

# Letting our Faith Shine!



*Finding new ways to connect to God,  
our church family & our community -  
to continue to provide ways to bring people to know  
Christ as our Lord and Savior.*

## **First Presbyterian Church 2020 ANNUAL REPORTS**

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**First Presbyterian Church  
Newton, KS  
2020 Statistical Report**

Membership as of December 31, 2019.....165

***Gains for 2020***

Certificate ..... 0

Profession of Faith, Reaffirmation..... 0

***Losses for 2020***

Certificate ..... 0

Deaths..... 4

Session Roll Adjustment..... 0\*

Membership as of December 31, 2019.....165

Children's Baptisms (age 17 and under) ..... 1

Adult Baptism..... 0

Age/Gender Distribution of Members

	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
25 & under	12	19	31
26-45	5	10	15
46-55	6	10	16
56-65	16	21	37
Over 65	23	39	62

Female Members: 99

Average Attendance: 56 (Note: Held 39 Worship Services for 2020)

**Member Deaths**

Jeanette Emert, Dana Johnson, Byron Brittain & Martha Knudsen

**Sunday School Class Attendance**

Students.....approx. 20

Teachers..... 5

\* Finance/Stewardship Committee & the Administrative Office Manager are updating Inactive members in 2020.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
PROPOSED BUDGET 2021

<b>ACCOUNT TITLE</b>	<b>BUDGET '20</b>	<b>PROPOSED '21</b>	<b>DIFFERENCE</b>
Pastor's Salary	10,000	10,000	
Housing Allowance	41,000	41,000	
Auto Allowance	3,325	3,325	
Continuing Ed	2,000	2,000	
Pension	21,700	21,700	
Prof. Exp., Presby., GA	1,500	1,500	
Phone	1,405	2,005	600
Medical	3,500	3,500	
<b>Pastor's Compensation</b>	<b>84,430</b>	<b>85,030</b>	<b>600</b>
Pulpit Supply	750	750	
Youth Director's Salary	9,450	11,700	2,250
Administrative Assistant	31,200	31,200	
Custodian's Salary	14,742	14,742	
Treasurer's Salary	5,011	5,011	
Organists' Salary	4,300	4,300	
Accompanists' Salary	2,000	2,000	
Choir Director's Salary	3,500	3,500	
Adult Bell Dir. Salary	1,710	1,710	
Substitute's Salary	500	500	
Wedding Service Fee	0	0	
Nursery Attendant	2,340	2,340	
Assistant Nursery Attendant	0	0	
<b>Staff Salaries</b>	<b>75,503</b>	<b>77,753</b>	<b>2,250</b>

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PROPOSED BUDGET 2021 – page 2

ACCOUNT TITLE	BUDGET '20	PROPOSED '21	DIFFERENCE
Cont. Education for Staff	500	500	
Office Supplies & Other	3,500	3,250	-250
Office Equipment & Maint.	3,000	3,000	
Postage	700	1,000	300
Custodial Supplies/Equipment	750	0	-750
FICA Payroll Taxes	5,776	5,891	115
Church Dinners	350	350	
Chamber of Commerce			
Dues	140	140	
Website	350	550	200
Common Ground	900	500	-400
Church Advertising	1,000	1,000	
Per Capita	6,308	6,270	-38
Misc.	1,000	1,000	
Finance	200	200	
Staff Recognition	500	500	
Personnel Com.			
Incidentals	100	100	
Insurance	10,640	10,900	260
Utilities	21,900	21,800	-100
Building Maintenance	11,250	11,450	200
Yard Maintenance	4,700	3,286	-1,414
<b>OPERATIONS</b>	<b>73,564</b>	<b>71,687</b>	<b>-1,877</b>

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
PROPOSED BUDGET 2021 – page 3

<b>ACCOUNT TITLE</b>	<b>BUDGET '20</b>	<b>PROPOSED '21</b>	<b>DIFFERENCE</b>
Curriculum	750	550	-200
Supplies & Resources	200	400	200
VBS	1,000	1,000	
Bibles & Gifts	0	0	
Camperships	1,000	1,000	
Confirmation/Middle School	150	300	150
Youth Fellowship	1,000	1,000	
Nursery	250	50	-200
Poinsettias and Lilies	400	400	
Adult Choir Music & Supplies	125	125	
Bell Choir Supplies	125	200	75
Children's Choir/Xmas Program	100	100	
Instrument Maint.	900	900	
Worship Supplies	500	500	
Special Music Fee	400	200	-200
Bethel - Choir Scholarships	5,000	0	-5000
<b>NURTURE</b>	<b>11,900</b>	<b>6,725</b>	<b>-5,175</b>
Outreach	2,000	1,800	-200
Mission Programs	0	0	
Community Playschool	500	500	
Pres. Manor	700	700	
New Jerusalem Ministries	0	1,200	1,200
<b>OUTREACH</b>	<b>3,200</b>	<b>4,200</b>	<b>1,000</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>248,597</b>	<b>245,395</b>	<b>-2002</b>

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES**

Account Title	2020 Actual	2020 Budget	Difference
<b>CASH INCOME</b>			
Current Pledge Payments	\$189,996.72	\$175,613.00	\$14,383.72
Plate Offering	\$39,563.66		\$39,563.66
Sunday School Offering	\$89.21		\$89.21
Prior Year Pledge Payments	\$4,294.00		\$4,294.00
<b>CASH INCOME</b>	<b>\$233,943.59</b>		<b>\$58,330.59</b>
Joy Offering - Receipts	\$667.00	\$0.00	\$667.00
Joy Offering - Payments	-\$405.00	\$0.00	-\$405.00
One Great Hour - Receipts	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
One Great Hour - Payments	-\$1,000.00	\$0.00	-\$1,000.00
Miscellaneous - Receipts	\$105.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Miscellaneous - Payments	-\$80.00	\$0.00	-\$100.00
Interest Income	\$53.15	\$0.00	\$53.15
Other Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>OFFERINGS &amp; GIFTS</b>	<b>\$340.15</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$340.15</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$234,283.74</b>		
<b>CASH EXPENSES</b>			
Pastor's Salary	\$9,999.84	\$10,000.00	-\$0.16
Housing Allowance	\$41,000.16	\$41,000.00	\$0.16
Auto Allowance	\$3,324.96	\$3,325.00	-\$0.04
Continuing Education	\$1,548.81	\$2,000.00	-\$451.90
Pension	\$18,166.20	\$21,700.00	-\$3,533.80
Prof. Exp. (GA, Presby, Synod)	\$2,268.66	\$1,500.00	\$768.66
Phone Allowance	\$1,404.96	\$1,405.00	-\$0.04
Medical	\$1,215.18	\$3,500.00	
<b>PASTOR'S COMPENSATION</b>	<b>\$78,928.77</b>	<b>\$84,430.00</b>	<b>-\$3,217.12</b>

