

This Week's Prayer Focus: Wellington
Week of: September 30, 2018

Location: First Presbyterian Church, Wellington

Description: Mission Focus: The Mission Focus of the First Presbyterian Church of Wellington, Kansas is to actively share the love of God and Jesus Christ through a variety of global, regional, and community mission projects. Donations are sent to three missionary families, and we actively support the Presbyterian "4 for 4" major offerings, including One Great Hour of Sharing, Peace Making Offering, Pentecost Offering, and the Joy Offering. We have also provided generously to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance clean-up buckets following various national disasters, such as the Joplin tornado and Hurricane Sandy. We are also involved in several regional and state missions, including significant donations to Westminster Woods Church Camp and Safe Homes.

The First Presbyterian Church of Wellington, Kansas also ministers to the physical and spiritual needs of our local community in numerous ways. Our Women's Coordinating Team provides funeral dinners for bereaved families and a group of women knit and crochet blankets and hats for area children and nursing homes. The women of our church also maintain affordable shopping for the community through the operation of our Bargain Store, with proceeds donated to local and global missions. The church donates regularly to the Wellington Food Bank, and our church is an active participant in the Wellington Ministerial Alliance, which involves area churches who pool their resources to provide aid and relief to the needy of the community.

Additional events and projects for the church and community include a weekly morning prayer group, Bible study sessions, a yearly Blessing of the Animals on our church lawn, providing worship services to our local nursing homes, and a "Longest Night" service offered during the Advent season for those in the community who have suffered the loss of loved ones. Our Deacons actively coordinate activities such as a multi-generational Game Night, talent and collection sharing events, church dinners, and an annual non-fundraising Ice Cream Social for the entire congregation. An active Circle group meets monthly to study and fellowship together, and members of the congregation participate in hosting fellowship after each Sunday worship service. An active Mariner's group meets monthly and also helps with projects of the church.

One of the most active areas of our church mission involves the physical, emotional, and spiritual nurturing of children and youth. The church provides a facility and need-based scholarships for a preschool program that meets three days a week, and our pastor provides a lesson on a monthly basis for the children in the preschool. The church offers a weekly B.I.G. (Believe in God) program for elementary and middle-school students, and the older youth are joined by adult mentors in exploring their spiritual growth through service projects throughout the church. We provide generous post-high school scholarships for our graduating Senior High youth and, when possible, to those continuing their college, community college, or technical school education. Our church participates in the Operation Christmas Child "shoebox" program; gathers free school supplies, shoes, and hygiene kits for Wellington schools; participates in the "Angel Tree" program; and annually decorates a Christmas tree in our fellowship hall with mittens, hats, underwear, and scarves as part of the Wellington community's "Warm the Children" project. Other mission projects focused on the needs of children have included donating diapers to our "No Babies Wet Behind" program and providing assistance to a free summer lunch program for Wellington children.

Prayer Request: We are a church with a small, active membership. Pray that our global and local missions can provide opportunities for all ages to grow in their spiritual journeys.

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