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## Embracing Change—Linda Tuller

In Ecclesiastes Chapter 3 we hear the Preacher say, "For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven." We are all familiar with the verses that follow.

There is always constant change in our world, and we always have a choice as to our reaction.

It's difficult to imagine a Potwin Presbyterian Church without Sue Ann Seel. We were blessed with her leadership for 15 years.

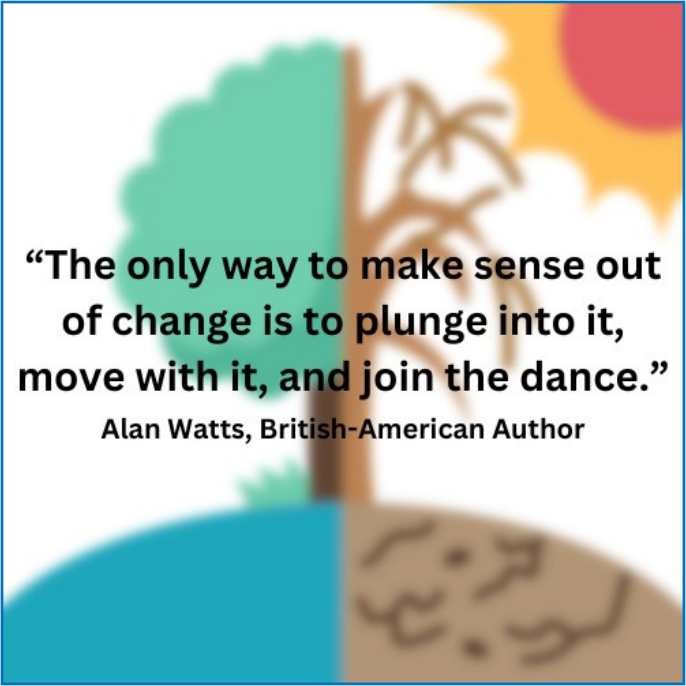
Most of us will feel bereft without the personal relationship we have had with her. We wish her all the best as she pursues a time of rest and then new adventures.

Yes, change is stressful, but it can also be a time of growth, as we become aware of our resilience and our strengths. We will have an opportunity to hear new voices that may challenge us, deepen our faith and provide a new understanding of our reason for being here at 400 SW Washburn.

2025 will bring its challenges. Please pray for your Session members who will be acting as our Pulpit Search Committee, looking for direction to continue our ministry and mission.

I encourage you to come to worship and continue to be a part of our fellowship. We have deep roots and a strong presence in our

neighborhood. Our building is 100 years old now; it will continue to be a place to welcome all and provide witness to Christ's redeeming love. Let me remind you of our mission statement: "Potwin Presbyterian Church is a safe and sacred place to worship God where Christ's love is revealed through actively and joyfully sharing, caring, and giving to others in our congregation, community, and world."



**"The only way to make sense out of change is to plunge into it, move with it, and join the dance."**

Alan Watts, British-American Author





Kayleen Shaw  
 Aurora Harvey  
 Violet Strobel  
 Annalise Ohse  
 Isabella Bigham

5th  
 21st  
 23rd  
 24th  
 24th

**Like God the Father, we celebrate the day you were born!**

*If we don't have you or one of your loved ones on our birthday list, and you would like to be included, please email Angela or the church and let us know.*



**Please pray for our at home Friends**  
**Janet Lafferty**

**Deadline for February Potwin Post is January 20\***  
 Please email your submissions to Angela Juarez  
 arp0371@gmail.com or potwinchurch@att.net.  
 \*Any submissions received after the deadline WILL NOT be included in the next Potwin Post. No exceptions.

**Loose Coin Offering**



**JANUARY**  
**Midtown Community Services**

Midtown Community Services is a non-profit that grew out of the mission work of Potwin Presbyterian, West Side Baptist, and Westside Christian. Now, truly a coalition of people that live and work in the neighborhoods around the church, it seeks to help others live the best life possible. Projects include support for Meadows Elementary, Lowman Hills Elementary, Baby Closet, Kids Closet, Harvesters programs, and more. Volunteer opportunities are available.

