



# The Messenger



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## In Memoriam



Longtime St. Andrews member, Donna Robben, passed away Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup>. She has been a faithful member since the late 80's.

Donna enjoyed playing cards: pinochle and pitch with her wide group of friends. She was a long time Dachshund lover and treasured her beloved Jewel.

Donna married Glen Sunderland on August 3, 1952, in Topeka. He preceded her in death on February 7, 2002. To this union were born three children, Renae, Kelly and Gayla. She later married Norbert Robben in May 2005. He preceded her in death in 2012.

Donna was cremated. Services are pending at this time.



The Topeka Rescue Mission continues to be a vital source for providing food and shelter to those in need in around the Topeka area. Some statistics from their annual report:

In 2020 they provided 176, 876 meals from their kitchen to TRM (Topeka Rescue Mission) guests and the community; 8,230 food baskets to hungry from the TRM

Distribution Center; Food equalling 49,149 meals to community partners; In all TRM provided food for 368,055 meals in 2020.

Through TRM's Operation Street Reach, by year's end they had reached out to 1,168 unsheltered homeless with food, tents, sleeping bags, coats, gloves and a variety of survival gear to ready them for the winter months ahead.

During the recent cold spell, TRM was able to provide 34 people with hotel rooms.

Donations of food, clothing and household items may be made at TRM's distribution center at 401 NW Norris St.



Thank you to everyone who donated soup and crackers during our **Souper Bowl Sunday** collection! A can of soup can be a meal or

two, and your generous donations helped stock our pantry, and provide meals for your neighbors in need! We did not set a goal this year with the pandemic, and most of our congregations not meeting in person. Last year 5,483 pounds of food was donated! So far by mid-February we had over 4,600 pounds donated. With the cold weather surge there is still more food to come in, which will up that total.

We know these past 11 months have been challenging for everyone in various ways, and we appreciate all of the support Doorstep has continued to receive! We feel very blessed to have the support that we do in the Topeka community. Thank you!

Last year, we were lucky to get our Operation Soup Line in a few weeks before the pandemic began. However, this year we are not so fortunate! We did ask our regular sponsors to still support Doorstep, and our "un-event" so that we would not lose all of the funds we rely on from the event.

We want to thank **Stormont Vail Health, FHLBank, Security Benefit, Kansas Gas Service, BlueCrossBlueShield of Kansas, CoreFirst Bank & Trust, and Capitol Federal Foundation** for their continuing support for our neighbors in need.

Mark your calendars for Doorstep's **4th Annual Neighbors Helping Neighbors Walk/5K Fun Run** at Lake Shawnee. The big day is **Sunday, October 3rd at 2pm!** Come out and support Doorstep, and get some exercise at the same time! We made over \$7,000 last year, and have a goal of \$10,000 for our fourth year!

### **Community Easter Egg Hunt**



Unfortunately, because of the Covid-19, we will not be able to have our annual Easter Egg hunt this year unless some miracle takes place between now and Easter. If the pandemic situation would clear up toward the end of the year, we might be able to have some similar event for the community.



For those of you who shop at Dillon, there is a way St. Andrews can receive funds from your shopping.

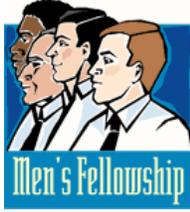
Login in your Dillons account (See Stephanie to help you set up an account if you don't have one!), and then go to "My Account", and click on "Community Rewards." Select **St. Andrews Presbyterian Church** and go shopping! St. Andrews will now receive a percentage of all your purchases!



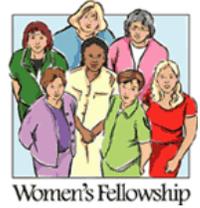
***Set your clocks, Daylight Saving Time begins on March 14th!***

***Move your clock forward one hour when you go to bed on Saturday, March 13th!***

## Men's and Ladies' Groups



The Men's and Ladies' Groups continue to meet for food and fellowship. We meet the third Friday of each month. Our next meeting will be at Banjo's on Friday, March 19th at 11:30 a.m. Come and share a time with members and friends.



