



THE PRESBY NEWS January 2021

January Events

Fri Jan 1

New Year's Day
Office Closed

Wed Jan 6

Celebrating
Epiphany of the Lord

Mon Jan 11

Session Meeting via Zoom 6pm

Mon Jan 18

Martin Luther King Jr Birthday
Office Closed

Sun Jan 31

Annual Congregational Meeting
via Zoom 11am
Zoom link emailed prior to
meeting



Monthly Mission Food Collection

Please donate food items at West in the Little Blessings Box located outside. Be mindful of the weather as you pick non-perishable items. Take a selfie of you and your donation, and email it to the church at: businessoffice.epc@gmail.com

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Online Worship

Go to our EPC website:
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click on the Worship tab
or watch from our Facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/EmporiaPresbyterianChurch/>



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Information needed by January 15th for the February 2021 Presby News.

To submit or suggest articles, contact Diana Hizar, Business Manager, businessoffice.epc@gmail.com, 620-342-0375.

From the Church Staff



Christmas Greetings!

Theresa Stutzman

Margaret Davidson

Leslie Dubois

Steve Eiger

Katie Agurree

Rhonda Hagan

Zoom Annual Meeting – January 31, 2021

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation, including election of officers to the Session Class of 2023, MBF Trustee Class of 2023, and MBF Secretary, is called for Sunday, January 31, 2021 at 11:00am via Zoom.

Operating under guidance from ecclesial and state authorities, our annual meeting will be held online this year. A Zoom link will be emailed to the congregation prior to the meeting*, and annual reports will also be made available in advance of the meeting in electronic form (and hardcopy by mail upon request).

A quorum of voting members of the congregation must be present for the meeting to be in order. Please contact the church office if you would prefer a hardcopy of the 2020 Annual Report, if you have any questions, or if you need assistance connecting via Zoom for this meeting. EPC Session and committees have been meeting via Zoom for the majority of 2020, so there are plenty of church family members who can help as needed.

We look forward to the day we can meet again in person (and share a spread from Bobby D's!). Until then, take care, be well, and hold in prayer all the ways God is calling us to serve and be in the coming year.

*This information will be emailed to the congregation closer to meeting time to prevent so-called "Zoom bombing" during the meeting. If you would like the link or call-in information sooner, please let the office know, and we will happily send it to you.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report for Session – December-2020

1. As of the end of November, 48 Sundays (or 91.5% of the calendar year) have passed.
2. Pledges received in November totaled \$11,200.00. Loose offering received was \$1,210.50.
3. Operating expenses for November totaled \$20,855.59.
4. We received a check from Wells Fargo for \$8,895.97.
5. Utility cost for November were \$2,072.68.
6. Through the first eleven months of the year, here are the percentages of budget expenditures (see the Budget Comparison report for dollar figures).

Business Operations	99.5%
Christian Education	30.7%
Mission Giving	100.8%
Personnel	85.2%
Congregational Care	17.0%
Property	75.6%
Stewardship	65.2%
Worship	83.3%

JANUARY 2021

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CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

New Year's Day

Friday, January 1

MLK Birthday

Monday, January 18

JANUARY



ANNIVERSARIES

Jackie & Gordon Ames Jan 19

JANUARY

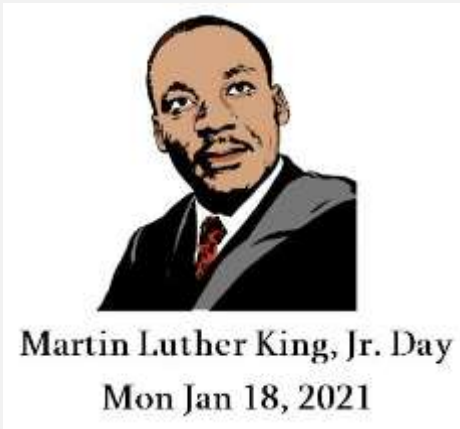


BIRTHDAYS



Christian sympathy to the family of Don Grant who passed away December 20, 2020.

Condolences may be sent to Cameron and Valerie Grant at 600 W 70th Street Kansas City MO 64113



- Michael Cheeseman Jan 1
- Janet Weaver Jan 4
- Max Stewart Jan 7
- Rick Buck Jan 8
- Maddyn Stewart Jan 12
- Eric Sprague Jan 14
- Kim Stewart Jan 15
- Linda Miller Jan 19
- Kevin Ireland Jan 19
- John Crosby Jan 20
- Audrey Sprague Jan 22
- Blake Sprague Jan 22
- Collin Sprague Jan 22
- Christopher Moffitt Jan 22
- Blake Eyman Jan 22
- Gary Conrade Jan 26
- Avery Gutierrez Jan 28
- Bailey Moffitt Jan 29
- Cade Olivier Jan 29

Local Mission Assistance Fund Update

Our Local Mission Assistance Funds are to help out locally for those in need. Funds are used primarily to pay for food vouchers and some utility bills. Thank you to those who have offered their gifts to keep the fund going.

In the month of December, we disbursed \$430.

