



Recently, the **Presbyterian Church, Garden City**, hosted Ellen Smith, a PC(USA) missionary to Russia. Ellen taught Sunday school, shared in World Communion Sunday services and spoke, during worship, about the enormous difficulties facing many people in Russia. She also shared a wonderful testimony of how PC(USA) is partnering with local churches to show Christ's love in many ways.



Did you hear music and laughter coming from **Brotherhood Pre-School** in late Oct? That was the Halloween Band Parade! The children marched and played instruments to some Halloween songs. Later the children played "Pin the Nose on the Pumpkin."



On The Wind

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Let me take this opportunity to express my thanks to all who contributed to the gift given to me at my retirement service. It was a generous expression and I am deeply thankful for all the friendships and opportunities of working with the people and churches of Southern Kansas. I am also grateful for all the cards and letters that have come. I have truly enjoyed my time serving as your General Presbyter and as I leave I want to continue to encourage you in your work at being faithful to the call of Jesus Christ in your lives, your church, and in your places of service.

May the grace of God continue to bless you in all your ministries in his name!

*Sincerely,
Donald Owens*

Upcoming Events:

Kansas Pastors & Church Educators Seminar

Jan. 10-13, 2011 Cross Wind Conf Center, Hesston

Registration:

http://www.firstpresbywichita.org/index_files/Page357.htm

PSK Lay Academy

January 14th (7:00p-9:30p), January 15th (9:00a-4:00p)

January 28th and 29th (same hours).

Garden City Presbyterian Church

Classes: The Synoptic Gospels

Instructor: Pastor Jay Ayers

\$50 per person covers both weekends.

Registration - Presbytery Office, 316-946-9481

Westminster Woods



Young Adult

January 7th—9th

High School

January 21st—23rd

Middle School

February 4th—6th



Ferncliff Comes to Kansas

After Haiti's horrific earthquake January 2010, the churches of the Presbytery of Southern Kansas brought hundreds of boxes of Hygiene Kits to the Presbytery Meeting at Eastminster. Ernie Hull, David Grisham and Skip Johnson drove a U-Haul truck full of kits to Ferncliff Presbyterian Camp

and Conference Center where the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance warehouse is located. There the boxes are weighed, items inspected, bags are counted and packed tightly for shipment to Church World Services. Hundreds of boxes arrive daily at the warehouse but the volunteer pool diminished considerably by the end of the 2010 summer.

We decided to run an experiment. Could the boxes that arrived at Ferncliff be exported to a church or churches and the same processing procedure be followed? A trailer full of boxes were brought to First Pres., Hutch and the 4th-6th, and 7th-12th graders at both First Pres., Hutch and First Pres., Pratt, did all that was necessary to "process" the bags of Hygiene Kits and repack them for shipment. With great adult assistance, the kids packed 30 boxes (60-65 bags per box).

This was a very successful venture and the youth are looking forward this coming Spring to processing more boxes. If your church groups would be interested in this type of project, you can volunteer to work at Ferncliff **or** you might want to bring Ferncliff to Kansas. If you need assistance, or more information, contact Skip Johnson, 620-727-3523 or revretired@pixius.net



During the Nov 16th meeting of Presbytery, a retirement celebration was held for Don and Annette Owens. Don, who retired as PSK General Presbyter on Nov 30th, provided the message during the Presbytery's worship time. Many words of appreciation for Don's contributions during his time as General Presbyter were shared and the churches of PSK surprised Don with a gift card to his **favorite** place – The Big Tool Store, Derby, KS.

Please Note: Presbytery Meeting, February 15, 2011, First Presbyterian Church, Derby, KS