

NEWTON FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

From Pastor Scott:

Dear friends,



May 2024 Newsletter

As we enjoy the spring weather, I want to invite you to think of ways you can be present to your neighbors in ways that bring joy. For this, it will be helpful to review some of what we learned in the Good Neighbor Experiment.

Good neighboring has three key ingredients: Abundance, Relationship, and Joy.

Abundance: Neighbors view the world with abundance over scarcity. Consider the talents you can see when you observe your neighborhood. Does a neighbor plant a beautiful garden that you can compliment them on and thank them for the beauty?

Relationship: Relationships are strengthened when we focus on our relationship with God. Practice connecting with God in your neighborhood. Sit in a space where you can see your neighbors houses and pray for each person who lives next to you. Then do an activity in your front yard that you might normally do inside. Maybe eat a meal on your front porch and simply say “hello” to any neighbors you see. Being available to God and neighbors in these ways are important for growing these relationships.

Joy: Neighbors intentionally cultivate joy which is bigger than happiness. This joy can be fostered through storytelling and celebration. People love to tell stories and they love when you listen to their stories. This week look for opportunities to hear and enjoy someone’s story. Also, you can find a reason to celebrate with friends, family or neighbors. It could be a civic holiday or just that it is Friday! “*Happy Friday!*” You can go big and include food, decorations, and a card!

Through regular neighboring activities, we can cultivate joy in our neighborhoods. I invite you to talk to me about ideas or challenges you might face as you neighbor this spring.

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PW Post by *Sandy*



March seemed real busy, maybe because Easter got squeezed late into the month rather than in April. But, we are so thankful for the messages of Christ rising that we welcome it in either month. April has now come and gone. We enjoyed our Spring PW local gathering at The Breadbasket on April 13th. Our group was a little smaller this Spring, but we enjoyed hearing updates on what was going on in our families. We even had a pop-in from Angela Altum and Jenny Gihring (from Idaho) to say “HI” before they headed off for a soccer game.

After our Circle meeting, in May, we’ll be sending our “Least Coin” collection from our Circle meetings throughout the year to Presbyterian Women PCUSA (by way of our Presbytery). With this collection being held in 80 countries, an impact is great. The offering is unique because all--regardless of income, education, nationality or home--give only the smallest coin of their currency. All are within the same discipline and share the common concerns of women around the world. Each year, “Least Coins” from around the world make possible several types of grants which support 20-25 initiatives around the world. 2023 funding gave \$52,000 in Block Grants, \$47,000 in Project Grants, \$1,000 in Scholarships and \$8,000 in Emergency Grants through out the world.

Sunday, May 12, we will be observe the 2024 Birthday Offering of Presbyterian Women. Each year, the Birthday Offering awards grants to up to five programs. Primarily making possible capital improvement projects, the Birthday Offering focuses on areas such as agricultural development, child care, community organization, criminal justice, drug counseling, economic justice, elderly care, employment training, homelessness, literacy, violence or women’s concerns. Your gift to the Birthday Offering helps fund real solutions in these areas.

Karen Wilson will be giving our Bible study lesson on “Lydia Encounters Jesus in Worship”. The main idea is, “Baptism connects us to God and the community of faith.” Rita Allmon will be our Circle hostess.

Time to mark your calendar for our next meeting.

PW Circle on May 8 at 10:00 AM in Fellowship Hall

All women of our church are Presbyterian Women and any guests are invited also as we encompass ministry through worship, Bible Study, mission giving and community outreach.

We welcome sharing time together.



Installation of Karen Wilson as the newest Coordinating Team officer in the position of Vice-Moderator.

