

## From our PSK churches in response to receiving their \$50 Walmart gift card from PSK at the end of 2020.

“Dear PCT: What a lovely surprise when I cam in the church this morning and found your letter and gift card! How very thoughtful that is. We use lots and lots of disinfectant wipes around here so I know that I’ll be stock up on those for sure. Thanks so much for thinking of **First Presbyterian, Coffeyville** and all of the churches in our Presbytery.”

Pastor Diane Massey

“Thanks for the Walmart Gift Card! I passed it on to Kirk Anderson who leads our bus ticket ministry. Each month members of the community come by **Grace** for bus tickets, and we’re hoping to provide them with masks, wipes, and sanitizer this month. The gift card helps.”

Rev. Catherine Neelly Burton

“Dear Scott Randle and Coordinating Team: On behalf of **FPC, Wichita**, thank you for the \$50 Walmart card. We do have in-person worship each Sunday. Thus the Presbytery’s investment in keeping our congregation and staff safe is appreciated.”

Melinda Sears, Clerk of Session

“On behalf of the **Presbyterian Church of Ashland**, we thank you for the COVID grant monies. We were pleased to be able to “re-grant” it to the Rainbow Connection Preschool. We provide space to them in our church and they have done a good job of keeping their doors open through the pandemic. Several of us in the church are working on our own KLC directed grant dollars to achieve as good a result as you have!”

John Humphreys, Treasurer

# On The Wind

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From Rev. Gail: *A simple offering from my own devotional life.... from my desk to yours.*

## A Prayer for the Exhausted

**O God of restoration and renewal,  
We come to You at the end of another day, and we are tired.  
Our minds are spinning, our bodies are aching,  
And we aren’t sure where You are in all of this.**

**We ache for Sabbath rest for our bodies and souls.  
But how can we pause when work and life hand in the  
balance?**

**We’re pulled in all directions –**

**Our communities, our commitments; our families, our  
futures.**

**We’re just trying to keep it together, but we’re tired from  
the push and pull.**

**We ache for quiet in a shouting world.**

**Help us remember that while productivity is lauded in our  
culture,**

**You welcome us to pause in Your kingdom.**

**You, who call us Beloved and beckon us to lie down.**

**We ask for rest for every weary body and soul.**

**Help us not push ourselves and others so hard**

**That we forget the miracle of Christ right in front of us.**

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***"My family and I are really thankful for the gifts First Presbyterian has brought us. May God bless the hands the gifts came from."***

**Jacques and Stephanie**

### **Refugee Quarantine Kits Delivered**

Jacques and Stephanie Bora (pictured above) were one of many families that received surprise deliveries of food, cleaning and hygiene supplies and activities this Christmas.



First Presbyterian, Wichita, found out about the grant opportunity & jumped on board. We attended a focus group hosted by the Kansas Non-Profit Chamber, and quickly submitted our grant application. Helping our refugee families is one of our core mission projects, so finding a way to help them during the pandemic was a natural fit. Many refugee families are already food insecure and the virus made a tough situation worse. With grant awarded, the Mission Commission and volunteers swung into action shopping, packing and delivering. Each family received 4 large bins of food and supplies, based on the size of the family. And, most importantly, each family received information from the CDC about Covid, translated into Swahili—something that's not readily available. It took a lot of hours from a crew of dedicated volunteers to accomplish our goal. **(Thanks Patrice Cummings)**

### **"Stay Apart, Pull Together"**

Those four words are on a billboard that I pass each time I drive to Coffeyville. Every time I see them, I am reminded how very important they are. To me they describe how we could all get through what we've been going through since last March just by following those words.

Sometimes little simple things...or words...can have the biggest impact. These words...stop, go, hello, goodbye, I'm sorry, I love you (or, I don't)...sure can say a lot, can't they?

I think of some of the words Jesus spoke. Often He was what we would call "a man of few words" and, yet, His words are remembered and treasured by those who follow Him. What are your favorite "Jesus Words"? Hard to choose, that's for sure. I know that some of my favorite words Our Lord spoke are, "I am with you always". Five words that could change the world if we'll let them. Stay apart. Pull together. Could change our world as well. Heeding those four words could help stop the spread of this pandemic. Possibly even save lives. Hopefully bring normalcy back in our lives.

I think that is the wish...the dream...the hope...and, especially the prayer of all of us as we begin the year 2021.

**by Pastor Diane Massey, CRE, of FPC, Coffeyville**

**Presbytery of Southern Kansas  
Meets on Tuesday, Feb. 16 by Zoom  
The meeting agenda and documents  
will be forthcoming.**