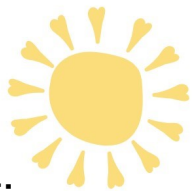


NEWTON FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



April 2024

Newsletter



From Pastor Scott:

Dear friends,

I've spoken and written on the ministry of the Prophet Nahum before, but Nahum has come to my mind again as I consider the year ahead. The question comes to my mind, "*God, what are You doing amidst these troubled times?*" Nahum gives me a clue to listen for God in His Word, not in worldly leaders. Below is how, I think, the prophet Nahum is helpful to us today.

(From Eugene Peterson's introduction to the book of Nahum)

The stage of history is large. Larger-than-life figures appear on this stage from time to time, swaggering about, brandishing weapons and money, terrorizing and bullying. These figures are not, as they suppose themselves to be, at the center of the stage. The fact is they're not anywhere near the center. At any moment in history a few superpower nations and their rulers dominate the daily news. But few of these names make a mark of immortality. The danger is that the noise of these pretenders-to-power distract us from what is going on quietly at the center of the stage in the action and person of Jesus.

Jesus' characteristic way of working is in quietness and prayer. If we conditionally respond to noise and size, we will miss God's Word and action. So, God often assigns someone to pay attention to some of these persons, nations or movements just long enough to get us to focus back to the main action: **Jesus!** Some of these people God uses are the biblical prophets. Their words speak to us now just as loudly as when they spoke to the pretenders-to-power of their day. One such prophet is Nahum.

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Nahum 1:7-9, "The LORD is good, a refuge in times of trouble. He cares for those who trust in him, but with an overwhelming flood he will make an end of Nineveh; he will pursue his foes into darkness. Whatever they plot against the LORD he will bring to an end; trouble will not come a second time."



The stage of history is large, we need biblical prophets like Nahum to remind us who is at the center of the stage: Jesus.

Maundy Thursday
March 28th
7:00 p.m.

First
Presbyterian
Church

900 Columbus Ave.
Newton, KS

Preaching
and
Worship
Weekends

On April 12 & 13 (Friday and Saturday) The Presbytery of Southern Kansas is hosting a preaching and worship workshop at FPC led by Rev. Catherine Neelly Burton - Mission and Ministry Connector for PSK. This workshop is designed for church members, but pastors and CREs are also welcome. There is a \$30 fee for anyone wanting to attend. Our congregants are welcome to attend by contacting the Presbytery to register.



**First Presbyterian Bell
Choir will be practicing
Wednesdays at 7 p.m.**

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?



PW Post by *Sandy Larson*

Christ the Lord has risen! Sing and shout Alleluia! What a blessing to celebrate. Another blessing is the great group of ladies at our March 13 Circle Meeting. We had great conversations, a great Bible study lesson, a tasty mid-morning snack and topped it off with installing Karen Wilson as our newest Coordinating Team officer in the position of Vice-Moderator. Yes, we certainly are blessed.

In March, our Coordinating Team was delighted to be able to give another donation to the Newton Public Schools student lunch fund in the amount of \$500.

In April, Rojean DuBois will lead our Bible study lesson named, "An Ethiopian Eunuch Encounters the Good News of Jesus". The main idea is "The Word of God is an essential tool for expanding the reign of God." Our hostess for our Circle Meeting will be Rita Allmon.

Spring has arrived so celebrate and mark your calendar for

PW Circle on April 10 at 10:00 AM in Fellowship Hall .

All women of our church are Presbyterian Women and any guests are invited.

Presbyterian Women encompass so much ministry through worship, Bible Study, mission giving and community outreach. We welcome sharing time together.





Presbyterian Women
Local Spring Gathering

Saturday, April 13th at 9:00 a.m.

@ The Breadbasket

219 N. Main St. Newton, KS

The Deadline for the
May Newsletter is
April 19th!

Easter Blessings!



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



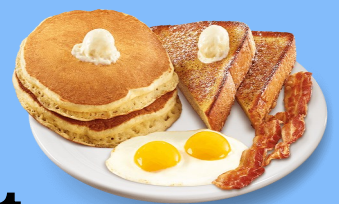
Men's Breakfast

Wednesday, April 10th

9:00 a.m. @

Del Puente

701 N. Main St.





JOIN US TO CELEBRATE

Rojean DuBois
80th BIRTHDAY

SUNDAY, APRIL 7TH
2:00 - 4:00 PM

FELLOWSHIP HALL
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
900 COLUMBUS AVE.
NEWTON, KANSAS 67114

REPLIES: TERI AT 316-215-1128
EMAIL: terimather@me.com



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 FPC's office at

316-283-0504



Please see Facebook for event details! (Presbyterian Manor)

*Tickets can be purchased through the Facebook event page.

