

CAMBRIDGE PRESBYTERIAN NEWS

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From the Desk of Kay Hull, CRE

Barbara Brown Taylor wrote the book, **Home By Another Way**. Barbara tells this story in the book.

"I have a 7 year old granddaughter by marriage named Madeline. She is blond, skinny and tall for her age. When she comes to visit, we cook together. Our most successful dishes to date have been mashed sweet potatoes with lots of butter, and crescent rolls made from scratch. From the day Madeline was born, we have been able to look each other straight in the eye with no sentimentality whatsoever. The tartness of our love for one another continues to surprise me. It is easy to forget she is 7 years old.

When she came to celebrate her birthday last summer, there were just four of us at the table: Madeline, her mother, her grandfather, and I. She watched the candles on her cake burn down while we sang her the birthday song, and then she leaned over to blow them out without making a wish.

"Aren't you going to make a wish?" her mother asked.

"You have to make a wish," her grandfather said. Madeline looked as if someone had just run over her cat.

"I don't know why I keep doing this," she said to no one in particular.

"Doing what?" I asked.

"This wishing thing," she said, looking at the empty chair at the table. "Last year I wished my best friend wouldn't move away, but she did. This year I want to wish that my mommy and daddy will get back together...."

"That's not going to happen," her mother said, "so don't waste your wish on that."

"I know it's not going to happen," Madeline said, "so why do I keep doing this?"

Since the issue was wishing, not praying, I left her alone that afternoon, but I know that sooner or later Madeline and I are going to have to talk about prayer.... One day, when Madeline asks me outright whether prayer really works, I am going to say, "Oh, sweetie, of course it does. It keeps our hearts chasing after God's heart. It's how we bother God, and it's how God bothers us back. There's nothing that works any better than that."

1 Thessalonians 5:17 "Pray without ceasing. In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Kay

Christian Ed Meeting

Please come to our planning meeting for Lent, Seder Meal, Easter Sunrise Service and Breakfast! Much to discuss; opportunities to serve! Feb 6 at 6 PM! In the annex at church! Hope to see you there!

Joyce is going to lead us in another Lenten Bible Study! Stay tuned for more info!

Wacky Wednesday

Wacky Wednesday was a wacky day indeed! There was no school because Burden was under a boil water mandate! So we asked the kids to come at 4 PM for food and BINGO! We had lots of prizes and lots of fun! Present were Ethan Hull, Olivia Nelson, Hope Ferguson, James and Logan Braun, Baileigh Goad, Jace and Allie Pippitt. Thanks to the helpers, Kitty Williams and Ernie Hull.

Ash Wednesday Service

Lent begins March 1 on Wednesday. There will be an Imposition of Ashes service at 7 PM on March 1. Ashes will be smeared on the forehead during this service to remind us of our mortal bodies; and the gift of eternal life through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Please plan to attend and begin the season of Lent in this meaningful tradition.

Super Bowl of Caring

Join all of America in fighting hunger and poverty on Feb 5! Please bring non perishable goods for our food pantry on Sunday Feb 5. We will take money donations also! 100% of donations go to charity, and you become a champion for your neighbors in need! Thanks in advance!

Personal Notes

A Letter from Diane Massey, CRE in Coffeyville!

We prayed for you on New Year's Day! To our brothers and sisters in Christ at Cambridge Pres Church: Warm greetings to all of you, I'm always happy when "your turn" comes up for Church of the week. I so enjoy telling the congregation about wonderful Cambridge Pres. And all you do plus the faith filled congregation and your precious pastor! Blessings and Love, Pastor Diane

Prayer List for January

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| Kathy Speagle | Louise Osborn | Mike Ashenfelter |
| JR&Diana Anderson | Richard Merit | Montana Cole |
| Virginia Huffman | Dorothy Tredway | Jim Booth |
| Richard Gatton | Pearl Holt | Louis Cervin (ALS) |
| Dorothy Whiteman | Keith Hostetter | Jacob Thompson |
| Dr Bill McKinley | Henry Wade | John Brazle |
| Jamie Crouch | | Ginger Bowlby |
| Richard Gleichman | Kathy Goad | Marsha Hull |
| Gina&Paul Dearing | Matt McCauley | Norma Trobaugh |
| Lucille Bailey | Cheryl Watt | Sandy McCade |
| Jackie Stade | Jessica Riley | Mark McCaslin |
| Mike Shields | Jeannie Trefethen | Matt Williams |
| Gil & Judy Holstein | Ruth Westfall | Tina Dory |

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| Seth McGill | Shay Pippett | Maggie & Bryon Clark |
| Claudine Lundy family | | Eleanor Gleichman |
| Rochelle Lankton | Dale Bartel | |

Our Service Men and Women and Our Country

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| Mike Bennet | Aarron Striggow | Ken Lewis |
| Scott Metz | Penny Bloedel | Nick Young |
| David Carver | Herb Lemke | Jay High |