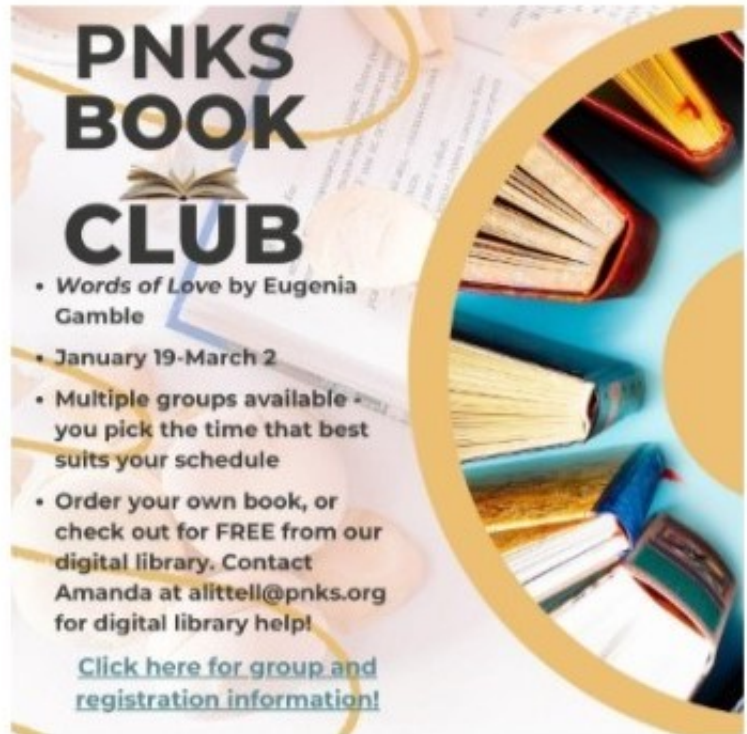


# 2025 PNKS Book Study

## *Words of Love* by Eugenia Gamble

Our Presbytery Council is offering a Book Study and EVERYONE in PNK (pastors, current session members, other officers, any church member) is invited to participate. The Book study will run from the week of January 19th through the week of March 2nd.

Participants can buy their own book OR they can contact Amanda Littell in the PNK Resource Center ([alittell@pnks.org](mailto:alittell@pnks.org)) to check it out through the new PNK Digital library at NO COST to any PNK church member.



**SIGN-UP is needed -- SIGN UP TODAY!**

Choose from the following groups:

- Leader: Commissioned Lay Pastor Adrian Hunley -- Tuesday Mornings - 10:00 a.m. VIA ZOOM
- Leaders: The Revs. Jim Hawley, Jason Pittman, Kelly Pittman - Tuesdays at 12:00 noon IN PERSON at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Manhattan (1110 College Ave., Manhattan) (Brown Bag Lunch -- BYOL)
- Leader: Rev. Shannon Borgman -- Wednesday Evenings - 7:00 p.m. VIA ZOOM
- Leader: Commissioned Lay Pastor Debbie Liddel - Thursday Afternoons - 2:00 p.m. IN PERSON at Wakarusa Presbyterian Church (10135 SW Jordan Rd, Wakarusa)

Please visit the following link to register:

[https://www.cognitoforms.com/PresbyteryOfNorthernKansas/\\_2025PNKBookStudyWordsOfLoveByEugeniaGamble](https://www.cognitoforms.com/PresbyteryOfNorthernKansas/_2025PNKBookStudyWordsOfLoveByEugeniaGamble)

# Doorstep Needs List

## **CLOTHING & HOMEWARE DONATIONS**

Many of our neighbors are in need of basic clothing and home items. Items specifically for children are also in high demand. The following items are particularly useful:

