



***“Let from this month onwards  
your days become more happier,  
fulfilling, purposeful, satisfying & joyful”  
~Rajesh Goyal***

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Beloved in Christ,  
Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The past few months have been difficult for some of us as we continue to grieve the deaths of loved ones. Psalm 30 is a prayer by one who has recovered from recent illness. It travels from a cry for help in the face of illness to mourning and loss that the illness brought about and then on to praise for the goodness of God. I invite you to read this out loud and slowly. Make it your prayer as we enter into February, 2025.

“I will extol you, O Lord,  
for you have drawn me up  
and did not let my foes rejoice over me.  
O Lord my God,  
I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.  
O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol,  
restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.

Sing praises to the Lord,  
O you his faithful ones,  
and give thanks to his holy name.  
For his anger is but for a moment;  
his favor is for a lifetime.

Weeping may linger for the night,  
but joy comes with the morning.

As for me, I said in my prosperity, “I shall never be moved.”  
By your favor, O Lord,  
you had established me as a strong mountain;  
you hid your face; I was dismayed.  
To you, O Lord, I cried, and to the Lord I made supplication:  
“What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the Pit?  
Will the dust praise you?  
Will it tell of your faithfulness?  
Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me!  
O Lord, be my helper!  
” You have turned my mourning into dancing;  
you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,  
so that my soul may praise you and not be silent.

O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever.”

Notice that in the middle of the psalm, it turns into a confession. “As for me, I said in my prosperity, “I shall never be moved”. This is what we tend to do when things are going well. When we prosper, we tend to think nothing will ever touch or bother us. And we stop paying any attention to our relationship with God. Worship becomes inconvenient. Put another way, we become too busy enjoying God’s blessings to bother with God.

But then something happens which causes the Psalmist to change his tune. The psalmist becomes dismayed and then acknowledges that it is the Lord who establishes one as a strong mountain. Prayer follows and mourning is turned into dancing, by God’s grace.

Please read/pray this psalm again out loud. Do it again. Sit with it. Is there any phrase or image that seems to stand out to you? Is there an invitation or a prayer arising of this text?

Weeping may linger in the night but joy comes in the morning. May God continue to comfort us.

Grace and Peace,  
K.O. Noonoo.





**ROBINSON X  
WESTMINSTER PRES**

# MIDDLE SCHOOL MANIA

**FREE EVENT LUNCH PROVIDED  
11 AM - 2 PM**

- Basketball & Soccer
- Board Games & Puzzles
- Cooking
- Arts & Crafts
- Music
- Pool Table & Foosball
- Pickleball
- Storytelling
- Fun with Friends
- Indoor & Outdoor Activities

**PARENTAL  
PERMISSION  
REQUIRED  
FOR EARLY  
RELEASE**

## EVENT DATES

**Mon. Feb 3,**

**Fri April 18,**

Register  
Here



Westminster - Host:  
1275 SW Boswell Ave  
785-357-0339  
westminstertopeka.com

Robinson - Mrs. Strom:  
rstrom@tps501.org  
785-295-3770

# Meals on Mondays

Every Monday

Feb 3rd - May 26th | 5:30 - 6:30 pm

Adults - \$3 | Kids 12 & Under - \$1

Westminster - 1275 SW Boswell Ave

Questions - moms@westminstertopeka.com



# PRAYER REQUESTS

*How can we pray for you?*

- ❖ Jim Oliva & family as they mourn the passing of his mother.
- ❖ The family & friends of Louise Gleason as they mourn her passing.
- ❖ The family & friends of Ed Webber as they mourn his passing.
- ❖ Lori Williams for healing & speedy recovery after surgery on her shoulder after falling & breaking her arm.
- ❖ Rev. Robin Kash, friend of Martha Gabehart, who has had a stroke.

## 2025 Directory of Session Elders, Deacons, & Matthew 18 Council Members

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# ROMEIO'S

We are looking for a little spice in our lives so we are heading to the El Mezcal restaurant which is located at 5301 SW 21St. They are a popular place and we have secured a big table in the back so we can catch up with each other and share stories - real or imagined!! Come join us on the second Tuesday of February which is the 11th of February at 11:30. Bring a friend -- the more the merrier. See you there amigos.



## Presbyterian Women

QUILT Program by Carol Bragdon - Wednesday, February 12 - noon.

We invite all women of the church and their friends to our monthly Gathering which includes lunch and a program. We will be serving 3 different soups, a specialty bread, and dessert. The cost is \$3.

We are privileged to have Carol Bragdon give our program. Hopefully you saw the beautiful quilt made by Carol in honor of Kathy England who passed away in November. She showed it to the congregation January 26, and then presented it to Kathy's son, Richard.

