

NEWTON FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Tie THAT BINDS

March 2023

Pastor Scott's Reflection



Who Are We, Really? - Beloved

Ever look for a distraction and turn on the television hoping something will be good enough to entertain or brighten your day? How often does that work? Probably, not as often as you or I wish.

I used to watch the Weather Channel before they invented reality type shows like *Storm Stories*. In the early days of the Weather Channel, they often played weather maps, a 7-day forecast, and with them a smooth jazz soundtrack on endless loop. To me that was the perfect distraction to entertain or cause me to fall asleep. "I wonder what the weather in Boston is like"... snore.

Well gone are the days of boring tv meant to distract. So much tv today seems bent on shocking or enraging the audience. (Remember how simple Gilligan's Island was? I miss that.) So if you're looking for something to think about other than what is on tv, I have a book to recommend. It's *The Sacred Romance: Drawing Closer to the Heart of God* by Brent Curtis and John Eldredge.

As Christians belonging to Jesus, the grand scope of our story is written by our Creator and it is anything but boring. It has a really great ending. The Creator of the heavens and the earth is now in the process of restoring us to Him. How often do we get a glimpse of God's goodness and mercy, a moment of God's majesty and glory, a time of peace that passes understanding and then we get distracted, intentionally or unintentionally, and thus forget our first Love.

I can say here, the Bible tells us we have an enemy; an enemy who is also the enemy of God. Satan actually hopes to distract us from our hearts, even cripple our hearts, in an attempt to prevent our salvation. If you don't know your heart is the most important thing about you, you won't know why Jesus came to save you.

So I have a book for you. If you're looking for something other than what you've finding on tv, I think you'll enjoy *The Sacred Romance: Drawing Closer to the Heart of God* by Brent Curtis and John Eldredge. I think you're going to love this book. Ask me and I can loan you a copy.



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Presbyterian Women Circle meets March 8th, 10am

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Worship Teams for the next quarter
March Birthdays and Anniversaries

The Session of the First Presbyterian Church has rescheduled the Congregational Meeting for March 5, 2023 following worship service; for the purpose of receiving annual reports from teams and committees and reviewing and approving FPC's 2023 budget and Terms of Call.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

PW Post by *Sandy Larson*



As we welcome Spring on March 20 and move forward in our Lenten time of renewal in faith and in nature, I like to reread my mother-in-law's poem.

Look at the break of dawn as the beginning of a "new day". Take this day and use it "well". For it will soon go away and if you waste "this day" you can never get it back. So live life to the fullest in any way you can. Make it a meaningful and joyful day from dawn until dusk. For every day is special to all of us. *(by Judy Larson)*

On March 8 we will meet at 10:00 AM in Fellowship Hall for our Circle gathering.

All women are invited to attend along with friends. Our Bible study leader will be Mary McGehee relating Lesson #6 from our Horizon's Bible Study "Celebrating Sabbath". In this lesson "Sabbath and Hospitality", we find there is something in the very nature of Sabbath that demands that it be shared. Accepting the gift of the Sabbath also involves a commitment to hospitality. We thank Peg Tangeman for being our hostess that day.

Our PW voted to give \$1,000.00 to New Hope Shelter to be placed in their "new building fund". We look forward to their move into a new and much larger building to care for and work with the homeless in our community.

I look forward to seeing each of you soon during March.



Girl Scout
Cookies
available
before & after
worship on March 12th!

it's
cookie
time!




Sunday, March 12th

**PRAIRIE
BRONZE**
HANDBELL ENSEMBLE

Sunday, March 5, at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 12, at 3 p.m.
Trinity Lutheran Church First Presbyterian Church
119 N. Elm, McPherson 900 Columbus, Newton

The Deacons say THANK YOU!!

We had a wonderful day of food and fellowship on February 12th at the annual Valentines Dinner! 



Thank you to everyone who participated. We raised \$963.28 for summer youth camperships!



