

# Newton First Presbyterian Church

## April 2026 Newsletter

**From Pastor Scott:**

**Dear First Pres friends,**

I often recall the seasonal saying,  
“April showers brings May flowers”?



Sometimes I think of the idea of a “winter chill” in the air. These sayings are common because they match the predictable weather patterns of their season, but weather doesn’t seem as predictable as it used to be.

In a class by Professor Dwight Krehbiel through BluestemU I’ve learned that many health effects can be foreseen even before weather can be predicted.

As I think of the people of our world experiencing new weather patterns, Jesus said, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” As we see health effects from unusual weather, it’s important to consider how Jesus would advise us to care for others. Some people may not need air conditioning in summer, but with the changes to weather they need access to food. If their habitats and food sources are changing and their country has less diverse climates, then they may need help. Example: some countries in Central America are seeing less fish, due to the change of ocean temperature at the Equator.

If April has drought or showers for us, we will likely adapt, but how can we care for our neighbors also?

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# Easter Sunrise Breakfast – Sunday April 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

## Inspired by Ancient Israelite Traditions

Join us for an ancient traditional breakfast after the Sunrise service to celebrate the resurrection with fellowship and reflection.

Dried & Seasonal Fruits with  
Cheese, Olives, Bread and Yogurt



## Stroke, TIA, Traumatic Brain Injury, or Parkinson's Disease Survivors and/or Caregivers

### Our Support Group is here for you!

Our next monthly meeting will be April 09, 2026 starting at 1:00 pm at the First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall located at 900 N Columbus Ave, Newton, KS. We meet on the second Thursday of each month.

Optional chair exercises will be available at the end of the meeting led by Laura King.

You will meet other survivors, people with Parkinson's and caregivers to exchange stories of successes, frustrations, and trials in their daily journey through acceptance or recovery.

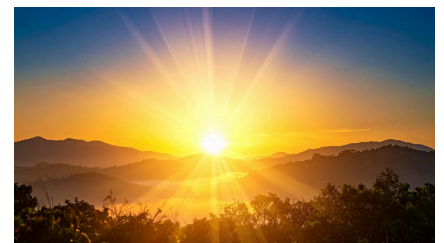
For more information, please email us at

[hvcostroke@gmail.com](mailto:hvcostroke@gmail.com) or call 316.281.4024.

If there is no answer, please leave a voicemail or text.



Please send any  
sunrise and sunset  
photos to be  
included in the  
Easter Son Rise  
Service slide show  
to the office by  
**Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
Thank you!





## PW Post by *Karen Wilson*



April comes into our lives with new growth. Beautiful flowers start peaking their heads through the ground, birds begin to sing in earnest and spring rains bring a delightfully clean aroma to the earth. Perhaps God is telling us that along with this new physical growth of plants, flowers and baby birds He wants us to keep in mind His working beneath the surface in our lives to bring forth spiritual growth even when we don't realize He is doing it. Often we miss what God is doing because we fail to look for it.

Isaiah 43:19 says "See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up, do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland."

I would encourage you to let springtime be a reminder of what God does for us. Winter often brings the experience of discomfort and unproductiveness, but we need to remember that the seeds that are sown in tough times are not wasted. Those seeds are just waiting for the right season to bloom. God often works behind the scenes of our life and uses those "wintery" times to bring about great things for Him.

We had a very meaningful time last month at Circle talking about rejoicing in Christ. This month's Lesson Seven - starts the section Finding Our Identity in Christ and is entitled The Woman Who Was Bent Over. The main idea is that as followers of Christ, we are to serve with a compassionate and healing spirit and be part of setting people free.

All women in the church are welcome to come. It is a really special group of women with such great fellowship around the Word of God and of course always a delicious treat. **Please join us on April 8 at 10 A.M. in Fellowship Hall.**

## Maundy Thursday

Please join us on April 2<sup>nd</sup> for a Maundy Thursday service. It will be a service which was written by our beloved Pat Randall and Kathy Randall is sharing it with us. You will find 5 people who are standing on the other side of the wall of where Jesus is. They all are wondering what is going on. What are they doing with Jesus? It takes on the perspective of the crowd on what they think is going on with Jesus. Come join us at 6:30 pm in the sanctuary and see several of our members tell us about that long night.

