

Westminster Woods

Middle School Winter Retreat February 3-5

THEME: *SEEKING GOD*

2012 Summer Camp Information

THEME: *THE JOURNEY*

Family Camp	June	1-3
3 rd -4 th Grade Camp	June	5-8
5 th -6 th Grade Camp	June	11-15
7 th -8 th Grade Camp	June	18-22
HS Camp	June 25-July 1	
Young Adults	Labor Day	Aug 31- Sept 3 rd



**Young Adult Winter Retreat
Westminster Woods Camp
January 2012**

PWSK Spring Gathering

First Presbyterian Church, Great Bend

Saturday, April 21, 2012

9:00 a m to 2:45 pm.

Mary Jorgenson, newly elected Moderator of the Churchwide Coordinating Team and a participant in the October 2011 Presbyterian Women Global Exchange to India, will be speaking about her trip.

On The Wind

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**Presbytery Meeting
Tuesday Feb. 21, 2012
First Presbyterian Church, Wellington**

**The PSK Office will be closed
Monday, February 20th
for President's Day**

The Clerk of Session for each PSK church received the ID and password needed for the online entry of their **PC(USA) 2011 Statistical Reporting**.

The English and Korean versions of the *Annual Statistical Report Workbook* may be found at <http://oga.pcusa.org/stats>

A link to the actual reporting entry system is also available at <http://oga.pcusa.org/stats>

The deadline for online entry of statistical information is February 22, 2012.

Using the same ID and password, Clerk's may complete **The Clerk's Annual Questionnaire** at the website www.pcusa.org/clerks2011

Ten members of **First Presbyterian Church, Newton**, gathered three more friends from other locations and headed off to work at Ghost Ranch in October 2011. The ladies spent a week at the ranch making 12 pairs of curtains for Corral Block, & inventorying items in the museums while the men tore apart the women's communal bath and shower in Corral Block and started the process of re-tiling the walls. That huge task will be completed by personnel at the ranch. This is Newton's ninth trip to Ghost Ranch doing all kinds of work. There is always work to be done! The group works during the day and has wonderful fellowship together in the evenings.



Pastor Joseph Rychcik (left) and Pastor Ben Ray during the Service of Installation for Pastor Rychcik on January 8, 2012.

*Welcome!
Pastor Joseph
Rychcik*

Julia Boone, Elder, First Presbyterian Wichita; Pastor Ben Ray; Pastor Amy Baumgartner & Pastor H. Dick Reynolds participate in the



Installation Service for Pastor Joseph Rychcik, New Covenant Presbyterian Church, Hutchinson.

I Gave it up for Lent

In their wisdom, the ancient church saw that it is hard to live your life in a fully Christian manner, just by deciding to do so. It takes time to establish that reality. And so they established Lent – I sometimes call it “Spring Training for the Soul” – a period of 40 days when people could develop a stronger sense of religious discipline – not in every area of their lives all at once, but in some one particular area, in the hope that they could establish a new reality in that one part of their Christian life

Presbyterians sometimes don't pay attention to Lent, but it is to our benefit to make good use of it. The possibility people think of most often is when a person “gives something up” for Lent; this can build a sense of sacrificial love for God. But there are other options as well. You could “take something on” instead, and grow a Christian practice toward where it becomes a natural part of your personality. What you want is to find the discipline that will make a real difference: something you can do during these forty days of spring training, to deepen and strengthen your love for God.

Here are a few ideas, to get you started.

Give up your favorite food. This is the most traditional sacrifice that people make, and it is a good one. Food is something we interact with several times every day, and the sense of deprivation becomes obvious not just as a mental idea, but as an experienced reality. You'll discover more about yourself, about your love for God, and about the suffering of the hungry.

Give up complaining. “Do all things without arguing or whining.” Paul wrote this to one of his favorite churches (Phil 2:14) – but they must have had some complaints in them, since he took the time to admonish them to stop grumbling. If you have noticed that you tend to harp on others when things don't go the way you want, try this out. It's a tougher discipline than you might think, but it will teach you how to interact with others in a more positive and loving manner.

Take on Bible reading. If you have never established the discipline of daily Bible reading, this is the one you need. Starting on Ash Wednesday, February 22, read a chapter each day from Luke; then go on to read John. If you miss a day, never mind: just pick up where you left off, and keep going. You'll discover lots of details you never knew about, and you'll hear Jesus speaking to you in brand new ways.

Take on a missionary prayer project. Select a place in the world that intrigues you, and find out what Christian mission work is going on there. Get the names of some Presbyterian missionaries who are serving there, and pray for them. Consider ways that you could make a financial donation to strengthen their ministry there. Pray for local church workers there; for schoolchildren there; for the government and economy there. Pray for God's reign of peace and righteousness to be established there.

Sleep “Less” in Sterling March 9-11, 2012

Keynote Speaker: Ed Lowry **Theme:** “Out of the Box”

Followers of Jesus live outside of the box and social norms.

Scripture: Romans 12:1-2 “Take your everyday, ordinary life – your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around-life and place it before God as an offering.”