

NEB-KAN Parish First Presbyterian Church (U.S.A)
Falls City, NE Hiawatha, KS

August/September 2017

WORSHIP TIME:
September 3rd —December 31st: Falls City 9:00 am / Hiawatha 11:00am

REV. NANCY'S NOTES

We have learned about the Nicene Creed and the Apostle's Creed and now we are going to learn more about the first creed that is unique to the Presbyterian Church and that is the good ole' Scots Confession! This is one of three creeds that we include in our Book of Confessions (book one of our PCUSA constitution) that is from the Reformation period. The Scots Confession is from, no surprise, Scotland and the other two are from Germany and Switzerland (more on them to come).

It was written at a crossroads in the history of the Scottish nation when the Queen Regent Mary of Guise died in her sleep in 1560 and the Protestant nobility was able to secure English recognition of Scottish sovereignty in the Treaty of Edinburgh. This conclusion of the civil war with Mary's French Catholic supported forces, represented a providential deliverance to the Scottish people.

Immediately after the Scottish Parliament declared Scotland a Protestant nation, six ministers, including John Knox, were asked to frame a confession of faith that the nation could use. These six men concluded their writing in only four days and it was ratified in 1560 by the Parliament as "doctrine grounded upon the infallible Word of God."

This confession begins with a pledge of unconditional commitment to the triune God who creates, sustains, rules, and guides all things. The first 11

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chapters narrate God's providential acts in the events of biblical history. The kirk, which is what the church in Scotland was called, of the present and future, is part of the continuum of the kirk of God's people beginning with Adam. The Bible is affirmed as the norm by which the kirk judges itself, with the Scriptures as a sacred history of the past to present kirk. This sacredness is through the Holy Spirit and with God's deliverance not just in the past, but into the future as well.

The Scots Confession says there are three marks of the true and faithful kirk – “the true preaching of the Word of God,” “the right administration of the sacraments of Christ Jesus,” and “ecclesiastical discipline . . . whereby vice is repressed and virtue nourished.”

This confession was written during a unsettled time and the key words used throughout are, “cleave, serve, worship, and trust” so reflecting a spirit and commitment to God, who had delivered the Scottish people to this new space and who had thus experienced by them firsthand.

Grace, peace, and blessings be yours, *Nancy*

Parish News

Solar Eclipse Events

“DINE IN THE DARK” will happen in Falls City on August 21 on Stone Street. A t-shirt, meal ticket, & solar glasses bundle can be purchased for \$30, available at the Chamber Office or online:

www.fallscityareachamber.com

A Solar Eclipse Celebration will be held at the Richardson County Museum from 11:30am – 1:30pm. A lunch for \$5.00 (hot dogs, chips, cookies, and water) can be purchased. Solar glasses will also be available.

Stated Meeting

The Presbytery of Northern Kansas will hold their Stated Meeting on Tuesday, October 10 at a location to be decided beginning at 9am.

Coffee Fellowship

Coffee and cookies are served each Sunday morning. We hope you will join us for this time of fellowship. Servers for June and July are as follows:

Aug. 06 – Morgan Pralle
Aug. 13 – Cheryl Riley
Aug. 20 – Courtney Riley
Aug. 27 – Deloris Rupe



Sep. 03 – Barb Rupe
Sep. 10 – Pam Smith
Sep. 17 – Kristin Soden
Sep. 24 – Julia Thompson

Greeter for Aug: Deloris Ripple
Usher for Aug: Austyn Koch

Greeter for Sep: Barb Rupe
Usher for Sep: Jim Rupe

*Our Love and Sympathy to the Family of
Helen Jean Parsons
Mother-in-Law of Leon Wilhelm
June 27, 1927—July 25, 2017
“I am the Resurrection and I am Life”*

The "Brown County Blackout" at Fisher Community Center & Noble Field will feature food, a beer garden and live music from the Kelly Blue Band of Kansas City on August 21, 2017. Contact the Chamber Office in Hiawatha for more information.

Dinner Groups

We hope to have our dinner groups of six to eight people put together by the first part of September. These groups can decide when and where they would like to gather. Meetings can happen any day of the week, at any meal time, with the hope of getting together once a month over the next year. Please sign up by August 13. Any questions you have please direct to Pastor Nancy at 303-564-8360 (call or text) or nancy.tuma@comcast.net.

Reminder: worship times change Sunday, September 3, 2017. Falls City will have worship beginning at 9:00am. Hiawatha will have worship beginning at 11:00am.

FALLS CITY NEWS

Cobblestone

August 26 The Buchanan Highlanders will play on the church balcony once again, starting at 10:15am to parade time at 11:00am, during the Cobblestone Festival which starts Thursday, August 24 with a fishing contest and ends with Vespers on Sunday, August 27.

Homestead Stated Meeting

Homestead will hold its Presbytery Prime Meeting with MRV Presbytery meeting on Friday, August 18 at 6:00pm thru Saturday, August 19 at 3:00pm at Calvin Crest, Fremont.

Men's Breakfast

After a "summer hiatus" we will meet on September 1 at 7:00am at the

church. The speaker will be announced at a later date. Come join us at 7am for good food and fellowship.

Presbyterian Women's Circle

The women of the congregation will gather for their first meeting of the fall on Monday September 11 at 7pm. Hostess is Carolyn Joy. We will be meeting at the church

Community Diaper Closet

As you can see by the above name, we will be calling it the Community Diaper Closet, so all will know they are welcome and that it is not open to only Presbyterians.

We have had a couple of meetings and while we will not be meeting for awhile, please let either Judy Crawford or Pastor Nancy know if you are interested in participating. We need to begin to collect diapers, wipes, powdered laundry detergent, and the like to distribute to people who stop by the church. We will need help in a variety of ways; bringing products to the church; contacting banks and other places of business to set up diaper drives; bagging the diapers; distributing the flyers that Judy has made; talking to your neighbors and friends about volunteering to work an hour or two a month in the diaper closet; and you, as a member, volunteering in the diaper closet. Everyone's ideas and knowledge is valuable, so let Judy or Nancy know what you think.

We want to kick this off on September 13, 2017 at 5:30pm.

HIAWATHA NEWS

Karla's Diaper Closet

We will not be opening the diaper closet on Sundays, beginning in August. It will continue to open on Tuesdays but notice the time change: It will be open 6-7:30pm.