Newton's First Celebration of Spring!

FRIDAY, APRIL 26 | 5 - 8 P.M.

BBQ MEAL | RAFFLE | KIDFEST | LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Newton Presbyterian Manor, Front Lawn

Nurture:

We had a Soup Supper for Ash Wednesday Service. Around 40-45 people enjoyed eating soup and then Pastor Scott lead us in an Ash Wednesday service. That was on February 14th. Happy Valentine's Day.

On March 24th we handed out Palm Branches. Love to see them wave and the kids shouting out Hosanna!!

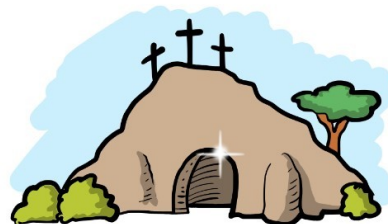
On March 28th there was a Maundy Thursday Service. We got to hear the Reader's Theater group again. It was a special service.

On March 31st, Easter Sunday. The Lily's hung on the cross. We appreciate all who adopted a Lily. The profit we made goes to the Children and Youth of the church. You might wonder what we do with the money. It helps with materials that are used for the youth groups (JUMP/Kids Connection). It helps us purchase some things we need to get the energy out before we can sit down and do our lessons. Thank you for your generosity.

**We hope you enjoyed the devotion books that were out on the table in the Narthex.



Kids Connection: We met on March 24th: We had lunch and then our lesson on Fire Ants/Palm Sunday/Easter. We also made an Easter craft and played some games.



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 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



Sunday School:

I hope you all got a chance to see the kids Art Sunday School Show. As you can see the kids have been busy.

We just finished up with Lent/Palm Sunday/Easter. We will be starting on a new curriculum called "Bible Chef". We are going to learn all about God's love and grace through food. If you want to join us to learn how this will happen, feel free to come down and join us. If I remember to take some pictures you can see the outcome and what it all means. Here's a little hint: We are making something we eat at the Tangeman's farm for the Deacon Picnic. (Don't worry we are not using a fire.) Ask the kids after April 6th what it was and why that food?



Palm Sunday 2024



Easter Egg Hunt 2024



Thank You to ALL who helped!

Lil Worship Warriors:

I was asked the other day why the name Warriors? When I was thinking of what I could do to help the kids learn about the reverence of a worship service, I thought these kids are small but mighty. They are kids and sometimes feel like they can't do anything right and are too noisy in church and I want them to know they are part of this church and if they try hard they can do lots of things that are quiet.



I thought of our soldiers and think of them as warriors who are protecting us just like Jesus does. A warrior can be a good thing and if as a child I can sit and be quiet and listen to the service I am being a worship warrior and helping in the service by not being a distraction, but a part. I am sorry if you don't like the word "warrior", but it really is to say: We may be small, but like a warrior we are mighty.

We have been meeting the 2nd – 4th Sundays and doing Object Lessons about Jesus. We learned about his cousin John, his trip to Jerusalem, his trip to the cross, the tomb and the resurrection. We will begin to learn some of Jesus' Parables.



JUMP

We continue to meet Wednesday Evenings from 7:00-8:15.

We just finished up our study on Sow, It's Lent Now!

FIRE ANTS!! Watch out they are spreading and they can be the most painful thing a person endures if you get bitten. They are spreading all over the place and you have to be careful if you walk barefoot in the grass.

My sister once told me that her kids loved to go to places where they could roll and run around in the grass, because down in Texas they can't because of fire ants. Okay, why fire ants for the Lenten study with the youth.

Well, can you guess what else spreads like fire ants? SIN!! We started all the way back to Eve who committed the first sin and then Cain who committed the second. When Cain came home after killing his brother and left his home, Eve might have said: "It is spreading." Sin like fire ants spreads quickly. God tried so many times to tell His people not to sin and nothing seemed to work and then His best plan was to send the Messiah. Jesus came along and was a great teacher of the word of God, but in the end it was His dying that forgave us those sins. Let's be happy for this and let's not spread sin and let's get rid of those pesky fire ants.



