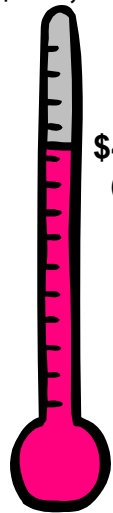


New Chapel to be Built at Camp

Chapel Fund
\$450,000 Goal



\$415,000
(8/25/09)

A week before the Presbytery meeting on August 25th, it looked as if asking for approval to build a new Chapel at Westminster Woods would have to be put on hold. However, through the generous gifts of a few more people, the Camping Committee was able to announce at Presbytery that it had \$415,000 in cash and pledges. The motion to proceed was unanimous and an impromptu groundbreaking was held on Saturday, August 29th while the Camping Committee was at the Woods for a working retreat. Watch future newsletters and the website www.pbysk.org for continued fund raising progress, construction reports and pictures.



Pictured L-R: Deb Cox, Megan & Eric Sorenson, Tom Cox, Jeremiah Lange, Don Owens, and Brian & Diane Wheeler.

On The Wind

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Thoughts From Our General Presbyter

Presbytery to Discern Future

At its meeting in August, the Presbytery acted on a proposal from the Council's Vision and Planning Committee to declare 2010 as a time for Discernment, Prayer, and Study. Between now and then the Vision Committee will be working to design a process that will include conversation and ideas from all parts of the Presbytery. The goal will be to create a vision for the future that will unify our missional efforts, build trust, and demonstrate our connectional nature. The essential question is "what is God calling us to be and do?" The committee has said that there is nothing too sacred to talk about and that everything will be on the table. At this point, there are probably more questions than answers but the committee will be working in the next few months to find ways of full participation. For some this might feel like a time of wilderness wandering, but we believe that God will lead us to the place he wants us to be.

Don Owens

November 10, 2009

Presbytery of Southern Kansas Meeting
Pratt Presbyterian Church

Rev. Mary Nebelsick, a PC(USA) mission worker serving at the Union Theological Seminary in Dasmariñas, Philippines, will speak at various churches throughout PSK from Sept 25th through October 4th. Go to the *Calendar* tab on www.pbysk.org, to see Rev. Nebelsick's Travel & Speaking Schedule.

Free Seminar – “Living and Leaving a Legacy”

On Saturday, Oct 17th, speakers James Foster Reese and Walter Olker of the Presbyterian Foundation will discuss how we can express our charitable values during and at the end of our (human) lives. The seminar time is 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and will be held at the Mt Vernon Presbyterian Church, Wichita. A lite lunch will be included. Contact the church office at 316-683-7535 or mtvernon@pres.kscoxmail.com by noon on Oct 16th to reserve a lunch. Go to the *Calendar* tab on www.pbysk.org for more information about this seminar.

On the weekend of August 14-16th the **PSK Youth Council** held its annual New/Old Meeting. One of the tasks accomplished was election of the new PSKYC executive staff.



Back row (L-R): **Katie**, Editor, Westwood Church; **Hannah**, Vice Moderator, Westwood Church; **Katie**, Moderator, Pratt Church.
Front row (L-R): **Sarah**, Historian, Ark City Church; **Emily**, Secretary, Derby Church.

Remember the upcoming PSKYC event - Westminster Woods Work Weekend for Middle & High School students is November 20-22 at the Woods.

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The First Presbyterian Church, Newton, hosted a Patriotic Worship Service. The 291 in attendance began the service with an outside flag raising ceremony which included the American Legion Riders and scouts from Troop 125. Fifty-three musicians from area churches provided beautiful music and several in attendance gave the name of a loved one serving in the military and their duty station. It was a very inspiring program!



PSK “Lay Education Academy” A Continuing Education Program

PSK will offer a “Lay Education Academy” with classes beginning in the fall of 2009. The courses offered are designed for those currently in the CLP program, or considering **CLP study, as well as, those active church members who desire to gain a greater understanding of the church and its ministry. Your pastor has a pamphlet listing the courses being offered through the Academy. Visit www.pbysk.org for an Academy registration form.

**For persons considering the CLP program, speak with your pastor.