your choice. Thank you!

Thank you!

I was able to finally receive my last chemo treatment on Feb. 19th after a long wait. I would like to thank all of you, my church family, for all the prayers, cards and support during my cancer treatments. It certainly is true that prayer works...you are my help in healing. It is wonderful to be able to say, "I love you all and could not have made it without your continued support". Nancy Auf Der Heide


**SENIOR
ADULT
MINISTRY**

Ash Wednesday

Service

Wed. March 6th at

6:30 p.m.



Visitors:



1/7
Stephen Wing
1/20
Lynn Woodwork
Ken Godfrey
Stephen Wing

2/17
Melissa Corder
Adrian Molina
Marlae Duarte
Hector Duarte
Ken Godfrey



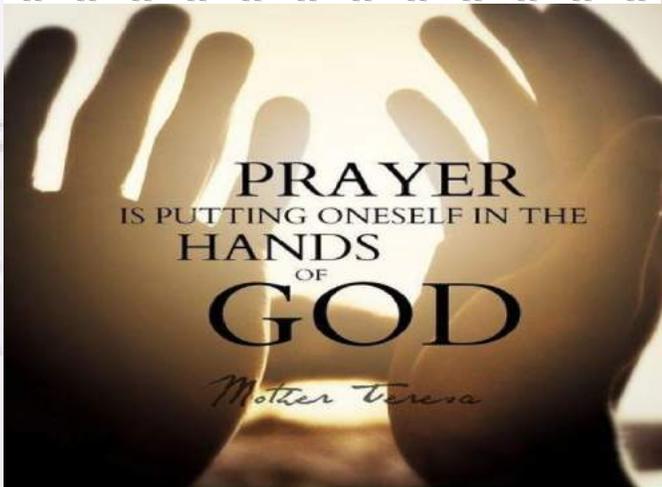
“HANDS-ON, SITTING-DOWN”;

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13TH

AT 10:00 AM

We would love for you to help us or just stop by for a few minutes to say “Hi!” If you want to become better acquainted with each other while working on projects to help others, this is the perfect opportunity. We do ‘hands-on’ mission projects that can be done while ‘sitting-down’.

Thank you! Mission Committee



LADIES PRAYER GROUP NEXT MEETING;

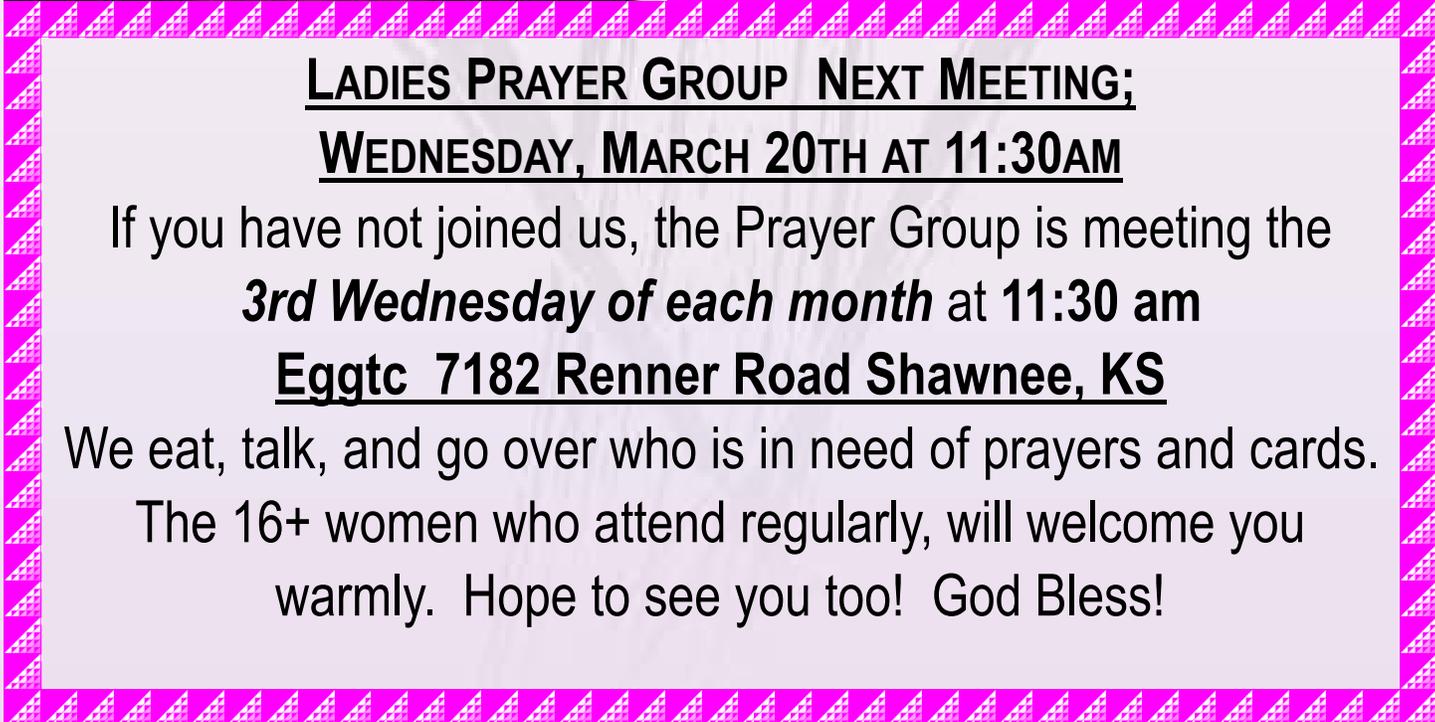
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20TH AT 11:30AM

