

## Presbytery of Southern Kansas Remote Status

On October 24, 2022 the Presbytery went to REMOTE status in preparation for the selling of the Presbytery office on November 10, 2022. Presbytery files were permanently moved to the Trinity Presbyterian Church. If you need access, ask Shelli Dechant, Administrative Assistant, 316-946-9481.

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## Welcome to a New Member of PSK:

On October 13, 2022, PSK had a Called Zoom meeting to welcome into membership, the Rev. Dr. Diane L. Janssen Hemmen.

Rev. Hemmen began her service as Interim Pastor of First Presbyterian, Wichita, on October 16, 2022.. Dr. Hemmen received her Master of Divinity from Duke University and her Doctor of Ministry from Columbia Theological Seminary. She was ordained on October 28, 2001 and brings a wealth of experience to this work, and has just finished being the Transitional Minister for the First Presbyterian Church in Rapid City, South Dakota. Diane is married to the Reverend Dr. Gregg Hemmen, the Executive Minister of American Baptist Churches of the Central Region. They have two children in college.

Kudos to the Interim Pastoral Nominating Committee, Michelle Murray-Cline, Judy Davis, Phil Michel, and Dick Wieland for all their time and effort in bringing Dr. Hemmen to Southern Kansas.



Rev. Dr. Diane L. Janssen Hemmen (middle) on Heritage Sunday on October 23

## Upcoming Publication Schedule for *On the Wind*

A reminder that our next *On the Wind* issue will cover events/news for December and January. We need your stories, event information, and news for the Dec/Jan issue on Wednesday, November 23rd.

# On the Wind

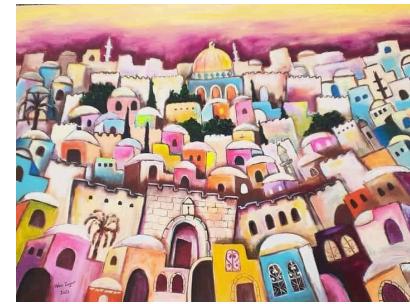
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## An Offer and a Brief Reflection

I am finally rising from the travel souvenir of Covid after my trip to Israel and Palestine. I cannot begin to tell you how enriching and enlightening the time was. People will often ask the question "how was your trip?" or others who have visited will say, "didn't you just LOVE being in the Holy Land where Jesus walked?" There is nothing inherently wrong with either of those queries, but it is such a layered and complex experience, and also was my sixth time there, that questions or inquiries like this never quite fit for me.



For starters, I was more a pilgrim than a tourist. My plans were much more involved with meeting people and seeing old friends, than visiting sites. I stayed in people's homes, I broke bread with friends and strangers. I rode public buses, I walked the crowded and deserted streets of Hebron during a time when settler students were returning home, and a village called Zababdeh in the northern part of the West Bank where students and Muslims greeted the local priest as a best friend and us as celebrities. I walked through checkpoints and sat while others were turned away because of their ethnicity. I stayed in a guest house of a young man who was a settler in Hebron and calls himself a "recovering Zionist" but is thoroughly Israeli and does not like to be bothered with the ideas of people being in conflict or maybe not liking him because of some of the policies of his government. We had FASCINATING conversations and he was the consummate host (debunking the idea that Israelis do not offer the same hospitality as Palestinians).

I did also visit some holy sites with our pilgrims like Mary Buchele, who was in my group and visiting for the first time. Mostly they were not the highlight though being with Mary was a highlight. So, in summary, yes, it was a fantastic time and left me with all sorts of questions and concerns. My offer to you is this: if you, a home group, a church group, or any other gathering of people would like to have a conversation, hear more details and uncover what is happening in the part of the world called "The Holy Land" (among many other names), I'd be happy to coordinate a time to meet up with you and your church. Just call me (925-852-7481) or email [execpsk@gmail.com](mailto:execpsk@gmail.com) to coordinate a mutually workable time.

Peace, Shalom, Salaam  
Gail



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**Congratulations to Rev. David Kincaid and First Presbyterian,  
McPherson on the Installation of him as pastor on October 16, 2022**