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES – Page 2**

<b>Account Title</b>	<b>2020 Actual</b>	<b>2020 Budget</b>	<b>Difference</b>
Pulpit Supply	\$500.00	\$750.00	-\$250.00
Custodians' Salary	\$14,742.00	\$14,742.00	\$0.00
Treasurer's Salary	\$5,010.96	\$5,011.00	-\$0.04
Organists' Salary	\$4,060.62	\$4,300.00	-\$239.38
Accompanists' Salary	\$600.00	\$2,000.00	-\$1,400.00
Choir Director's Salary	\$3,500.04	\$3,500.00	\$0.04
Adult Bell Choir Dir. Salary	\$1,977.84	\$1,710.00	\$267.84
Youth Director's Salary	\$9,180.00	\$9,450.00	-\$270.00
Substitutes' Salary	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Wedding Service Fee	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Nursery Attendant	\$828.00	\$2,340.00	-\$1,512.00
Administrative Assistant's Salary	\$31,200.00	\$31,200.00	\$0.00
<b>STAFF SALARIES</b>	<b>\$71,599.46</b>	<b>\$75,503.00</b>	<b>-\$3,903.54</b>
Office Supplies	\$3,683.64	\$3,500.00	\$183.64
Office Equipment/Maintenance	\$4,736.97	\$3,000.00	\$1,736.97
Postage	\$1,103.70	\$700.00	\$403.70
Church Dinners	\$17.10	\$350.00	-\$332.90
C of C Dues	\$136.00	\$140.00	-\$4.00
FICA Payroll Tax	\$5,386.50	\$5,776.00	-\$389.50
Custodial Supplies/Equipment	\$1,596.12	\$750.00	\$846.12
Common Ground	\$232.30	\$900.00	-\$667.70
Website	\$295.98	\$350.00	-\$54.00
Misc.	\$113.21	\$1,000.00	-\$886.79
Cont. Education for Staff	\$0.00	\$500.00	-\$500.00
Church Advertising	\$110.00	\$1,000.00	-\$890.00
Per capita	\$6,536.00	\$6,536.00	\$0.00
Finance	\$0.00	\$200.00	-\$200.00
Staff Recognition	\$745.44	\$500.00	\$245.44
Personnel Committee Incidentals	\$0.00	\$200.00	-\$200.00
Building Maintenance	\$3,831.31	\$11,250.00	-\$7,418.69
Utilities	\$15,650.87	\$21,900.00	-\$5,349.13
Insurance	\$10,615.93	\$10,640.00	-\$24.07
Yard Maintenance	-\$3,628.00	\$4,700.00	-\$1,072.00
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<b>OPERATIONS</b>	<b>\$58,191.07</b>	<b>\$73,564.00</b>	<b>\$15,372.93</b>



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES – Page 3**

<b>Account Title</b>	<b>2020 Actual</b>	<b>2020 Budget</b>	<b>Difference</b>
Organist Music	\$63.45	\$0.00	\$0.00
Adult Choir Music	\$106.09	\$125.00	-\$18.91
Bell Choir Supplies & Music	-\$25.71	\$125.00	-\$150.71
Children Choir Supplies	\$0.00	\$100.00	-\$100.00
Instrument Maintenance	\$1,080.00	\$900.00	\$180.00
Worship Supplies	\$1,077.17	\$500.00	\$577.17
Special Music Fee	\$0.00	\$400.00	-\$400.00
Bethel Music Scholarships	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	-\$5,000.00
Curriculum	\$878.97	\$750.00	\$128.97
Poinsettias and Lilies	\$149.10	\$400.00	-\$250.70
Supplies & Resources	\$75.28	\$200.00	-\$124.72
Camperships	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	-\$1,000.00
VBS	\$147.07	\$1,000.00	-\$852.93
Bibles & Gifts	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Youth Fellowship	\$82.93	\$1,000.00	-\$917.07
Nursery	\$0.00	\$250.00	-\$250.00
<b>NURTURE</b>	<b>\$3,766.60</b>	<b>\$11,900.00</b>	<b>-\$8,133.40</b>
Community Playschool	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
Pres. Manor	\$0.00	\$700.00	-700
Mission Programs	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
Outreach	\$79.89	\$2,000.00	-\$1,920.11
<b>OUTREACH</b>	<b>\$579.89</b>	<b>\$3,200.00</b>	<b>-\$2,620.11</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$213,065.79</b>		

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
Statement of Assets Liabilities  
 December 31, 2020

**ASSETS**

**CASH AND INVESTMENTS**

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		
General Fund			
General Checking		10,100	
General Savings		70,072	
	<u>Restricted Funds</u>		
Memorial Fund		12,989	
Piano Fund		1,935	
Building Improvement Fund		21,505	
Special Fund		11,387	
	<u>Other</u>		
Youth		427	
Deacons		984	
Cruisers		229	
Presbyterian Women		<u>6,503</u>	
Total Cash		136,131	136,131

**FIXED ASSETS**

Property			
Land, building, and equipment		1,155,734	
Accumulated depreciation		<u>819,098</u>	
Total Fixed Assets		336,636	<u>336,636</u>
Total Assets			<u><b>472,767</b></u>

**LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES**

**LIABILITIES**

PEF payable		<u>100</u>	
Total Liabilities			100

**FUND BALANCES**

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		
General Fund		80,172	
	<u>Restricted Funds</u>		
General Fund		336,536	
Memorial Fund		12,989	
Piano Fund		1,935	
Building Improvement Fund		21,505	
Special Fund		11,387	
	<u>Other</u>		
Youth		427	
Deacons		984	
Cruisers		229	
Presbyterian Women		6,503	
Total Fund Balances		472,667	<u>472,667</u>
Total Liabilities & Fund Balances			<u><b>472,767</b></u>

**First Presbyterian Church**  
**Permanent Endowment Fund 2020 Annual Report**

2020 was a slow year for the PEF committee, in keeping with Covid-19 protocols all meetings and decisions were completed remotely. The following are the grants distributed in 2020:

- Community Easter Egg Hunt	\$1,080.00
- State of KS registration	40.00
- K-Electric - Wiring for live streaming services	725.41
Total Grants for 2020	\$1,845.41

Note: the invoice for the live streaming equipment was not received until January 2021 and will be reported as part of the 2021 report.

