

The children attending VBS at **First Presbyterian Church, Coffeyville**, “traveled” to Africa, Mexico and back to the USA helping those in need.

Helping Hands. *The Mission Commission* was the theme for VBS which focused on verses from Matthew 25. The children learned about “giving something to eat to the hungry.” They made tiny paper gardens, and using assorted size boxes the children “rebuilt” an entire city in Nepal complete with a Dollar General and a waterpark!

The children shopped the Thrift Shop and found clothes that were donated to the Safe House in Coffeyville. Singing filled the church and the treats served followed the theme of VBS from “building block” cheese chunks, cookies shaped as hammers, airplane shaped sandwiches, orange slice boats (“floating” on blue jello) and little chocolate cars!

Everyone who attended and who helped were all blessed by this VBS experience.

**Presbytery Meeting
Tuesday, August 11th
First Presbyterian Church
Great Bend, KS**

Honorary Life Membership presented to Jan Lane

At the May 12th meeting of the Presbytery of Southern Kansas, the Presbyterian Women of Southern Kansas (PWSK) presented Jan Lane, presbytery administrative assistant, an honorary life membership in Presbyterian Women, PC(USA). In presenting the membership, Nora Coryell, stated that Jan was selected for the honor because she has helped PWSK in many ways for several years and that she is always cheerfully ready to fit us into her schedule.

by Nora Coryell

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Heartland Conference Center, Kansas City, MO.

At **Mission Magnified**, mission leaders from around the country will gather for worship and reflection, connection and community, and the chance to gain practical tools for use in your local, regional and international mission work. Conference format will be retreat-style, with small group sessions complimenting plenary workshops. Worship will be included throughout, setting the tone for our reflection and conversation.

Topics for plenary and small group sessions include:

- Foundations in planning and leading mission trips
 - Church mission at it's best: How to Avoid Toxic Charity and Really Make a Difference
 - Living Missionally: The Church's Call to Mission
 - Focusing Your Congregation's Mission Efforts
 - How to Get the Most from Your Mission Work
 - Magnifying Impact: Looking Deep and Wide at Results
- Leadership includes Rev. Mark Adams, mission co-worker serving on the U.S./Mexico border, and Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick, Associate Pastor for Adult Education and Mission at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church and former mission co-worker serving in Egypt. Additional leadership will be provided by World Mission staff, including Ellen Sherby, Rev. Christine Coy Fohr, Dr. Bruce Whearty, Rev. Rachel Anderson and Rev. Dr. Hunter Farrell, Director of Presbyterian World Mission.

For Schedule and Registration visit:

<http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/world-mission/mission-magnified/>

Presbyterian Women of Southern Kansas attend Churchwide Gathering

Fourteen women from the Presbytery of Southern Kansas attended the Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women, June 18-21, in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Those attending were Sue Nispel, Anna Fralick, Roberta Johnson, Sinda Borboa, Kristen Hauser, Deanne Newland from Covenant Presbyterian; Susan Wyman, Mary Ediger, Sandy Larson from First Presbyterian, Newton; Mary Burgett, Mary Knecht from First Presbyterian, Wichita; Carol Graham from Grace Presbyterian; Nita Whiteman from First Presbyterian, El Dorado and Nora Coryell from First Presbyterian, Derby.

More than 1700 women and a few men were in attendance from all over the United States and several other countries. The theme of the gathering was "One Body, One Spirit." There were six plenary sessions with worship and inspirational speakers covering such topics as "Oneness in Creation" and "Oneness in the Global Community." Thirty-five educational opportunities with topics ranging from "A Critical Conversation on Sex Trading and Trafficking" to "Laughter's Healing Art" to "Global Food Security" were offered during the gathering.

The worship offering for the Instituto Prevocacional e Industrial de Puerto Rico (the only women's domestic violence shelter in western Puerto Rico) totaled over \$32,000. Those attending the gathering brought \$10 Target gift cards totaling over \$31,000 which were given to the American Indian Family Center in Minneapolis.

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Let the Spirit Move You
Breathe deeply...Workshop leader Sally Niles invited participants to connect with each other and more deeply with their faith.
Photo by Kelly Weirich.



Oasis Regional Christian Education Event

Sunday October 25, 2015 at 5:00 PM
through Tuesday October 27, 2015 at 12:00 PM
Embassy Suites Kansas City - Plaza
220 West 43rd Street
Kansas City, MO 64111

Early bird registration \$169 by August 7th
Information and Registration:

<http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07eb6t9mpw47a4fe90&llr=7stinjdab>

Visit www.pbysk.org to view the 2015 Westminster Woods Summer Camp Newsletter. This newsletter also lists the dates for 2016 PSK Winter Retreats and 2016 PSK Summer Camps.

On June 30th the Rev. Dr. Jay Ayers, minister member of the Presbytery of Southern Kansas and Renewal Pastor at Bethel Presbyterian Church, completed four years of service as Temporary Presbytery Administrator. It should not go unnoticed that he has served faithfully and well in this capacity, drawing on his considerable gifts to encourage individuals and congregations to a deeper relationship with Jesus and the development of gifts for sharing the love of Jesus with others. Jay has served the Presbytery with passion and a well-demonstrated love for Jesus. Please join me in expressing to God our deepest gratitude for his gifts and service.

Pastor Deb Schmidt
First Presbyterian Church, Wellington