

The Tie That Binds

November 2022



First Presbyterian Church

Celebrating 150 Years in 2022



Happy Thanksgiving!

I hope you will observe a thankful time this holiday season beginning with the focus on the central hope of our lives: the someday return of Jesus to usher in His fully established, though not yet fully seen, Kingdom.

Wow! What a way to start off a Thanksgiving article?

Through the practice of giving thanks to God, I believe we can orient our lives and our focus on the hope we have in Jesus: *the sure hope we have in Jesus! The eternal hope we have in Jesus!*

As we enter the media's version of the holiday season, we will largely see a focus on what the world wants us to desire. We might see commercials designed to get us to want things we'd have never known about. We will probably receive many more mail-order catalogs during this season, all competing for our attention to show us things we're supposed to desire.

To these I say: we need to keep our eyes on Jesus.

We cannot flourish if we're focused on many, many things. We were made in such a way that we only operate well if Jesus is front and center. No other center than Jesus is big enough or strong enough - then other good things find their proper place. Without Jesus at the center, something else will be and that's not the way we were made to live.

Without Jesus at the center of our lives, something else will become a poor substitute. It may be a desire, like money or fame. It may be fear of a threat to our well-being. It may even be a commonly held humanitarian goal, but without Jesus at the center, these good, bad, or harmless things, will not suffice. We were made to keep our eyes and hearts on Jesus.

We simply cannot live independent from Him. You will likely see a lot of stories of hope and joy this holiday season, but I don't expect they'll be complete and lasting hope, if Jesus is not the center of the story. Let's choose to keep Jesus front and center during these Holy-Days and into the New Year.

To God be the Glory,
Pastor Scott

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Vallerie Gleason, President & CEO of NMC Health, will be our guest speaker during the Thank Offering Worship Service on November 13th. Please plan to join us!

Car Winterizing Clinic
Sponsored by the Outreach Team
November 13,
1:30-4:30 PM



North Church Parking Lot

The Outreach Team is hosting a Car Winterizing Clinic after the Thank Offering Potluck on November 13th. Clinic helpers will check air pressure in tires for cooler temperatures, check anti-freeze temperature protection level, top off windshield fluid and perform a general fluid check. No repairs or fluid changes will be done, but if issues are found, we will make a note of what is needed and suggest seeing a parts store or mechanic as needed.

The Session of the First Presbyterian Church Newton calls for a **Congregational Meeting on November 20, 2022** following the worship service for the purpose of electing new Elders, Deacons, PEF Trustees, and voting on Nominating Committee members.

Note the Date!

DECEMBER
Newsletter Deadline November 10th!

Christmas JOY

Treble Clef Christmas Vespers
Sunday, Dec. 4
3 p.m.
First Presbyterian Church
900 Columbus, Newton
Preswill offering for the Treble Clef Scholarship Fund

Children's Christmas Program
December 18th
During Worship

Please join us!
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Sunday Worship 10:30 am
Dec. 18th - Children's Christmas Program
Dec 24 - Christmas Eve Service
5:15 pm - Prelude Music
5:30 pm - Candlelight Service
Dec 25 - Christmas Day Worship
Merry Christmas!



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

PW Upcoming Events *by Sandy Larson*

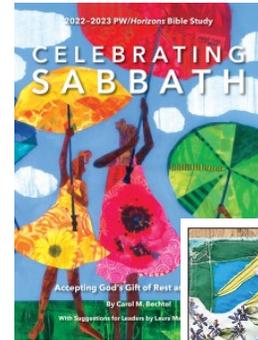
A nice group of ladies enjoyed meeting in October for the Circle bible study. We're looking forward to Karen Wilson giving Lesson #3 at our Circle meeting on Wednesday morning November 9, at 10:00 AM. If you enjoy a good mystery, then this is the lesson for you. We know that both Jesus and the early Jewish Christians observed the Sabbath on the seventh day of the week (Saturday) as part of their weekly rhythms of work and worship. But how did the day called "Sabbath Day" get moved to Sunday? Join us at Circle to find an answer.

Saturday, *October 15*, ladies met at *The Breadbasket* restaurant for breakfast and conversation. Our PW purchased a new microwave oven for the kitchen and also moved to purchase four new (and much needed) faucets for the kitchen sinks.

Our annual "Thank Offering" will be during Worship Service on November 13. Watch for further information about this service.

Again, a reminder, our new PW Information booklet/directory is printed and available for picking up on the table in the Narthex.

PW Coord Team
November 3rd, 10:00 am
PW Circle
All women are
invited to attend
November 9th, 10:00 am



LESSON THREE
Sabbath and Sunday

WE ARE ONE fellowship

This month
We Are One
will enjoy the
**Thank Offering
Potluck**

set up by FPC's
Presbyterian
Women

Date:

November 13th

Time:

Right after Worship

**Please bring a dish
to share!**

MEN'S BREAKFAST



Nov 9th

9:00 AM



701 N Main St, Newton

ALL MEN WELCOME!

