



Please join us online for the Presbytery Meeting on Tuesday, February 8th

Kevin Keaton, Board of Pensions, will discuss the Care Navigation Program and provide updates on the BOP Assistance Program.

Transitional Exec, Tony De La Rosa, will provide updates from SYNOD of Mid-America.

Progress reports will be presented that address the shape of the future for Presbytery of Southern Kansas!

How can you resist being "in the know"? Your attendance and participation are essential!

The PSK Office will be closed on Monday, Feb. 21st in observance of Presidents' Day.

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Rest for our Weary Souls

The Prophet Jeremiah said, (New Living Translation)

This is what the LORD says: "Stop at the crossroads and look around. Ask for the old, godly way, and walk in it. Travel its path, and you will find rest for your souls. But you reply, 'No, that's not the road we want!'"

This reminds me of the term Sankofa,

SANKOFA

/san koh fah/

Before we go into the meaning of our business name, Universal Sankofa, we first want to break down the meaning of "Sankofa". So....what is Sankofa? Sankofa is a word in the Twi language from the Akan tribe in Ghana. Sankofa translates to "Go back and get it" (*san* – to return; *ko* – to go; *fa* – to fetch, to seek and take). Sankofa is often associated with the proverb, "*Se wo were fi na wosankofa a yenkyi,*" which translates as: "it is not taboo to fetch what is at risk of being left behind".

Essentially, Sankofa means that you must know your past to know where you are going; Let the past guide our future; every experience in life should leave you wiser.



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My years of transitional work have provided countless examples of something other than Sankofa or the prophet Jeremiah's wisdom, but instead, a nostalgic view of the past, and only a yearning for that time, context, and reality to return. This is the fool's errand. Our future is unknown and it can be scary. These last two years have been exhausting and sometimes terrifying. We live in a liminal time and it is difficult to feel that our next foot forward is on solid ground, but fear not! God is with us, and God is calling us each by name. This is the promise and we have countless stories and biblical saints' witnesses to encourage us (Abram and Sarai, Mary the mother of Jesus, Paul the Apostle, Moses, and many, many more). At our February called meeting of the Presbytery, we will begin to engage in some of these new things and address challenges, but in so doing we honor what we have done and known and learned in the past, not to be burdened by it, but to unloose the bindings and free ourselves to move ahead while returning always to the godly way.

Peace and Grace. *Rev. Gail*



Spirit of Stewardship Conference

Offered by the Synod of Mid-America

**Hear more details during the
Presbytery Meeting on February 8th**

Recent Memorial Services for Two PSK Honorably Retired Teaching Elders



If you would like to watch online the recent memorial service For Rev. Jane Brigden Graham, you may go to <https://www.facebook.com/santafepresbyterianchurch>

As well, if you would like to watch online the recent Memorial service for Rev. George Boone, you may go to www.firstchurchwichita.org/media/Live-Streaming and click on the listing for Rev. George Boone Memorial Service.

Both services are wonderful tributes to these pastors.

Valentine Dinner from FPC Newton



The Deacons of FPC Newton are planning a Valentine meal on Sunday February 13th. The meal will include Lasagna, salad, bread and a homemade chocolate dessert. The event is carry out or local delivery. The food is available for pick up from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm at the church kitchen, or drive by the kitchen door for pick up. Free will offering for the meal is accepted. Offering received will provide camping scholarships for children unable to pay the fees.

EVERYONE is welcome to place an order. Please call Beth Darrow at 316-655-1741 before February 8th to reserve your meal.