If you have not joined us, the Prayer Group is meeting the ***3rd Wednesday of each month at 11:30 am***

Eggtc 7182 Renner Road Shawnee, KS

We eat, talk, and go over who is in need of prayers and cards.

The 16+ women who attend regularly, will welcome you warmly. Hope to see you too! God Bless!



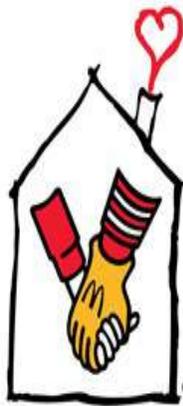


**A Few Extra Coins for the
'Noisy Offering' the 4th
Sunday of every month
Noisy Offering Sundays
are making an Impact!**

Sunday, March 24th, 2019

Thanks to the donations of pocket change by members and visitors to SPC, donations have been sent to both Hocker Grove Middle School and Shawnee Mission Northwest High School, through our "Love Fund" program for these schools. School Counselors at both schools use these funds to help students who are unable to pay for lunches, are in need of clothing items, are unable to pay a fee or purchase an item required for a class, are in need of funds for a school activity, or do not have the basics for a school day, such as paper/pens/pencils. We will continue to collect the Noisy Offering on the 4th Sunday each month, and help to keep the "Love Fund" for these schools going strong. Again, the participation of the members, visitors, and friends of SPC are making a positive impact on our community.

THANK YOU!



RONALD
MCDONALD
HOUSE
CHARITIES®

**Ronald McDonald House
Family Support
Sunday, March 24th at
11:30am**

It is wonderful that Children's Mercy Hospital has a Ronald McDonald House to assist families dealing with critical medical issues effecting their children.

We have found a way to help this program just a little more. When the families go to the hospital each day they take prepacked snack bags. This is where we come in On **Sunday, March 24th, right after church** we will pack these snack bags to be used for these families. Our Mission Committee is preparing the event and purchasing the pre-approved snacks. All we need is each of you to join us in the main hallway for a few minutes after worship. Come join the fun of helping others.



FIFTH SUNDAY GIVING AT SPC; SUNDAY, MARCH 31ST—
SUPPORTING CROSS-LINES

LAUNDRY AND SHOWER PROGRAM; HOPE TOTES PROGRAM; DIAPER
PROGRAM

The upcoming collection date is Sunday, March 31st and we will be collecting for the Laundry and Shower Program, Hope Totes Program, and Diaper Program at Cross-Lines. Any questions please contact a Mission Committee Member. Thank you for your continued support!

