NEWTON FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

June 2024

From Pastor Scott: Dear friends,



By the provision of God and the gifts of eight generations before us, God has provided us a wonderful church building and grounds. Thank you to our Mow Team volunteers and all who serve and donate to maintain our church facility. You are a blessing to our church family and community. Thank you,

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PW Post by Sandy Larson

Sunday, May 12, we observed the 2024 Birthday Offering of Presbyterian Women. The Birthday Offering awarded grants to two programs this year. The Birthday Offering grant gift to Bethel Hills, Advocates for Community Choice, located in Marthasville, MO will help provide supportive housing along with social and recreational opportunities for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities to live, learn and

worship together. Also, the grant gift to Cafe Gingko, in Louisville, KY will renovate the kitchen and fellowship hall at Shawnee Presbyterian Church, in Louisville, so members can provide a nutritious Monday meal to help mothers and their children at the start of the week. The refurbished space will also serve as an outreach center to this under-resourced community. Your generous offerings totaling \$426 will be sent to Presbyterian Women of Presbyterian Church USA.

Our Coordinating Team moved to donate \$350 to the Deacons to be used for their "Summer Campership Funding". After our Circle meeting, in June, we'll be sending our "Least Coin" collection, from our Circle meetings throughout the year, to Presbyterian Women PCUSA (by way of our Presbytery).

Sue Ice will "wrap up" our current Study Book lessons by guiding us through our lesson on "People Encounter Jesus Through the Work of the Disciples". The main idea is, "The community of faith relies on the power of Jesus Christ in times of crisis." *On a special note:* our PW Coordinating Team will be our Circle hostesses and will provide a lunch immediately following our Circle meeting on June 12. This has proved to be a fun time for further conversation, after our meeting, along with some tasty food.

Time to mark your calendar for our next meeting. **PW Circle on June 12 at 10:00 AM in Fellowship Hall** Lunch provided immediately following

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.





Favorite Memories at FPC - Mary McGehee

My favorite memory: One of my most favorite church member was Ada Mae Haury. She was the first person to greet us the first time we came. She guided us to the nursery for our daughter Rachelle and then made sure we were comfortable in the sanctuary. The next week we came back and she remembered us and even all our names. She was our greeter for several months and she introduced us to lots of other members.

Ada Mae was the one who got me involved in PW Circles and then to go on the PW Coordinating Team. She was so supportive of me all the way through presidency.

I miss her sweet smile, knowledge on the Bible and her laughter.

She was the one who made First Presbyterian Church of Newton our church home for the last 30 years.

JUMP AND KIDS CONNECTION SUMMER IS HERE!!!

For the month of June I have one day picked out for us to have some fun and to stay cool.

On June 16th we will start our day by having Sunday school (ages 3yrs to 12th grade). We will learn about Father



Abraham. We will hear the story of Abraham and Isaac, sing the song with lots of actions, play a bible game and do a craft. Then we will go upstairs for our Park in the Church, have worship, eat lunch and then have some fun outside staying cool.



Pastor Scott and I are going to set up a water obstacle course. You will get wet, so bring your swimming suit, towel and sunscreen. It will be a watery good time. We will end our time with popsicles and a short devotion before you head home. So, put it on your calendars.

**Stay tune for July's fun day(s).

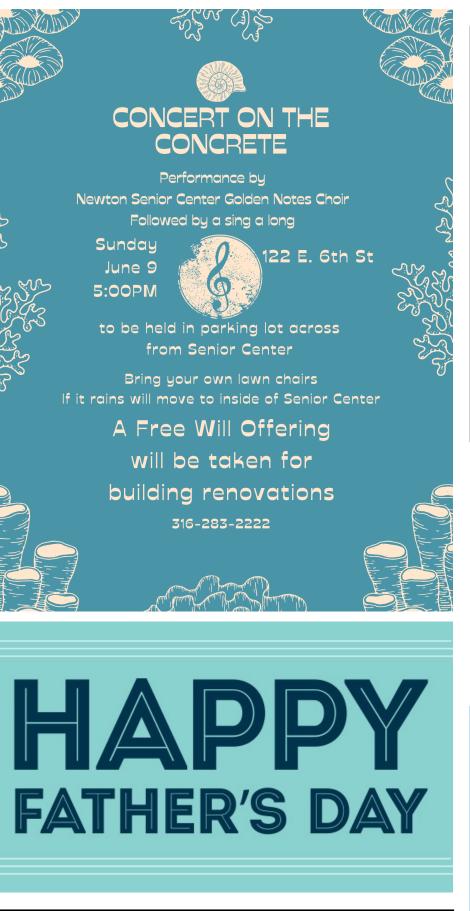
NURTURE

Father's Day is on June 16th. All the men in the church will receive a special surprise. As a Nurture team we appreciate all the men in the church. You are all so special to us.