Currently, the Local Mission Assistance Fund balance is at \$8,327.08





SESSION

Meets Second Monday of the Month Downtown at 6:00 P.M.

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MISSION AND BUILDING FUND TRUSTEES

Dean Edmiston and Don Miller, Financial Administrators. Tom Fowler, Temporary Financial Administrator.

Chair, Carolyn Turney;
Vice-Chair, Brett Stewart (Session)
Secretary, Jodi Heermann;
Members: Nickie Edwards, Martha Shook, Rhonda Gordon (Session)

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE COMMITTEE

Chair, Rick Buck; Tammy & Michael Cheeseman, Connie Jobe, Mitch Moorman, Carolyn Turney.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND NURTURE COMMITTEE

Co-Chairs, Amanda Gutierrez & Connie Jobe; Amanda Cunningham, Karen Moorman, Laura Parish.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Chair, Brad Stewart; Kathie Buckman; Linda Miller.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Chair, Lois Schrock; Tammy Cheeseman, Amanda Gutierrez, Max Stewart, Sharon Stewart.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Becky Hadicke, Susan Severin, Martha Shook, Brett Stewart, Jennifer Stewart

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Chair, Ken Weaver; Karen Moorman; Margaret Davidson, Nickie Edwards, Becky Hadicke, Katherine Weaver

VISITATION COMMITTEE

Chair, Sue Jones; Rick Buck, Betty Campbell, Margaret Davidson, Nickie Edwards, Pat Ireland, Maxine Mitchell, Karen Moorman, Max & Sharon Stewart

MISSION & OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Chair, Amanda Gutierrez, Amanda Cunningham, Lois Schrock

EMPORIA CHILD CARE BOARD

Board Member, Nickie Edwards

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Betty Campbell, Lee Tucker



Dear my church family,

I have received your birthday card. Thank you so much! That was a happy surprise. It is so nice to see the picture of everyone. I miss you all. Toshi and I talk about the memory of Emporia everyday and wonder how you are doing.

I had a nice birthday today (I'm 34 now! When I started to sing at the church I was 22...) Toshi gave me a custom made cake of my favorite characters and made nice dinner. The situation of covid doesn't get better here neither but hope we will be able to visit Emporia sometime soon.

We're having unbelievably warm fall this year but it will get colder soon. Is Kansas already cold? Hope you all will have a wonderful Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Take care,

Takako

Church Library Great Reads by Katherine Weaver

Check out some great books at the Church Library. Call the church office at 620-342-0375 to schedule an appointment to check out your books. Below is a book recommendation from Katherine Weaver that's in our library:

Strangers at My Door

By Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove

Copyright 2013; Convergent; 211 pages

I was a stranger and you welcomed me.—Jesus
Matthew 25: 35

“His first followers knew that Jesus could be found with the fatherless, the widows, the hungry, and the homeless. He said that he himself was a stranger and commended those who welcomed him. If he really meant these things, what would happen if you opened your door to every person who came with a need?

Jonathan and Leah Wilson-Hartgrove decided to find out. The author and his wife moved to the Walltown neighborhood in Durham, North Carolina, where they have been answering the door to anyone who knocks. When they began, they had little idea what might happen, but they counted on God to show up.

In *Strangers at My Door*, Wilson-Hartgrove tells of risks and occasional disappointments. But far more often there is joy, surprise, and excitement as strangers become friends, mentors, and helpers. Immerse yourself in these inspiring eye-opening accounts of people who arrive with real needs, but ask only for an invitation to come in.”

A Year of Prayer by Ken Weaver and Pastor Phyl

A Year of Prayer

The Apostle Paul wrote to the Thessalonian church:

“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for YOU.” (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

Heeding Paul, as we begin, so we will continue throughout 2021 with Worship Committee commending an intentional year of prayer for our church family. We will do so in a variety of ways, starting with a New Year's Day of Prayer, participating in The Ecumenical Prayer Cycle, and continuing our tradition of lifting up the names of loved ones included on our Weekly Prayer List and held in careful confidence in our hearts.

The New Year's Day of Prayer will welcome the new year with church members' prayers from 9:00 am through 9:00 pm on Friday, January 1. The 12 hours are divided into 30 minute increments, and families or individuals are invited to sign up for one or two 30 minute slots.

There is no limit to what to pray for, but here are a few suggestions: loving God with all our heart, soul, strength, and mind; loving others as Christ loves us; loving those whom nobody loves; embracing those in our communities and around the world who are grieving, sick, hungry, sad, or lonely; bringing peace on earth; forgiving others and ourselves; raising hope in God and Christ as a beacon to the world; the well-being of our youth and all youth; a holier community; and on and on and on. A longer list of prompts, confirmation of your prayer time, and other helpful instructions, will be provided via email closer to December 31, but these are suggestions, and members are encouraged to pray for whatever is in their hearts, minds, and souls. (cont'd on pg. 7)

A Year of Prayer (cont'd)

To sign up for a 30 minute slot, simply click through and claim a time here:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Q1j0UCuqov8MrTrYEht2NYsfEflpYPHZ1anewzU8ylU/edit?usp=sharing>

email or call Ken Weaver knweaver51@gmail.com or 757-1920 or email Pastor Phyl at pastorphyl.epc@gmail.com with your name or family and your preferred time slot.

