

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MAY 23 9:15 am 10:30 am	PENTCOST SUNDAY Sunday School Worship Service (S)
MONDAY, MAY 24 9:00 am	Baby Closet Open
TUESDAY, MAY 25 4:30 pm 6:00 pm	Women's Bible Study (online) Outreach Meeting
WEDNESDAY, MAY 26 10:30 am 3:30 – 5:30 pm 3:30 – 6:30 pm	Bible Study – The Book of Psalms Fruit & Vegetable Food Pantry (FH) Baby Closet Open (Extended Hours)
THURSDAY, MAY 27 1:00 pm	Baby Closet Open
FRIDAY, MAY 28	
SATURDAY, MAY 29 1:30 pm	Worship Team
SUNDAY, MAY 30 9:15 am 10:30 am	Sunday School Worship Service (S)

Office is closed on May 31 for Memorial Day.

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP – *We are glad you have joined us!* Please complete a **Connection Card** and leave in the pew after the service. Share greetings, prayer concerns, reservations and comments with the Church Office and Pastor on the back of the Connection Card or email Pastor at pastor@wsbctopeka.org or private message him on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ivangreuter. Speak with Pastor or a church leader if you would like to know more about becoming a devoted follower of Jesus Christ, if you want to be baptized, dedicate a child, need prayer, or want to request a visit!

AMERICAN BAPTIST BIENNIAL CONVENTION - Registration is now open for our denomination's **American Baptist Churches Biennial Mission Summit, meeting online Thursday, June 24 to Saturday, June 26, 2021.** WSBC may send seven delegates. Speak with Pat Carpenter if you are interested in serving as a delegate. The cost is \$100 per delegate or \$100 per family (2 persons). Visit www.americanbaptists2021.com for info or to register.



VENMO – Give to God online via **SQUARE** at <https://west-side-baptist-church.square.site> or give through **VENMO**, a phone app. Search for the church **@wsbctopeka** or scan the QR code. We appreciate all your donations and generosity. Questions? Call the Church Office for help.



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NEWS IN THE PEWS

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL - The adult Sunday school class is now studying "Answers to Tough Questions" (Defending What You Believe) by Jeremiah J Johnston for the next 5 weeks. Jack Janway

BABY CLOSET - The Baby Closet was able to open on March 17. Parents can now come inside and get clothing and miscellaneous items for their children. The volunteers have been stocking the shelves with summer clothing and packing winter clothes for storage. We have been able to increase our hours on Wednesdays. The new time is 3:30-6:30 p.m. Families can utilize the Baby Closet and the Harvesters Food Program at the same time. The dates and times we are open have been put on Facebook. There has been a good response with new families utilizing our ministry. Thanks to the volunteers for their time spent in the Baby Closet.
~ Pat Carreno, Baby Closet

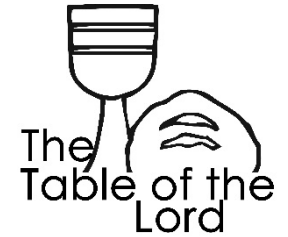
BELIEVER'S BAPTISM – We practice “believer’s baptism” which is the immersion of a person in water – regardless of age – who receives Jesus Christ as his or her personal Savior and publicly professes to walk the Jesus way. The Council schedules baptisms on most Sunday mornings throughout the year. If you would like to be baptized, then come to the front during the last song.

BIBLE STUDY ONLINE – Join us for “The Psalm Book of Israel” Bible Study on Wednesday **MORNINGS at 10:30 am** in Holmer Hall (face masks, mass limit, and social distancing required) or **ZOOM** (see email for link and password).

FOOD PANTRY – Free Fruit and Vegetable Food Pantry on Wednesdays from 3:30 to 5:30 pm, while supplies last. MOBILE SITE: enter the west PARKING LOT from 4th and CLAY Streets; do not park or exit your vehicle. Equal Opportunity. *All food is available at no cost. **FACE COVERINGS or MASKS REQUIRED.** Thank you to Jack Janway, Outreach Coordinator, and all the volunteers who make this service project possible.

HOSPITAL & EMERGENCIES – If you or a loved one is admitted to the hospital for an emergency or for surgery, **the hospital staff and chaplains’ office will NOT contact the Church Office or the Pastor. You or a family member must call the Church Office at (785) 233-4241 or the Pastor at (785) 224-7234.** Pastor is willing to visit the hospital and pray prior to surgeries.

THE LORD’S SUPPER – We celebrate the Lord’s Supper (Holy Communion) on the first Sunday of each month and on special occasions. All persons of faith are welcome to partake of the Table of the Lord, regardless of age, race, or church affiliation. We use only non-alcohol grape juice.



