

## Congratulations Clarissa!

Clarissa Sents, First Presbyterian Church, McPherson has been selected by the Presbyterian Mission Council (PMC) to serve with the Young Adult Volunteers (YAV) program from Aug 2013 to July 2014.

The YAV program provides a young adult volunteer with opportunities to do service work within a faith based context, connect with new cultures and

communities, and to participate in intentional Christian living in a community with other young adult volunteers. Clarissa will be living in Chicago with other volunteers and she will serve at one or two social service agencies in the city. Clarissa writes that this is an incredible opportunity and she is excited to see God at work in this experience.

This is considered a full time position and Clarissa is not allowed to seek other employment. The PMC encourages congregations and presbyteries to pray for Clarissa, correspond with her, and to make monetary donations. If you would like to donate, please send your checks payable to First Presbyterian Church, 1400 N. Main, McPherson, KS, 67460. (Note on the check: for Clarissa Sents)



August 1-3, 2013 • Louisville, KY  
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

For information and registration visit the website:

[www.pcusa.org/events/23419/big-tent-2013/](http://www.pcusa.org/events/23419/big-tent-2013/)

# On The Wind

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[www.pbysk.org](http://www.pbysk.org)

See the new  
game awaiting the  
youth coming to  
WMW this  
summer...

### "Carpet Ball"

Men from Covenant Presbyterian Church raised the funds, built the game, and donated it to the camp. Thanks!



Read the camp blog this summer!

visit [www.westminsterwoodscamp.com](http://www.westminsterwoodscamp.com)

Prayers please for counselors, staff and campers.

### PSK Summer Mission Trip to Sterling College

Dates:	July 8-12, 2013
Accommodations:	Sterling College dormitory rooms
Task:	Painting dorm rooms
Timeframe:	Stay one day or the whole week
Questions:	First Presbyterian Church, Derby 316-788-2831

Leave your passport at home and join the fun!



Pray for the PSK delegation of youth and adults attending the Youth Triennium on the Purdue University campus, July 16-20, 2013



Spring time was  
party time at  
Brotherhood  
Pre School

A pajama party!



A birthday celebration  
for Mrs. Hicks!



Big smiles!

*Congratulations!*  
*Parks Presbyterian Church*  
*125 Years of Ministry*  
*Sunday, June 2, 2013*  
*Celebration begins: 10:30 a.m.*

**WELCOME**

**Pastor Lowell Knauss** First Presbyterian, Hutchinson  
**Pastor Brent Johnston** First Presbyterian, Wichita  
**Pastor Kathryn Bates** First Presbyterian, Larned

**Walking on Water**

When Jesus fed the five thousand families, it was late in the afternoon, on the side of a hill up at the north end of the Sea of Galilee, just east of the Jordan River. Right after the disciples had gathered up the leftover pieces, he told them to get in the boat and take it back to Galilee. Then Jesus gave the benediction and sent the crowds of people off to their homes, and after that he went back up to the hilltop to pray.

The disciples ought to have been most of the way home at this point, following the shoreline west toward Galilee, but the wind was from the northwest and it had pushed them south out toward the middle of the Sea. Jesus came down from the mountain, got to the beach, and started walking on the water toward the boat. Not long before sunrise he had caught up with them. The disciples saw him, there in the half light, walking across the waves: and they felt pretty scared. "It's a ghost!" they said, and it's hard to blame them for feeling spooked at a time like that. But Jesus said, "Don't be afraid. It's just me."

Then Peter said something interesting. "Lord, if it's you, command me to come to you, walking on the water." And Jesus said, "Come on." So Peter climbed out of the boat, and started walking across the water toward Jesus: one step, two steps, three. He managed to keep his eyes on Jesus that long: and then he glanced around and looked at the size of the waves and saw the wind whipping the spray off the wavetops: and he panicked. And just that quickly, he sank into the water, sputtering and shouting, "Lord, save me!" Jesus reached out a hand, pulled Peter out of the water, and asked him, "Why did you doubt?" And they walked back to the boat and climbed in; and the storm calmed down.

I don't know that we'll ever have an occasion where Jesus calls us specifically to walk on water: but I do know that he calls us to do a lot of other things where we take the first few couple steps, take our eyes off of him, and then things go downhill pretty fast. And we often decide we're not too eager to try anything like that again.

But if we do that, we could easily miss out on what could be one of the most amazing experiences of our lives. Sometimes the actions Jesus invites us to do can look pretty intimidating, and maybe there's a part of you that would just as soon skip it. It's clear that we will need to keep our eyes on Jesus to succeed. There will probably be moments when it feels like we're sinking. But here's the thing. Even though Peter only succeeded in walking on water for a few seconds, it has to have been a moment that changed his life. And the adventure that Jesus invites you to take part in will change your life the same way. If you've got the courage to take him up on it.