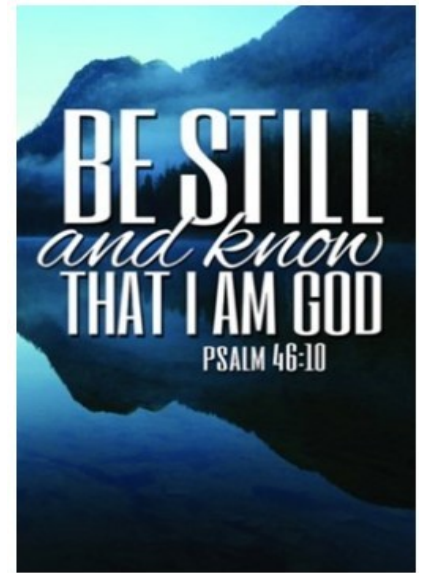


# NEWTON FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## The Tie THAT BINDS

July 2023



### A Note from Pastor Scott

As I grieve the loss of young David Pomeroy's life, I'm holding onto this quote from *All Things New* by one of my favorite authors, John Eldredge.

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*"Treasure Chests"* by John Eldredge in *All Things New*

Intimate and personal justice will be granted to us as well.

You have suffered very specific wrongs over the course of your life; God is fully aware of every one of them. Jesus your King will make sure they are addressed with very specific reparations. Far be it from God to make light of it. **"If anyone causes one of these little ones—those who believe in me—to stumble, it would be better for them to have a large millstone hung around their neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea"** (Matthew 18:6). He is furious about what you have endured, and he *will* make it right.

I know that so much has been stolen in my life. So many blessings, so many gifts, so much taken from my relationships, opportunities, personal restoration that was diminished or thwarted. You have too, dear ones—so much has been stolen from you. And it will be repaid a hundredfold. This recompense, this restitution must be part of telling every story rightly, or justice will not be fulfilled. And it *will* be fulfilled:

***"Then you will look and be radiant, your heart will throb and swell with joy; the wealth on the seas will be brought to you, to you the riches of the nations will come."***  
(Isaiah 60:5)

July 9th After Worship Missions Pot Luck  
Honoring the Haspels

and reintroduce neighborhood connecting.  
Wear your FPC T-shirt  
or Presbyterian blue!  
For more information ask Pastor Scott.



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**Bike & Build**  
[bikeandbuild.org](http://bikeandbuild.org)



**RIDERS STAYING  
AT FPG OVERNIGHT**

**July 2nd 2:00 pm to  
July 3rd 8:00 am**

Please plan on fellowshiping with, and hearing  
adventure stories from, the B&B Riders on

**Sunday, July 2nd at 6:30pm, Fellowship Hall**

**Cake and Ice Cream will be served too!**

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Imagine—after your enemies are judged and banished, great treasure chests are then brought in and set before you. Huge oak chests; it requires two men or angels to bring each one in, and there are several. Jesus tells you to open them. You ask, “What are these, Lord?” and he replies, *These are the gifts I meant for you in your former life but were stolen or prevented from making it to you. I return them now, with interest.* Imagine all that fills those chests. You hear laughter coming from one, for so much of what has been lost are memories and joy. I am weeping as I write this.

Then you turn to your right and ask, “And what are these chests, Lord?” These are the rewards for your life’s choices, your victories, your perseverance, and service. In addition to your estates, of course, he says with a smile.

Those treasure chests are yours, friends; their contents will thrill your heart and redeem so much of what you have endured here. Justice shall be yours, justice personal and particular. Wrongs will be avenged, hurts shall be healed, and all that was stolen from you in this life recompensed far beyond your wildest hopes. You will open those chests, look, and be radiant. Your heart will throb and swell with joy.

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I look forward to when all the good that’s been taken away from us will be restored. Family, friends, justice, and joy. Jesus, we’re praying, “*Thy Kingdom Come!*” May You come for us quickly!