PUBLIC HEALTH NOTICE: To mitigate the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID 19), the Church leaders have enacted **Phase 2 - Yellow Protocols**. Effective immediately until further notice:

- **MASKS RECOMMENDED** - All persons (age 6 and older) are required to **WEAR A MASK IN PUBLIC including employees of the church**, with certain exemptions apply including all children *age 5 and under*, when social distancing (keeping six feet of distance between yourself and others outside your household, except for occasional or incidental moments of closer proximity) is not possible.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL CINEMA – At the last Christian Ed meeting we decided it would be nice to start back up our popular **Summer Sunday School Cinema**. We would like to start on **June 6 with breakfast treats at 9:00 and follow that with a movie segment and discussion before worship time at 10:30.** We sincerely hope you will join us for this uplifting time of fellowship and learning. Watch for news soon of our chosen film.



The Committee also discussed how we might safely conduct an evening **Vacation Bible School during the last week of July**. Please watch for updates and prayerfully consider how you might be able to participate or help. We praise God for our deliverance through this time of pandemic and for the development of the vaccines. We ask that you pray with us for God’s guidance as we plan ways to safely gather for activities in the weeks ahead.

~ Alice Payne, Coordinator of Christian Education

CHURCH ORGANIST – The Church is actively looking for another Organist to play for our worship services. See Clarence Payne, Chair of Personnel, for details or to apply for the position.

OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Cindy – Healing and recovery from surgery (Tera Triggs-Freeman's brother's friend)

Darian – Healing (Jack Janway's older sister's granddaughter)

Baptized and New Members

Arnold, Mark – Praise report

Carpenter, Al & Bradley – Healing

Carpenter, Pat, and Harry – Healing

Carpenter, Ken – Surgery & Healing (Harry Carpenter's Brother)

Coronavirus (COVID 19) Pandemic – healing, vaccine, wisdom, etc.

Cottril, Nancy and Wayne – Healing

Greuter, Jessa – Healing, summer work in South Dakota

Greuter, Macy – Healing, summer work in Florida

Kirby, Karen - Healing

Lewis, Joanna – Healing (Nelda and Jack Janway's grandniece)

Longstaff, Ernie - Healing

Manley, Nadine – Healing (Brewster Place rehab)

Mansfield, Virginia – Surgery May 26, to remove cancer on her face.

Mauck, Jan and Doug – Healing

May, Nancy, and Dick – Healing

May, Renea and Steve - Healing

Morris, Molly – Healing

Patricelli, Katie – Healing (Bev McCurdy's niece)

Poe, Becky - Healing

Pucket, Roxy – Healing (Molly Morris' sister)

Pukach, Jan – Healing (home)

Reed, Ernie – Healing

Smith, Helen – Healing (Bev McCurdy's neighbor)

Springer, Keith – Healing (Marianne Spano's brother)

Wildman, Kay – Healing

Zab, Lola – Healing (Marianne Spano's sister)

Human Trafficking / Sexual Slavery

Church and people in:

- 16 - 22 May 2021 - Bangladesh, Bhutan, and Nepal†
- 23 - 29 May 2021 - Indian Ocean Islands: Comoros, Madagascar, Maldives, Mauritius, and Seychelles†

- 30 May - 05 June 2021 - Angola and Mozambique†

International Ministries and our Global Servants

National Guard, Military Personnel (Active Duty), and our Veterans

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle "In God's Hands - Common Prayer for the World" from the World Council of Churches (<https://www.oikoumene.org/en/resources/prayer-cycle>)

WORSHIP ONLINE – The Church is committed to the continual praise and worship of Almighty God in the Name of Jesus Christ. Church leaders and our clergy hold services regularly in the Sanctuary in compliance with all published federal, state, and local government health orders. Services are broadcast LIVE (as internet is available) and RECORDED. WATCH at:

- Facebook LIVE – <https://www.facebook.com/wsbctopeka>
- YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/channel/WSBC>

Order a free copy of the service on DVD by contacting the Church Office.

MISSION - Following is a summary of the items we discussed at our Mission Committee meeting after church on Sunday:

1) We will be collecting the One Great Hour of Sharing offering in June. We are setting the goal at \$1500.

2) Bethel will be resuming their summer youth program in person for June and July with some restrictions. I do not have any confirmation yet on the resumption of the Friday night services, but my feeling is that if the youth program goes well (and health guidelines allow), Bethel will open more "in person" activities. We have 5th Fridays in July, October, and December. I doubt we will be going down in July, but I think October might be possible. We usually do not go in December. I will continue to monitor the situation .

3) I would like to determine if there is interest in a Fall mission project. I have not contacted any place yet; I would like to see how many are interested first. If there are enough people, we can consider an out-of-state project like Murrow, or something closer to home. We can discuss that later. Please let me know if you are interested in participating in a Fall mission project and if you have a specific project preference.

**One Great
HOUR
OF SHARING**

Thanks!

Jim Goodnow, Missions