NOVEMBER DEACONS REQUESTS

FOR THE SALVATION ARMY FOOD PANTRY



Green Beans

Spaghetti Sauce



Pop Tarts · Cereal

Mashed Potatoes · Canned Chicken

Canned Beans · Pasta · Tuna

Peanut Butter · Jelly



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

Deacon's Autumn Cookout
 October 16th
 at the
 Tangeman Farm



Time
 Capsule
 Dedication Service
 October 23, 2022
 Celebrating 150 years
 1872-2022





Sunday School:

The kids finished What's in Your Backpack and Some Assembly Required Curriculums. They learned about walking with God, being a good listener to all, taking notes and praying for those people who are in need, and following God down a straight path.

They also learned about following directions, connecting the pieces, finishing the project and making something new. What would have happened if Noah had not followed God's directions and not finished the Ark or if Gideon had not listened to God when God had him fight the hordes of people who had come to attack the Israelites? As we approach the Christmas Season we will start on the curriculum called Christmas Cookies: Ingredients of a Sweet Christmas. We will learn Christmas is about how God sent our Savior, Jesus; Jesus is King of Kings; Nothing can stop God's plans and Jesus is God's plans to save us. We will meet an interesting character from A Christmas Carol and probably eat some cookies. Our Christmas program will be based on this same concept. God gave us the sweetest gift at Christmas, a baby boy named Jesus.

Kids Connection



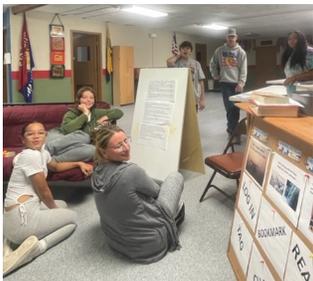
There were 4 boys plus Pastor Scott and myself at Kids Connection on October 16th. We ate some lunch, played air hockey and deciphered a code. The kids had to figure out the clues from the Code Master. They figured out 4 clues and found out the final answer was: "I Am Loved."



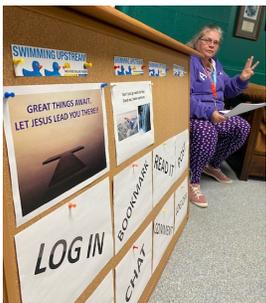
JUMP!:

The JUMP! group met 4 times in October on Wednesday evenings. It has been a fun time of learning how to swim upstream.

SWIMMING UPSTREAM



It is hard to go against what everyone else is doing and you do something else. We have learned about talking gently to others even when they are yelling at us. Our lessons use computer actions - for example, we Log On (topic), Bookmark (Placing a sticky note in our bibles on certain passages), Read (reading the passage from the bible that is our story), Post (telling others what we have learned), Tag (#thisisJUMP), Pop Quiz (did they learn anything), Chat, Comment, Share (Questions to expand on what we read and talked about) and finally Log Off (Prayer).

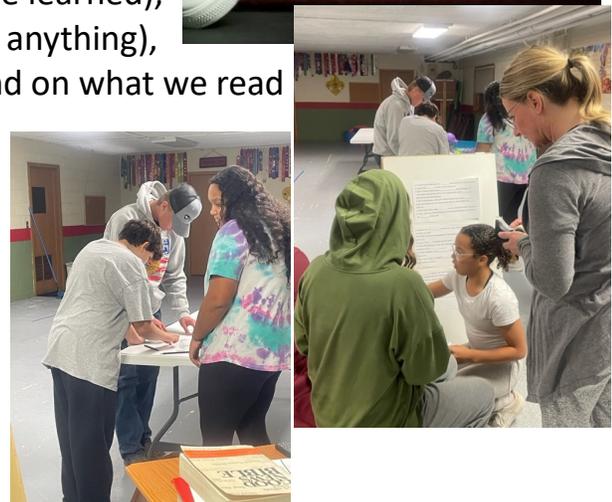


It has been fun and the kid's smiles and laughter say it all.



JUMP! Leaders are Mary, Addie and Tricia

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November

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY & FRIENDS!

4 – Keven & Debra Hiebert

5 – Ivan Knudsen

8 – Alexis Anderson

10 – Evey Gallagher

12 – Marsha Swander

13 – Brooklyn Anderson, Sue Ice,

Jonathan McGinnis, Jerry Krehbiel

14 – Tony Martinez

15 – Scott & Addie Perkins, Beth Darrow

20 – Ron Larson

21 – Liz Pomeroy

24 – Brad Cooper, Julie Griffin

26 – Rita Allmon

27 – John Higgs, Jennifer Switzer

28 – Becky Cooper

29 – Charlotte Price, Abby Allmon,

Ruby Kleymann

30 – Michael Tomlinson

Blessings
COUNT THEM ONE BY ONE



FPC is scheduled to service meals to the Homeless Shelter on November 9th, 10th and the 12th.,

Please contact Rita Allmon (316) 288-3028 if you would like to help be part of this community service outreach. Thank you!

Some Pumpkin fun with JUMP!



Please pray for relief from trials along with prayers of thanksgiving for blessings.



Safety for family and others who are in the path of dangerous storms

Those who are being treated for cancer

Those struggling with the loss of children

Those dealing with loss from storms

Victims of violence all around the world.

Thanks to the Living God for our many blessings

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