The PEF trustees for 2020 were Mel McAnulty, Ron Cheyney, Brent Glann, Kevin Hiebert, Bob Sjogren, and Larry Trussell. Also attending meetings were Rojean DuBois, Clerk of Session and Marsha Swander, Treasurer.

Ron Cheyney  
Chairperson

## Nurture Team 2020 Annual Report

The Nurture Team works on the Education (Sunday School: Preschool – Adults), Youth Groups, Worship and Music of the First Presbyterian Church.

Members: Pastor Scott McGinnis, Children and Youth Director/Moderator: Mary McGehee, Secretary: Carol Higgs, Julie Regier, Angela Altum, Ladonna Schmidt, Addie Perkins, Nate Regier and Music Director: Vada Snider.

The Nurture Team met 5 times in the year 2020: January, February, August, September and November. Due to COVID 19 and the church being closed we did not meet as a team, but did email back and forth and continued to Nurture our congregation the best that we could.

### 1. MUSIC:

Vada Snider continues to be our Choir and Bell Choir Director. She started the year off with Choir singing 3 Sundays a month and the Bell Choir playing one Sunday a month. She also had some Special music as well. Then COVID 19 hit and the church was closed. When we reopened Vada got a small group of choir members to sing our hymns and other special music for our services. We have also had several of our members sing solos for us as well. We want to thank them for their beautiful voices so we could have singing in our church.

Our church is blessed to have 2 wonderful organists. Helen Wild and Kelli Glann make sure we have beautiful music to listen to each Sunday. Thank you ladies.

### 2. Sunday School:

January – March: We had Sunday school for ages Preschool – 8<sup>th</sup> grade and Adults. Our one High School student helped to teach our 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> graders.

April – August: There was no Sunday school. Mary sent out Sunday school lessons a couple times a month for ages Preschool – 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

September – mid October: We had in person Sunday school. We changed our age range for the classes: Preschool – 1<sup>st</sup> grade; 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade; 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> grade; Our 12<sup>th</sup> grader still helping to teach in our 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade class and our Adult class. The Curriculum we started using is called “Mighty Messages” for grades Preschool – 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Pastor Scott has started a Confirmation class for 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> grade. Adults are still meeting in the Fellowship Hall and studying from the Present Word: Call in the New Testament.

Rest of October – December, 2020: No in person Sunday school: materials and activities were given to kids by a porch drop off for Preschool – 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

### 3. Worship: We were in person January – March 15<sup>th</sup>. All church activities were cancelled including worship March 22<sup>nd</sup> – May 31<sup>st</sup>. We opened our doors for worship only on June 7<sup>th</sup> – September 13<sup>th</sup>. Then we started up with Sunday school and worship September 13<sup>th</sup> – October 11<sup>th</sup>. Closed doors again for October 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. Opened doors again for Worship and Sunday school: November 1<sup>st</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>. Only worship November 15<sup>th</sup> – December 27, 2020. For the times we were closed plus after we opened back up, the worship service was online and could be viewed on our website and Facebook page. We could not have done any of this without the help of Tricia Brothers. She is the one who made sure all the videos were ready for the services on line and every little detail that goes into making our online services a success. Thank You Tricia!!

Tricia also gets the bulletins ready every week and keeps us informed when we need to have something ready for a particular Sunday.

### 4. Youth Groups: Please see separate report

## Nurture Team 2020 Annual Report – page 2

### 5. Nurture Team Activities:

- \* Mary McGehee was hired as the Children and Youth Director.
- \* Souper Bowl Sunday: raised \$358.17.
- \* Ash Wednesday Soup dinner/ service: 40 people attended.
- \* Lenten materials were given out for Adults and Children.
- \* Ordered and handed out Palms by a drive by at the church and did some porch drop off as well.
- \* Put up Big cross in sanctuary for the season of Lent/Easter. We used it longer because of COVID-19.
- \* Did a Stay Home VBS: Daniel and the Lion's Den. Was able to give to 10 families in our church and friends.
- \* Had a teacher and student prayer Sunday
- \* Gave out 3 Bibles: 2 to 1<sup>st</sup> graders and 1 to Graduating Senior.
- \* Did Children's messages for the year. They were videoed each Sunday for the online service as well as given in church.
- \* For the Children's Christmas program, we did: "Let's Fill the Stable." It was part of the Children's message time and the kids read and filled the stable.
- \* Advent readers were found to read and light the advent candles for the 4 Sundays in Advent and the Christmas Eve Service.
- \* Advent materials were ordered and given out to the kids, families and members.
- \* The candles were assembled for the Christmas Eve service.
- \* There were a couple of guests who brought us the message this year: Marvin Rice from New Jerusalem and John Haspels, Missionary.

### 6. Activities Nurture Team could not do because of COVID-19:

- \* Sell Lilies
- \* Have Sunday school in person
- \* Maundy Thursday Dinner
- \* Easter Egg Hunt (we help with this)
- \* VBS on site
- \* Sell Poinsettias
- \* Youth group activities in person
- \* Send kids from our church to camp

\*\*We would like to say THANK YOU to John and Joan Stretcher for opening the church every Sunday morning. Making sure all is ready for us to worship. They change the pulpit cloths to the appropriate color, light the candles on the old communion table and then after the worship they make sure the sanctuary is cleaned, lights are off, and close our church up. We as the Nurture Team truly appreciate this dedication and service to our church.

Yours in Christ:  
Mary McGehee  
Children and Youth Director/ Moderator

## Property Committee 2020 Annual Report

### First Presbyterian Church, Newton, KS

Participating Committee members this year (2020) were: Mike Enz- Chair; Paul DuBois, John & Joan Stretcher, Susie Tangeman, and Lenny Wild.

