

NEWTON FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 2023

Newsletter



From Pastor Scott:

Sometimes we pray because of an emergency situation. We hear something on the news or we hear something about a family member and we start to pray immediately. We know what to pray and we pray with earnest. *“Lord, help them. Lord, heal them. Lord, protect them and comfort with Your Holy Spirit.”*

Other times when we pray, we frankly don't know what to pray. Maybe we've decided on a goal to have a daily time of prayer. I remember a number of times planning to pray for a full hour each day and then running out of things to pray for within a few minutes. So I made a list of things to pray for and carried the list with me, adding to it through the days and weeks. However the effort, my prayers still lasted around 10 minutes, because I was out of things to pray for. *How do monks and nuns pray for hours a day?*

As Christians, the desire to pray comes from within us, as the Holy Spirit prompts us to pray. But there must be more to prayer than S.O.S. type prayers. Prayers in times of emergency are important, but they're not the only way we're to pray.

At some point in our journey with Jesus we come to the place where we say, *“Lord, what should I pray?”* We've then reached a milestone in our prayer life. *It is actually very helpful to ask God what to pray. Why?*

Because maybe we don't fully understand the situation or the needs of a person. We want God to respond immediately, but we don't fully know the *what or why or how we should pray.* So ask, *“Jesus, why pray about this?”* *A conversation has just begun and it will be really fruitful.*

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We're asking how to pray, what to pray for, and I believe God will answer. And overtime, the feeling of not knowing what to pray or the feeling that "prayer doesn't work" will soon fade. Prayer definitely does work, when we know how to pray.

John says in one of his letters, **"This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us — whatever we ask — we know that we have what we asked of him"** (1 John 5:14–15).

Amazing! Just as Jesus disciples asked Him how they should pray, saying, **"Teach us how to pray."** God will show us how to pray and then we're praying effectively. And isn't that we we're wanting to do? We want to pray effectively and see God answer our prayers.

You can begin this conversation by praying for a loved one. You may be praying for them often and now you can begin with, *"Lord, what should I pray?"* Then *listen for confirmation about what you've been praying for, or listen for a new insight in how to pray.* You may be praying diligently for a loved one to get a new or better job, but when you ask God, *"How should I pray?"*, He may respond, **"Pray for their heart."** What an awesome time of prayer this will be with the new way to pray God has given you. Truly, it your prayers will become more effective when you pray according to His will by first asking, **"God, what do I pray?"**



The annual fall cookout was a huge success once again! Thank you to the Deacons for providing the delicious hot dogs, sides and s'mores, and thank you to the Tangemans for hosting at their beautiful farm! The hayrack ride was a highlight of the evening. Check out some pictures that were shared. Thank you all who came out and enjoyed the fellowship and welcoming in the cool fall temperatures.



Photos By Pastor Scott



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



PW Post by *Sandy Larson*

October was another joy at our gathering for Presbyterian Women's Circle as the attendance filled the tables once again. Oh, we love to hear the conversations linked with our Bible study lessons given.

Special note about our PW Thank Offering Sunday November 12. Our worship service speaker will be our very own Pastor Ruby Kleymann. Following the worship service that Sunday, we will sponsor a "pot luck" meal in Fellowship Hall. Please plan to attend and bring a food dish (if you're able) for the pot luck. Plan to eat with us even if you are not able to bring food as we ALWAYS have plenty of food.

Our bible study, Sacred Encounters, learning about "The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts" continues. Our 2 nd lesson was about Jesus liberating the demons from a tortured victim in Gerasa. In November, we're looking forward to Karen Wilson giving our 3 rd lesson, "A Bleeding Woman Encounters Christ" sharing the main idea of Jesus calling us out of the shadows to claim us as his own. Carolyn Adams will be our hostess for the morning.

Remember, all women of our church are Presbyterian Women and are always invited to join us for Circle each 2 nd Wednesday of the month. You are also welcome to bring guests. **We'll meet in Fellowship Hall at 10:00 AM on November 8** to have another enjoyable time together.

