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WEEKLY SERMONETTE

By The Rev. Ray Gilstrap,
Almena, Clayton and Norcatur United Methodist Churches

Grace and peace to you in the name of Christ. My prayer for you today is that you may find the power and love of Jesus Christ in the beauty of God's creation. As we approach spring and the rebirth of Easter, we see God's love and power all around us and can not help but recognize his continued presence and activity on earth.

In her book *Meditations*, Laura Wild writes, "The more we know of the world and... ourselves, the more certain we are that what we see and handle with our physical eyes and hands is not... the most essential part of reality. There is something within us and behind the experiences we have... that we call Spirit... (and) Spiritual reality makes us feel instinctively that we are in the presence of... are apart of... something infinitely greater than we are... that puts richness and meaning into life."

Read the first two chapters of Genesis and the first eighteen verses of John's gospel, then select something of God's creation to meditate on each day. Think how it demonstrates the awesome presence of God in your life today.

The Psalmist writes (104:1-5) "Praise the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God, you are very great; you are clothed with splendor and majesty. He wraps himself in light as with a garment; he stretches out the heavens like a tent and lays the beams of his upper chambers on their waters. He makes the clouds his chariot and rides on the wings of the wind. He makes winds his messengers, flames of fire his servants. He set the earth on its foundations; it can never be moved."

Forbidden to make graven images, the Hebrew writers described the beauty of God's holiness in words. They became very gifted at using words to suggest deeper reality. As you meditate each day, think how you see and feel and hear the awesome reality of our Creator in nature. Then try writing it down.

To facilitate your experience of God's creation, try finding a solitary place in nature to be

alone in the presence of His Spirit and commune with God. It was such solitude that moved the souls of great poets to write: as did Wordsworth, "...a presence that disturbs me with the joy of elevated thoughts; a sense sublime of something far more deeply interused, the living air, and the blue sky, and in the mind of man: a motion and a Spirit, that impels all thinking things, all objects of all thought, and rolls through all things. Therefore am I still

a lover of the meadows and the woods, and mountains." (Tintern Abbey - W. Wordsworth)

We can always find God in nature, even in the wind; whether it be a gentle breeze or the strong and often frightening wind of a storm.

Psalm 29 has been called The Thunderstorm. Listen to part of it: "The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of Glory thunders, the Lord thunders over the mighty waters. The voice of the Lord is pow-

erful; the voice of the Lord is majestic. The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks in pieces the Cedars of Lebanon. He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, Sirion like a young wild ox. The voice of the Lord strikes with flashes of lightning. The voice of the Lord shakes the desert; the Lord shakes the desert of Kadesh. The voice of the Lord twists the oaks and strips the forests bare. And in his temple all cry, "Glory!" The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord is enthroned as King forever. The Lord gives strength to his people; the Lord blesses his people with peace."

Many of our hymns are derived from poets expressing their experience of God's creation, like, John Greenleaf Whittier's, Dear Lord and Father of Mankind "Breathe through the heats of our desire thy coolness and thy balm. Speak through the earthquake, wind and fire, o still small voice of calm." Or Isaac Watts, "O God our help in ages past... our shelter from the storm blast," or Psalm 33:6, "By the Word of the Lord were the heavens made; and all the host of them through the breath of his meeting."

Or the more contemporary, "How Great Thou Art," by Stuart K. Hine: "O Lord, My God, when I in awesome wonder, consider all the worlds thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder... When through the woods and forest glades I wander, and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees..." Surely you recognize the words and can fill in the blanks yourself and can understand from your own experience of God's creation what caused Hine to write his chorus, "Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee, how great Thou Art, how great Thou Art."

May you be blessed to meditate on these things each day, to experience the power and love of God in His creation, and to walk every day of this season with Jesus Christ, as he journeys to the cross on which you were saved. He will surely bless you if you do.



On Your Mark

His toe is on the mark...he's ready to go. In his mind a young athlete can see himself winning the race; to have a chance at glory, his mind must visualize victory. He sees himself crossing the finish line in first place. Will he be the winner?

Whether or not he wins this race, our athlete is already a winner, for he is learning how to confidently face life's challenges. To be confident and successful in life we must practice living according to the Word of God. We must believe that when we have faith in God, we will prevail over our challenges and emerge intact.

Worship this week. When your heart and mind are focused on God, you will emerge victorious. You will be able to say as Timothy did when his life was near its finish, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." (2 Timothy 4:7)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 Chronicles 5:1-6:2	2 Chronicles 6:3-21	2 Chronicles 6:22-42	2 Chronicles 7:1-10	Psalms 112	Psalms 113	Psalms 115

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PUBLIC NOTICES

2006 Treasurer's Report for Harrison Township

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SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS, EXPENDITURES AND INDEBTEDNESS

of Harrison Township, Norton County, Kansas

for the year ending December 31, 2006

	General Fund	Road Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund
Total RECEIPTS	803,977				
Total EXPENDITURES	389,860				
Total INDEBTEDNESS	0				

Detailed Statement of such receipts, expenditures and liabilities is available for public inspection at the county clerk's office.