Calendar for February

Feb 5.....Souper Bowl of Caring
Feb 6.....Christian Ed meeting 6 PM at annex; session meeting 7 PM
Feb 11.....Presbytery, Winfield Presbyterian
Feb 12.....Installation of elder
Feb 15.....Wacky Wednesday
Feb 19.....Communion, covered dish

Looking Ahead

March 1.....Ash Wednesday service 7 PM
March 51st Sunday in Lent, Lenten Reflection,

January 16, 2016

The regular stated session meeting of the Cambridge Presbyterian Church, Cambridge, Kansas was held in the church annex at 7:00 p.m. on January 16, 2016. Elders/Trustees present were Marilyn Watt, Kelly Hull, and Jerry Ashenfelter. Elders/Trustees absent and excused were Steve Nulik, Mark Hull, and Ed Morgan. Others present were Kay Hull, CRE and moderator, Ernie Hull, Treasurer, and Rita Ashenfelter, Clerk of Session.

The prayer list was up-dated and Kay opened the meeting with a short devotion and prayer.

A motion prevailed to approve the docket as presented.

Motions prevailed to approve the November and December minutes.

A motion prevailed to approve the financial report presented by Ernie Hull as follows:

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| December, 2016 beginning balance | \$ 9,276.63 |
| Total Receipts | \$ 2,870.00 |
| Total Expenses | \$ 2,942.35 |
| Ending Balance December | \$ 9,204.28 |

Kay's Report: Since the last meeting, December 19, 2016, I have participated in the following activities. Moderated the session meeting. Preached December 25, January 1, 8, and 15. Led worship Christmas Eve. Held Wacky Wednesday December 21. Served communion to 22 congregants January 8, with Elders Koreen Bartel and Jackie Liebau serving. Distributed Presbyterian News. Wrote for the newsletter. Helped undecorated the church January 1, and made chili for the helpers. Attended COMT meeting in Viola, Kansas, January 10. Played the piano January 15. A motion prevailed to approve the report as presented.

Christian Education Report: Kay reminded the session that we will be having a Christian Education Meeting February 6 at 6:00 p.m.

A motion prevailed to approve the following annual statistical report as presented:

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| Beginning Active Membership | 46 | Christian Education | |
| Total Gains | 0 | Birth-3 | 1 |
| Certificate Loss | | Age 4 | 1 |
| Total loss by death | 1 | Kindergarten | 1 |
| Other losses | 0 | Grade 1 | 0 |
| Total Adherents | 45 | Grade 2 | 2 |
| Female Members | 28 | Grade 3 | 1 |
| Grade 4 | 1 | Age/Race Gender Distribution | |
| Grade 5 | 2 | 25 & Under | 2 |
| Grade 6 | 3 | 26-45 | 8 |
| | | 46-55 | 15 |
| Grade 7 | 1 | 56-65 | 8 |
| Grade 8 | 2 | Over 65 | 12 |
| Grade 9 | 1 | Total Distribution | 45 |
| Grade 10 | | Racial Ethnic & Disabilities | |
| Grade 11 | | Sight Disability | 1 |
| Grade 12 | | Hearing Disability | 1 |
| Young Adults | 1 | Mobility | 1 |
| Over 25 | 5 | Native American | 1 |
| Teachers/Officers | 1 | Age Attendance | 23 |
| Total | 24 | Total Baptisms | 0 |
| Session | 4 Men and 2 Women | Average Attendance | 23 |
| | 6 White | Does the Session serve the Trustees | |
| | | Function of the church | Yes |
| Total | 6 | | |
| Financial Data | | | |
| Potential Giving Units | 33 | Expenditures | |
| Budgeted Income | 38,509 | Per Capita | 1,617 |
| Budgeted Expense | 37,576 | Theological Fund | 50 |
| Receipts | | Local Mission | 2,426 |
| Regular Contributions | 33,594 | Validated Mission | 1,501 |

The session agreed that the session members represent the congregation as a whole.

A motion prevailed to hire Diana Dalton of Arkansas City to be part time piano player. She will play two Sundays a month at the rate of \$75.00 plus mileage. We will revise the budget to include a part-time pianist.

Kay and Ernie have been on the Board at Joseph's Storehouse. Kay would like someone from the church to take over these duties and will bring it up at the annual meeting. The meetings are held every other month on the third Thursday of the month.

The session discussed putting a Blessing Box in Cambridge. The box costs \$150.00. Food items that will not freeze or be spoiled by the heat would be left in this box so that needy people in the community could have them. Someone would need to take responsibility of maintaining this box. The session agreed to discuss this at the annual meeting.

The elder chosen at the annual meeting will be installed February 12, 2017.

A motion prevailed to serve Communion February 19, 2017.

The next session meeting will be February 6, 2017, at 7:00, following the Christian Education meeting.

The meeting closed with prayer.