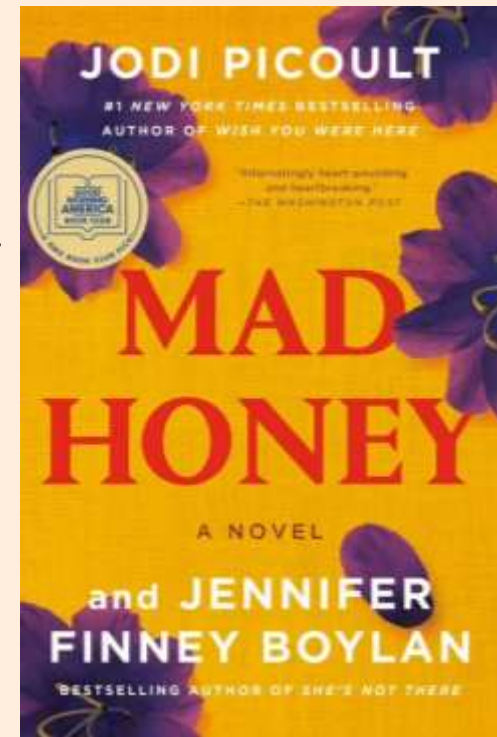
Please make reservations for the luncheon with your Circle leader or Sue Fackler. Feel free to invite a guest.



## Westminster Literary Society

For January, we read "Mad Honey" by Jodi Picoult and Jennifer Finney Boylan. It is about starting over, young love, keeping secrets and being true to ourselves. Throw in some beekeeping, and you have a page turner that is hard to put down.

Charlotte Bates



### What is "MOMs" and why are we doing it?

1. MOMs is a 4-month experiment to provide an affordable meal every Monday (Feb. 3- May 26).
2. Meals are served from 5:30-6:30 and cost \$3/adults and \$1/kids 12 and under.
3. MOMs goal is to encourage families (and singles) to eat together and have conversation in a warm friendly atmosphere..
4. The Presbytery awarded Westminster a \$5,000 grant to support the MOMs program.
5. Church members are encouraged to volunteer to work (sign up with Sue Fackler) at least once a month.
6. Church members are encouraged to eat dinner as a customer every month (or every week).
7. Non-church members are not required to make reservations.
- 8 Church members who are paying customers need to make reservations with Sue Fackler
9. Payment is by cash or card. We don't take checks.
10. We need donations of LEGO's and tablecloths (90" round or 8ft rectangular)
11. MOMs needs your daily prayers. We believe that God is leading us in this venture!

Highlights from the January 26, 2025, Annual Congregational Meeting.

Corporate Officers elected to serve in 2025 are Matt Boddington, President; Martha Gabehart, Treasurer; Sybil Wiegman, Secretary.

A change to Article III of the Church by-laws was approved to change ordination and installation of new officers from prior to December 31 of the year of their election to the Annual Meeting the following January. New officers will begin their service upon being installed in their new offices.

From the Finance Council Report

- The only Capital Campaign project remaining to be completed is replacement of the outside window coverings.

- The Endowment Fund is growing, healthy and building.

- Quarterly giving statements are mailed to all who have donated funds during the quarter. Statements can be issued electronically, and on-line giving is possible.

- Individuals who donate by check can include all payments into accounts to receive in one check. (Be sure to provide the breakdown of giving on the memo line.)

- Bill Gannaway is available to assist with Estate Planning.

- The cost to provide flowers from University Flowers for weekly services is \$40 per week. During the growing season, members may contribute altar flowers from their own gardens; however, they need to notify the Worship Council (Martha Gabehart, chair) ahead of time to avoid duplicate donations.

- If anyone has questions or needs assistance with online giving or other financial concerns, they may contact Joe Anderson.

From the Pastor's Report and Vision for 2025

- The church focus for 2025 is Intergenerational growth. All councils, committees and groups are highly encouraged to include an element involving multiple generations as they plan events and programs for the coming year.

- The 4:30 Prayer currently in use will be continued into 2025. Prayer counts have fallen from 1100 a month when we first started keeping count, to 445 in the past month. Pray the 4:30 Prayer at gatherings and in private devotions, and be sure to report numbers to the church office or via prayer jars each week.

- Meals on Mondays (MOMs). A new, 4-month-long experiment headed by the Connections Council will begin on February 2. Costs associated with this program are being covered in part by a \$5,000 Legacy Grant received from Presbytery of Northern Kansas. Church members are asked to sign up to help prepare meals and clean up as their schedules allow. Contact Sue Fackler to schedule your week to help.

A full account of the Annual Meeting proceedings and additional information of the above information is available in the Session binder located in the Church Library.

Respectfully submitted by Donna Clark



**ALL CHURCH PEP RALLY**  
with special guest speakers  
from New Orleans



**Wear your Red or Green Team Shirt!**  
**Snacks, Music, Cheer, and Dance**  
**February 9 in Fellowship Hall.**  
**12:00-1:00 PM**

**Westminster Presbyterian Church**  
**Sponsored by Youth Ministries**

# FREE POVERTY SIMULATION AT ST. DAVIDS EPISCOPAL CHURCH: FEB. 22 @ 9 A.M.

LEARN ABOUT THE STRUCTURAL BARRIERS AND STRESS LOW-INCOME FAMILIES FACE DAILY

RSVP: [povertysimulation9@gmail.com](mailto:povertysimulation9@gmail.com)

CORNER 17TH AND GAGE - TOPEKA



## February

Children and Youth Faith Formation following the Narrative Lectionary each Sunday from 9-10 am.