The Committee is thankful to our Custodian; Tony Martinez for his dedicated service to the church's building. Tony donated a new leaf blower, a hedge trimmer, and a weed eater to the church. The Property Committee was very grateful for his donation as it has been very useful for maintaining grounds around the church building.

The Committee extends a thank you to John & Joan Stretcher for opening and closing the church every Sunday and many of our special events. It was a tremendous commitment of their time throughout the year.

The Property Committee's 2020 goal was to manage the needs of the church congregation and while staying within the approved 2020 budget. The Property Committee's 2020 overall spending is **\$14,765 under budget**. The lower actual spending was mainly a result of the 2½ months of no church activities due to the Covid-19 lock down state wide.

The 2020 Budget for the Property Committee was \$48,490. It was broken down as:

	<u>2020 Budget</u>	<u>2020 Actual</u>	<u>2021 Budget</u>
Insurance	\$10,640	\$10,615	\$10,900
Utilities	\$21,900	\$15,651	\$21,800
Bldg. Maint,	\$11,250	\$ 3,831	\$11,450
Yard Maint.	<u>\$ 4,700</u>	<u>\$ 3,628</u>	<u>\$ 3,286</u>
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$48,490</b>	<b>\$33,725</b>	<b>\$47,436</b>

The Property Committee started the year (2020) with a focus on the following:

- A.L.I.C.E. training – the plan was to educate the congregation about the security changes made to the church for a safe environment. Also planned were evacuation drills in the event of an actual security intrusion. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, none of the planed A.L.I.C.E. events took place.
- Maintain the operation of all of the original (60 year old) equipment in the church. This includes some of the heating/cooling equipment as well as doors/locks and electrical equipment.

Other items:

- Church property work days in the spring and fall were performed by various church members.
- Continue to look at ways to hold down expenses.

Recap of Building Expenses -	<b>Actual 2020</b>	<b>Budget for 2021</b>
Maintenance, Supplies, Services	\$2,263	\$4,950
Heating/Cooling Equipment & Services	\$1,568	\$3,500
Special Projects	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$3,000</u>
<u>TOTALS</u>	<b>\$3,831</b>	<b>\$11,450</b>

#### **Focus for 2021**

- Provide a safe and secure facility.
- Upgrade obsolete equipment as required.
- Improve sanctuary lighting.
- Improve WIFI capability throughout the church.
- Support live streaming of church service events.
- Continue to manage 2021 Property Budget.

*Submitted by: Mike Enz, Chairperson*

## **Personnel Committee 2020 Annual Report**

Committee Members: Sandy Larson, John Higgs, Jennifer Switzer, Steve Tangeman, Peg Wickersham.

The Personnel Committee is the church's Human Resource department. It is responsible for managing the church staff salaries, job descriptions, performance reviews and addressing personnel problems or grievances against any staff members.

The Personnel Committee is a component of the Operations Team which also includes the Finance and Property Committees. The Operations Team held monthly meetings that included committee status reports and committee recommended action items for approval by all members of the Operations Team. If the approved item would significantly impact the church congregation it would be presented to the Session for their approval.

There were no new hires in 2020. In March, Kaylee Martinez informed the Personnel Committee, the Nursery had no children in attendance for 8 weeks during Sunday school and/or Church service. Kaylee and Personnel agreed to pay Kaylee through May but not staff the Nursery. The Nursery position was not filled for the balance of the year. Helen Wild and Kelli Glann continued to fill the positions of Organist and Piano Accompanist for 2020.

The Personnel Committee held 30 meetings in 2020. That included semi-annual staff performance reviews, monthly team meetings and others.

The eight staff individuals were interviewed twice this year by the Personnel Committee. The exchange of information was open and consensus was the church as a whole has addressed the challenges of 2020 and Covid-19 by working together.

- Pastor Scott, Tricia, Mary, Vada, Helen and Kelli worked together to provide church services throughout the year. Pastor Scott and Mary provided teaching inspiration for the adults and children, while Vada, Helen and Kelli provided inspirational music for our Sunday Services.
- Tricia created a video vehicle in March, so we could offer the weekly Church services to our church members and others who could not attend church. Throughout the Covid-19 period, Tony, church custodian, provided a safe environment for the church by disinfected the church building after each Sunday service including sanitizing the sanctuary.
- Marsha applied for and received stimulus money to help with the church's operating expenses.

The Personnel Committee provided each staff member a Christmas gift bag with a variety of gifts, purchased from our local small businesses, in appreciation for their amazing work for the church throughout a challenging year.

*Submitted by: Steve Tangeman, Chairperson*

First Presbyterian Church  
**Technology Upgrade Committee 2020 Report**

Members: Steve Tangeman, Mike Enz, Tricia Brothers, Larry Trussell and Pam Trussell (Session Rep)

We had one official meeting in October to set steps to reach our goals of wireless capabilities throughout the Church and livestreaming on YouTube. Steve Tangeman is the chairman of the Operations Committee and in charge of this committee.

Many quick get-to-gathers, emails, texts and calls were made between committee members as research was gathered from the internet, KAYE Electric and McClelland Sound. A meeting was called to share and getting the information gathered for the needs of FPC getting WIFI throughout our building both upstairs and downstairs. Also, information was shared about how to go from Facebook Live Streaming to Live Streaming on YouTube. A brief proposal was shared with the Outreach Team. A proposal was shared with Session. Along with people being able to watch our Church service on Sundays, other advantages could be Streaming weddings, Celebrations of Life, and more. The proposal was fine-tuned and presented to the Permanent Endowment Fund. After answering several questions, the PEF granted the monies to hire both KAYE Electric and McClelland Sound to begin ordering and installing equipment.

In mid-October, the wireless internet was working upstairs. By mid-November, it was working downstairs.

On November 29, 2020 the first attempt to Live stream on YouTube happened. There have kinks to work out, a visit and several calls to Bethel Mennonite Church, more calls, texts and emails to the committee, Kaye Electric and McClelland Sound.

On December 20<sup>th</sup>, the live streaming was a success! There was, however, a volume issue still being worked out. The Christmas Eve service had to be via the recording made because *of the data input was too low*. That is the latest concern and should be answered by COX, we hope. By January 2 we had success except for the very end when there was a notice about possible low data again. That is being looked into.

