

A Challenge From the
PSK Disaster Response Team:
200 Clean Up Buckets Needed

What do you need for a bucket?

- One five-gallon bucket with re-sealable lid
- Five scouring pads
- Seven sponges, assorted sizes
- One scrub brush
- Eighteen cleaning towels (reusable, like Easy Wipes®)
- One 50-78 oz. box dry laundry detergent
- One 12 oz. bottle of liquid concentrated household cleaner (like Lysol®)
- One 25 oz. bottle liquid disinfectant dish soap (like Dawn®)
- One package of 48-50 clothespins
- Clothesline, two 50 ft. or one 100 ft.
- Five dust masks
- Two pairs latex gloves (like Playtex®)
- One pair work gloves
- 28-bag roll of heavy-duty trash bags (30-45 gallon)
- One 6-9 oz. bottle of insect repellent (pump, drops or lotion, not aerosol)



**PRESBYTERIAN
DISASTER
ASSISTANCE**
OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE

On The Wind

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Garden City Presbyterian Church

invited their community to come through their doors and enter the streets of Bethlehem on a chilly KS weekend in Nov/Dec. They decorated the hallways as streetscapes, the marketplace, and filled the village with townspeople. There were tax collectors, beggars, and innkeepers all trying to keep up with the overcrowding of the census. Guests could smell homemade bread baking, and try some themselves! Shepherds come running to tell what they'd heard and guided folks to enter the courtyard and find the baby in a stable, surrounded by live animals, and rural folk. Everywhere they heard story of what God has done.



What a fascinating way this has been for the last two years to share the old, old story with friends and neighbors! And what a meaningful way for the congregation to "do" Christmas themselves.

Westminster Woods

Winter Retreats 2013

High School Jan. 18th – 20th
(registration deadline – 1/7/2013)

Middle School Feb. 1st – 3rd
(registration deadline – 1/21/2013)

www.westminsterwoodscamp.com

*Presbytery Meeting
Saturday, February 16, 2013
First Presbyterian Church
El Dorado, KS*

Bring the full clean-up buckets to the February Presbytery meeting. They will be taken to Ferncliff (distribution center in Arkansas). If you wish to donate funds to purchase items, designate your donation as - "FOR PDA BUCKETS"

ONE THING

*One thing have I asked of the Lord. This is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life (Psalm 27:4).
You lack one thing: go, sell your possessions and give to the poor ... and come follow me (Mark 10:21).
There is need of only one thing (Luke 10:42).*



Here's a question for you, as you look to 2013: "What's one thing that you would like to establish in your Christian life, in this next year?"

Of course you won't get all the way to perfection in the next twelve months, but you could get one thing pretty well set, one change solidly established, if you were to decide what that was, and what you were going to do about it. Well then: what one thing would you choose, in order to strengthen your Christian life in this coming year?

Did you notice that each of the three scripture passages above mentions the choice of "one thing," but the one thing isn't the same in all three passages? That teaches us that the "one thing" isn't the same from one person to the next.

Here are some possibilities. If you've fallen out of the habit of daily Bible reading, this could be the year to re-establish that discipline. Or you might pick one of the other classic disciplines of the Christian life: guided meditation, prayer, journaling, and fasting are all solid choices, which would make a substantial difference in your life as a Christian. How about evangelism: taking the initiative to share in Christian conversation with someone, or establishing a pattern of inviting friends to join you in Sunday School and worship. Or becoming part of a small group, so that the ongoing Christian interaction with others can help grow your own discipleship. Or missionary work of some sort: volunteering to help feed the hungry, taking part in a mission trip, or regularly committing several hours a month to a local project. Any of these might be the one thing that will make the biggest difference in your Christian life, this coming year.

If you want to see substantial growth in your spiritual life, ask Jesus to show you the one thing that will make the most difference in your Christian life in 2013. Then it will be up to you to decide what you're going to do about that.

Jay Ayers

On November 16th the **PSK Youth Council** held their annual fall event - Westminster Woods Work Weekend. This year's theme was *Ubuntu* which means "I am because of who we are." The theme focused on how everyone comes together to make the church and serves a certain function, and how the church wouldn't be a church if one certain function wasn't working. We often related this to the human body. The body wouldn't be a body without the bones providing shape and without internal organs. Each workstation ended with an activity that focused on leadership and how to work as a whole. At devotionals we talked about how we had to accept each other even if we didn't agree with what a person believed in. We couldn't label a person as an outsiders. Jesus calls us to accept everyone because even He accepted the lowest of the low. Without each other we are not one.

About 100 youth and volunteers attended the weekend which was filled with work, games and worship led by our own youth band! Altogether there were many hours worked to prepare the camp for the winter and for the next camping season. I asked a camper why they liked coming to W4 and they said, "I like coming to W4 to give back to the camp because of what all the counselors and workers have into the camp to help me come to Christ." The next PSKYC event is SleepLess In Sterling. This will be at Sterling College on March 8, 2013, and the *Ubuntu* theme will continue but will be called *Casserole*.

Nick Lockyear, Youth Council Editor