

On The Wind

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It was a beautiful day at
Westminster Woods

Westminster Woods Camp HOMECOMING

Homecoming! Over 40 people came to enjoy a day in “The Woods.” The day was full of crafts, tours, fellowship, relaxation, fishing and one group even came from Wichita & Manhattan to meet at the lake and enjoy a bountiful picnic! Couldn’t join us this year? Keep an eye out for the Homecoming 2018 date and plan to attend!



(Thank you Christina Cheney)



Rally Day for Winfield First Presbyterian Church was held on Sun, September 10, beginning at 8:45 am. Participants were advised to wear their painter’s clothes, “as we will be doing tie-dye for all ages.” It was a beautiful day and to kick off the theme for this year ... “Celebrate the Colors of God’s Creation.” There were rainbow colored cupcakes and goldfish. Participants also had the opportunity to guess how many colorful skittles were in a jar with the winner receiving the whole jar of skittles! The following Sunday was *Bluegrass Celebration Sunday* at the church.



(Thank you,
Cathy R.)

Derby First Presbyterian Church took up a one time Sunday offering on Sept 3rd and received just over \$3700 to send to the Disaster Assistance Center at Ferncliff Camp and Conference Center for purchasing of materials to fill clean up buckets. Through their partnerships and bulk material purchasing, Ferncliff is able to fill a bucket for about \$31 dollars as opposed to the church’s cost of \$75. Once the materials were ordered and shipped, a crew of six from the Derby church went to Ferncliff to assemble the buckets.

More money had been donated by PDA so the task was to fill 500 buckets. They filled all 500 in addition to checking and re-stocking another 183 buckets that had come from Indianapolis, IN and Lyon College in Arkansas. When that project was done, the crew had help check and package over 500 hygiene kits for shipping. Church World Services is very particular that the same things are in each bucket and kit, so the contents in the bucket have to be made uniform before the bucket is shipped out. It was a great experience but there is more to do as Ferncliff is one of two hubs for clean up buckets and hygiene kits.



Those from FPC Derby who went to Ferncliff were Gary & Donna Hileman, Lana & A.J. Schlegel, Larry Leiker & Pastor Ben Ray - THANK YOU!

The Fall Gatherings of Presbyterian Women of Southern Kansas were held Tuesday, September 26, at First Presbyterian Church of Wichita, and Tuesday, October 3, at First Presbyterian Church of Coffeyville.

There were 36 persons in attendance at FPC Wichita where Parish Associate Judy Connors led the morning worship service. During presentations Mary Knecht spoke about First Presbyterian's ministry to the Wichita Refugee Congregation Church (WRCC), and introduced seven women and their babies who are part of the Congregation. A Love Offering of \$217 was given to the WRCC. (Please see Mary Knecht's article on the next page). At the Gathering at FPC Coffeyville, there were 33 in attendance. Pastor Diane Massey led the morning worship. Mary Knecht spoke to those attendees about the WRCC. The worship offering of \$122 was given to Boys and Girls Club of Coffeyville. There were 3 workshops at each Gathering: The Bible study on Hebrews; Circles USA – "Getting out of Poverty," and "Where 2 or 3 are Gathered." (Thank you Peggy McAllaster)



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First Presbyterian Church, Wichita

Seven lovely refugee ladies (decked out in their finest dresses) along with four beautiful babies all under the age of 6 months were present at the **PW Gathering on Sept 26th at FPC Wichita**. Those babies got a lot of "love" from all the grand Moms present. The refugee ladies admired the quilt Mary Burgett had made to auction next year at the PW Church Wide Gathering in Louisville. They expressed an interest in learning to quilt as they currently make their own clothes. The Wednesday Dorcus Sewing/Quilting Circle at FPC Wichita is open to helping them. The refugee ladies showed two large bed spreads (they call them bed sheets) that they had embroidered. The refugee ladies inquired if there was some place they could sell their "goods" and Covenant invited them to have a booth at their Church Bazar in a couple of weeks.

At noon the PW ladies gathered discovered there was a need for more material and thread, so a basket was passed around the lunch tables and a love offering of \$217.00 was presented to purchase sewing supplies. At the closing worship the refugee ladies presented PW with a thank you and sang one of their songs for group. A worship offering that day of \$270 will be used to purchase gift cards for gasoline to help the refugee families get to worship services.

In Mary Knecht's presentation, she encouraged the 40 some ladies present to engage in 2X2 in-house "conversations" to help the refugees learn English. Seven ladies from Trinity seemed very interested in this kind of conversational meetings.

All PW present left feeling really blessed by this Gathering! It's a start in building friendships.

(Thank you Mary Knecht)