- |                              |                            |               |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------|
| • Clothing                   | • Sheets, blankets, linens | • Jewelry     |
| • Diapers                    | • Shoes                    | • Dishes      |
| • Toys                       | • Drapes, throw rugs       | • Pots & pans |
| • Small Household Appliances | • Towels & towel sets      |               |

\*Due to the small space of our building and redistribution restraints, we are not able to accept furniture of any kind or car seats. To donate these items (gently used and in good condition), please contact:

God's Storehouse

2111 SW Chelsea Dr, Topeka, KS 66614

(785)608-6743

Giving Tree

3343 SW Topeka Blvd, Topeka, KS 66611

(785)408-1392

## **FOOD DONATIONS**

We strive to provide our neighbors with nutritious, well-rounded food options. Additionally, we like to offer more than just a quick fix. For many of our clients, we provide meal packages designed to yield three meals a day for five days. While we love any and all food donations, the following items are most common in our meal packages:

- |                           |                     |                            |
|---------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|
| • Macaroni & cheese       | • Bread             | • Pork & beans             |
| • Pinto beans             | • Egg noodles       | • Crackers                 |
| • Spaghetti               | • Rice              | • Peanut butter            |
| • Canned Fruit            | • Spaghetti sauce   | • Hamburger: 1 lb packages |
| • Canned soups            | • Tuna              | • Sugar                    |
| • Ramen noodles           | • Canned vegetables | • Flour                    |
| • Milk: canned & powdered | • Corn              | • Cake mixes               |
| • Cereal: hot & dry       | • Green beans       | • Cooking oil              |
| • Jelly                   | • Peas              |                            |

## **PERSONAL HYGIENE ITEM DONATIONS**

When available, we like to provide items to help our neighbors maintain healthy personal hygiene. The following are especially useful:

- Toothbrushes/toothpaste
- Shampoo/conditioner
- Soap bars
- Feminine hygiene products
- Deodorant
- Body wipes
- Combs/brushes

## TOPEKA RESCUE MISSION NEEDS LIST

Donations can be brought to the Distribution Center at 401 NW Norris, Monday—Friday 8:00AM to 3:45PM. To speak with our Distribution Center, please call (785)357-4285.

### **DISTRIBUTION CENTER NEEDS**

Meat—All Types (must be USDA certified)    Canned Proteins (tuna, chicken, sloppy joe, beans, etc.)  
Canned Fruit                      Spaghetti-O's                      Men's Underwear (M, L, XL); T-Shirts 3X-4X; Jeans 30-40  
Baby Diapers Size 5&6; Baby Toiletries (lotion, shampoo, etc.)                      Men's & Women's Deodorant  
Ibuprofen, Tylenol, Cough Drops, Tums

### **KITCHEN NEEDS**

3 compartment to-go containers                      Cutlery packs with napkin, salt, & pepper  
Snacks for Sack Lunches                      #10 cans of vegetables  
Aluminum foil pans with lids

### **MAP NEEDS**

Women's underwear size small (4-6)                      Men's underwear sizes 30-36  
Men's jeans sizes 30-36                      Sleeping bags & blankets  
Travel size deodorant, conditioner, lotion, soap, & shampoo  
*(Additional Mobile Access Partnership needs list items can be purchased on Amazon and shipped directly to TRM using the link below.)*

[www.trmonline.org/needslist](http://www.trmonline.org/needslist)

Visit the link below to purchase items from the TRM Amazon Wish List.