Embracing the We in Empowering Love

PW THANK OFFERING

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH

POTLUCK AFTER THE WORSHIP SERVICE

IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

☺ Please bring a dish to share if able.

All are welcome to come eat and fellowship!

And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. - Colossians 3:14-15

Presbyterian Women had a wonderful local fall gathering at the Breadbasket in Newton on October 14th. The next PW Circle will be November 8th in Fellowship Hall.



Kids and Youth Updates:

JUMP: We have started up with JUMP again and are exploring our feelings. We are doing different activities that help us to know it is okay to have a multitude of feelings all at one time. We are using our hand to remind us what we can do if we have “YUCKY” feelings.

Thumb: Remind myself that it is never okay to hurt others.

Pointer Finger: Take 3 deep breaths or count to 10 slowly.

Middle Finger: Use my words to say how I feel and what I wish would happen.

Ring Finger: Ask for help to solve the problem.

Pinky: Take time to calm down.

The goal of these lessons is to know this is a safe place to talk about our feelings and the group is a support system. God wants us to support each other and He knows we will have lots of emotions and He is there for us and wants us to be there for each other too.

Picture to the right is our first meeting of the 2023-2024 school year.

Kids Connection:

We will meet on November 12th after the potluck. We are going to get our parts for the Children’s Christmas program and then read through the play and then we will do a Thanksgiving Project.



Kids and Youth Updates Continued...

Sunday School: We are still learning about the animals at the zoo. Did you know that an Ostrich doesn't actually put his head in the sand? He lays his head down on the ground with his ear to the ground to listen for the footsteps of predators and he also thinks they can't see him if he has his head on the ground. God doesn't want us to hide from others. He would rather us be like the Giraffe and aim high toward God. We have the following animals for this month; Kangaroo: God wants us to honor our parents, Alligator: We need to have a tough skin like an alligator when we are teased about our faith, Tortoise: Don't give up on your God-given dreams. Persevere, and never quit, Butterfly: Just like a butterfly transforms, Jesus wants us to transform from being sinners into new creations in Christ. This will take us to the Sunday before Thanksgiving. There will be no Sunday School on the Sunday after Thanksgiving.



Lil' Worship Warriors: Our group has been small, but full of energy. We are still practicing our quiet skills so when we are in the full church service on the first Sundays of the month we know how to do quiet activities and not to be loud. This is an ongoing process, so remember we are small and sometimes need a gentle reminder. Please be patient with us. We are singing songs and playing our instruments loudly. We are hearing about facing new and sometimes scary challenges in our life from Wally and Henrietta. If we trust God and ask for help and guidance He will be there for us and it is okay to try new things. We are still doing quiet activities and then we end our time with some play time, which we love and sometimes get disappointed if we do not get to play.



Nurture: Nurture has been busy getting ready for our Advent season. We will have some new and interesting devotions for you to take to enjoy at home. We will be again doing our adoption for Poinsettias. (Be on the lookout for when you can adopt one or two.) The decorating crew

will be doing their job of getting our sanctuary ready for Christmas. Remember the first Sunday in Advent is December 3rd, so don't expect the sanctuary to be all decorated for Christmas on the Sunday after Thanksgiving!! We will be hearing some beautiful music from the Choir Ensemble and the bells this month.



Car Winterizing Event

Sunday, November 5th 1-4PM

First Presbyterian Church

We will check:

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| Antifreeze level and test | Tire Pressure |
| Wipers | Washer Fluid |
| Battery Terminals | Oil Levels |
| Lights | General Inspection |

Hosted by members of
First Presbyterian and
Church of the Brethren

We can add antifreeze and washer fluid. We may be able to make minor repairs, or list items needing further inspection or repair.



DEACONS REQUESTS

NEWTON MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry is in need of Ramen noodles, macaroni and cheese, Spaghetios, canned dinners, soups, poptarts, oatmeal, individual snack items, peanut butter, jelly, canned fruit, canned vegetables, and spaghetti noodles and sauce.

