

# Family

## Sometimes knowledge comes best from experience

How many of you know what happens within the walls, on any given Sunday, of the Church of Christ? How about the Presbyterian Church? The College View Baptist Church? Do you know what happens during the Lenten Brown Bag and Bible?

My point is not to endorse, nor leave out, any of the churches in Colby or anywhere else. I am simply introducing the fact that we often don't know much about other denominations. However, we may be forming opinions about them without actually ever experiencing them. I write from experience, and if I have had this experience I presume others have too. Even if you have experienced more than one place of worship, you may have formed opinions about places you haven't attended.

I grew up going to the same church denomination my whole life. Occasionally, as a child, I stepped foot in other church buildings for special events – weddings, funerals, vacation Bible school, etc. However, rarely did I go to those buildings for a “worship” time – spending the night, being babysat by a family, etc.

I am not suggesting that one should go from church building to church building, nor to leave where they are attending. I want people to realize that sometimes what happens behind a building's closed doors may not actually be that much different than what you're used to doing in your church building.

As mentioned previously, I grew up going to the same denomination. I was told things about other churches that caused me to form an opinion about them. This limited what I knew to other people's opinions, most of whom didn't really know much about the group they were advising me on. So when it came to being a part of a ministerial group I was hesitant, stemming from the lack of



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experiences I had while growing up, even into my twenties. I had just formed opinions based on what I was told or from looking at churches from the outside.

But something happened when I became a part of a ministerial group. I started seeing people from other churches a bit differently. I became close enough to ask questions about their faith and get their answers, rather than going from what I was told or presumed. Even if I didn't theologically agree, I would know firsthand.

I have even taken the opportunity to step foot in the buildings of other churches to see what they looked like. I have had the opportunity to experience a few church's worship styles based on the opportunities to join with them for special worship events such as Thanksgiving or July 4. This allowed me to see what they were really like.

The Church of Christ, where I

attend, has something significantly different in our worship settings than most all other churches in Colby. Maybe you know about that significant difference; maybe you don't. It is the fact that we traditionally sing without instruments. If you've never experienced what this is like, you may be surprised. Don't presume it is uninteresting based on face value.

I have made the mistake of judging what other churches did or believed based on an opinion that didn't come from firsthand knowledge. I have found that opinions should be formed after one experiences something for themselves. Whether that opinion is about a religious organization or a person, don't “judge a book by its cover.” Check things out for yourself and then decide.

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Bill and Lou Kersenbrock

## Celebrate 50 years

The children and grandchildren of Bill and Lou Kersenbrock will hold a reception and open house for their parents from 4 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, April 3, at the Meadow Lake Golf Course Club House, 1085 East Golf Club Dr. in honor of their parents fiftieth anniversary.

The couple married at First Christian Church in Colby on April 3, 1960, and have lived their entire married life in Colby. He retired in 1996 after working 34 years at Midwest Energy. She retired in 1999 after 29 years as

faculty secretary at Colby Community College.

Children are Brad Kersenbrock and Lelsey (Jeff) Wagoner. Grandchildren are Brittany Kersenbrock and Tasha and Brock Wagoner all of Colby.

Cards can reach them at 115 North Range in Colby.

## Rotary Club

The Colby Rotary Club met at Colby Community College on Tuesday with 32 members and guests in attendance. Guests included Chad Jones, Mike Baughn, Terri Crampton and Ann Miner.

Melany Wilks had the program. She introduced members of the Thomas County 125th Anniversary Committee, who shared information about the various activities planned to commemorate the county's anniversary. All Rotarians were encouraged to participate in the “How the Spirit of the Prairie Lives on in Thomas County” project by submitting a short essay and photos of their family, club, organization or church history.

Jim Stanley was this week's Roto-Lotto winner.

The club meets each Tuesday afternoon at Colby Community College.

## HAPPY 90th BIRTHDAY!



“Doc” Smith's 90th birthday is March 31st.

Cards can be sent to: “Doc” Smith  
880 Sunset Dr.  
Colby, Kan. 67701

## Corrections

*The Colby Free Press wants to maintain an accurate record of our town. Please report any error or lack of clarity in a news story to us at 462-3963.*

## Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day <b>Hi-Plains Co-op</b>	
Wheat (bushel)	\$3.74
Corn (bushel)	\$3.00
Milo (hundredweight)	\$4.89
Soybeans (bushel)	\$8.25

## Pauline Marie Kersiek

Pauline Marie Kersiek, 66, formerly of Wiggins, died Sunday at her home in Colby, Kansas.