MAN OF GOD DO NOT BE AFRAID; DO NOT BE DISCOURAGED, FOR THE LORD YOUR GOD WILL BE WITH YOU WHEREVER YOU GO. Joshua 1:9





July Newsletter Deadline is <u>June 21st!</u> The Golden Notes Choir will be performing at the Newton Senior Center **Sunday, June 9th, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.**

TO TEXT FPC: 316-477-2007.

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

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 -







Family to Family

Free Education Program in Newton for Family Members and Friends

F2F is a series of 8 weekly classes structured to help loved ones and caregivers understand and support individuals with serious mental disorders while maintaining their own well- being.

Free for family members, partners and significant others of individuals with

Major Depression and Bipolar Disorder

Schizophrenia and Schizoaffective Disorder

Borderline Personality Disorder, PTSD,

Panic Disorder and Obsessive Compulsive Disorder

Registration is required and classes fill up quickly. The class is free;

Dates:Every Monday, June 17--August 5, 2024, from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.Location:St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 2001 Windsor Dr., Newton

Contact: LaMar Bender at 620-869-1143 or email

midkansasnami@gmail.com with questions

REGISTRATION: Please use the following link or scan the QR Code at the top: <u>https://forms.gle/yPu5NnfPxaVncGAA9</u>

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



Thank You from Community Playschool

Community Playschool, Inc. has recently completed our 58th school year! Eighteen children of the Newton community participated in the program this year at a minimal cost to their families, thanks to five area sponsoring churches. We again want to thank First Presbyterian Church for being one of those supporting churches and are so grateful for your yearly pledge and the donation by the Presbyterian Women's group. We also want to acknowledge the service of Beth Darrow who is currently serving as First Presbyterian's representative to our board. Most recently, we enjoyed a fantastic end of the year luncheon in your church organized and served by Beth. She also had beautiful potted flowers for each of the teachers. Thank you, Beth, for these wonderful gestures of hospitality!

An organization such as ours relies heavily on volunteer workers to keep our costs to a minimum. As many of our volunteers have retired from our program and as we look ahead to the next school year, we know that we need more volunteer helpers to be able to provide the attentive relationships and safe environment that we have always sought to maintain for our children and families. As members of a sponsoring church, we hope that you might consider whether you could help us out and become a one or two day a week helper for the coming school year. These volunteer positions have not only helped the children we serve but have also proved to be a rewarding experience for many of our adult helpers. Please give your church representative or us a call if you would like to have more information about our program and the opportunities that we have for you!

We solicit your prayers and continued support for the future of our organization.

With gratitude,

Co- Directors, Kasey Newell (316 772-3350) and Jeanette Leary (316 217-2548)

Come help celebrate Roger's Retirement Celebration:



Roger is set to retire following 34 years of dedicated service at Textron Aviation.

- Saturday, June 15th, from 11:00 AM 2:00 PM
- 407 W 16th, Newton, KS

Open house format

Light refreshments will be available

Kindly confirm your family's attendance with Beth by the <u>7th of June.</u>

- Phone or Text Message: 3166-655-1741
- Email is good too!

June Birthdays and Anniversaries

- June 4 Lynette Schmidt
- June 6 Gary & Bev Hunter
- June 7 Kathy Randall
- June 9 Bob & Marsha Swander, Travis Gihring
- June 11 Sean & Roxy Tomlinson
- June 15 Maurice & Linda Benninga, Katie Gihring
- June 16 Sandra Larson
- June 18 Emily Regier
- June 20 Bob & Liz Pomeroy Susan Tangeman
- June 22 Evan Dinneen
- June 23 Maurice Benninga
- June 28 Carol Cheyney



Please keep the following in prayer

Lori Staeffler Darlene Walhof - Lori Staeffler's sister

Gini Coleman Johnson and

husband Deb Johnson

Connie Griswold & family

Gail Miller - (Rosalie Goff's stepdaughter)

Kristin Kliewer & family

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

Rojean DuBois at 316-772-8128.



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!

