



The Sew Thankful Quilters of FPC Derby have been working extremely hard the past several weeks making over 100 masks for the children and youth to have for school. They made four different sizes of masks that should fit any child or

youth from PreK through high school. The masks turned out so wonderful!!! A large thank you so much to the quilting ladies for giving their time, resources, and skills to help protect the safety of the children and youth of the church.

**Art and Heritage of FPC Arkansas City** is now available for purchase. The hardcover books are \$30.00 and the softcover are \$20.00, and shipping is \$6.00 for one book and \$2.00 for each additional book. They can be ordered from the church office by sending an email at [presby1@arkcitypres.org](mailto:presby1@arkcitypres.org) or calling 620-442-5700 Monday thru Thursday. The book is also available in a digital format on Apple books and Kindle. [Art and Heritage of First Presbyterian Church](#) The physical books also come with a bookmark that has the link for the video and audio portion that is included in the digital books so that those who prefer a physical book can also enjoy the video.

# On The Wind

A Publication of the  
Presbytery of Southern Kansas  
September 2020

[www.pbysk.org](http://www.pbysk.org)



**At Work in the Community:  
PSK COVID 19 Grant  
FPC Ashland**

Leanne and Linda, (today's two volunteers) were excited and grateful for the contribution from our church. They have served nearly 100 individuals representing over 50 families in the Ashland-Englewood (southern Clark County) area since opening 2 months ago. The group has recently networked with a large, state organization that provides food; and will be able to expand their offerings. They are, also, expanding into school supplies which I understood to be headed up by the local Ministerial Alliance. It appears that they are very flexible in adding any other services that are needed in the area and feeling very positive with the impact to date.

Thanks for the Presbytery's additional support for this valuable local service. The money will be well managed

John Humphreys, Treasurer  
First Presbyterian Church of Ashland

## "Where is our Transitional Executive Leader these days?"

Sept. 6- Preaching at Pratt Presbyterian

Sept. 9-11 - Online Mid Council Leader Orientation with the OGA of PCUSA

Sept. 12 – Closing Services for Arlington Presbyterian Church

September 13 - Baptism of five youth at Jetmore Presbyterian

Also a reminder: if you are on Facebook and would go to the page Presbytery of Southern Kansas, and like us, you will be able to receive additional info and pictures of events within the presbytery, as-well-as up to the minute opportunities for education and events throughout the denomination and with ecumenical partners.



## Good news from Neodesha

From humble beginnings to a vibrant church to dissolution to a new start and then to an active church again. The formal organization of the Neodesha Presbyterian Church took place on February 12, 1871 by the Rev. S.D. Lougheed of Neodesha

Presbytery with the congregation made up of 14 charter members. At the close of 1965 the membership was at 129. The church building is the only church building in town to still stand on its original site.

Membership and offerings declined through the years. When the church furnace hot section failed in December 2016, the few members decided that it was time to close the church. For many, the closing of the church was traumatic. All remember the weddings, the funerals of family and friends, the Easter breakfasts the men cooked and meals prepared by all after church meetings.

The building was sold to Patrolman Ron Cashman, Neodesha Police Department on May 16, 2017. Ron retired and held weekend services at the church. This year Ron deeded the property to the City of Neodesha. Recently the City signed a lease/purchase deal with Garry Larson who is the director of Fellowship of Christian Athletes there. They started a new church and have done considerable work freshening up the building. Garry has a long history with the young people there and is well liked and respected. At his first service, they had 71 in attendance with about a dozen small children! They have been careful to recognize the Church's history. Everyone is excited for the future of this fine old church! **(Special thanks to Mina Olson, faithful Neodesha Clerk of Session until its closing, for this information)**

**Continue Giving!!!** Although PW Gives Day 2020 was officially July 31, know that you may give to Presbyterian Women's annual fund throughout the year! You can add to the generous tally for PW Gives Day 2020 and stand with your sisters in affirming Presbyterian Women's mission and ministry. Your gift to any and all of PW's ministries matter. **As of Saturday Aug 4<sup>th</sup>, more than \$31,509 had been given for Presbyterian Women Cares Day!**  
[www.presbyterianwomen.org/give](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org/give)



**They came and came!!!** We had a much better turnout this morning (August 8th) at First Presbyterian, Wichita, than we expected (175++). Then IRC (International Refugee Committee) and St. Francis Migration ministries took the balance requested for their families that did not come. **So all 400 backpacks are gone!**

A huge thank you to each and everyone that participated!!!

This year the extension of the collaboration with Trinity, Grace, and First all of Wichita and with the Hindu Temple continued in this project. We had asked the Hindu Temple to provide 200 inspirational notes that we could add to the backpacks of kids K - 5th grade and the youth at First Presbyterian prepared 200 notes for grades 6 - 12. A group of 4 youth and 1 leader participated yesterday from the Hindu Temple. We are thrilled and grateful for this partnership.