

NEWTON FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Tie THAT BINDS



*Honor her
for all her hands
have done...
Proverbs 31:31*

May 2023

Pastor Scott's Reflection



Every day on the Evening News we see stories that show us the world is not the way it used to be. Be it 20 or 50 years ago, there is a whole lot different about society and our world today than back then. Yet we also know that human nature without Jesus is not any different than it was 20 or 50 (or 2000) years ago. I read a description of our world that I hadn't heard before. I'd like to share it with you below. I hope it is useful and helpful for understanding a bit more of what is going on in our day and time.

From *Resilient* by John Eldredge.

Years in the Comfort Culture made us emotionally soft.
If we don't feel like doing something, we don't do it.
If we don't feel like believing something, we don't believe it.

Folks like to call this authenticity, but it's really just adolescence. Like a fourteen-year-old, we treat our emotions as some sort of right, the truest part of our existence. If we don't feel love, we think we are no longer in love; if we don't feel God, we think maybe he's not around anymore. We coddle our feelings when what we need to do is bring them under the rule of Christ, just like our thought life. We build emotional resilience by not letting them control our perspective or our reaction to things. Simply because fear sweeps over you in the night doesn't mean you have to give way to it.



Photo by John Higgs

We honor our emotions by acknowledging them.
We *bridle* our emotions by keeping them subject to truth.

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Let me remind you here of the importance of our attachment to God. Emotional fortitude is not based in severity but in security. As Mark Matousek wrote in an article for *Psychology Today*, "Having found a secure base in the world, according to psychologist John Bowlby, the founder of attachment theory, the child learns emotional resilience." (*Meeting Eyes of Love. How Empathy is Born in Us*) We operate from a base of love and acceptance, blessing and assurance. Remember—when Jesus tells us "don't be alarmed," "don't let your heart be troubled," "be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down," (Mark 16:6; John 14:1; Luke 21:34) he's loving us and treating us like grown-ups, assuming that we can control our emotions.

You say something you regret. You drop the ball on a project. You feel terrible. But you say to yourself, *Just because I made a mistake doesn't mean I'm a failure. I am deeply loved. I am accepted in Christ.* I'm telling you—this sort of emotional resilience changes your life.

As the world turns further and further from God, you will be sorely tempted to surrender some of your core convictions, if not all of them. The temptation will come over your emotions, your feelings—it doesn't feel like God is listening; it doesn't feel like he's coming through. You must not let those emotions undermine your faith.

Birthday & Anniversaries
of Church Family & Friends!



May 1st - Linda Benninga
May 2nd - Lori Knepper
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

*God's Blessings for
Joyous Celebrations!*

Class of 
2023



Isabella Madrigal is graduating from Newton High School. After graduation she plans to attend Hutchinson Community College to get her generals and then move on to a four-year College / University such as K-State. Isabella plans to major in elementary education more specifically art education.

Isabella, Well Done!

*The Lord will guide you
always ~ Isaiah 58:11*

Congratulations!



*85th
Birthday Party*

Please join us as we celebrate
the 85th birthday of
Carol Heinel

Saturday, May 13, 1 pm
Newton First Presbyterian Church
900 Columbus Ave
Newton, KS 67114

Please send any pictures you have of Carol
We look forward to seeing you
Contact Sherry at 970-318-1886
saheinel@gmail.com

Is it Sweater Weather? Due to the fluctuating temperatures outside these days, it is difficult for Mr. Mike to keep our sanctuary at an even temperature. Therefore please be aware of the outside temperatures and dress accordingly. Thank you!



MAY DEACONS REQUESTS FOR THE SALVATION ARMY FOOD PANTRY



- ~ Cold cereal ~
- ~ Spaghetti Noodles ~ Spaghetti Sauce ~
- ~ Hamburger Helper ~ Tuna Helper ~ Jelly ~

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

**COFFEE
WITH
PASTOR
SCOTT**



Please join
Pastor Scott
at 10 am
in Common
Ground on

May 3, 17, 24, and 31

Join us for some coffee & stay for fellowship!

**MEN'S
BREAKFAST**



May 10th

9:00AM

ALL MEN WELCOME!

Del Puento Café
701 N Main St, Newton

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



PW Post by *Sandy Larson*

April showers (We finally were blessed with some, hallelujah!) will surely bring May flowers and that will brighten everything up. Easter always makes the coming of Spring special and gives us the faith and hope we all need for what life happenings are ahead.

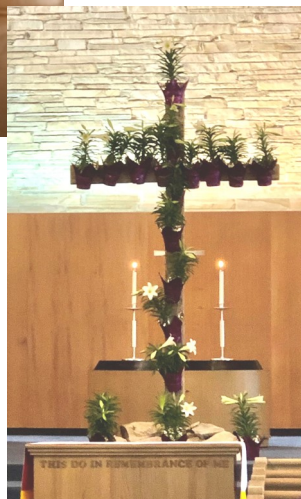
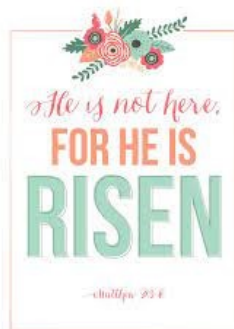
On April 15, several Presbyterian Women met at The Breadbasket for breakfast. The conversations were lively and we all had stories to tell and laughter to share. What fun!