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/O6BQ8QXTPLGA/ref=hz\\_ls\\_biz\\_ex](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/O6BQ8QXTPLGA/ref=hz_ls_biz_ex)

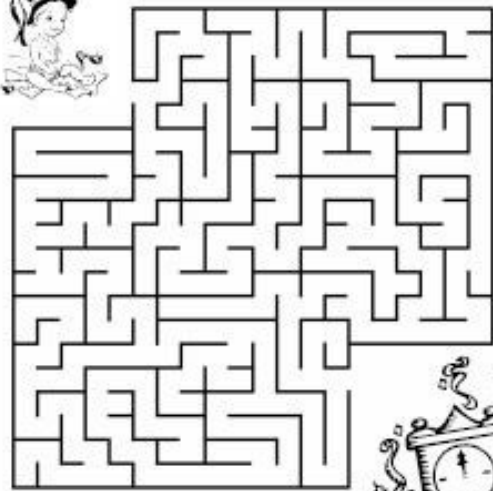




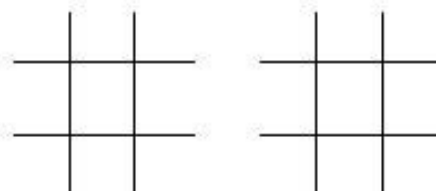
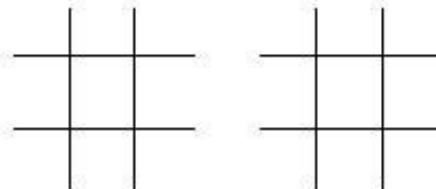
# Happy New Year!

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CELEBRATE	FIRST
CLOCK	JANUARY
CONFETTI	MIDNIGHT
HAPPY	NOISEMAKER
NEW	PARADES
	YEAR



## TIC-TAC-TOE



On the back of the paper, see  
how many words you can make  
from

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

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# EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 2025 POTWIN PLEDGE LETTERS

If you have not turned in your 2025 Potwin Pledge Letter, please return it to the church as soon as possible. There are blank pledge letters available in the church office if you need a copy. Many thanks for your continued support and generosity.

## NEWSLETTER FRONT PAGE ARTICLE

In the wake of Sue Ann's retirement, we are looking for your help in filling the front page of future Potwin Post Newsletters. If you have a message you would like to share in place of the usual "Pastor's Post" article, please email it to Angela Juarez at arp0371@gmail.com or the church office Attn: Angela Juarez at potwinchurch@att.net. To ensure your message makes it into the newsletter, please submit it no later than the 20th of the month. We look forward to hearing words of wisdom from many of you over the coming months!

## POTWIN BELLS

Our bell choir needs your talents! With Sue Ann's retirement, we have one or two openings. Bells rehearsal is at 6PM every Tuesday unless otherwise noted. We would love for you to join us! Please contact our music director, Gwen Jones, if you have any questions. All are welcome!

## BLESSING BOX & LITTLE LIBRARY

Our Blessing Box and Little Library are being constantly refilled to meet needs in our neighborhood. Many in our neighborhood have been assisting us in this effort. Thanks to all who contribute to these local missions. Remember our blessing box when you shop as it is always in need of items. You may bring the items into the church or place them in the box itself.

## INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

If weather conditions warrant the cancellation of worship services, you will be notified via email, Facebook, and on the TV stations hopefully by 10PM Saturday evening. If weather happens overnight, it will be posted to these outlets by 7AM Sunday morning. On days that USD 501 closes school, please consider the church office to be closed as well. In those instances, if you have a need that requires immediate attention, please contact the person you need to speak with directly. Church email will still be checked regularly and phone messages will not be checked until someone returns to the office.

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2025



# January 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Sunday Fellowship</b> 9:30AM <b>Sunday Worship</b> 10:00AM		<b>Bell Choir 6:00PM</b> <b>every Tuesday</b> <b>unless otherwise</b> <b>noted.</b>	1 <b>New Year's Day</b> <b>(Church Office</b> <b>Closed)</b>	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
<b>Happy Birthday</b> Kayleen Shaw						
10	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 <b>Martin Luther</b> <b>King Jr. Day</b>	21  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Aurora Harvey	22	23  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Violet Strobel	24  <b>Happy Birthday</b> Annalise Ohse Isabella Bigham	25
26 <b>Coffee House</b> <b>Church—</b> <b>Potluck Style</b>	27	28	29	30	31	

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You can reach us by email at [potwinchurch@att.net](mailto:potwinchurch@att.net)