She was born October 13, 1943 in Artesia, New Mexico to C.R. and Betty Doughty. She married Leroy Kersiek October 8, 1965 in Ft. Morgan. They made their home south of Wiggins where they farmed for many years. She also owned Pauline's Clothing Store in Wiggins. They moved to Colby, Kan. in 2007. She was faithful to God and to her family. She was a member of the Church of Christ in Keenesburg. She enjoyed yard sales, crafts and crocheting. She was an excellent seamstress. She is survived by her mother Betty Shaw of Greeley, CO., her husband Leroy of Colby, Kan., her children and their families, Tina Walker and her husband Loren of Ft. Morgan and Vance Kersiek and his wife Mary of Colby, Kan. 5 grandchildren, Chris Walker, Bobbi Walker, Daniel Kersiek, Steven Kersiek and Cody Kersiek. Three sisters, Martha Wilke and her husband Sid of Eaton, CO., Pat Mortenson of Greeley, CO. and Leona Dupont of Alabama, tow brothers, Van Doughty of Wellington, CO. and Ken Doughty and his wife Susan of Denver. She was preceded in death by her father, and one sister Linda Kay Doughty.

A memorial service will be held on Friday at 2 p.m. at the Heer & Dahl Mortuary Chapel in Ft. Morgan. Services will conclude at the chapel. Friends who wish may make memorial donations in Pauline's name care of the Heer & Dahl Mortuary, 225 E. Platte Ave., Ft. Morgan, CO. 80701. The Heer & Dahl Mortuaries & Crematory are in charge of the arrangements.



## Mary Lee McKee

McKee, Mary Lee, 84, a phenomenal wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, civic volunteer, husband's partner and best friend, was born July 16, 1925, to Thomas Lee Taylor and Neva (Pickrel) Taylor in Colby, KS. She died Tuesday, March 23, 2010, after a prolonged series of health problems. She was preceded by her parents, a grandson, Michael Barrett McKee, and sister, Julia Wandt. She is survived by her husband of almost 65 years, George M. McKee, Jr.; children, Mike (Judy) McKee, Tom (Joan) McKee, Kathy Raymond, Coleen (John) Doughty, Charlotte (Don) Steffens; 16 wonderful grandchildren; 4 great-grandsons, and sister, Joanne Bretz. Mary Lee was the consummate grandmother and great-grandmother—particularly playing games with them. Outside of her loving, caring family relations, she was the ultimate volunteer. Mary Lee especially loved flowers and gardening, although she did participate in other volunteer activities. She was a former member of the Kansas State University Alumni Association Board of Directors; was instrumental in starting Botanica and a member of the first Board of Directors; was Past President of the Kansas State Garden Clubs; State President of the Kansas Council of Flower Show Judges; a Master Flower Show Judge and judged at the Kansas State Fair; a member of the Wichita Park Board and the Colby Tree Commission. She was a 57-year member of P.E.O., having served as President of both Chapter CE in Colby and Chapter CI in Wichita. Mary Lee was one of five leaders starting the Thomas County Day Care Center and its first Chairman. For many years she was Chairman of the State Wild Flower Committee, selecting and recommending to the Governor the Wild Flower of the year. The last Garden Club position which she held was as Rocky Mountain Regional Director of the National Garden Club including eight states—North and South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Montana, Wyoming, Colorado and Utah, only resigning after a long illness. Visitation with the family, 6-8 p.m., Friday, March 26, Downing & Lahey West. Services, 2 p.m., Saturday, March 27, West Heights United Methodist Church, 745 N. Westlink. Viewing, 2-8 p.m. with family present from 4-6 p.m., Sunday, March 28, Harrison Chapel in Colby. Graveside service, 10:30 a.m., Monday, March 29, Beulah Cemetery. Memorials to Botanica., 701 Amidon, Wichita, KS 67203 and Thomas County Historical Society, 1905 S. Franklin, Colby, KS 67701. [www.dlwichita.com](http://www.dlwichita.com)



**Kiwanis Club**  
**ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT!**  
**Saturday, March 27th • Fike Park**  
**Ages 3 & under** 10 a.m. sharp  
**Ages 4-6** 10:10 a.m.  
**Ages 7-9** 10:20 a.m.  
**In case of bad weather, listen to KXXX/KQLS for information.**

# SERVICES DIRECTORY

## Worship in the church of your choice this weekend.



THE SHEPHERD'S STAFF, REXFORD, Joan Dingwerth, Director, 785-687-2565.

## Schedule of church services

**GATEWAY FELLOWSHIP**, 2nd and Sunrise, Oakley. Pastor James Bloom, Sunday Morning Worship and Children's Church 10:15 a.m., Wednesday evening Bible Study and Intercessory Prayer 6:30 p.m. 785-671-4020.

**COLBY INDEPENDENT BAPTIST CHURCH**, 730 E. 3rd (former Jaycee's building), Pastor Bernard Heinz, 785-460-0313, Sunday School 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.; Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.