There will be training for those interested in helping with this service/ministry outreach soon.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pam Trussell



## **Outreach Committee 2020 Annual Report**

We began the year planning help with the Community Easter Egg hunt, having water bottles labeled with 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church information to hand out at opportune times, donating snacks for the students at Opportunity Academy, supporting Marvin Rice as he begins fundraising toward his salary when he becomes the Director of New Jerusalem, having a Bring Your Special Car To Church Day in May, discussing the aid to the billeting and meals for the Bikes and Build group that is planning to return to FPC in July, where to place the Blessing Box built as a Boy Scout project, and helping with the Apple Blossom Festival by running a popcorn machine.

And then COVID-19 happened...

Four of our ideas were acted on.

- There is support for Marvin Rice beginning in October, 2020 and it will continue through December, 2021. That motion will be reevaluated at that time.
- Snacks for the students at Opportunity Academy were given out this Fall with the chance of helping again a time or two in 2021.
- Labels have been purchased for the water bottles to distribute when the time is right.
- The Blessing Box has been placed at Ember Hope.

Respectively submitted,  
Pam Trussell

## **Memorial Committee 2020 Annual Report**

Committee Members: Sandra Larson, Chairperson, Carol Higgs, Recorder, Sandi Johnston, Kay Enz, Bill Humphrey

The purpose of this committee is to receive funds donated in memory of someone. The monies are kept by the Treasurer and disbursed in a thoughtful and meaningful way for a need in the church. Gifts are never earmarked for a certain thing and neither are items labeled.

Due to the unusual circumstances created by the Covid-19 virus, the committee met once, in June, via a phone conversation and a written notice of the phone conversation was shared with members of the committee. At this time, we do not have set meeting dates as we will set meetings, as needed in 2021. In January, officers volunteered to retain their positions through 2020. With our group being small, we requested the Outreach committee to take charge of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration and we would help as needed.

Our focus will be to help with plans for our Congregation's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (established on July 7, 1872) which will be centered around the date of July 7, 2022. Our plans for a 148<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for July 12, 2020, were canceled.

Our committee has approved to use funds to add a photo of our minister, Rev. Scott McGinnis, to the Chapel pictures of past ministers. This project will be completed in the year 2021.

The "Memorial Veterans Banners" were not hung in May or in November for their appropriate national holidays. This decision was made due to restrictions of not having "in sanctuary worship services" or, when open worship began, to keep attendees moving through the vestibule to leave the church after worship service.

An expenditure of memorial monies, during the year, included the purchase of new Boxberry bushes for the main entrance. We began the year 2020 with \$12,445.71 and we received memorial donations during year for Marjorie Westfall, Jeanette Emert, Lois Ward, Dana Johnson and Byron Brittain. Our closing balance for 2020 is \$12,989.03.

Sandra Larson, Chairperson

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH – NEWTON, KS  
MEMORIAL COMMITTEE 2020 TREASURER'S REPORT

December 31, 2020

**Beginning Balance 01/01/2020** **\$12,445.71**

**Income:**

Memorials for:

Marjorie Westfahl, Jeanette Emert,  
Lois Ward, Martha Knudsen,  
Byron Brittain, Dana Johnson \$655.00

**TOTAL INCOME:** **\$655.00**

**Expenses:**

Potted Shrubs (Steve Tangeman) \$111.68

**TOTAL EXPENSES:** **(\$111.68)**

**Ending Balance 12/31/2020** **\$12,989.03**

Respectfully submitted,  
Marsha Swander  
FPC Treasurer

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH – NEWTON, KS**  
**NOMINATING COMMITTEE 2020 REPORT**

The Nominating Committee for 2020 consisted of the following members: Pastor Scott McGinnis (moderator) Elders: Sandy Larson (chair) and Carol Higgs (recorder), Deacons: Addie Perkins; at-large from congregation: Phil Anderson, Tricia Brothers, Debra Hiebert, and Kathy Randall.

The following members were asked and accepted their nominations for the Class of 2023\*. All three slates were elected by acclamation at the Congregational Meeting held November 22, 2020.

Class of 2023:

**Elders**

Susan Brack

Mike Enz

Jeraldine (Jeri) Smith

**Deacons**

Tricia Brothers

Beth Darrow

Alisa Dinneen

Jerry Krehbiel

**PEF**

Mel McAnulty

Congregational members elected to serve on the 2021 Nominating Committee are:

Greg McGehee, Mary McGehee, Carol Higgs, Rhonda Tillberg.

*Respectfully Submitted,*

Sandy Larson

2020 Nominating Committee Chair

*\* Per Session minutes of October 20, 2020, a motion prevailed to approve the number of Deacons elected per class be reduced from five to four.*

## **Board of Deacons 2020 Annual Report**

Your Deacons during 2020 were: Chair, Greg McGehee; Secretary, Rhonda Tillberg, assisted by Addie Perkins; Treasurer, Angela Altum, Rita Allmon, LaDonna Schmidt, Greg Schmidt, Joan Stretcher, Paula Anderson, Bill Humphrey, Jennifer Switzer, and Lenny Wild.

The deacons met to conduct business and organize projects on the third Tuesday of each month, except for March through July when our church was closed,. We met jointly with Session to share information before our meeting. Each deacon served as a member of one of three committees. Those committees were: Church and Fellowship which offered our congregation opportunities to participate and donate; Church and Worship which organized congregational opportunities to serve as ushers, greeters, lay readers and nursery attendants as needed; and Church and Society which offered the congregation opportunities to donate in kind or monetarily and to serve neighbors outside our church. Each deacon also served on a church committee.

Deacons helped prepare communion for the first of each month when we held service, and with the deacon leading preparation assisting Elders with home bound communion as needed, early in the year. A special thank you to Tricia for finding the disposable communion cups so we could continue communion safely.