The Ecumenical Prayer Cycle, organized by the World Council of Churches, offers Christians of every denomination, in every time-zone and place, a way to pray for *all* our siblings in faith around the world over the course of a year. Beginning with the Holy Lands on Epiphany Sunday, we are invited to pray each week for a handful of nations and peoples in affirmation of our connection within the One Body of Christ. You can read more about The Ecumenical Prayer Cycle, check whom we are praying for each week, and click through to each individual group to learn more about the region in our prayers including specific joys and concerns to lift in prayer, prayers from churches in the region, and more at - <https://www.oikoumene.org/resources/prayer-cycle> .

Our **Weekly Prayer List** has been an integral part of regular worship for years. During the Prayers of the People, as well as during the Great Thanksgiving on communion Sundays, we lift aloud the names of those whom we hold closest to our hearts as well as those who, for reasons of confidence, cannot be named publicly but whom God knows all the same. You may have noticed that the EPC Prayer List has grown significantly in the last few months. This happened for a few reasons: first, the need for prayers grew significantly under the strain of pandemic; second, as we have shared our online service with our sister congregation in Cottonwood Falls, prayers within that church family have been folded into our shared Prayers of the People; and third, the ability to reach more family and friends beyond the strict confines of EPC and FUPC with our online service, means more people have sent in prayer requests (always with appropriate permissions).

It may seem daunting. It may seem like too much. You may say, “I don’t know what to pray for or how to pray.” But hear again what Paul has to say – just pray. “Pray without ceasing.” (1 Thessalonians 5:17) Trust God to know the specifics, the prayers you dare not utter, and be brave. Have the courage to talk openly with God, to give voice to what you need to say, just like you would to a beloved counselor or friend. And together, we will spend this year intentionally growing that relationship with our Lord – our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer – who is always with us, always listening, and connect our spirits with every other child of God on the planet by the power of the Holy Spirit in Jesus’ name. Can I get an *Amen*? So, let us pray.



January 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 9:30a Online Worship Service Only	28 9a Office Closed 7p *AA Friends of Bill W.	29 9a Office Closed 5:30p Tai Chi 7p *AA Friends of Bill W. 7p *Alanon	30 9a Office Closed	31 9a Office Open 5:30p Tai Chi 7p *AA Friends of Bill W. 7p *Alanon	1 6a New Year's Day 9a Office Closed	2 11a *AA Friends of Bill W.
3 12p *Red Cross Blood Drive, 12pm- 6pm 7p *AA Friends of Bill W.	4 12p *Red Cross Blood Drive, 12pm- 6pm 7p *AA Friends of Bill W.	5 6a Salina Meeting 8a *Red Cross Blood Drive, 8am - 2pm 5:30p Tai Chi 7p *AA Friends of Bill W. 7p *Alanon	6 6a Epiphany of the Lord	7 5:30p Tai Chi 7p *AA Friends of Bill W. 7p *Alanon	8 11a *AA Friends of Bill W.	9 11a *AA Friends of Bill W.
10 6a Baptism of the Lord	11 6p Session Meeting 6pm 7p *AA Friends of Bill W.	12 5:30p Tai Chi 7p *AA Friends of Bill W. 7p *Alanon	13 5:30p Tai Chi	14 5:30p Tai Chi 7p *AA Friends of Bill W. 7p *Alanon	15 11a *AA Friends of Bill W.	16 11a *AA Friends of Bill W.
17 6a Martin Luther King Jr Birthday 7a OFFICE CLOSED 7p *AA Friends of Bill W.	18 6a Martin Luther King Jr Birthday 7a OFFICE CLOSED 7p *AA Friends of Bill W.	19 5:30p Tai Chi 7p *AA Friends of Bill W. 7p *Alanon	20 5:30p Tai Chi	21 5:30p Tai Chi 7p *AA Friends of Bill W. 7p *Alanon	22 11a *AA Friends of Bill W.	23 11a *AA Friends of Bill W.
24 7p *AA Friends of Bill W.	25 7p *AA Friends of Bill W.	26 5:30p Tai Chi 7p *AA Friends of Bill W. 7p *Alanon	27 5:30p Tai Chi	28 4p Worship Committee 5:30p Tai Chi 7p *AA Friends of Bill W. 7p *Alanon	29 11a *AA Friends of Bill W.	30 11a *AA Friends of Bill W.
31 11a Zoom Annual Congregational Meeting	1 7p *AA Friends of Bill W.	2 6a Salina Meeting 5:30p Tai Chi 7p *AA Friends of Bill W. 7p *Alanon	3 5:30p Tai Chi	4 5:30p Tai Chi 7p *AA Friends of Bill W. 7p *Alanon	5 11a *AA Friends of Bill W.	6 11a *AA Friends of Bill W.