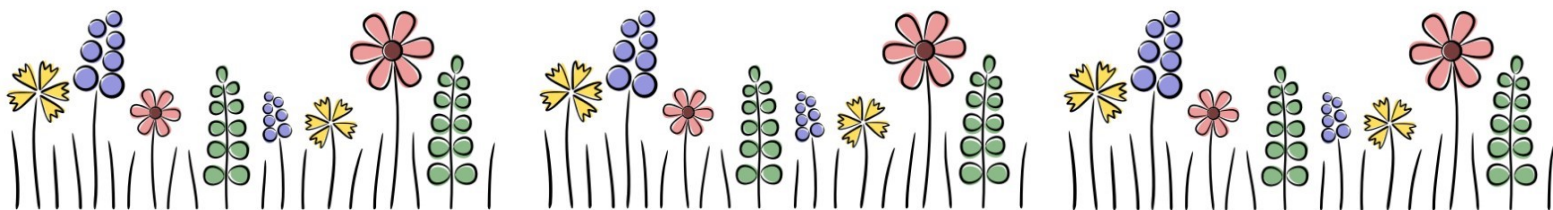


Our monthly Circle meeting. Please join us for our next meeting May 8th.

Nurture Team:

Thank you to all who adopted a Lily for Easter. We hope you got a chance to see them hanging on the cross. Because they were artificial we were able to enjoy them not only on Easter, but also on the first Sunday in Eastertide. We are printing the list again for the ones who adopted a lily in honor or memory of someone(s).

Happy Mother's Day to all the ladies in the church. Come on Mother's Day Sunday and receive a special gift. The kids will be handing them out.



Easter Lilies on the cross are...

In memory of Family Members

~ Carolyn Adams

In honor of Family

~ Ron & Carol Cheyney

In memory of Dale Huxman

~ Beth Darrow

In memory of Monty Fey

~ Bonnie Fey

In memory of Bob Heinel

~ Carol Heinel

In memory of Family & Friends

John & Carol Higgs

In memory of Ted Ice & Evan Ice

~ Sue Ice

In memory and honor of Family

~ Ron & Sandra Larson

In memory of Donna McAnulty

~ Mel McAnulty

In memory of Wanda Lee McGehee, Sue Whitford
& Bob Whitford,

~ Greg & Mary McGehee

In memory of Our Parents & Craig Steffen

Nate & Julie Regier

In memory of Duane Anne Plummer,
Bob Sjogren, & Paul Kemme

~ Marily Sjogren

In memory of our Parents

~ Bob & Marsha Swander

In memory of those we have lost

In honor of our Children & Grandchildren

~ Pam & Larry Trussell

In memory of Floyd & Boots Wild and
Norman & Lois Willert

~ Lenny & Helen Wild

In memory of Byron & Geneva Manning

~ Bill & Karen Wilson

In memory of Bob Wyman & Steve Brawner

~ Susan Wyman





Jacklyn Giles is a senior at Newton High School. Jacklyn has excelled in academics being in the top 4% of her 2024 class. She has studied German all 4 years in High School and is a member of the National German Honor Society. She has been a board member for the Newton High School Chemistry Club for the past 3 years where she helped plan an outreach trip to a local elementary school. Jacklyn has been part of the Newton Orchestra, playing violin for the last 8 years. She has enjoyed being part of the Tennis team for 5 years. Jacklyn is a member of the #935 Robotics team. The robotics team was finalists this year at the Oklahoma Regional and won the Creativity in Engineering and Design Award at both the Heartland and Oklahoma Regionals. Jacklyn is a talented writer and a published author for her works of poetry. She was a finalist in 2022 for a national poetry contest “Rising Stars Collection.” Jacklyn’s hobbies include painting, reading, writing, and spending time with her cat Snowy.

Jacklyn is planning to attend the University of Vermont where she will be in Patrick Leahy Honors College. Jacklyn is pursuing a degree in clinical psychology. She will start her undergraduate work in fall and has hopes to seek a doctorate degree.

As her Youth director, I want to congratulate Jacklyn for all her wonderful accomplishments in High School and wish her all the best for her future adventures.

Jacklyn good luck and congratulations!!

Congratulations

Jacklyn

& the

Class of

2024



JUMP:

For the month of April we first finished up Sow, Now It's Lent. We learned those pesky fire ants/sin spread and spread, but God gave us hope and promise with His son Jesus and our sins are forgiven. We have to work on trying to be good, but we know when we mess up God will forgive us if we just ask. We learned about Jonah and Saul's Bad Days and how God helped them and forgave them as well.

