



## Trunk or Treat at Trinity Presbyterian Church....



# On The Wind

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Thoughts From Our General Presbyter

## Synod Ministries Highlighted at Presbytery

When the Presbytery met last Tuesday in Pratt, it was the Rev. Nancy Kahaian, Interim Synod Executive, who was the guest preacher during worship. Later in the day, she and commissioner Dwight Corrin, shared information about the Synod and its ministries. One of the Synod ministries is Presbyterian Children's Services. I was allowed to share about its ministry from the perspective of a long time Board member. I received in the mail the following day a letter from a former resident. Let me share a portion: "I was a resident in the Walker Hall from 79-81...My name is Debbie, I was the one with one arm...Our pastor in the main hall was Dick Harrison; he taught me to approach God with love, gentleness and kindness, the way we want Him to deal with us...Everything I learned at PCS has affected my life so much. I have (with God's blessing) successfully raised two children who graduated from high school, one from college... and I am now studying to be an accountant...I feel so blessed to have had PCS as my family and thankful for everyone who helped me learn what I needed to know to have a happy life." Debbie

This is your church at work. This is some of your mission dollars at work. Now it is time to give thanks to God and continue the good work begun among us.

*Don Owens*

## *"The Psalms and Spiritual Life"*

Instructor – Rev. Amy Baumgartner

Lay Education Academy – February 12-13<sup>th</sup> and  
Friday night 7-9 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

CLP Credit – two credit hours

Reservation – 316-946-9481 [secretary.pbysk@sbcglobal.net](mailto:secretary.pbysk@sbcglobal.net)

## Westminster Woods Chapel Update

Exciting progress on the new Chapel at Westminster Woods. Our appreciation to Don King of King Construction who donated the use of this excavator and operator to clear the trees for the building site. This piece of equipment made short work of a big job!



## Westminster Woods – Winter Retreats 2010

**Jan. 8-10 College/Young Adult Retreat**

Jeremiah Lange – Speaker



**Jan. 22-24 PSK High School Retreat**

Matt Jaderston – Speaker



**Feb. 5-7 PSK Middle School Retreat**

Jason Carter – Speaker



**Jan. 11-15**

KS Pastors & Educators Seminar

Cross Wind Conf Center, Hesston

Speakers: Cynthia Rigby & Marva Dawn

Ask...Bill O'Connell [pb.fpced@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pb.fpced@sbcglobal.net)

**Jan. 9, 16, 23**

PSK Leadership Training

9<sup>th</sup> - Dodge City; 16<sup>th</sup>-Winfield; 23<sup>rd</sup> – Covenant

Ask...Presbytery Office 316-946-9481



The First Presbyterian Church, Winfield, held a "Reformation Dinner/Harvest Party" in October at the Waite Farm. Thirty-six people enjoyed the food, festivities and beautiful countryside during this fellowship time.



The Kansas Youth Empowerment Academy (KYEA) is pleased to announce the Tenth Annual Youth Leadership Forum for Students with Disabilities to be hosted at Washburn Univ., Topeka, June 8-12, 2010. The Forum focuses on empowering youth with disabilities to further develop their leadership skills and future goals. It is a week full of learning, new friendships, preparation for the future, and of course, lots of fun. Due to financial underwriting of this event, there is no cost for the student to attend. Applications available at the Presbytery Office or [carrieg@kyea.org](mailto:carrieg@kyea.org) 866-577-5932 – KYEA Office

**“Faith Connection”** worship service on November 1, All Saints Day, was a celebration of God’s presence with us and love for us beneath the many masks we wear. The music was led by Ron Daray and Andy Gilstrap and the Faith Connection praise team. The sermon “Beneath the Mask: A Child of God” was offered by Rob Erickson from Covenant.



Brotherhood elders, led by Roland Banks, provided warm hospitality & great food!