Projects that were organized and carried out by the deacons in cooperation with the congregation at large were:

- 1) Helped continue the mitten tree collection and distribution for the community.
- 2) Valentine Lasagna Dinner, complete with chocolate desserts. Proceeds went toward projects and general budget.
- 3) With Camperships cancelled, a donation we received a \$100 that was earmarked for camperships was forwarded to Westminster Woods for support.
- 4) School Supply Drive – collected and purchased school supplies for Cooper and Santa Fe.
- 5) Fall Weiner Roast in conjunction with Cruisers and held at the Tangeman farm.
- 6) New Hope Homeless Shelter - donated \$100 all twelve months.
- 7) Newton Ministerial Alliance - donated \$100 all twelve months.
- 8) Dillon's Rewards Program-congregational member's participation in this allowed deacons to receive quarterly donations from the program. See the Treasurer's report for total income.
- 9) Food was collected off and on throug the year for Salvation Army pantry.
- 10) A \$300 donation was given to Marvin Rice New Jerusalem at the request of Outreach and Session. This request came in mid-year and fulfilled the desire to help before the church supports him in 2021.

Unfortunately we were not able to carry on some traditional services and fund raisers with church closures and other concerns due to Covid-19. These included:

Father's Day Cookie Sale and Silent Auction Fundraisers, and Undies Sunday.

Camperships – all camps we have worked with were closed.

Helping the Bike across America group that stopped in Newton the last couple years

Christmas Baskets – This was discussed at several meetings and the general thoughts were that this did not make sense for a few reasons with Covid. We discussed alternatives, but never found one.

There was discussion about changing Usher duties based on recommendations from Mike Enz and the Property Committee concerning locked and such, but this was not acted on after shut down.

Deacons are sincerely thankful for the members of our congregation who were unfailing generous with their donations of every kind to these projects.

Respectfully submitted by Greg McGehee, Chair – with a personal note thanking the Deacons I served with for all their hard work and support.

**First Presbyterian Church**  
**Board of Deacons 2020 Treasurer's Report**

**Beginning Balance 01/01/2020** **\$1,884.38**

**Receipts:**

Kroger Rewards	\$793.98
Interest Credit	.79
Valentine's Dinner Donations	980.00
Campership Donation	100.00
School Supplies Donation	200.00
Picnic Donations	155.00
Donation for Salvation Army Food	100.00

**TOTAL RECEIPTS:** **\$2,329.77**

**Disbursements:**

New Hope Shelter Donations	\$1,200.00
Newton Ministerial Alliance Donations	1,200.00
Marvin Rice – New Jerusalem Donation	300.00
Picnic Supplies	50.41
School Supplies	204.65
Westminster Woods Donation	100.00
Valentines Dinner Supplies	175.01

**TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:** **(\$3,230.07)**

**Ending Balance 12/31/2020** **\$ 984.08**

Respectfully submitted,  
Angela Altum  
Deacon's Treasurer

## Presbyterian Women Annual Report 2020 FPC NEWTON, KANSAS

*“Forgiven and freed by God in Jesus Christ and endowed by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves:*

*to nurture our faith through prayer and Bible study,  
to support the mission of the church worldwide,  
to work for justice and peace  
and to build an inclusive, caring community of women that strengthen the Presbyterian Church (USA) and witness to the promise of God’s Kingdom.”*

Presbyterian Women of First Presbyterian Church, Newton, Kansas includes all of the women of the church whether active or inactive in the organization. Support for Christian Education and Mission opportunities is open to all. We currently have about 85 members. We are sorry to report the loss of 2 members in 2020: Jeanette Emert & Martha Knudson.

Officers for 2020 included: Moderator, Rita Allmon; Vice Moderator, Sandy Larson; Secretary, Pat Morton; Treasurer, Carolyn Adams; Committee Chairpersons for the Search; Rojean DuBois, Beth Darrow, Mary Ediger; Program, Sandy Larson; World Service, Susan Wyman; Kitchen and Serving, Carol Cheyney, Rhonda Tillberg, Carol Higgs.

Serving on the Presbyterian Women of Southern Kansas Council are Susan Wyman, Kathy Randall, and Sandy Larson. We are proud and thankful for their continued work on the PWSK.

The Presbyterian Women Board only met 5 times in 2020 due to concerns regarding COVID-19. The focus of these meetings included concerns for members, future plans for studies, fellowship and mission. PW Circle met 2 times in 2020 (January and February). Minutes of the board meetings are sent to Session for review and approval.

Unfortunately the PW spring and fall gatherings were cancelled along with the Apple Blossom Festival that many of our members typically spend a great deal of time preparing for, and enjoy participating in. We are hopeful that all these events will be held in 2021.

Our Presbyterian Women have and continue to give generously of their time, talents, skills and money. We contribute to the Fellowship of the Least Coin and to the circle during the year. We pledged and gave \$2,000.00 to support the mission of the PC(USA) worldwide and PW in the PC(USA).

We paid allotments to PWSK and the Synod of Mid-America. Other contributions included the Birthday Offering, Least Coin, (women from all over the world contribute the least coin of her realm, and a prayer each month) Thank Offering and to our individual circle during the year. We pledged and gave to support the mission of the PC(USA) worldwide and the PC(USA). (See PW Treasurer’s report 2020 for details).

At the monthly meetings we studied “Loved Carved in Stone” and we are still deciding on how to proceed with future lesson studies. Typically our circle meets at 9:15 a.m. the second Wednesday of the month in Fellowship Hall with different members leading the bible study.

We prayerfully support events which advocate for women and children in abusive and compromised situations, to bring justice and freedom to those imprisoned by illiteracy, poverty or injustice. Forgiven and freed by God in Jesus Christ and endowed by the Holy Spirit we strive reach our goals every day.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Rita Allmon, Moderator 2020*

## Presbyterian Women's 2020 Treasurer Report

Beginning Balance January 1, 2020	\$5906.30
2020 Income:	
Pledges	\$4880.00
Study Books	\$ 10.00
Bank Interest	\$ 3.53
Birthday Offering	\$ 50.00
Least Coin	\$ 19.08
Thank Offering	<u>\$ 353.00</u>
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Total Income 2020	\$ 5315.61
2020 Expenses:	
PCUSA Yearly Pledge	\$2000.00
Synod PW	\$ 12.90
PW Southern Kansas	\$ 25.80
Professional Admin Day gift & card For Tricia Brothers	\$ 52.17
Birthday Offering	\$ 50.00
Study Books	\$ 110.00
Pastor Appreciation Gift to the McGinnis Family for renewal of zoo pass	\$ 139.00
Supplies for the kitchen	\$ 6.65
Least Coin Offering	\$ 19.08
Thank Offering	\$ 353.00
Local Missions:	
Agape Resource Center	\$ 100.00
CASA	\$ 100.00
Community Playschool	\$ 150.00
Health Ministries	\$ 200.00
Heart 2 Heart	\$ 100.00
New Hope Shelter	\$ 200.00
Meals on Wheels	\$ 100.00
Grand Central Senior Center	\$ 200.00
Presbyterian Manor-Samaritan Fund	\$ 200.00
Safe Hope	\$ 200.00
Circles of Hope	\$ 100.00
St. Matthews Payee Program	\$ 100.00
Westminster Woods (scholarships)	<u>\$ 200.00</u>
Total Expenses for 2020	\$4718.60
Ending Balance December 31, 2020	\$6503.31