For May we will not meet on the first of May and then we will have 2 more weeks to finish out our school year. We will be learning about Stephens Bad Day and then have a game day to close us out.

Our last Wednesday will be on May 15th.



Kids Connection:

We got together on Palm Sunday and because of schedules we will not meet again until the fall, but watch for something special coming in the summer!!

Lil' Worship Warriors:

This will be our last month for Lil' Worship Warriors. We will meet for the one Sunday in May on the 12th. We will have our lesson on Two Men in the Temple: taken from Luke 18:9-14.

The Nurture team and I decided the kids are old enough to sit in church as quietly as they can. I really want to remind you they are kids and they will get squirmy and produce some noise, but we need to remember they are the future of our church and we need to accept them and make them feel they are a part of our church. (This is Mary telling you her opinion.)

Sunday School:

Adults: continue to study the book of Acts and meet in the Chapel.

Kids: we are eating our way through Sunday school. We made S'mores and fruit pizzas. We will have rotten eggs, sweet and salty and fire ants on a log. We are learning how we do not want anger to control us, in Christ I am made brand new, I will not let selfishness turn me rotten, I can speak the truth in love, and I want to spend time in prayer to be ready for what God has planned for me. The last day for Sunday school for this school year will be May 12th.

BBQ for Bricks

Fundraiser for
NEW JERUSALEM MISSIONS

Saturday, May 4 2024

209 E. Broadway, Newton KS

11:30 am - 6 pm

For questions or to reserve your tickets
call (316) 282-2907

Cash - Check - Visa/Mastercard Accepted

venmo

Cash App

PayPal



Purchase online using one of these payment options. Please specify BBQ for Bricks.

Meal Options

\$20 - Ribs or Chicken

\$25 Ribs and Chicken

Each meal comes with 2 sides, bread, drink & dessert.



Become an event sponsor for \$200 and receive 10 meal tickets.

Buy a Brick for \$1,000 and get your name placed on a brick to be displayed in our living room.

Westminster Woods 60th Anniversary Celebration

1964 - 2024

Come celebrate with us!

June 8th

Join us at Westminster Woods.

4:00-5:00pm: Arrive, self-guided tours

5:30pm: Dinner provided

7:00pm: Chapel Service

After chapel: Hang out at the lake or dining hall

Please RSVP by May 29th on our
website: westminsterwoodscamp.com

History of "The Woods"

In 1963, two Presbyteries in Kansas joined together and purchased the 400 acres that would become Westminster Woods. Their vision was to create a place where campers could learn about God in a natural environment. This vision became a reality in the summer of 1964 when the first camp was held.

Not sure what to do with old Bibles that are not being used? Consider donating them to Faith and Life Bookstore! They have partnered with a local man to help distribute old Bibles to people all over the world through Love Packages!

*Check out their website
lovepackages.org for more
information!*

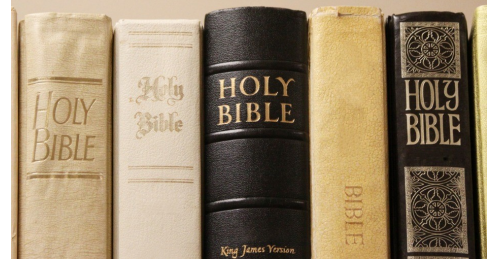
Used Bibles (any translation or condition) are welcomed to be dropped off at or mailed to:

