

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S FALL GATHERINGS

The Fall Gatherings of the Presbyterian Women of Southern Kansas were held in Newton - Sept 30th and in Jetmore - Oct 7th. For the "Mission in a Handbag" offering during worship at each gathering women were asked to provide a "gently used" (or new) handbag filled with items usually found in a woman's purse. These purses were given to the local women's crisis center. The reason for this offering is that women and children leaving an abusive situation often are not able to take anything with them. The response was overwhelming! In Newton, 115 filled handbags and \$223 in cash was donated to the Newton Women's Crisis Center. In Jetmore, 78 handbags and \$237 in cash was given to the area-wide crisis center located in Dodge City. Representatives from each crisis center spoke to the women gathered about the work that they do and expressed their great appreciation for the gifts.



In addition to worship, there was a report from this summer's General Assembly meeting in Minneapolis, a Bible study workshop on the Book of Revelation and a workshop on Presbyterian Women's mission opportunities. Books from Perfect Peace Bookstore were available for purchase at both gatherings and, at Newton, Fair Trade items from Ten Thousand Villages. Fifty-six women attended the gathering in Newton and 42 were present in Jetmore.

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Seven years should feel like a long time, but it doesn't. On November 30th I will retire as the General Presbyter. I do so with mixed feelings. There is some travel my wife and I would like to do, there are some woodworking projects for the grandchildren and some "honey-do's" that await, but I have really enjoyed my time working with the churches of the Presbytery and all the people in them. For all the support and cooperation I have received during our time together, I want to say "thank you." I will miss teaching some leadership classes, working with Presbytery committees, and preaching in your pulpits. There are a few things I may not miss, but I won't talk about those.

As I prepare to leave I will cherish the friendships made and the ways we have been able to work together. While my wife and I intend to continue to reside in Wichita, I want to respect the same kind of boundaries that a Pastor would keep with a congregation. I want to retain your friendship but I will not be available to committees and churches for consultation. I want to be out of the way of the Interim who will follow. I also know that the work of this year with the Vision and Planning committee will give you all something to think about in this next year of transition and I think it will be an exciting time for the Presbytery.

Thank you again for all your support.

Donald Owens
Your Retiring General Presbyter

2011 Winter Retreat Dates

Westminster Woods



Young Adult
January 7th—9th

High School
January 21st—23rd

Middle School
February 4th—6th

Presbytery Meeting – Nov. 16th Eastminster Church

PSK/YC “4D – Survivor” Nov 19-21st Register NOW!

Westminster Woods Work Weekend

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Please stop by the Presbytery Office on November 30th, during our business hours, (8:30-4:30) and share a cookie and a glass of punch with Don Owens during his last day in the office.

Cambridge Presbyterian Church recently held their worship

service in the country, at the home of Charles and Carolyn Colburn, and under a canopy of large oak and hackberry trees. Bob Otto provided the children’s message



and his wife Arlene led the congregation in singing. Thirty-nine attended worship and joined in the covered dish dinner that followed the service.

Ms. Joca Gallegos, a mission interpreter from the Presbytery of Chihuahua, Northern Mexico, a partner with PSK visited our area Sept 29-Oct 7. Ms. Gallegos is currently employed in the bi-national Ministry Frontera de Cristo. As she traveled the state, she spoke to various groups – PW Fall Gatherings, various PSK churches, high school and college students and

other women pastors and elders in PSK. Ms. Gallegos inspired all who heard her speak about her passion and about her work for Christ and the church.



Nora Coryell & Joca Gallegos at the PW Fall Gatherings.

Reception for Joca Gallegos at St Luke Presbyterian Church, Wichita



To be shown at a church near YOU!!.... PSK/YC is creating a DVD. The DVD shows those favorite parts of Sleep “Less” in Sterling and Work Camp Weekend at Westminster Woods. The DVD explains why you should join youth council. YC will travel to their local Presbyterian churches, show the DVD and answer questions about council, and all the exciting events. Youth Council’s goal is to encourage youth to become more involved.
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