## Per Capita



Per Capita is the amount assessed each church to support the work of the church at Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly. The amount per person for St. Andrews this year is \$34.88. It is asked that all who are able pay their share to reduce the expense to St. Andrews.

## Lectionary for March 2021

**Third Sunday in Lent—March 7-** Exodus 20:1–17; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 1:18–25; John 2:13–22

**Fourth Sunday in Lent—March 14-** Numbers 21:4–9; Psalm 107:1–3, 17–22; Ephesians 2:1–10; John 3:14–21

**Fifth Sunday in Lent—March 21-** Jeremiah 31:31–34; Psalm 51:1–12 or Psalm 119:9–16; Hebrews 5:5–10; John 12:20–33

**Passion/Palm Sunday—March 28-** Liturgy of the Palms Mark 11:1–11 or John 12:12–16; Psalm 118:1–2, 19–29

**Liturgy of the Passion-** Isaiah 50:4–9a; Psalm 31:9–16; Philippians 2:5–11; Mark 14:1–15:47 or Mark 15:1-39 (40–47)



Celebration of Communion scheduled for March 7th.





## March Birthdays

Janet Schiesser, March 1st

Mary Ottiwell, March 7th

Jan McPherson, March 8th

Norm Schiesser, March 27th

Betty DeShazer, March 29th



Family of Donna Robben, Junior and Mary Jane Elder,  
Matthew Reynolds, Francene Rita Kelly, Cheryl Kelly, Abbi,  
Karl Wilmers, Dolores Wilmers, Jerry Barton, Phillip Barton, Marlene Watson, John  
McCready, Andy O'Neill, Bill Karns, Graham & Gail Wheat, Steve Richmond, Eric and  
Monna Lainson, Jerry R.

Teachers and students dealing with in-person and remote classes, mental health of all  
affected by the Covid-19 virus.

Remember all those who serve -our active duty and veteran personnel, firefighters,  
EMTs, police officers, and those on the front lines of service during this pandemic, the  
hungry and the homeless.

Pray for peace and calm for our nation as we go through these troubling times. Pray for  
the ongoing conflicts that still exist in our own community. Pray for the new  
administration in our government, cooperation and respect among our government  
officials.

# SESSION



## SESSION HIGHLIGHTS FEBRUARY 21, 2021

Present: JoAnn Miller, Sharon McDaniels, Dianne Deuser, Jan Rice, Stephanie Reynolds, Claudia Hamer, Linda Ozaki, Betty DeShazer, Bill DeShazer,

Absent: Charles Franks, Matthew Reynolds, Janet Schiesser

Balance in checking as of January 31- \$14,759.00; memorial fund-\$3,672.30

Current income for January \$7,835.46; current expenses \$5,293.43.

General fund pledges for January: \$6,364.35; general fund non pledge-\$1,210.00; loose offering -\$196.11.

Approved annual statistical report that goes to General Assembly and Presbytery by email on February 16<sup>th</sup>.

Information has been submitted for our PPP (Payroll Protection Program) loan to be forgiven. This was a part of the agreement when request for the loan was submitted.

Pastor's office has been painted since repair work has been done. Small area in floor which occasionally gets damp when it rains needs to be sealed. Floor covering to be determined.

Plans are to still have the garage sale when Covid-19 situation is where it's safe.

Next Session meeting will be March 21<sup>st</sup>.

Next communion will be March 7<sup>th</sup>.

~ March 2021 ~						
◀ February						April ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Janet Schiesser B'day	2	3	4	5	6
7 Communion Mary Ottiwell B'day	8 Jan McPherson B'day	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 Session	22	23	24	25	26	27 Norman Schiesser B'day
28 Palm Sunday	29 Betty DeShazer B'day	30	31	Notes: April 2 – Good Friday April 4 - Easter		

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**March, 2021**



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**Sunday Services 11:00 AM**