Feb 2 Healing on the Sabbath

Feb 9 Raising the Widow's Son

Feb 16 More than a Prophet

Feb 23 Forgiven at Jesus' Feet

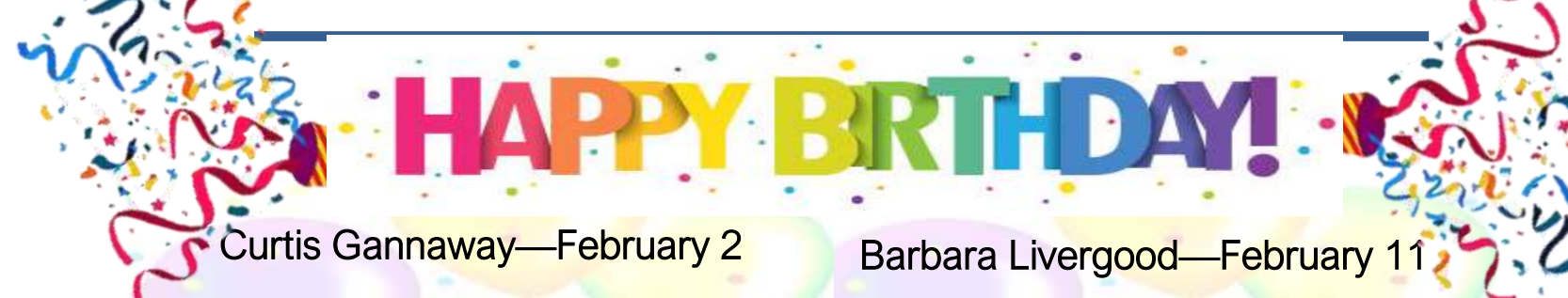
### Mark Your Calendars!

- Saturday Feb 8<sup>th</sup> from 9-12 pm  
Drop off Pep rally Snacks & Help Decorate Fellowship Hall
- Sunday Feb 9<sup>th</sup>  
All Church Picture, Doorstep Food Drive, & Super bowl Pep Rally.  
Don't forget to wear your team colors!
- Sunday Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> from 11:30 – 1:00 pm  
Last Sunday Youth Lunch & Games
- March 1 at 9 am  
Youth Center Work Day. Wear paint clothes, socks, & shoes.  
Pancakes served at 8:30 am



# Hello February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 K.O. Day Off
2 <b>Communion</b> 8:30 am Breakfast 9:00 am Faith Form. Adults 9:30 am Faith Form. Youth 10:25 am Worship 11:30 am Fellowship Youth Group	3 11-2 pm Middle School Mania 2:00 pm SC Book Club 4:30 pm Pickleball 5:30-6:30 pm Meals on Monday	4 12:30 pm Nautilus 6-8 pm One Heart basketball	5 1:30 pm PW Board Meeting 3:00 pm C.E Meeting 4:30 pm Centering Prayer 5:30 PM Invitational Ministry 6:30 pm - - - - -	6 2:00 pm SC Pickleball 6:30 pm Bell Choir 7:30 pm Choir 6-8 pm One Heart basketball	7 K.O. Day Off	8 K.O. Day Off
9 8:30 am Breakfast 9:00 am Faith Form. Adults 9:30 am Faith Form. Youth 10:25 am Worship 11:30 am Super Souperbowl Pep Rally	10 K.O. Retreat 1:30 pm World & Community 2:00 pm Knitters 4:30 pm Pickleball 5:30-6:30 pm Meals on Monday	11 11:30 am ROML... 1:30 PM Topeka JUMP Meeting 6-8 pm One Heart basketball	12 12:00 pm PW Gathering Lu. 4:30 pm Centering Prayer 6:30 pm Bagpipe Practice	13 any Society 2:00 pm SC Pickleball 6:30 pm Bell Choir 7:30 pm Choir 6-8 pm One Heart basketball	14 K.O. Day Off Valentines Day 6-8 pm One Heart basketball	15 K.O. Day Off
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- HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**
- Curtis Gannaway—February 2
  - Mary Cochran—February 3
  - Ashley Singleton—February 3
  - Mary Edds—February 4
  - Jim Owens—February 5
  - Leo Hines—February 6
  - Lynn Boddington— February 7
  - Laura Mankin— February 8
  - Christy Edds—February 9
  - Jessi Evans—February 11
  - Barbara Livergood—February 11
  - Denise Humphrey—February 12
  - Janice Waldo—February 12
  - Anthony Dallam—February 15
  - TaRon Graham—February 15
  - Caryl Hines—February 15
  - Bob Hannigan – February 24
  - Alison Singleton – February 24
  - Aiyanna Graham – February 25
  - Robin Hannigan – February 25

**Happy Anniversary**  
  
 Harold & Marcia Durkes  
 February 11  
 52 years



## Save these Dates!

- February 3<sup>rd</sup> from 11-2 pm  
Middle School Mania
- February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30 pm  
Monday Meals
- February 9<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 – 1 pm  
Super Bowl Pep Rally
- March 5<sup>th</sup> – 12 pm  
Ash Wednesday Service  
At First church