**ASCENSION-ON-THE-PRAIRIE EPISCOPAL**, Rev. Don Martin, College Drive & Wheatridge Rd., 785-462-3041, Holy Eucharist, 9:00 a.m. every Sunday. Evening Prayer, 5:15 p.m. Wednesday, September through May. Christian Education for Youth, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, September through May.

**COLLEGE DRIVE ASSEMBLY OF GOD**, 245 W. College Dr., Colby. Pastor Steve Todd. Worship Service 10:15 a.m. Sunday School 9 a.m. for all ages. Wednesday Youth at The Rock 3:30 and 7 p.m. Sunday evening services at 6:30 p.m. on all Sundays except the 5th Sunday of every month. 785-462-8234. [cdag@st-tel.net](mailto:cdag@st-tel.net).

**BEREAN CHURCH**, 1000 S. Franklin, 785-460-2763, [www.colbyborean.com](http://www.colbyborean.com); Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m. Pastor Mark Carlton, Senior Pastor and Pastor Jason Purdy, Youth Pastor. Middle School Group Wednesday 7 p.m. at the Attic and High School Youth Group Sunday 6 p.m. at the Attic. AWANA Wednesdays at 7 p.m. at the church.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**, (Affiliated with American Baptist Churches USA) Dr. Joan Harrington, Interim Pastor, 615 W. Webster, 785-462-2867. Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.; Family Worship: 10:30 a.m.; Bible Study: Sundays at 7 p.m. RC Club 2nd and 4th Sundays at 2 p.m.

**COLLEGE VIEW BAPTIST CHURCH** (Affiliated with Southern Baptist), 1185 Wheatridge Rd. at College Drive, 785-460-7144, Sunday Bible Study 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship services, 10:45 a.m. Prayer Service at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays.

**PLEASANTHOME CHURCH**, Pastor, Perry Baird, 785-890-3375, 3190 Road 70, Edson, Worship, 9:00 a.m., Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

**WINONA METHODIST CHURCH**, 501 Bellview Ave. Rev. Sheryl Johnson, Sunday School, 10:30 a.m., Morning Worship 9:15 a.m. (CDT)

**To become a sponsor, call Andrea, Heather or Shaly today at 462-3963.**

**MINGO BIBLE CHURCH**, 420 Main Mingo, 785-462-2992: An independent community church served by Village Missions Intern Pastor Tom Peyton. Sunday School: 9:30AM - all ages. Sunday Services: 10:45AM. Sunday Nights: 1st Sunday of the month: potluck following morning service - no evening service; 2nd Sunday: services at 6:30 PM; 3rd Sunday: informal fellowship - bring a snack to share!; 4th and 5th Sunday: services at 6:30 p.m.

**SACRED HEART CATHOLIC**, 785-462-2179, Father Dana Clark, Pastor, Saturday Eve. Mass 5:30 p.m., Sunday Masses 8:00 & 10:00 a.m., Confessions will be heard Saturday 4:30-5:05 p.m. and from 7:30-7:45 a.m. and 9:25-9:40 a.m. on Sunday.

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**, Rev. Carol Rahn, 515 W. 4th, 785-462-6342, Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m. Podcasts of the worship services are available at the church website [colbypress.org](http://colbypress.org).

**WESLEYAN CHURCH**, 320 W. Pine - 785-462-8391, Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship 10:40 a.m., Sunday Evening Cell groups at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday Youth Ministries, Kids Clubhouse 7 p.m.

**CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS**, 1145 S. Franklin - 785-460-6605, President Andy Rose, 785-460-6807; Erwin Mitchell, 1st counselor, 785-460-1952; Calvin Haverfield, 2nd counselor, 785-953-1043. Sacrament meeting 10 a.m., Sunday School and Primary 11:20 a.m., Priesthood, Relief Society, YM/YW, 12:10 p.m.; Family History Center open, 7-9 p.m. Thursdays or by appointment. Call 785-462-3571.

**REDEEMING LOVE MINISTRIES, INC.**, 345 N. Franklin, Dr. W.G. and Rev. Orvella Romine, Equipping Class, Sunday, 9 a.m., Sunday worship, 10 a.m., Wednesday, R.L.M Training Centers (Bible School), 6 p.m. Shop online at: [www.rlmregionalchurch.com](http://www.rlmregionalchurch.com).

**COLBY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**, Rev. James Mardock, pastor, 950 S. Franklin, 785-460-6521, Sunday Worship Services at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m., Fellowship coffee 9:30 a.m., Sunday School, 9:45 a.m., KXXX broadcasts 11:00 worship. [www.colbyumc.org](http://www.colbyumc.org)

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**, Minister, Jarrod Spencer. 510 E. 4th, Sunday Bible Study 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, Bible Study 7:00 p.m. [www.colbychurch.com](http://www.colbychurch.com)



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