***Most needed items are:**

Bar soap, deodorant, detergent, dish soap, disposable diapers, disposable razors, full-size shampoos, toilet paper, toothbrushes, and toothpaste.***

LAUNDRY AND SHOWER PROGRAM

Each morning, individuals are able to take a shower before breakfast. This is a necessity for many of their clients, especially those experiencing homelessness. Additionally, individuals can leave their soiled clothes, and Cross-Lines staff and volunteers will launder the clothes by the next day. These services help restore dignity and hope to individuals needing it the most.

HOPE TOTES PROGRAM

Deodorant, soap, toothpaste, and toilet paper are necessities in everyone's life, however these items are often expensive and not covered by Food Stamps. When families enroll in this program, they get a Hope Tote bag. Every 60 days, they can bring their bag back to Cross-Lines, and volunteers and staff refill the bag with these necessities.

DIAPER PROGRAM

Cross-Lines provides a monthly supply of diapers to babies under the age of 3. Every baby deserves a clean diaper, yet diapers are a very expensive necessity.

March Birthdays

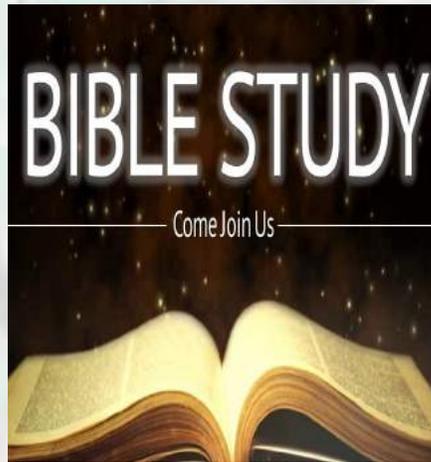
- 3/7—Andrea Osborn
- 3/7—Michael Novak
- 3/10—Sharon Arndt
- 3/15— Jim Cole
- 3/21—Dick Whitehouse
- 3/27—Michele Dooley

3/29—Leeanna Arnold



EARLY BIRD LENTEN STUDY
TUESDAYS MARCH 12, 19, 26,
APRIL 9 & 16 AT 9:00AM

The Pathway to the Cross:
a study with DVD and discussion.
The desert wanderings of the Hebrew people provide a context for better understanding God's great redemptive plan and the life and ministry of Jesus. We will see how the Essenes and John the Baptist are linked to the desert experiences; follow Jesus into the desert where he, like Israel, was tested and prepared for his mission to the world; and consider the events of the Last Supper and the night of watching in Gethsemane against the backdrop of the exodus experience.



Children's
Sunday
School

Sunday school for the children will meet during the worship hour following the Pastor's time with the Young Disciples.

Adult Sunday
School

Adult Sunday school is held every Sunday at 9:00 a.m. in the Parlor.



Thank you for your generous donations every month. **Noisy Offering February** donations totaled \$38.00
THANK YOU!!

SAVE-THE-DATE OF SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2019

FOR THE 65TH ANNIVERSARY OF
SHAWNEE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Worship with communion and a fellowship luncheon following.

Rev. Tim Soule, son of one of our early pastors, will be joining us and will share his memories dating back to the grand opening of our current sanctuary.



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The PresCryterian is published once a month on the 4th Wednesday. The deadline for articles is 9:00 am on Monday the week of publication. You can submit your article via e-mail, office@shawneepres.org, or place it in the folder on the office door.

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Joys & Concerns

*Prayers for Nancy Craig, a former preschool teacher, is now in nursing care. Suffered a fall in neighborhood. Her mother was Elna Alexander Lockart was a member here. Jean Watkins

*Prayers for my sister, Joneth who will have chemo for a full year. Jackie Rozine

*Prayers for Elna Ponto as she transitions into her new home.

*Prayers for Julie Morpew who is dealing with new health issues.

*Prayers for Betty Ross who is having testing done.

*Celebration that Nancy Auf Der Heide had her last chemo treatment!

*Prayers for my son-in-law and his family on the unexpected death of his father. Maxine Lewis

*Prayers for my 12 year old grandson's best friend Max, who is in CMH waiting for a heart transplant. Maxine Lewis

*Prayers for Frank Wilkinson who is fighting a blood infection.

*Prayers for my 90 year young brother who broke his hip on Feb. 3rd. He had surgery on the 14th in Salina, KS. He is in rehab now. Beth Slaven

*Prayers for Judy Allen who had knee replacement.