



## Thoughts from Rev. Scott McGinnis...



This year one of the themes we considered in our Sunday sermons is “Growing Up to Maturity as Jesus’ Body.” It is something the Apostle Paul exhorts us to do in Ephesians and something Jesus promises to do in us by the empowering of His Holy Spirit. The promise is: we will someday be whole, mature, fully healed, and filled with peace. In the Kingdom of God we will have harmony in all our relationships with creation, others, self, and God.

As I’ve considered this topic, I’ve had some articles and portions of books stand out to me. I’d like to share another with you. This fits with finding more of God, experiencing more of our Heavenly Father’s love personally. Here is a portion of *Get Your Life Back* by John Eldredge. I hope it helps us grow our love and knowledge of God.

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*Dear friends, I hope you see clearly that more of God is our greatest need, our greatest joy, our only rescue. This isn’t optional. He’s the source of the strength and resiliency we need for this hour, the Life that allows us to enjoy everything else in life.*

*So the very simple question is this: What will you do, on a daily and weekly basis, to find God and receive more of him? There are many traditional practices: prayer, fasting, the sacraments. But there are good books on those things. There are also monastic practices like simple work. The summer I lost my dear friend, I built a log rail fence. Long hours of simple, manual labor was exactly what my soul needed. God knew that, brought it to me just in time. He will bring the things you need across your path in the time you need them too. Your soul will let you know when it’s not doing well, when it needs attention, and often what it needs. So let me leave you for now with a piece of advice and a blessing. The advice comes from St. Paul, who lovingly and tenderly offered this to his dear sons and daughters in the faith:*

*“Keep putting into practice all you learned and received from me—everything you heard from me and saw me doing. Then the God of peace will be with you”. (Philippians 4:9 NLT)*

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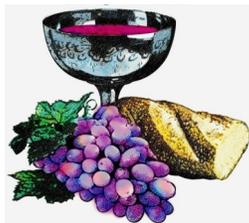
*I love the kindness of this encouragement. Keep putting into practice. It's not about perfection; it's not about being amazing. God is nowhere in the pressure to be amazing. He's waiting in the simple dailies. Just keep putting into practice the things that heal your soul and bring you more of Jesus. Then the God of peace will be with you. You'll no longer be sipping God from teaspoons; you'll learn to drink deeply from the tangible, nourishing, life-giving presence of the eternal God-Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—the fountain of living waters.*

Which is my blessing:

*May the Son of God, who is already formed in you, grow in you, so that for you he will become immeasurable, and that in you he will become laughter, exultation, and the fullness of joy which no one can take from you. —Isaac of Stella*

The Session of the First Presbyterian Church Newton calls for a **Congregational Meeting on November 21, 2021**

following the worship service for the purpose of electing new Elders, Deacons, PEF Trustees, and voting on Nominating Committee members.



On October 3<sup>rd</sup> we celebrated World Communion Sunday with other Christians around the world. This special sacrament was celebrated by displaying fabric from different countries on the pulpit, lectern and communion table. Fabrics from the following countries/groups were displayed: Australia, Cameroon, China, Guatemala, Indonesia, Jordan, Malaysian, Mexico, Navajo, and Thailand. A special hymn was also selected for the occasion - it was "This Is My Song".

Please view our October 3<sup>rd</sup> livestream on our YouTube Channel (First Presbyterian Church, Newton, Kansas) to hear Joan Stretcher's Minute for Mission!



## Cruisers News!

Cruisers plans for November are on hold.

We want to gather, but we also need to be sensitive to the current pandemic stats for our community. If a plan comes together, Cruisers will be notified via email and/or phone!

**Blessings for a Healthy and Safe Thanksgiving!**

Not what we say about our blessings, but how we use them, is the true measure of our Thanksgiving.



# PRESBYTERIANWOMEN

The 2021 Thank Offering will be **November 14th**.  
We welcome **Rev Gail Doering**, PSK Executive  
Presbyter, as our guest pastor for worship!

## A Bit About the Thank Offering:

Eliza Clokey of Springfield, Ohio, planted the seed for the Thank Offering in 1888 when she urged each woman to give one dollar over and above her usual contribution to the Women's General Missionary Society of the United Presbyterian Church of North America. Since then, faithful givers have responded to Eliza's call to give a "thank offering to her Lord." **Over the last 33 years, Presbyterian Women has granted nearly \$27 million to more than 1,600 different projects at home and around the world through the PW Thank Offering.** For more information on the 2021 Thank Offering recipients go to [www.presbyterianwomen.org/thank](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org/thank).