Your support means a fun week at camp for kids who otherwise not get to go. Thank you!!



Please keep the following in your prayers-

The family of Steve Brawner
(Susan Wyman's brother)

A congregants' granddaughter & family
Karoline Baker
(Connie Griswold's great-granddaughter)

The family of Alene Anderson
(Jim Anderson's mother)


Easton
(Pam Trussell's nephew)

Brent Glann

Lil' Worship Warriors

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



 Good morning First Presbyterian Church families!

I wanted to send my biggest heart-felt appreciation to you all for helping gather winter clothing items for the community. We had thousands of items donated and were able to distribute them all over- 9 different sites here in town to be exact! You ALL helped fulfill this community centered mission to help out our neighbors and brought so much joy to people! HMC looks forward to future partnerships with the church, and we are so incredibly fortunate to have such caring community members to help out. Thank you again, times a million!!

With much love-

Sara Kelly and The Outreach Team at HMC

It's time to get Hoppin'!

The Newton Community is invited to
First Presbyterian Church, Newton
& Hillcrest Community Church's

4th annual EASTER EGG Hunt

Saturday, April 1st

Pictures with the Easter Bunny start at 1:00 pm
Egg Hunt Starts at 1:30 pm

Please bring
your camera
and a basket to
collect eggs!

Location:
First Presbyterian
Church East Lawn
900 Columbus Ave

Age Groups:
1-4 year olds
5-8 year olds
9-12 year olds

**The 4th
annual FPCN
Egg Hunt is
April 1st!!!**

The Outreach Team will be asking for volunteers to stuff eggs starting the first part of March.

There will also be many ways to help the day of the egg hunt.

Use those rabbit ears & stay tuned for more info!



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES OF CHURCH FAMILY & FRIENDS!

Gods Blessings
to All!

6th – Ron Cheyney

10th – Kayden Watson,
Ken & Lori Knepper

14th – Nila Chambers

15th – Ron & Carol Cheyney

18th – Larry & Pam Trussell

23th – Tom Altum,
Brent Glann

26th – Nate Regier

28th – Bob Swander

29th – Asha Regier

31st – Susan Wyman

April
Newsletter
Deadline
March 21st



MARCH DEACONS REQUESTS FOR THE SALVATION ARMY FOOD PANTRY



Canned Beans (pinto, black, refried) ~ Hamburger Helper
SpaghettiOs ~ Mashed Potatoes ~ Pancake Mix ~ Syrup
Canned Fruit ~ Peanut Butter ~ Canned chicken ~ Canned tuna
~ Soup (all kinds) ~ Individually wrapped items (crackers,
granola bars) anything with a open tab lid)

When you're out shopping, please pick up these items for our neighbors in
need. Also, please remember them in prayer.
Thank You for being a good neighbor!

COFFEE
WITH
PASTOR
SCOTT



Please join
Pastor Scott
at 10 am
in Common
Ground on

March 1st, 22nd & 29th

Join us for some coffee & stay for fellowship!

MEN'S
BREAKFAST



March 8th

9:00AM

ALL MEN WELCOME!

Del Puento Café
701 N Main St, Newton

From the Nurture Team *by Mary McGehee*

Sunday School: It was nice to get back into Sunday school again. We learned how we are all beautiful, small but mighty, unique and alike just like Snowflakes. God is so wonderful and He made us wonderful too. We learned the bible stories of the Creation, The anointing of David as the next King, The calling of Jeremiah and Jesus sending out His disciples.

In the month of March we will be learning about the some of the Bible stories lending up to holy week and the last four Sundays up to Easter we will learn how Jesus was obedient to God, commitment to God, Amazing Love and Amazing Power.

