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Church Rummage Sale



We still need more stuff! Check your garages, basements, under the kitchen cabinets, your sheds – anywhere you might find things that you don't need, kitchen items, household, garden and yard items, camping stuff, and all kinds of miscellaneous. At this time, the sale is scheduled to be during the first week of November.

Thank you and Happy Rummaging,
Jan and Steph



There are more of our neighbors in need of food assistance in 2023! We all know when we go to the store these days that we come out with less food for the same money as a year ago! For our neighbors who are already struggling to make ends meet, keeping their rent and utilities paid, having kids out of school and home this summer, and dealing with the crisis that life can throw at us... keeping food on the table has become a bigger challenge than before. With all the 'extras' the pandemic provided gone, and the prices of everything having increased, people are seeking assistance for food more and more! Doorstep's numbers have doubled since this time last year, and we are struggling to keep enough food in stock to provide a full food order. We have already spent an additional \$15,000 purchasing food in 2023 just trying to meet the need, and keep our

neighbors fed. In the first seven months of 2023, we have assisted almost as many households with food as we did for all of 2022.

Food Assistance:
(Doorstep)

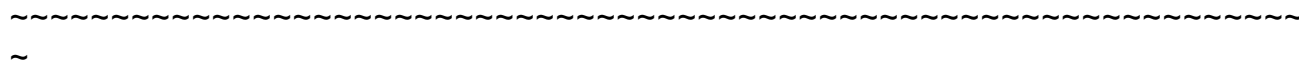
Jan – July 2023

Households: 1,182
Individuals: 2,938
Pounds Given: 71,234

Jan – Dec 2022

Households: 1,225
Individuals: 3,006
Pounds Given: 81,013

Clearly, the need is greater for food than it has been in years. If you can, please give, and help stock our shelves. If you are in need, or know someone who is, please tell them about Doorstep.



**Neighbor
Helping
Neighbor**
WALK/5K RUN

Join us for our **6th Annual Neighbor Helping Neighbor Walk/5K Fun Run** set for **Sunday, October 1st, at 2pm**, at Lake Shawnee. Get your family and friends together for some exercise, snacks,

and fellowship at the lake while raising funds for Doorstep!

We have everything available online on our website under the Events Tab: www.DoorstepTopeka.org. You can download the flyer and registration form to mail in, drop off at our office, or register online. To guarantee an event t-shirt you need to register by **September 13th**. However, we will continue to take late and event day registrations. One child age 10 & under can walk for free (t-shirt extra) with one paid adult. Registration is \$30 per person or get sponsors to cover your fee and donate to Doorstep (sponsor form is also on our website).

Our pal, **Chris Fisher** with WIBW-TV will be our Celebrity Starter again this year!



New this year... **Ducks for Doorstep!** Doorstep has registered with the Great Topeka Duck Race, and you can buy your ducks through our link on their website to support Doorstep and try to win prizes!

The **Great Topeka Duck Race is Saturday, September 16th** at 10am, at Lake Shawnee. Visit www.duckrace.com/topeka/teams, select Doorstep, Inc. and adopt one Duck, a Family, Flock or an Oodle with a credit card payment. It's as easy as that!

The sign is fixed!

After being without the use of our street sign for several weeks, it was finally repaired last Monday. Determining the cause of the problem, coordinating with the sign company and the local repair company and getting the parts took some time. We'll be featuring more info concerning St. Andrews on the sign. Keep watching!

September 2023 LECTONARY READINGS

Sunday, September 3 (Proper 17) Exodus 3:1–15 Psalm 105:1–6, 23–26, 45b Romans 12:9–21 Matthew 16:21–28

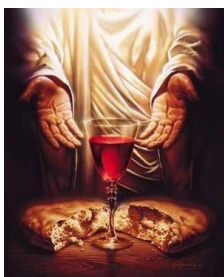


Sunday, September 10 (Proper 18) Exodus 12:1–14 Psalm 149 Romans 13:8–14 Matthew 18:15–20

Sunday, September 17 (Proper 19) Exodus 14:19–31 Psalm 114 or Exodus 15:1b–11, 20–21 Romans 14:1–12 Matthew 18:21–35

Sunday, September 24 (Proper 20) Exodus 16:2–15 Psalm 105:1–6, 37–45 Philippians 1:21–30 Matthew 20:1–16

Communion



Holy Communion will be celebrated on September 3rd.



September Birthdays

Aggie O'Neill, September 7th

Judy Morton, September 30th

Randy and Aysa Luedke, September 16, 2018



Remembering Our Members and Friends

Jan Rice, Jo Ann Miller, Eric Lainson, Kaylin McDaniels,
Richmond McDaniels, Betty DeShazer

Judy Morton's family, Carmen Quintero, Karen Beckley, Don
and Suzie Marker, Linda McElroy, Kathy Fuller, Dolores Wilmers, Rita
Kelly, Cheryl Kelly.

Remember all who serve-our service men and women,
firefighters, EMTs, police officers, and medical personnel.

Prayers for the hungry and the homeless.

Prayers for the victims of extreme weather- heat, hurricanes and floods- throughout
the country.



SESSION



SESSION HIGHLIGHTS-Sunday, August 20, 2023

[A] '25 Dean Robinson [P] '24 Sharon McDaniels [P] '23 Betty DeShazer
[P] '25 Larry William [P] '24 Linda Ozaki [P] '23 Bill DeShazer
[A] '25 Jan Rice [P] '24 Stephanie Reynolds [P] '23 Charles Franks

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

Balance in checking as of 07/31/23 - \$19,000.70

Memorial Fund - \$3,091.05

Pledge income for July- \$1,642.00

Non pledge income for July- \$2,115.00

Loose offering for July- \$154.00

Total income for July - \$4,494.16; Total July expenses- \$3,523.89.

For the year income exceeds expenses by \$2,235.07.

Planning on ham and bean feed Tuesday, October 17th. Work day on the 16th. Will be requesting donations from congregation. Will advertise on social media as well as street sign.

Next session meeting is September 17th.

Communion will be observed on September 3rd..

September 2023						
◀ August						October ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3 Communion	4 Laabor Day	5	6	7 Aggie O'Neill B'day	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 Randy & Asya Luedke Anniv.
17 Session	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30 Judy Morton B'day

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**WELCOME TO
SAINT ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Worship 11:00 AM
Bible Study 10:15 AM

