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# On the Wind



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## Transitional Executive Leader report Gail Doering

On May 7, 2022, at our PSK Stated Meeting, the gathered assembly voted to sell the PSK office building on 3521 W 21st St, in Wichita. It will be a process led by the Trustees, with other groups and of course, staff, providing support and taking on parts of the project.

That is the mechanical side of the sales transaction, but what about the intangible loss? Where do we go from here? How do we maintain history and purpose without a physical landing spot? Someone asked, "If we sell the building, what will be the identity of the Presbytery?"



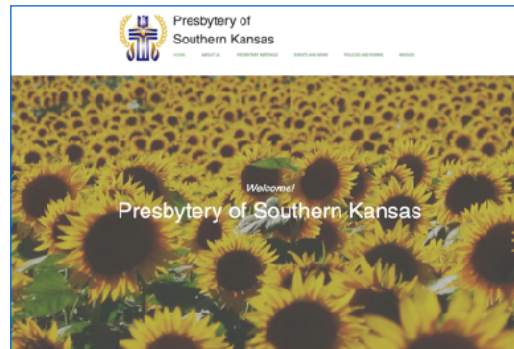
Perhaps we are in an age where brick and mortar are becoming less and less a key factor in organizational identity. However, for those who purchased, moved in, planned events, and met with friends and colleagues over the years in this very building, the connection between identity and building are real. This is not something to be taken lightly or overlooked. Rest assured, many Presbyteries and Synods across the US have forged this ground before us, and I hope we can continue to learn from them as to how they relinquished as well as re-established an identity.

My hope for us as we walk through the steps is that we will prayerfully give thanks for what has been and dream of God's future of how to move forward, as we

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## Have You Seen the New PSK Website?

The new Presbytery of Southern Kansas newsletter is now online. We invite you to go have a look at the new site at <https://www.pbysk.org>.

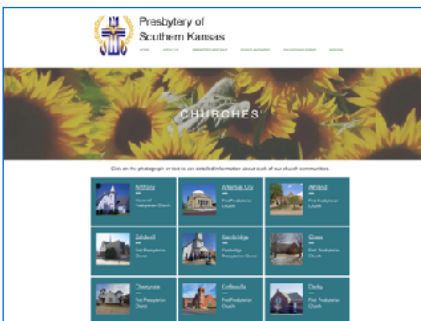


In order to make this website uniquely ours, we need your input and submissions. We need your high-resolution images (750k to 5gb) of Kansas landscapes and good pictures of happenings at your church. If you send pictures that include children/youth, be sure that your church has secured written permission to display their pictures. Please send your submissions to: [execpsk@gmail.com](mailto:execpsk@gmail.com).

We would like to confirm that our records are accurate and up to date. This is particularly true with our churches page. Have a look and please let us know of any changes in your contact information or if someone should be added. E-mail that information to Shelli at:

[secretary.pbysk@sbcglobal.net](mailto:secretary.pbysk@sbcglobal.net)

We also want to know about your good stories and event information that we can share via this newsletter, the weekly e-newsletter, and on social media! How has your church been an inspiration to your community? What unique event is coming up? Who is making a difference in your church or in your community?



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disposition each piece of paper, each stick of furniture, all equipment and every book or binder. I do believe we have made a wise and prudent decision that will offer us freedom to live more fully into the mission of providing resource, support, nurture and growth to our congregations and their leadership.

Nonetheless, I'd also like to have us think of ways in which we can celebrate what the office has provided for PSK through the years .... a building closure party could be in your future!

And please, please remember that we will now be asking our churches to provide occasional "brick and mortar" facilitation beyond hosting a Presbytery meeting. We will have opportunities to gather as committees/working groups, host special events, and more...but we will be doing this in our 49 churches across the state.

As I reflect upon scriptures, it seems that God and Jesus call people "out" much more than "in." May the Presbytery of Southern Kansas continue to live fully into that calling...

Peace and Grace,  
Gail

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## Highlights from May Presbytery Meeting

The meeting began with worship and sending of our Commissioners (Rev. Doris Evans, Patrice Cummings and Khyah Van Es) to General Assembly 225.

Via Zoom, we heard challenging and inspiring words from Hunter Farrell, author of "Freeing Congregational Mission"

Actions of note during the meeting were the approval of the Presbytery to sell the PSK office building and move to remote work sites once the building is vacated and a temporary Ministry Mission Connector position to address possible new forms of being church in our smallest congregations and deep rural communities.

Minutes are forthcoming and will be available on the website when they are ready.

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when god decided to invent  
everything he took one  
breath bigger than a circustent  
and everything began

when man determined to destroy  
himself he picked the was  
of shall and finding only why  
smashed it into because

+ E. E. Cummings

## FPC/Newton to Celebrate 150th Anniversary

First Presbyterian Church in Newton, Kansas is happy to invite you to "Save the Date" of July 10, 2022. Join us in celebrating our 150th Anniversary with a special worship service at 10:00 am, followed by a noon lunch.

We are proud to have been serving our community for such a long time and will share it with you in person at 900 Columbus, or via YouTube. For more information call 316-283-0504 or e-mail [newtonfpc@gmail.com](mailto:newtonfpc@gmail.com).



We invite you to celebrate with us on  
**July 10, 2022**  
Worship Service starts at 10:30 a.m.  
Lunch, which is our gift to you, follows the service.  
**Please RSVP by June 26th**  
(email: [newtonfpc@gmail.com](mailto:newtonfpc@gmail.com) ~ call: 316-283-0504)



Information on the format of GA225 and how to watch Committee Hearings, Plenary Sessions, Worship, Juneteenth Celebration and more:

[ga-pcusa.org](http://ga-pcusa.org)



On Saturday April 30, 2022 a number of the Pulpit Supply Preachers for South West Kansas met at Garden City with TEL Gail Doering for a time of fellowship, lunch, and discerning self-care, lectionary, resources, and information sharing.