In the month of May we turn over our total “Least Coin” donations that we collect each month throughout the year. The Fellowship of the Least Coin is a dynamic worldwide fellowship in over 80 countries. Since 1956, Christian women on all continents have responded to the call by the Founder of the Fellowship of the Least Coin, Shanti Solomon of India, to pray for reconciliation in our homes, our communities, our nation and world as we work for peace with justice. At each of our Circle bible study meetings, we set aside our least coin (a penny in US Currency) as a token of action to support works for peace with justice.



On Sunday, May 14, we will observe the 2023 Birthday Offering of Presbyterian Women. This offering celebrates our history of generous giving. Over the last century, the grants offered from donations have funded over 200 major mission projects that continue to impact people in the United States and around the world.

PW Circle will meet on May 10, at 10:00 AM, in Fellowship Hall. Our Bible study leader in May, Karen Wilson, will guide us through Lesson #8 on “Sabbath and Justice”. The key idea for this lesson is, “Sabbath and justice go hand in hand. Celebrating the Sabbath means living lives of justice all week long.” Our hostess for Circle is Rita Allmon. Please put PW Circle on your May calendar. Finally, **HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY to all!**



Please keep the following in prayer-

Kay Perkins

The family of Lyle Brothers
(Tricia Brothers’ father)

The family of Mary Michalski
(Sunday McGinnis’ Great Aunt)

Those suffering from illness or loved ones suffering from illness

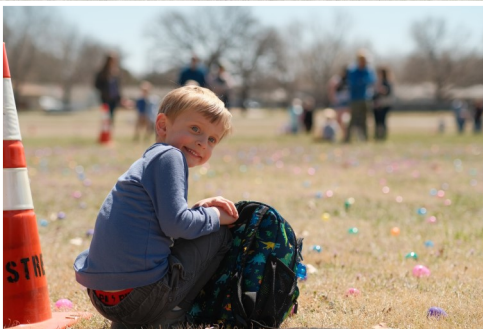
If you have a prayer request or want to become a member of the prayer chain, please contact Rojean DuBois at 316-772-8128.



The Newton Community
First Presbyterian Church, Newton
& Hillcrest Community Church's

4th annual
EASTER EGG Hunt
Saturday, April 1st

Pictures of the Fun!



Worship Teams
March 2023 — August 2023
By Week & By Area

<u>1st Sunday</u>	
Organist	Helen Wild
Greeter	Rojean DuBois
Ushers	Marilyn Sjogren, 3/5 Tricia Brothers Lenny Wild (April & May), Alisa Dinneen (June to Aug)
Lay Reader	Rojean DuBois
Livestream	Larry Trussell or Steve Tangeman
Audio	Steve Tangeman
<u>2nd Sunday</u>	
Organist	Kelli Glann
Greeter	Libby Trussell
Ushers	Ron & Carol Cheyney, Phil Anderson
Lay Reader	Bill Wilson
Livestream	Larry Trussell or Steve Tangeman
Audio	Greg McGehee
<u>3rd Sunday</u>	
Organist	Kelli Glann
Greeter	Kay Enz
Ushers	Allmon Family, Becky Cooper
Lay Reader	Sandy Larson
Livestream	Larry Trussell or Steve Tangeman
Audio	Steve Tangeman
<u>4th Sunday</u>	
Organist	Helen Wild
Greeter	Pam Trussell
Ushers	Susie Tangeman, Bill & Ruby Kleymann
Lay Reader	John Higgs
Livestream	Larry Trussell or Steve Tangeman
Audio	Mike Enz
<u>5th Sunday (Apr 30 & July 30)</u>	
Organist	Helen Wild
Greeter	Jeraldine Smith
Ushers	Alisa Dinneen, Perkins Family
Lay Reader	Greg McGehee
Livestream	Larry Trussell or Steve Tangeman

<u>Greeter</u>	
1st Sunday	Rojean Dubois
2nd Sunday	Libby Trussell
3rd Sunday	Kay Enz
4th Sunday	Pam Trussell
5th Sunday	<u>Apr 30 & July 30</u> - Jeraldine Smith
Substitutes	Rojean DuBois, Marilyn Sjogren
<u>Ushers</u>	
1st Sunday	Marilyn Sjogren, Lenny Wild (April/ May), Alisa Dinneen (June-Aug)
2nd Sunday	Ron & Carol Cheyney, Phil Anderson
3rd Sunday	Allmon Family, Becky Cooper
4th Sunday	Susie Tangeman, Bill & Ruby Kleymann
5th Sunday	<u>Apr 30 & July 30</u> - Alisa Dinneen and Perkins Family
Substitutes	Nate Regier, Alisa Dinneen, Susie Tangeman
<u>Lay Reader</u>	
1st Sunday	Rojean DuBois
2nd Sunday	Bill Wilson
3rd Sunday	Sandy Larson
4th Sunday	John Higgs
5th Sunday	<u>Apr 30 & July 30</u> - Greg McGehee
Substitutes	Nate Regier, Greg McGehee, Rojean DuBois
<u>Video / Livestream</u>	
	Larry Trussell or Steve Tangeman
Substitutes	Mike Enz
<u>Audio / Sound Tech</u>	
1st Sunday	
2nd Sunday	Greg McGehee
3rd Sunday	
4th Sunday	Mike Enz
5th Sunday	<u>Apr 30 & July 30</u> - ??