I Do Solemnly Swear, that the foregoing is a summary of all moneys received by me and expended together with the indebtedness of said Township, during the year ending December 31, A.D. 2006. So help me God.

Signed *Robert McMullen*
Township Treasurer

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31 day of March, A.D. 2006

Edward Keef
Township Trustee

Rural Telephone vs. Schuck

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS

Case No. 2006-CV-52
Rural Telephone Service Company, Inc. Plaintiff

vs. Lenus Schuck Defendant

(Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 26)

NOTICE OF HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned appraisers appointed by the Court will, in accordance with the provisions of this act, hold a public hearing on all matters pertaining to their appraisal of compensation and the assessment of damages for the taking of the lands or interests therein sought to be taken by the plaintiff in the above entitled matter covering the following described lands:

West Half (W/2) of Section Thirty-one (31), and the Southwest Quarter (SW/4) of Section Thirty (30), Township Five (5) South, Range Twenty-two (22) and the West Half (W/2) of the Northwest

Quarter (NW/4), and the Northwest Quarter (NW/4) of SW/4 of Section Nineteen (19), Township Five (5), Range Twenty-two (22) West of the Sixth (6th) P.M., Norton County, Kansas.

Such hearing will commence at 3:00 o'clock P.M. on the 30th day of March, 2007, in the Courtroom on the third floor of the Norton County Courthouse, Norton, Kansas, or on the following day without further notice, and may be continued thereafter from day to day or place to place until the same is concluded with respect to all properties involved in the action. Any party may present either oral or written testimony at such hearing.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Court has set the 4th day of April, 2007, for the filing of the awards of these appraisers with the Clerk of the Court, and any party dissatisfied with the award may appeal therefrom as by law permitted within thirty (30) days from the day of filing.

Robert Wyatt, Appraiser
Don McMullen, Appraiser
Monte Jessup, Appraiser

Notice of General School Election

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NOTICE OF GENERAL SCHOOL ELECTION

In compliance with K.S.A. 25-2018, notice is hereby given there will be a General School Election for Norton Community Schools, Unified District No. 211.

I, Robert D. Wyatt, County Election Officer of Norton County, hereby certify the following names are entitled to a place on the official General Ballot for Member of the Board of Education:
Position No. 1 — Jennifer Terrell
Position No. 2 — Mark Kellig
Position No. 3 —
Position No. 7 — Chris Harding

Voting places will be as follows:

- Ward One — Norton American Legion
 - Ward Two — Norton American Legion
 - Ward Three — Norton American Legion
 - Rural — Norton American Legion
- Date: April 3, 2007 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 8th day of February, 2007.

SEAL:
County Clerk, Norton County Kansas
SIGNED:
Robert D. Wyatt
Norton Co. Election Officer

Estate of Norma E. Hager

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of NORMA E. HAGER, Deceased

Case No. 2007-PR-12

NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on the 6th day of March, 2007, a Petition was filed in this Court by Rodney D. Hager, named in the Last Will and Testament of Norma E. Hager, Deceased, dated April 4, 1995, praying that the will filed with the petition be admitted to probate, that he be appointed as Executor without bond, and that he be granted Letters Testamentary under the Kansas Simplified Estates Act.

You are further advised that under the provisions of the Kansas Simplified Estates Act, the Court need not supervise administration of the estate, and no notice of any action of the Executor or other proceedings in the administration will be given, except for

notice of final settlement of decedent's estate. You are further advised that if written objections to simplified administration are filed with the Court, the Court may order that supervised administration ensue.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 3rd day of April, 2007, at 4:30 o'clock p.m. of said day, in this Court, in the City of Norton, in Norton County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the estate within four (4) months from the date of first publication of this Notice, as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

Rodney D. Hager, Petitioner
R. Douglas Sebelius, #09157
SEBELIUS & GRIFFITHS, LLP
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Attorneys for Petitioner

Interest of Naheed vs. Amjad

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Interest of Noor Naheed

DOB 2002
Nargis Naheed, Petitioner

vs. Sohail Amjad, Respondent.

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO SOHAIL AMJAD AND ALL OTHER PERSONS WHO ARE OR MAY BE CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a petition to terminate parental rights has been filed in Norton County District Court by Nargis Naheed praying for an order terminating parental rights. You are hereby required to plead to the petition or other pleading on or before July 16, 2007 at 1:30 p.m. in the District Court of Norton County, Kansas. If you fail to plead, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition to terminate parental rights.

Submitted by: Charles E. Worden #7417
WORDEN LAW OFFICE
213 S. Kansas, P.O. Box 427
Norton, Kansas 67654
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Attorney for the Petitioner

Case No. 2007-JC-02

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