## Easter Sunday

On Sunday April 5<sup>th</sup> it will be Easter. A time for celebration of Jesus rising from the dead to save us all. This year at 9:00 a.m. (no Sunday school) there will be a SonRise service and breakfast in the Fellowship Hall. Kathy Randall will lead us in service and then Roger Darrow will make us all breakfast. It will be a breakfast like you would have gotten back when Jesus was here walking the earth. After the SonRise service and breakfast it will be time to go worship together.



## Lily Adoptions

Thank you for the donations to adopt a Lily in memory or in honor of a loved one. The money will be used for kids in our community. You will see the lilies on the big cross which has been in the sanctuary since Ash Wednesday on Easter Sunday morning. It is a beautiful sight to see.

The bare cross transformed with the beautiful lilies. You can find a list of all the adoptions on the following page.



**Ladies, Easter is almost here, and we want to invite you to wear your Easter Hats on Easter morning Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup> to church.**





# *Easter Lily Adoptions*



**In memory of Family Members ~ Carolyn Adams**

**In memory of Elmer & Lois Richards, Albert & Clara Ortman, Alice  
Ortman-Schmidt, Parents of ~ Dean & Rita Allmon**

**In memory of Jan & Clay Anderson ~ Phil Anderson**

**In memory of Kathleen & Arnold Nye ~ David & Pam Behymer**

**In honor of Family ~ Carol Cheyney**

**In memory of Family & Friends ~ Brad & Becky Cooper**

**In memory of Our Parents & In honor of Our Children & Grandchildren  
~Mike & Kay Enz**

**In memory of Bob Heinel ~ Carol L. Heinel**

**In memory of Family & Friends ~ John & Carol Higgs**

**In memory of Ted Ice & Evan Ice ~ Sue Ice**

**In memory of Our Family and Friends of our Cloud of Witnesses  
~ Ron & Sandra Larson**

**In memory of Donna McAnulty ~ Mel McAnulty**

**In memory of Robert & Sue Whitford, & Wanda McGehee;**

**In honor of John McGehee ~ Greg & Mary McGehee**

**In memory of Patricia Randall & Paul Randall ~ Kathy Randall**

**In memory of Bob Sjogren, Paul Kemme, Duane Anne Plummer  
~ Marilyn Sjogren**

**In memory of Family ~ Jeri Smith**

**In memory of Our Parents & in honor of Libby, Our Children &  
their Families ~ Pam & Larry Trussell**

**In memory of Byron & Geneva Manning ~ Bill & Karen Wilson**

**In memory of Bob Wyman, Steve Brawner, Marcia, & Evans Brawner  
~ Susan Wyman**





# Ping Pong @ FPC

Mondays from 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Come check out FPC's Ping Pong club on Monday mornings in the Youth Room downstairs



## Men's Breakfast

April 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

Del Puente - 701 N. Main St. Newton, KS

Prayer

Faith

Fellowship

# Coffee with the Pastor

Wednesdays in April  
(except the 8<sup>th</sup>)

@ 10:00 a.m. - Norm's in Newton  
613 N. Main St. Newton, KS

\*Men join us @ Del Puente for Men's Breakfast  
@ 9:00 a.m. on April 8<sup>th</sup>

Looking forward to a time of  
Friends, Fellowship, and Coffee!



## Community Playschool, Inc

is happy to announce a celebration for it's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary! EVERYONE, including members of sponsoring churches, former teachers, volunteers, families, students and anyone else, is invited and welcome to join us on Thursday, April 16 from 5:30-7:00 p.m. for a look back at the history of the preschool. We will have slides and photos, a timeline of the major events and changes, a place for memories and stories and, of course, cake! The classrooms will be open for tours while the main activities will take place in the fellowship hall (lower level) of Bethel College Mennonite Church, 2600 College Ave, North Newton. Please plan to come and help us celebrate this monumental occasion!



### 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!**

# Lemons LUCK & LAUGHTER

A FUNDRAISER TO SUPPORT NEWTON  
& NORTH NEWTON COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS

- ENJOY BEER, WINE & SNACKS
- WEAR YOUR BEST 'LEMON' OUTFIT
- HUNT FOR LEMONS IN THE STORES
- WIN FUN PRIZES
- STAY TUNED FOR SECRET SURPRISES!

