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May God bless you, your family and friends with prosperity, good health, and happiness in the New Year. Praying that you and your family have a happy and healthy New Year!

Ainsley Jones Installed As Honor Queen



Pastor Stacey's daughter, Ainsley, was installed as Honored Queen of Job's Daughters International Bethel #58 on Sunday December 29th. She has been a member of Job's Daughters since she was 10 years old, following in the footsteps of her mother. Her emblem is a sloth floating on a river (Ainsley considers the sloth to be her spirit animal!). Her theme is "Go with the Flow". Her colors are neon orange and jade green. Her scripture is Proverbs 4:23: "Above all else guard your



heart for everything you do flows from it." Her flower is the cherry blossom. Her song is Hallelujah. Her philanthropy is "To Write Love on Her Arms" an organization dedicated to helping girls and women who struggle with anxiety and depression and have a tendency toward self harm. Ainsley looked wonderful in her newly vested honors of a crown and a long purple cape and did an amazing job of leading the rest of the girls for the evening.

Ainsley has a term (6 months) filled with fun activities that she hopes will attract new members and keep her mom very busy! The Bethel will be doing things such as going to Sk8Away, watching the Chick Whips Junior Roller Derby, selling programs at the Shrine Circus, shopping in Kansas City, a mystery dinner, and a kidnap breakfast. Pastor Stacey is the Bethel Guardian of the Bethel.

A huge thank you to Betty and Bill DeShazer, Jan Rice, and Stephanie and Matthew Reynolds for coming and celebrating this event with her. It meant so much to her to see her church family there supporting her!

Fifth Sunday Potluck Closes Out 2019



The St. Andrews folks ended the year with a fifth Sunday potluck following worship on December 29th. It was a soup theme with a delicious variety of homemade soups plus all the fixin's, side dishes and desserts. It was a great way to close out the year with members and friends.





Our **Annual Congregational Meeting** will be Sunday, January 26, after worship. Please plan to attend as we conduct the important business of the church.

Annual Reports

Attention all Session members and moderators of church organizations! Assembling the annual report material will be done beginning the week of January 13th to be available to the congregation on January 19th so it may be reviewed before the annual meeting. If you currently moderate a session committee or other church organization, please write a report that summarizes your activities of 2019 to be shared with the congregation at our annual meeting on January 26th. Please help by getting your information in by January 12th.. You may bring your report to church and place it in the office or email it to the church at standrewspresby@sbcglobal.net . **Emailing it to the office really works the best.** Thank you.



Mission Needs



The Doorstep staff and volunteers would like to thank everyone who donated to Doorstep during the holiday season, and throughout 2019. Because of your generosity, and the Topeka community, we were able to provide food and gifts to our neighbors in need this past Christmas.

Along with the start of a new year also comes the cold weather and high utility bills. Please remember your neighbors who are struggling to pay those high bills when looking for a place to donate. Doorstep offers utility assistance to individuals and families throughout the year as funds are available.

Souper Bowl Sunday is February 2nd! Just around the corner! On this weekend we ask our member congregations to collect soup and crackers to help restock our food pantry. A can of soup can be a meal, and in the past, with a successful collection, we have had soup and crackers to last us into the summer months! Please remember Doorstep when you go grocery shopping, and pick up a few items for your neighbors in need.

Also, mark your calendars for the 17th Annual Operation Soup Line! This year it will be on Tuesday, February 25, 2020 from 11am – 2pm!

Doorstep is open Monday – Friday, 8am – 3pm for donations. We are located at 1119 SW 10th Street (10th & Buchanan). We ask that you do not leave donations outside our building when we are not here. They often become a parking lot mess. Thank you!



Women's Fellowship

Men's and Women's Groups continue to meet at Banjos on the third Friday of the month for fellowship and friendship with a meal. Our next get together will be January 17th at 11:30. Bring a friend and join us!



Officers To Be Installed

Installation of Officers

Church officers for the class of 2022 will be installed on January 12th during worship. Also a vacancy for the class of 2021 will be filled. Those previously ordained and will be installed for the class of 2022 are Claudia Hamer, Jan Rice, Stephanie Reynolds and Matthew Reynolds. Dianne Deuser has been previously ordained, and will be installed and fill the vacancy for the class of 2021. Thank you to these folks for agreeing to serve.

