

.... *Christ Centered, Inwardly Strong, Outwardly Focused.*

United Presbyterian Church  
1719 East Texas Street, Garden City Kansas 67846  
Telephone: 620-275-9141

Email: [office@pcusagardencity.org](mailto:office@pcusagardencity.org)

**Keeping You Informed**  
**March 2025**

From the desk of Rev. Doris Evans

Grace and peace to you! March 2025 is here! February went out with a bang of extreme cold weather and then extremely warm temperatures for our area.

We will be entering into the church season of Lent. Lent is a time of reflection, fasting, repentance and prayer. During this time, many people give up something to encourage self-discipline. People have fasted from potato chips, red meat, or smoking. Others have reflected upon their spiritual practices and pray more, attend church services more, or give more. Sundays are not a day for fasting as Sundays are days of celebration.



On Ash Wednesday, we will have two services for Ash Imposition at noon and again at 5:30pm. During this Lent season I hope we can discover the true meaning of Lent through prayer and spiritual practices. For the next six weeks there will be look for information on the Chosen and Wednesday night showings and other movies. March is also the last month of our concerted effort to learn more about hunger and the many ways we can assist both individually and as a church.

*Did You Know!* On Communion Dates the non-designated and cash offerings go into our community fund to help with utility assistance and other care for our neighbors in need?

<sup>35</sup> *for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink,*  
(Matt. 25:35 NRS)

Peace and Gratitude! Rev. Doris

.... *Christ Centered, Inwardly Strong, Outwardly Focused.*

March Calendar of Worship  
First Quarter Focus – Hunger, Food, Thirsty, Clothing

Our Sunday 10:45am worship services are traditional and are now available live stream, on YouTube, and on Facebook. The services are also on Right Now Media! We also have The Last Sunday contemporary worship service at 4:00pm.



March 2, 2025  
Exodus 34:29-35  
Luke 9:28-43

March 5, 2025 – Ash Wednesday  
Isaiah 58:1-12  
Luke 9:51-62

March 9, 2025  
Luke 10:25-37

March 16, 2025  
Luke 10:38-42

March 23, 2025  
Luke 13:6-9

March 30, 2025 – AM Service  
Luke 15:1-7

March 30, 2025 – PM Service

Please contact Deacon of the Month, Jana Burnside, (620) 271-3894, if you have any needs.

Session – Clerk of Session, Lara Bors

Class of 2025  
Becky McVey  
Nancy Woods

Class of 2026  
Beverly Catanese  
Nancy Sowers

Class of 2027  
Michael Collins  
Callan Izatt  
Jo Ann Mangan

24-25 Youth Elder: Vacant

Deacons

Class of 2025  
Ken Golay  
Ayrika Watson

Class of 2026  
Jana Burnside  
Bob Hitz

Class of 2027  
Ron Catanese  
Kathy Pool

Staff

Rev. Doris Evans, Pastor  
Julie Barron, Office Assistant  
Mitch Watson, Cont. Worship & Technical  
Andre Wallace, Youth & Young Adult Coor.

Ayrika Watson, CE Director  
Jo Ann Mangan, Accompanist  
Kevin Ochampaugh, Director of Music & Chancel Choir  
Ryan Ochampaugh, Technical Support  
Evely Valenzuela Quezada - Bookkeeper

***Please have newsletter information in the church office by the  
21st of each month. Thank you!***

## Committee News

### Christian Education

Hello, friends!

Thank you all for your support at our Soup'er Bowl Sunday fundraiser. Your generosity helps CE to support Andre's outreach to youth and young adults in our community. Stay tuned for more Wednesday night line dancing in the spring.

You are also all encouraged to find a place to plug-in for spiritual growth outside of Sunday worship. Our Sunday School and At The Table Bible Study (Thursday at Noon) give the opportunity for deeper dives, life applications, asking questions, and conversations around the topics covered in worship. Starting on Ash Wednesday these groups will be using A Sanctified Art Lenten Devotional "Everything (in) Between: Meeting God in the Midst of Extremes". Even if you can't make it to a study, pick up a copy for your own reflection.

Also, Ayrika is looking at forming a twice a month book study outside of the church focusing on exploring spirituality for those who feel hurt, rejected, or constrained by their past church experiences. It will start by exploring the book, "Searching for Sunday: Loving, Leaving and Finding the Church" by Rachel Held Evans. If you or someone you know would be interested please call or text Ayrika at 316-285-0203.

Finally, we are excited to announce the church will be showing season one of the TV series The Chosen every other Wednesday night at 6pm starting on March 12th. This series will help bring the story of Jesus to life in a relatable and emotionally rich way. Join us and invite a friend!

### Stewardship

The HVAC systems were installed! Stewardship has approved to change from Cox Internet Services to Ideatek which will give us fiber lines.

---

### Worship & Prayer

Your Worship and Prayer team is busy looking for meaningful worship experiences for you. Take time when you come into worship to SEE the colors, SMELL the flowers (or what's cooking for lunch!) LISTEN to the music, JOIN in prayer, VISIT with each other, HEAR the story, and take it into the community.

We are a Matthew 25 church; this means we will find ways to share the love of God with the poor, the under-served. We will feed the hungry and thirsty. Our worship and prayer team is trying to identify ways for us to do this. By the time you read this, our church will have toured the new Kansas Food Bank location in Garden City. Who knows what could happen after that visit?

Worship and Prayer team members are looking for lay readers for our worship services. Prayerfully consider this chance to share your voice in worship. When asked, please say YES!

Lent is approaching; Ash Wednesday is March 5, 2025, with a service at noon and 5:30pm for the imposition of ashes. Please come and bring a friend.

---

### Emmaus House

We provide Emmaus House meals on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month. There is a sign up list on the counter in the office.



.... *Christ Centered, Inwardly Strong, Outwardly Focused.*

**March Meeting Schedules**



**March 6 @ 4:30  
Deacons Meets**

**March 9 @ Noon  
Worship & Prayer Meets**

**March 13 @ 9:30  
PW Circe Meets**

**March 16 @ Noon  
Christian Education Meets**

**March 17 @ 6:30  
Stewardship Meets**

***Upcoming Activities at  
United Presbyterian Church***

**March 5 – Ash Wednesday  
Imposition of Ashes  
Noon and 5:30**

**March 6, 20, 27 @ Noon  
At The Table Book Study**

**March 12 and 19  
The Chosen Season 1  
Episodes 1 and 2**

**March 21  
Ranch House @ 11:00  
Cottages @ 2:00**

**March 22 @ 11:00  
Staff Meeting**

**March 23-26  
Rummage Sale Setup**

**March 27-29  
Rummage Sale**

**March 30  
Last Sunday Worship Service**