SEAK

SUMMER ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS & FAMILIES

JUNE 3 – JULY 26

No-cost family friendly activities and free lunches!

TWO GREAT LOCATIONS:

New Creation Fellowship
SE 3rd and Pine
Monday-Thursday

Immanuel Baptist Church
1515 N Anderson
Tuesday & Wednesdays

We'll begin each day at 11:30 AM with family-friendly games, and activities followed by **Free Summer Meals for any child ages 1-18.**
Lunch served 12:00-12:30 PM



CELEBRATING 40 YEARS
OF CONNECTIONS



For more info call 316-284-0000 or visit peaceconnections.org/seak
We are an equal opportunity provider.

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

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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.

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!

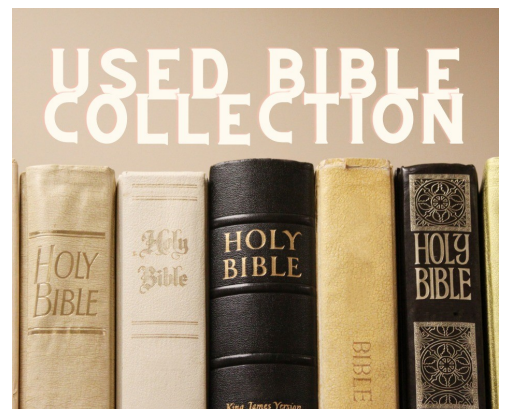
Check out their website lovepackages.org for more information!

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





You Are Invited!



New Hope Shelter, Inc.
Following Christ, Building the Community

DEDICATION & RIBBON CUTTING

Come celebrate with us in our new home that will continue to serve those in need for many years to come. After helping people for 19 years, in a few different spots, we finally have our forever home!

SUNDAY
APRIL 7 | 3:00PM

NEW HOPE SHELTER
308 S MERIDIAN | NEWTON, KS

Please park in the lots North of the property and bring lawn chairs.

Following some brief remarks, tours will be given and light refreshments will be served.

We are excited to say that we are settling in and ready to celebrate what God has done!



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.

April Birthdays and Anniversaries

April 6 – Faye Gihring

April 7 – Rojean DuBois

April 9 – Sondag McGinnis

April 18 – Mary McGehee

Colin Potluri

Sean Tomlinson

April 25 – Ethel Rickard,

Ethan Tomlinson

April 26 – John & Carol Higgs

April 28 – Dean & Rita Allmon

April 29 – Evan McGinnis



Please keep the following in prayer

Rojean DuBois

Susan Wyman & Family

Nila Chambers

Kristin Kliever

Bill Kleymann

Pam Trussell's brother & nephew
and families

Beth Darrow

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

The church office at 316-283-0504

Community PlaySchool Update:

The annual meeting of the Community Playschool Corporation will be held on **Tuesday, April 9 at 7:15** at the Bethel College Mennonite Church Fellowship Hall. Interested members of the congregations supporting Community Playschool are invited to attend. Entrance to the building will be at the south side of the church and make your way to the lower level of the church by stairs or elevator.



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, and hamburger helper.


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



Newton First Presbyterian Church

April 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
Communion Sunday Rojean's 80th Birthday Party 2:00 - 4:00 pm 	8	9	9:00 am Men's Breakfast 10:00 am Circle in FH 10:00 am Coffee/w Pastor 1:30 pm Nurture Mtg. 6:00 pm Deacons Mtg 7:00 pm FPC Bell Choir JUMP 7-8:15pm	10:00 am PWCT 7:00 pm Operations Team 11 7:00 pm Outreach Team	12 Pres. Of Southern KS Preaching Workshop 4:00 pm - 8:30 pm	13 9:00 am PW Local Spring Gathering at the Breadbasket PSK Preaching Workshop 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
FPC Bell Choir Performance		<u>Session 7:00 pm</u>	10:00 am Coffee/w Pastor 7:00 pm FPC Bell Choir Practice JUMP 7-8:15pm		26 Apple Blossom Fest. Pres. Manor 5-8 pm	27
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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28	29	30	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	9:15 am - Adult Bible Study 10:00 am - Choir Ensemble Practice 10:10 am - Coffee Fellowship 10:30 am - Worship & Livestream	YouTube "First Presbyterian Church, Newton, KS" newtonfpc@gmail.com firstpresnewton.org	