

On The Wind

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Church World Service and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance are, once again, calling on churches and individuals to assist in the clean-up effort by supplying/funding “clean-up buckets” and “hygiene kits”.

The Presbytery of Southern Kansas has been very responsive in the past and the Mission Partnership Team MPT is asking you to step up again. We would like to ask you..encourage you..to help with these recovery efforts by providing “Clean-Up Buckets” and “Hygiene Kits”. In times past, individuals and churches in our presbytery have “built” these kits and then they were delivered to Ferncliff Presbyterian Camp and Conference Center in Ferncliff, AR for distribution to various disaster sites. Ferncliff is the national warehouse for PDA and the regional warehouse for Church World Service.

Our biggest effort, was post-Katrina when hundreds of kits were delivered to the Presbytery Meeting at Eastminster. We then, in assembly line fashion, passed the items, person-to-person, to the people loading the 25’ U-Haul truck which was then driven to Ferncliff. We want to attempt this once again by asking that all kits be taken to the Presbytery Meeting in November at First Presbyterian Church, Wichita. If the kits need to be picked up early we can arrange for that.

This is also a collaborative effort with the Presbytery of Northern Kansas. They are doing the same thing. And, when the time comes, we will combine all of our kits...load them in, yet, another U-Haul truck and take them to Ferncliff.

We hope that the members and friends of the congregations in the Presbytery of Southern Kansas, as individuals, families, Sunday School classes, youth groups, choirs, mission committees will not see the expense and time involved in buying the necessary items to build the kits as a task but, more, as an opportunity to serve and assist “people like us” who have lost everything. This, truly is an act of love.

(Visit www.pbysk.org for a description of the contents of the Clean Up bucket and hygiene kits)

**Rev Skip Johnson, Moderator
PSK Mission Partnership Team**



A Blessing of the Animals was held on August 6th at First Presbyterian, Coffeyville. The children in the church took an offering for the local animal shelter following worship that day. This past Sunday some of the children, some parents, and the Sunday school teacher presented a check for \$725 to the shelter.“ (Thanks Rexanne & Pastor Diane)

**One last remainderd...Have you registered to attend?
October 14th – 15th FPC Wichita**

Rev. Dr. Leonard Sweet will serve as the speaker for the 2017 FPC Wichita Durfee Lectures. Make plans to attend the seminar and lecture from Rev. Dr. Sweet on the weekend of Oct 14th – Oct 15th. Dr. Sweet has authored 200+ articles, 1300 published sermons & more than 60 books. Please remember that there is no charge to attend these events. Visit: www.firstchurchwichita.org/media/durfee-lecture-series

**It is fall 2017...
You headed to the Woods?**

WMW HOMECOMING is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 7th 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Fellowship, Music, Memories!! Camp Lunch: 11:30 – 1:00. (lunch reservation by Oct 4th to www.camp@gmail.com with donation accepted). **OR** Bring your own family picnic lunch.

Westminster Woods
1st Annual
HOMECOMING



Questions: 316-253-4783 or wmcamp@gmail.com

We did it! 500 Backpacks of School Supplies!

Saturday, August 12 was an amazing day at FPC Wichita. One hundred and three volunteers signed in at the west door to help distribute backpacks to refugee children. We hope everyone was recorded and we certainly needed each person. There were many tasks: final inventory, last minute shopping, setting up the store in the West Dining Room, and purchasing the food on Friday; on Saturday, providing transportation to many of the families, shopping one on one with each child to help them select the right supplies, serving snacks, and helping fill out paperwork for dental checks and immunizations provided by HealthCore.

It was successful because of the partnerships we established with others: the Economy Corner (250 backpacks), our Mission Committee (250 backpacks), Presbytery of Southern Kansas (\$750 grant), Grace Presbyterian Church (money, supplies, 15 volunteers), Trinity Presbyterian Church (money, 8 volunteers plus 2 RNs), Korean Presbyterian Church, (money, 3 volunteers), Hindu Temple of Greater Wichita (money, supplies, 5 volunteers including 2 young physicians), and The Dock Church (Disciples of Christ) 3 volunteers.

There were also staff members from USD #259, Episcopal Migration Ministries, International Rescue Committee, and HealthCore. Members of the Wichita Refugee Congregation Church, who worship each Sunday in our building, provided valuable interrupters.

THANKS to the many FPC volunteers: those who donated supplies and money (we were able to purchase items in bulk), PW who served lunch, the youth group who helped children shop, others who shopped and provided transportation. Our church van was kept busy all day. The church office staff assisted by keeping the inventory of donated supplies as they came in, and the custodial staff had our building ready

to serve the multitude of refugees children eager to get started to school. Television stations KSN #3 and KWCH #12 both sent reporters to cover the event and aired footage in their evening news.

Those who shared their time and helped provide hospitality to these new neighbors truly understood what Jesus meant when he said, "it is more blessed to give than to receive."

(Thanks Mary Knecht)



**Presbytery of Southern Kansas
Meets on November 14, 2017
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