Carolyn Adams, Treasurer



## **S.C.O.T.S. 2020 Annual Report**

A part of Presbyterian Women of FPC

S.C.O.T.S. (Sharing Christ with Others Through Sewing), is a sewing group that contributes to FPC's mission of "Connecting to Others" by making useful items that are given to others. Members sewing in 2020 include Carolyn Adams, Sandy Larson, Libby Trussell, Susan Wyman and Carol Heinel.

We continued the service of light mending for the church family and the residents of Presbyterian Manor.

The project of blocking viewing into the nursery from the outdoors was part of the ALICE Program. The entire west wall of the nursery is floor to ceiling windows. The two doors also have windows in them. All of these glass surfaces were covered from the inside with denim fabric. The denim (bolts of fabric donated) curtains were sewn by Carol Heinel – rods purchased by Carol as well. Mike Enz hung the curtain rods and there were 9 of them. There was a total of 4 ceiling to floor lengths; 3-3yard lengths and 2 door windows covered. This project was done in January.

Clothing protectors (adult bibs/crumb catchers) were made for Presbyterian residents and church members. 89 have been gifted.

Because of the need for face mask wearing during the year – this task was taken on by Carol Heinel. A "CDC" approved pattern was used, one that has a nose wire encased to keep the mask securely on the face. All new fabric is used for these double fabric masks and are sized smallest for children to man size. So far, 625 masks have been made and distributed throughout the community and country. I am especially happy when school children are included in the give-away of the masks.

The sewing of clothes protectors and face masks will continue to be a part of our sewing mission.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Heinel  
S.C.O.T.S. Projects Manager

## Cruiser's Club 2020 Annual Report

The Cruiser's Club met on the second Sunday of these months: January, March, and July of 2020. January was the organizational meeting for the year with Donna Anderson & Steve Tangeman serving as Co-Chairs, and John & Joan Stretchers as our Treasurers. Rita Allmon would be the devotional leader. Serving as our Watch Chairs were: Donna & Mel McAnulty; Susie Tangeman & Bonnie Fey; and Susan & Bob Wyman.

Our March meeting was one that we all shared a personal secret and the group had to guess to whom the secret belonged. If you wanted to know any of our secrets, you probably should have asked back in March!!!

By the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of March, "the world" shut down due to Co-vid 19. We would not meet again until we had an outdoor picnic at the Tangeman farm. We wore masks except for when we ate. The evening had a low attendance due to the pandemic but for those in attendance; it was a spirit lifting evening to enjoy the outdoors and to see friends! Steve, Susie and Peg did all the preparation work. Thank you.

Cruiser's did assist with the Deacon's Annual Cookout at the Tangeman Farm in October by providing bottled water, condiments for hot dogs and the paper products needed. A few Cruiser's were in attendance and reported a successful outdoor event. Again thank you Tangemans and Peg!

At the March meeting, the group had voted to contribute some funds to our own church for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Easter Egg Hunt. When the event did not happen, we did not give the designated funds. In late November, the officers made a decision to contribute \$250.00 to the local Harvest of Love fund which is handled through the Salvation Army. We felt strongly that the needs are particularly great this year and that we needed to share funds with others in Christ's name.

Until further notice, Cruiser's will not have in person meetings. Stay safe and wear a mask ... wash hands often ... and may God bless.

Donna Anderson

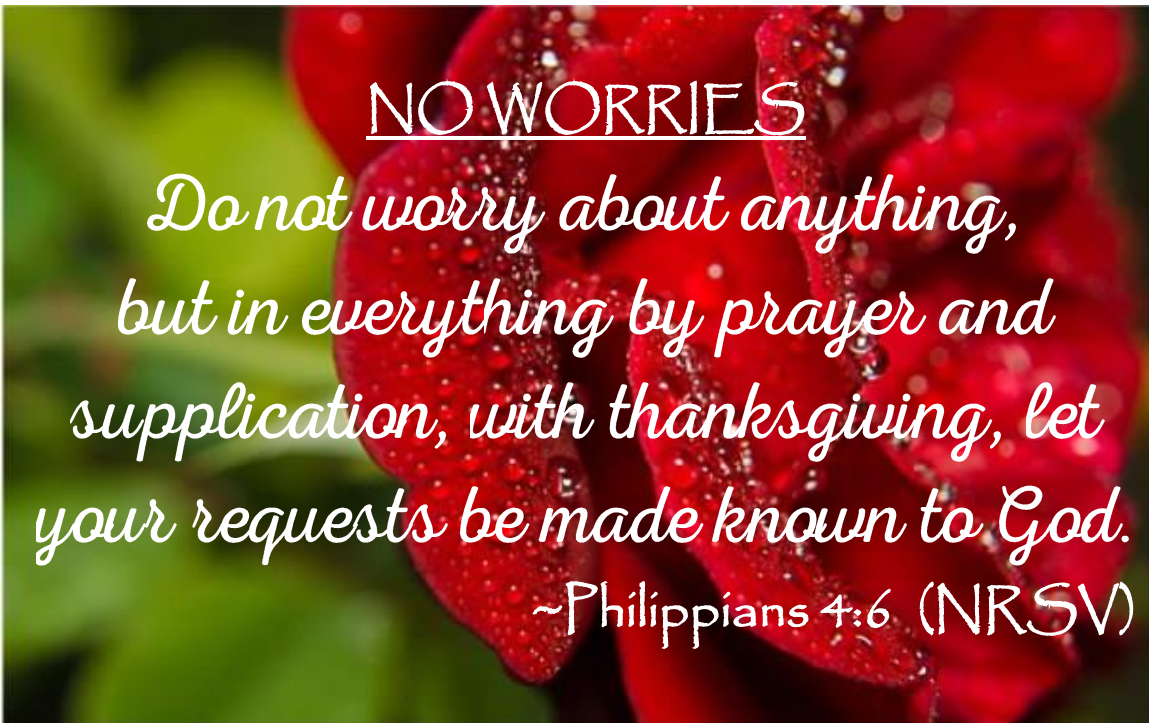
**Cruisers Club 2020 Treasurer's Report**  
**First Presbyterian Church, Newton, KS**