**7-9 PM APRIL 18, 2026**  
**PRAIRY STORES, 601 N. MAIN**

TICKETS \$50

SCAN CODE OR VISIT  
[bit.ly/NCFLemons2026](https://bit.ly/NCFLemons2026)

NCF & NNCF, AFFILIATES OF CENTRAL KANSAS COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

# SEAK

SUMMER ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS & FAMILIES  
**JUNE 2 – JULY 31**

*No-cost family friendly activities and free lunches!*

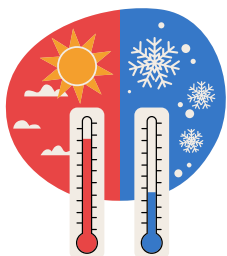
**TWO GREAT LOCATIONS:**

<b>New Creation Fellowship</b> SE 3rd and Pine Monday-Thursday	<b>Immanuel Baptist Church</b> 1515 N Anderson Tuesday & Wednesdays
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**Free Summer Meals for any child ages 1-18.**  
Activity from 11:30-12:00 PM  
Lunch served 12:00-12:30 PM

For more info call 316-284-0000 or  
[peaceconnections.org/seak](https://peaceconnections.org/seak)  
We are an equal opportunity provider.

**FPC hosted a  
pastors' luncheon  
for the Presbytery  
of Southern Kansas  
on March 10<sup>th</sup>**



Please dress accordingly for weather this spring. We will be transitioning to cooler air conditioning when summer temps begin to rise. Thank you.

# April Birthdays & Anniversaries

April 2 – Mary Eck

April 4 – John Stretcher

April 6 – Faye Gihring

April 7 – Rojean DuBois

April 9 – Sondag McGinnis

April 17 – Doug Lloyd

April 18 – Mary McGehee, Colin Potluri, Sean Tomlinson

April 23 – Tammy Geiger-Stephenson

April 25 – Ethan Tomlinson

April 26 – John & Carol Higgs

April 28 – Dean & Rita Allmon, Bill & Karen Wilson

April 29 – Evan McGinnis



Jeri Smith

The Family of Judy Calbert

The Family of Ron Cheyney

The Family of Helen Eberle

Stroke, TBI, & Parkinson's

Survivors & Caregivers

Tammy Geiger-Stephenson

Arlen Anderson

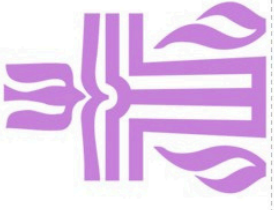
Nancy Ice Schulp

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 or  
[newtonfpc@gmail.com](mailto:newtonfpc@gmail.com)





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# April 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Sunday Schedule @ FPC</b> 9:15 am -Adult Bible Study 10:10 am - Coffee Fellowship 10:30 am -Worship & Livestream			<b>1</b> 10:00 am Coffee/w Pastor 7:30pm FPC Bell Practice	<b>2</b> 10:00 am PWCT 11:00 am Operations 6:30 pm Maundy Thursday Service	<b>3</b> 	<b>4</b>
9:00 am SonRise Service & Breakfast Communion Sunday 	<b>6</b> 8:30 - 10:00 am Ping Pong	<b>7</b> 6:00 pm Deacon's MTG 6:30 - 8:30 pm Prairie Bronze	<b>8</b> 9:00 am Men's Breakfast 10:00 am Circle in FH 11:30 am Nurture Team 7:30pm FPC Bell Practice	<b>9</b> 1:00 -4:00 pm Stroke Survivor Group 7:00 pm Outreach Team	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 8:30 - 10:00 am Ping Pong	<b>14</b> 3:30 pm Revitalization 6:30 - 8:30 pm Prairie Bronze	<b>15</b> 10:00 am Coffee/w Pastor 7:30pm FPC Bell Practice	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> 11:30 am - 12:30 pm Bible Study on Prayer Chapter 3	<b>20</b> 8:30 - 10:00 am Ping Pong	<b>21</b> <u>10:30 am Session</u> 6:30 - 8:30 pm Prairie Bronze	<b>22</b> 10:00 am Coffee/w Pastor 6:00 pm Serve @ New Hope Shelter 7:30pm FPC Bell Practice	<b>23</b> 6:00 pm Serve @ New Hope Shelter	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 6:00 pm Serve @ New Hope Shelter
<b>26</b> FPC Bell Choir	<b>27</b> 8:30 - 10:00 am Ping Pong	<b>28</b> 6:30 - 8:30 pm Prairie Bronze	<b>29</b> 10:00 am Coffee/w Pastor 7:30pm FPC Bell Practice	<b>30</b>		YouTube "First Presbyterian Church, Newton, KS" newtonfpc@gmail.com firstpresnewton.org 316-283-0504 (office)