Lil' Worship Warriors: Again it was great to get back together. The kids have been teaching me more verses to His Banner Over Me Is Love. We hope to sing again in church and teach you all, plus learning one more song. We have been pigging back on the Sunday school lessons with the Snowflakes. We have been using Object lessons to getting the point across of being beautiful, small, unique and alike. We will begin learning what we see during Lent. Each child will have their own poster to put on stickers of what we see during Lent. We will begin with A Cross of Ashes and the Purple Cloth Draped on a Cross. On Easter Sunday we will end up with the crown of thorns and the 3 empty crosses.

JUMP: We are in full swing. Meeting on Wednesday nights from 7-8:15 has worked really well. The first 2 Wednesdays we made Valentine Placemats for the Deacon's Valentine Dinner. The 3rd Wednesday we put the books of the Bible in order and picked out our board on the wall for us to make our stories. When they are finished I will let you know and you can see the creativity the kids have to tell us all about them. We did not meet on Ash Wednesday. For the month of March and April we will meet every week except March 15th because of Spring Break. We will be studying about Lent using the devotion: "Tick Tock It's Lent". There is a calendar each child will receive to do certain activities throughout the week. They will also be decorating their boards.



Kids Connection: We met on February 26th and decoded 1 more message from "The Code Master". We have decoded 2 messages:

I AM LOVED and LOVE GOD. We learned we need to remember Jesus is a treasure we all need, to stay focused on Jesus and we need to forgive others like Jesus forgives us. We will meet again on March 26th and finish up with "The Code Master." It will be a mystery on what is next to decode!!



Music: We have been blessed with some beautiful music this past month with Open Road singing, Bells playing, our own Choir Ensemble singing and Bob Swander's quartet singing. For March we will have bells playing and our Choir Ensemble singing. Don't forget on March 12th at 3:00 pm The Prairie Bronze Bell group will be giving a concert here at our church.

Lent/Easter Devotions: There are some Lent/Easter Devotions on the table under the smaller bulletin board. Please take one for your family. The kids may each have one of theirs. We as the Nurture team hope you enjoy them. Look forward to waving those palms on Palm Sunday: April 2nd.

"SOUP"er BOWL Sunday: You as a congregation were very generous this year. The Chiefs won the Super Bowl and you all put \$254.00 in the Chiefs blue bucket. In the Eagles: \$12.00. In the Commercials: \$7.00. The winner is Harvest of Love with a grand total of \$273.00. Thank you so much for your support.



Worship Teams

March 2023 — August 2023

By Week & By Area

1st Sunday

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| Organist | Helen Wild |
| Greeter | Rojean DuBois |
| Ushers | Pat Schott, Marilyn Sjogren, ?? 3/5 Tricia Brothers |
| Lay Reader | Rojean DuBois |
| Livestream | Larry Trussell or Steve Tangeman |
| Audio | Steve Tangeman |

2nd Sunday

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| 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 |

3rd Sunday

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| Organist | Kelli Glann |
| Greeter | Kay Enz |
| Ushers | Allmon Family, Becky Cooper |
| Lay Reader | Sandy Larson |
| Livestream | Larry Trussell or Steve Tangeman |
| Audio | Steve Tangeman |

4th Sunday

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| 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 |

5th Sunday (Apr 30 & July 30)

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| Organist | Helen Wild |
| Greeter | Jeraldine Smith |
| Ushers | Alisa Dinneen, Perkins Family |
| Lay Reader | Greg McGehee |
| Livestream | Larry Trussell or Steve Tangeman |
| Audio | ?? |

Greeter

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| 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 |

Ushers

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| 1st Sunday | Pat Schott, Marilyn Sjogren, ?? |
| 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 |

Lay Reader

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| 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 |

Video / Livestream

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| | Larry Trussell or Steve Tangeman |
| Substitutes | Mike Enz |

Audio / Sound Tech

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| 1st Sunday | Steve Tangeman |
| 2nd Sunday | Greg McGehee |
| 3rd Sunday | Steve Tangeman |
| 4th Sunday | Mike Enz |
| 5th Sunday | <u>Apr 30 & July 30</u> - ?? |