<b>Beginning Balance as of January 1, 2020</b>	<b><u>\$279.10</u></b>
<b>Receipts</b>	
Membership	\$200.00
<b>Disbursements</b>	
Salvation Army	\$250.00
<b>Ending Balance as of December 31, 2020</b>	<b><u>\$229.10</u></b>

Surplus Cruisers funds were shared with Newton Salvation Army to assist them in their care.

There was no interest received because Intrust Bank no longer pays interest on low balance business accounts.

The church was reimbursed on January 30, 2020 for a \$100 loan to avoid a "Low Balance Fee".



## Youth Groups 2020 Annual Report

### **JUMP:**

This youth group was for 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grades in the months of January – August. In September the age changed from 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> grade. There are 2 seniors and I keep in touch with them through text, email and snail mail. We hope to find a safe time to get together to visit with each other. The JUMP group was able to get together for 5 meetings this year.

We started our year off with a planning session on what we would like to do and learn about this year. There were so many ideas. We did get to do one activity and had a game day for grades 5<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>. In February we participated in Souper Bowl Sunday. We stood in back of the church on Super Bowl Sunday with 3 buckets: One for each team and one for the commercials. We raised a total of \$358.17 for Harvest of Love. (Of course the Chiefs bucket won!!) We did a lesson on how many families we could feed with this amount of money for a day. We found we could feed 5 families of 4 for a day. In March we were beginning our talk on Faith Building and Lent. The question presented was: Do you give something up, take something new on or just do nothing? Who would ever have thought we would all have to give up things and take new things on.

COVID 19 hit: I sent out things for the youth to do and we had a zoom meeting with all the kids. We did not meet in person again until August 30<sup>th</sup> when we met at the Allmons for a swim party. In September we had a face to face meeting using all the safety protocols. We started our new study called: "Freedom Ride". The first lesson was on: How to talk to God and not break out in hives. This lesson was supposed to continue to October, but with a rise of COVID cases in our County we had to cancel. We have not been able to meet face to face, but for November we had a video with instructions on the rest of Lesson 1 and an activity to go with it. The youth using the Lord's Prayer as a template, wrote their own prayer to talk with God. It is an interesting activity to do to help kids not freak out when talking with God.

For December: I sent out another video with lots of Christmas crafts for them to do and the story of the Jesus' birth.

### **KIDS CONNECTION**

This group started out first as a Newsletter article in April just for kids ages 3-11 years old. It had some fun games parents could do with their children. Then in September I started the group for 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade to meet after church. We were able to meet once in September and did activities about Faith Building. I did videos for November and December learning and doing activities on Being Thankful and the Birth of Jesus.

\*\* For all the activities I did with the groups, I supplied all the materials and did a porch drop off.

\*\* I am looking forward to 2021 being a year where we can meet face to face and enjoy each other's company.

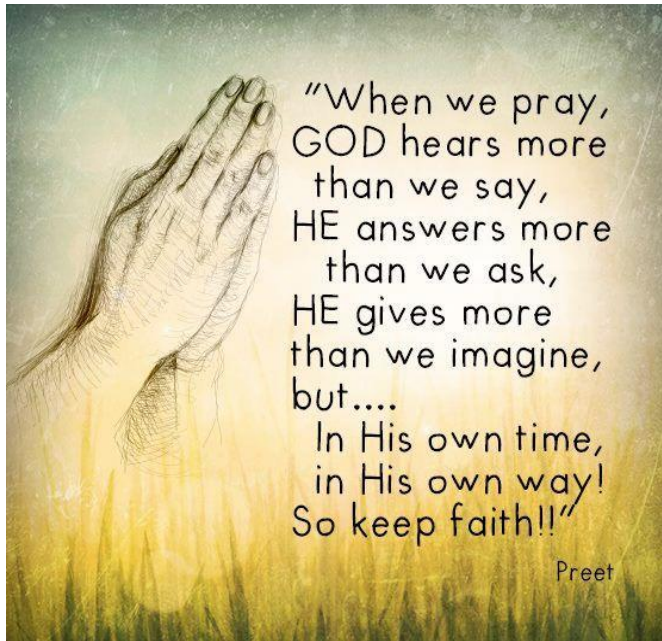
\*\* I have been trying to keep in touch with all the kids and making sure they are doing okay during these uncertain times.

\*\*I ask you all to pray for our children and youth especially during these uncertain times. They can seem to be adapting well, but just like we need to see our friends, they do too. Thank you.

Yours in Christ:

Mary McGehee

Children and Youth Director



## First Presbyterian Church Prayer Chain 2020 Annual Report

The Prayer Chain was started in July of 2006 with people being contacted by telephone chain calls, offering prayers for those with illness, death, and/or stressful situations.

I assumed the coordinator role in 2014 and most requests are now sent via e-mail. Anyone may place their name on the list to be contacted. We currently have a list of 50 contacts.

Permission must be received from the person being prayed for prior to being sent. The messages may be made by telephone to 316-772-8128 or by e-mail to [duboisfarm1@yahoo.com](mailto:duboisfarm1@yahoo.com)

In 2020 the prayer chain continued to function, but we had another avenue for information as a calling tree was formed and congregants were called regularly. This was especially valuable during the 2 1/2 months the church was closed. In 2020 we made prayer requests a total of 76 times for 96 people/events. Please use the prayer chain to pray for our church family, friends and relatives. This year more requests were made for "good" things happening as well. We always are anxious to celebrate with prayer things that bring happiness, especially in our difficult COVID times.

We have an awesome congregation and an Awesome God that hears our prayers.

Rojean DuBois  
Prayer Chain Coordinator