Faith & Life Bookstore

606 N. Main St.

Newton, KS 67114

USED BIBLE COLLECTION



Men's Breakfast

Wednesday, May 8th

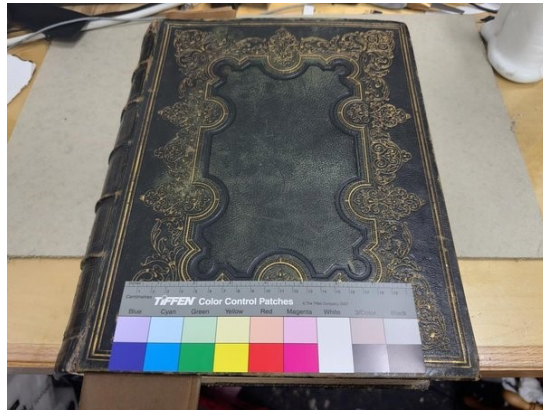
9:00 a.m. @

Del Puente

701 N. Main St.



First Presbyterian Church's historic "Chapel Bible" has been restored and returned. We want to thank Brown Bindery and Conservation out of Wichita, Kansas for their wonderful work on the bible. We also want to thank Kathy Randall for helping with the process and delivering the bible.



Thank you to everyone that helped serve meals in March for New Hope Shelter!

Save the Date to Serve a meal with FPC at
New Hope Shelter
May 29th, 30th,
& June 1st

To volunteer to help, please contact Rita Allmon at
316-288-3028



DEACONS REQUESTS

NEWTON MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE FOOD PANTRY



The Food Pantry is in need of Spaghetti-O's and other canned meals, ramen noodles, canned vegetables, soups, spaghetti sauce and noodles, granola bars and boxed individual snacks, crackers, hamburger helper, pop tarts, peanut butter and jelly, toilet paper, and paper towels.

When you're out shopping, please pick up these items for our neighbors in need. Also, please remember them in prayer. Thank You!

May Birthdays & Anniversaries

May 1st - **Linda Benninga,**

May 6th - **Roger & Beth Darrow**

May 10th - **John Morton**

May 12th - **Duane & Nila Chambers**

May 13th - **Carol Heinel**

May 14th - **Michelle Coffman**

May 15th - **Cheri Markley**

May 16th - **Jenna Robinson**

May 17th - **Angelica Madrigal, Kristin Kliever**

May 25th - **Pam Trussell**

May 26th - **Susan Brack**

May 30th - **Cooper Perkins**



Coffee with the Pastor
Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m.
@ Common Grounds



Please join FPC's choir ensemble!

The choir ensemble are meeting every Sunday at 10 am. We may sing special music or we may sing a hymn -

We just wanna sing! Do you?



Prayer Request 

Please keep the following in prayer

Susie - (Pam Trussell's cousin)

Gail Miller -
(Rosalie Goff's stepdaughter)

John McVey

Kristin Kliever

If you have a prayer request or want to become a member of the prayer chain, please contact

Rojean DuBois at 316-772-8128.



Newton First Presbyterian Church

May 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sunday Schedule @ FPC	9:15 am - Adult Bible Study 10:00 am - Choir Ensemble Practice 10:10 am - Coffee Fellowship 10:30 am - Worship & Livestream		1 10:00 am Coffee/w Pastor <u>10:00 PW CT</u>	2 Community Playschool 11:00 am - 2:00 pm 7:00 pm Outreach	3	4
5 Communion Sunday	6	7	8 9:00 am Men's Breakfast 10:00 am Circle in FH 1:30 pm Nurture Mtg. 6:00 pm Deacons Mtg JUMP 7-8:15pm	9 Community Playschool 11:00 am - 2:00 pm 7:00 pm Outreach	10	11
12 PW Birthday Offering Graduate Recognition Happy Mother's Day	13	14	15 10:00 am Coffee/w Pastor JUMP 7-8:15pm	16	17	18
19	20	21 Prairie Bronze Bell Practice 6:30 - 8:30 pm Session 7:00 pm	22 10:00 am Coffee/w Pastor Dr. Dale Griswold Memorial Service 1:30 p.m.	23	24	25
26	27 Memorial Day	28 Prairie Bronze Bell Practice 6:30 - 8:30 pm	29 10:00 am Coffee/w Pastor	30	31	YouTube "First Presbyterian Church, Newton, KS" newtonfpc@gmail.com firstpresnewton.org 316-283-0504 (office)