Dear Ministry Partners,

Below is a flyer for our frozen meal program. We are currently serving over 30 families each week. Heartland PCC tried a test program with freezer meals and the response was overwhelmingly positive. Our goal is to schedule 12 different groups/churches/Sunday school classes to commit to help. We are looking for roughly 30 -50 frozen meals for each month. Heartland PCC allows for our clients to “purchase” these with the virtual money they earn through classes.

Would you please consider who you know that could help with this opportunity, and share the information with them?

Thank you

**A MEAL FOR TOMORROW**

**HELP NEEDED!**

**We are looking for churches & people like you to help supply meals such as:**

- Lasagna
- Mac & Cheese
- Meatballs
- Any type of casserole

**We provide two meal sizes: a 9x13 family meal and a smaller 8x8 option. We ask that meals are delivered fully prepared and can be conveniently reheated or cooked in the oven!**

**Call us at**  
316-383-7333  
**Or stop by**  
1025 S. WASHINGTON RD. STE C,  
NEWTON, KS 67114

Looking forward to your help!

Pastor Scott asked...

**“Would it work to have everyone wear their church T-shirt’s on July 9th?”**



*It’s close to our church anniversary...”*

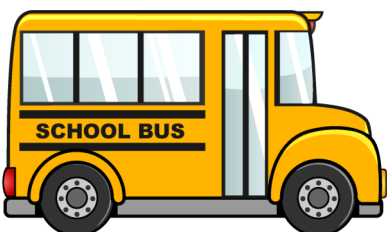
**Why of Course!**

**Let’s Do It!**

FPC has a new number for **TEXTING!**  
The number is **316-477-2007.**  
This is a free phone number through Google Voice.  
This number was set up to try and separate Tricia’s personal texts from the church texts. It also sends a copy of the text to the FPC email.  
Please save this number in your phone and use it for any church related text communication. Thanks!

Newsletter Deadline **July 21st!**

**August**



## Deacons School Supply Drive Time!

Kleenex, Pencils, Markers, Zip-up Trappers, Crayons, Glue Sticks, Post it Notes, Plastic File Folders, All Sizes & Colors of Sharpie Markers, Bright Colored Card Stock, Mr. Sketch Scented Markers, Reams of copy paper, Double sided tape, Clorox Wipes, Fun Kid Band-Aids, 8 small handheld Mirrors, Baby Wipes, Large Pump Hand Sanitizers with Aloe (green) and Individually Wrapped Healthy snacks. - Thank you!!



**JUMP:** On Wednesday May 31<sup>st</sup> the JUMP group had a fun time swimming at the Almon’s pool. Rita and Dean were the perfect hosts and not only did the kids cool off in the pool, but we had ice cream sandwiches too. This was our END of the school year party. We are hoping to get together sometime in July and August.

**Father’s Day:** On June 18<sup>th</sup> we celebrated the Father’s in our church. Each man received a magnet and a key ring token. The children helped to hand them out. In the children’s message the children learned we should celebrate “Our Father” every day. It was a great day.



**Interactive Bulletin Board:** Be on the lookout for a Bulletin Board you can show off your Bible trivia as well as find bible words in a Word Search. You can answer a couple of questions, but leave some for others to try too. It should be up after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

*by Mary McGehee*



July 3 - Travis & Katie Gihring  
 July 5 - Kelli Glann  
 July 6 - Brad & Becky Cooper  
 July 13 - Debra Hiebert

July 18 - Julie Regier  
 July 20 - Hayley Cooper  
 July 21 - Roger Darrow  
 July 24 - Ken Knepper, Vada Snider  
 July 26 - Elise McGinnis  
 July 28 - Brent Coffman  
 July 28 - Scott McGinnis  
 July 29 - Victoria Gallagher  
 July 31 - Nathan & Julie Regier

# PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

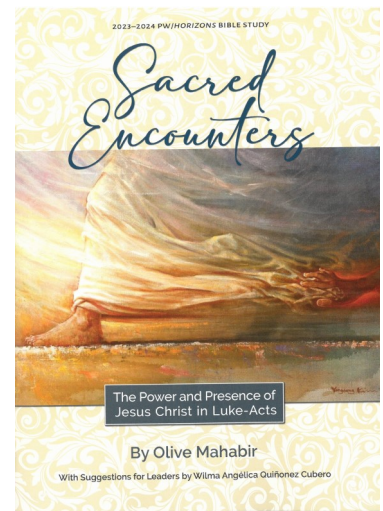
PW Post by *Sandy Larson*



What a great Summer send off we had at our June Circle meeting. We wound up our Horizons Bible Study with the lesson on “Sabbath and Community”. We had a great discussion time about what we learned from our lessons on Celebrating Sabbath and how we might have changed a few of our thoughts regarding what Sabbath means to each of us. Then we enjoyed a delicious “fried chicken dinner” provided by our PW Coordinating Team.

We now are “off” for the Summer months of July and August. We will be busy preparing for starting back up in September. We will be making updates to our PW Information Booklet with new lesson leaders and hostesses. We’ll also be making updates to the PW names, addresses and phone numbers. Please let Tricia Brothers, in our church office, know if the information we have is incorrect or if you’ve changed your address or phone number. Remember, our PW is happily comprised of every woman in our congregation.

**PW Circle will meet on September 13, at 10:00 AM, in Fellowship Hall.** Our Bible study leader, Tricia Brothers, will guide us through Lesson #1 on “Sacred Encounters”. This new study will invite readers to consider Jesus, “the good shepherd”, who shared the Good News through sacred encounters with everyday people. Please put PW Circle on your September calendar.



In closing, I want to share a thoughtful note written by one of our “Great Crowd of Witnesses”, Patricia (Pat) Randall.

*“Your worst days are never so bad that they are beyond God’s grace. And your best days are never so good that they are beyond the need for God’s grace. May God watch over you each day.”*



## 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 - **We just wanna sing!** Do you?



## Please keep the following in prayer

Elise Kliewer Czarnowsky  
and new baby Ember

The family of David Pomeroy  
(Bob & Liz’s grandson)

Wendy Wentz  
(Tom Wentz’s daughter)

The family of Rita Bradshaw  
(Walt Bradshaw’s widow)

Susan Wyman

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

## Emily (aka Seminary Intern for PSK) Has Arrived!

*Hi y’all! I am so excited to have arrived in Kansas a few days ago and am settling in. I’m so looking forward to meeting with some of you soon.*

*If you have any questions about my time here, or would like to connect to work together/ learn together or discuss whatever else you may be dreaming of (or would love some respite from) you can email me at [emily.knoth@ptsem.edu](mailto:emily.knoth@ptsem.edu). Blessings!*



Emily will be at  
Coffee & Jesus on July 12th,  
10am, Common Ground



Community Playschool, Inc. has recently completed our 56 th school year! Twenty-two 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. We also want to acknowledge the service of Beth Darrow who is currently serving in her first year as First Presbyterian’s representative to our board.

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 (Beth Darrow) 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)



## JULY DEACONS REQUESTS NEWTON MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE FOOD PANTRY

**The Food Pantry is in desperate need of instant potatoes, Ramen noodles, and spaghetti noodles. They do not have ANY of those 3 things.**

They can always use cream soups for casseroles, peanut butter and jelly. Individual snacks, bottled water and Gatorade are needed for the transients since they are at the lake for the summer.

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

Common Ground  
10 am

Coffee  
AND  
Jesus

**July 5th, 19th, and 26th**

Enjoy some coffee & stay for fellowship!

**MEN'S BREAKFAST**

July 12th  
9:00AM

**ALL MEN WELCOME!**

Del Puento Café  
701 N Main St, Newton