January Birthdays

Mary Jane Elder, January 2nd

Don Newman, January 3rd

Corinne Robinson, January 9th

Marguerite Newman, January 10th

Cheryl Kelly, January 10th

Karl Wilmers, January 13th

Jadyn Baum, January 23rd

Matthew Reynolds, January 29th



January Anniversaries

Brian and Jan McPherson, January 5th, 2006,

Karl and Dolores Wilmers; January 30th, 1955



JANUARY 2020 LECTIONARY READINGS

January 5-Jeremiah 31:7-14; Psalm 147:12-20; Ephesians 1:3-14; John 1:(1-9); 10-18

Epiphany of the Lord - January 6-Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12

Baptism of the Lord - January 12-Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 29; Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3:13-17

January 19-Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 40:1-11; 1 Corinthians 1:1-9; John 1:29-42

January 26- Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27:1, 4-9; 1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-23

Directory Update

Don and Suzie Marker have discontinued their landline phone. Phone contact with them will be cell phone only. Don- 969-3384; Suzie -409-9112.

Caring for our Members and Friends

Keep these folks in your prayers. Mary Jane and Junior Elder, Helen Jackson, Dick O'Neill (resumed chemo), Bob Bodenheimer, Norm Schiesser, Linda Ozaki, Rita Kelly, Cheryl Kelly, Karl Wilmers, Dolores Wilmers, Jerry Barton, Marlene Watson, Millie Blodgett, Eric Howard, Steven Cornelius, Tammy Calkins, Maggie Putnam, Tiffany, Gwen Jones, Kim Stewart, Nathaniel Barton, Mark Barton



Remember our active duty and veteran personnel, firefighters, EMTs, police officers, and the victims of violence in our country, Pray for peace for those countries suffering from war and conflict; the ongoing conflicts and violence in our own community, all our government officials, the hungry and the homeless.



Session Meeting

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS-December 30, 2019

[V] '21 Vacant	[P] '20 Kathy Fuller	[P] '19 Claudia Hamer
[P] '21 Sharon McDaniels	[P] '20 Betty DeShazer	[P] '19 Jan Rice
[P] '21 Jo Ann Miller	[A] '20 Charles Franks	[P] '19 Matthew Reynolds
[A] '21 Janet Schiesser	[P] '20 Bill DeShazer	[P] '19 Stephanie Reynolds

[P] Session Moderator- Rev. Dr. Stacey Shaffer Jones
[P] Clerk of Session-Bill DeShazer
[P] Treasurer-Stephanie Reynolds

Balance in checking as of November 30th- \$6,303.65; memorial fund-\$51.00.

November current income: \$4,300.09; current expenses: \$4,182.73.

General fund pledges: \$2,620.00; General fund non pledge-\$1,405.00; loose offering -\$93.00.

Approval by Presbytery to allow elders to be elected to session for more than two consecutive terms.

Membership roll reviewed. Several moved to inactive.

Installation of Officers to be January 12th.

Annual Reports due January 12th.

Annual Congregational Meeting will be January 26th.

Approved renewal of Pastor Stacey's contract for another year.

Souper Bowl Sunday is February 2nd. Will have soup luncheon following worship.

Donations of cans of soup and crackers to be received for Doorstep.

Will create and donate a Movie Theme basket for Doorstep's Operation Soup Line

On February 19th.

Approved 2020 operating budget of \$70,646.06.

Next communion will be January 5, 2020.

◀ December		~ January 2020 ~						February ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat		
			1	2 Mary Jane Elder B'day	3 Don Newman B'day	4		
5 Communion	6	7	8	9 6:30 – Choir Rehearsal Corinne Robinson b'day	10 Cheryl Kelly B'day Marguerite Newman B'day	11		
12 Annual Reports due	13 Karl Wilmers B'day	14	15	16 6:30 – Choir Rehearsal	17 11:30 Men's Ladies Lunch	18		
19 Installation Of Officers 12:00 Session	20	21	22	23 6:30 – Choir Rehearsal Jadyn Baum B'day	24	25		
26 Congregational Annual Mtg.	27	28	29 Matthew Reynolds B'day	30 6:30 – Choir Rehearsal	31	Notes: Feb. 2 nd Souper Bowl Sunday		

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Sunday Worship 11:00 AM

