

To my sisters and brothers in the Presbytery of Southern Kansas:  
Greetings to you in the name of our risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

John 13: 33-35 "Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." NRSV

At the meeting on January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009, Rev. Rob Erickson, Moderator 08', helped us focus our energy and conversation as we embarked on a new year together. Jesus' words were his opening lines in his farewell speech to his friends the disciples. They are in the Upper Room and they have been friends for years. Like folks in this Presbytery, they have laughed together, cried together and loved together and through each other. The time that Jesus has left is short.

Jesus teaches us many many things about love. The words, intentionally, realistically, intimately—come to my mind when I read John 13. Jesus teaches us that our time is finite. We do not have countless hours and energy to give to everyone. Jesus carved out time to be with his friends and faith family. (*One Anothering*, Vol. 1, Rev. Richard C. Meyer). It is humanly impossible to give extravagantly of ourselves to every person in the church, every person in our neighborhood, at home, in our office. Jesus' love and example encourages us to 'be realistic' about how we give of ourselves before becoming worn-out and ineffective.

**Questions to ponder:** *When does the Presbytery best exhibit the love of Christ? When do people who are experiencing a lack of love feel Christ's love through our 66 churches and mission?*

Knowing that our time on earth is limited, and that our time together as a Presbytery is limited to 4 more meetings this year-- **how do you intend to love realistically?** One simple step for improving our ability to love others at our March 31<sup>st</sup> meeting is to "Listen and use our eyes (60 percent of communication is non-verbal)!" Our eyes, my Aunt Edna used to teach me—reveal the contents of our hearts! I will strive this year to listen to you—and to allow everyone an opportunity to be heard.

With love and appreciation for you,

*Angela*

# On The Wind

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Thoughts From Our General Presbyter

## Presbytery Launches Campaign for Woods Chapel



It was announced at the Presbytery meeting on January 31<sup>st</sup> that almost \$200,000 has been raised or pledged in special gifts toward a new 200 seat chapel at Westminster Woods. The increased number of campers makes the current 60 seat chapel unusable for many of the groups. The churches in the Presbytery are being asked to conduct a special campaign to underwrite the remaining cost of a new chapel. A "Miracle Sunday" offering of gifts and pledges will take place on March 22<sup>nd</sup> and the results will be shared with the Presbytery at its March 31<sup>st</sup> meeting. The goal is \$450,000. Together we can "Help make it happen". For more information go to [www.letsbuildachapel.com](http://www.letsbuildachapel.com).

*Don Owens*

The Mexico Partnership task force is inviting all interested laity and clergy to come on a missional/educational trip to the Presbytery of Northern Mexico on **April 14-23, 2009**. Your church office has an e mail with the Agenda for this trip. If interested contact Jay Ayers at [james.ayers@ecunet.org](mailto:james.ayers@ecunet.org) or (316) 322-7606

## Thank You, Children's Bell Choir

Beautiful music from the Trinity Church Children's Bell Choir filled the sanctuary during the Presbytery Meeting January 31<sup>st</sup>.



**Angela Madden**  
Pratt Presbyterian Church  
PSK Moderator



**Kay Hull**  
Presbyterian Church of Cambridge  
PSK Moderator Elect



**Mary Carol Perrott**  
Designated Pastor  
First Presbyterian Church, Lyons

Searching for materials for Lent?  
The PSK Resource Center suggests:

*Journeying with Jesus*  
A Lenten Study for Adults  
by Reginald Mallett

*Resurrection Rain*  
Meditations for Holy Week  
by Arthur F. Fogartie

*Kneeling in Jerusalem*  
Lenten Poems of Inspiration  
by Ann Weems

*Living Lent*  
Meditation for Forty Days  
by Barbara Crafton

For more information go to:

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

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## March Events

4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> "Emerging Church Forum"  
Sterling College, HCC, Eastminster Church  
[www.emergingchurchforum.com](http://www.emergingchurchforum.com)

9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> "Stewardship Kaleidoscope"  
[www.heartlandpby.org/kaleidoscope](http://www.heartlandpby.org/kaleidoscope)

10<sup>th</sup> PSK Council Meeting

20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> Sleep"less" in Sterling  
[paulapalooza@sbcglobal.net](mailto:paulapalooza@sbcglobal.net)

31<sup>st</sup> Presbytery Meeting  
First Presbyterian Church, Arkansas City



4 Peas in a Pod Café in Belle Plaine, KS recently offered a free breakfast. Donations of \$917 were received to benefit the Belle Plaine Ministerial Alliance. According to Pastor Bob Wyman, the donations were great but so were the opportunities, reported to him, that arose during breakfast, to share with diners the mission of the Ministerial Alliance.