They can always use cream soups for casseroles, peanut butter and jelly. Individual snacks, bottled water and Gatorade are needed for the transients since they are at the lake for the summer.



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

Men's Breakfast

Wednesday, November 8th

9:00 a.m.

Del Puente Café
701 N Main St



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?

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

Prairie Bronze Choir will be practicing Tuesdays from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.



Please keep the following in prayer

Mary Eck

Kristin Kliwer

John McGehee

Miranda - Joe & Sharon Kennedy's daughter.

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

November

Birthdays & Anniversaries

November 4 – Keven & Debra Hiebert

November 5 – Ivan Knudsen

November 10 – Evey Gallagher

November 12 – Marsha Swander

**November 13 – Sue Ice, Jonathan McGinnis,
Jerry Krehbiel**

November 14 – Tony Martinez

**November 15 – Scott & Addie Perkins,
Beth Darrow**

November 20 – Ron Larson

November 21 – Liz Pomeroy

November 24 – Brad Cooper, Julie Griffin

November 26 – Rita Allmon

November 27 – John Higgs, Jennifer Switzer

November 28 – Becky Cooper

**November 29 – Charlotte Price, Abby Allmon,
Ruby Kleymann**

November 30 – Michael Tomlinson



New Hope Shelter, Inc.

Following Christ, Building the Community

Please mark your calendars for the next time FPC will serve a meal at New Hope Shelter.

November 1st, 2nd, and 4th

6:00 p.m.

To volunteer to help, please contact
FPC Office at 316-283-0504

FPC has a new number for

TEXTING!

The number is

316-477-2007.

This is a free phone number through Google Voice.

Please save this number in your phone and use it for any church related text communication. Thanks!

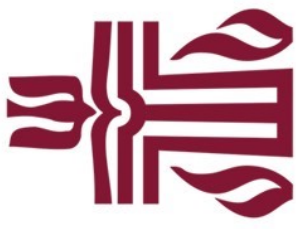
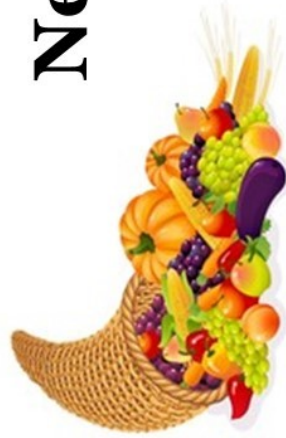
**December Newsletter
Deadline**




November 17th!



Newton First Presbyterian Church

November 2023



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 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 | | | 10:00 Coffee/w/ Pastor 6:00 Serve @ New Hope 7:00 pm FP Bell Practice JUMP 7-8:15 pm | 10:00 am PWCT 6:00pm Serve @ New Hope 7:00 pm Operations Team | 3 | 4 6:00pm Serve @ New Hope |
| New Member Class Car Winterizing 1-4 pm Communion Sunday | 6 Treble Clef Choir 4:00 - 5:00 pm Prairie Bronze 6:30 - 8:30 pm | 7 Treble Clef Choir 4:00 - 5:00 pm Prairie Bronze 6:30 - 8:30 pm | 8 9:00 am Men's Breakfast 10:00 am Circle in FH 10:00 am Coffee/w/ Pastor 7:00 pm FP Bell Choir JUMP 7-8:15pm | 9 7:00 p.m. Outreach Team | 10 | 11  Veterans DAY |
| Choir Ensemble PW Sunday Thank Offering Confirmation | 13 Treble Clef Choir 4:00 - 5:00 pm Prairie Bronze 6:30 - 8:30 pm <u>Session & Deacons Meetings 7:00 pm</u> | 14 Treble Clef Choir 4:00 - 5:00 pm Prairie Bronze 6:30 - 8:30 pm <u>Session & Deacons Meetings 7:00 pm</u> | 15 10:00 am Coffee/w Pastor 7:00 pm FP Bell Choir Practice JUMP 7-8:15 pm | 16  | 17 | 18 |
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