## Working for Justice & Peace Calendar

### November 2021

#### *Native American Heritage Month*

- 7 Caregiver Sunday
- 13 World Kindness Day
- 14 Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Sunday
- 20 Universal Children's Day
- 25 International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women
- 25 Thanksgiving

# DECEMBER

**Newsletter Deadline  
November 21st!**



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

Family of Rev. Jan Brooks,  
past PSK Stated Clerk

Rhonda Tillberg

Duane Plummer and husband Ken  
(Marilyn Sjogren's sister and brother-in-law)

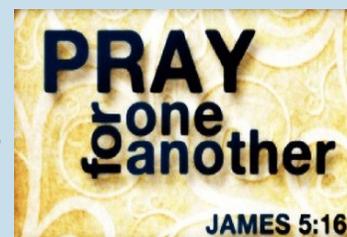
Marsha Swander

Mary Ediger

Kay Perkins

Family of Jim Gingerich  
(Vada Snider's uncle)

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



## NOVEMBER DEACONS REQUESTS FOR THE SALVATION ARMY FOOD PANTRY

- Mashed Potatoes • Pancake Mix • Soups •
- Pasta Sauce • Ramen Noodles •
- Peanut Butter • Jelly • Cereal •

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

Thank you!





## Car Winterizing Clinic Sponsored by the Outreach Team November 21, 1-4 PM North Church Parking Lot



The Outreach Team is hosting a Car Winterizing Clinic after the Congregational Meeting on November 21st. 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.

### Calling all musicians - From Vada Snider, Music Coordinator

If you have a musical friend or family member planning to be in town on a Sunday, we would love to have them help lead us in worship. Thanksgiving, Christmas, or anytime! Please contact Vada Snider: [vadasnider@cox.net](mailto:vadasnider@cox.net) or 316-283-5231.



### Deacon's Projects Update - Beth Darrow, Chair

The FPC Deacons would like to thank the congregation for the continued monthly support of the food pantry for Salvation Army. It may not seem much but we usually give over **100** pounds of food each month!! The Salvation Army staff is very appreciative of the food given. **THANK YOU!**



This Fall we did not have a school supply drive however we did go shopping for you! We gave **\$485.00** worth of school supplies between Cooper and Santa Fe Middle School. Additionally we also decided not to do the Silent Auction this year but may do another fundraiser in November if it is needed.

Of course we are still collecting food for Salvation Army! And this year our "Christmas Baskets" will be a little different as we collect items for fifteen men at the New Jerusalem Mission. Items needed include sweat shirts, sweat pants, socks, body lotion, body spray and body wash - along with Bibles! (Lap quilts/blankets for all the men have already been donated.) Please look for more information in the upcoming bulletins! **We truly appreciate everyone supporting our projects!**

### An Enlightening Operation! From Mike Enz, Property Chair

After much thought, planning, deliberation, and finally illumination, all **NINETY-SIX** lightbulbs in the sanctuary chandeliers have been replaced with LED lights!

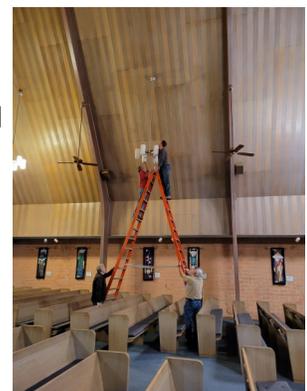
After the idea of putting plywood on the top of the pews (too dangerous), we then considered moving a few pews at a time, over the course of a couple of days, and renting a scissor lift to get up the required 16' to change the bulbs. And believe it or not, we had a volunteer to ride the lift to replace the bulbs!

Kelli Glann, to volunteer to do this, you MUST have nerves of steel!

Thankfully, like a beam of light from the heavens, Brent Coffman came along and said "No Problem!" All it took was Brent, 4 of his workers, our 16' ladder, and ...

**IN LESS THAN IN AN HOUR - ALL 96 BULBS WERE CHANGED!**

What Mike thinks could have taken, at the least, two days doing it *HIS* way, took Brent and his crew no time at all! Brent, **THANK YOU** to you, and your crew, and also for your BRIGHT Idea!





### ***Cruisers/Deacons Autumn Picnic Stats...***

***75*** degrees - perfect weather!

***(About) 55*** people attended

***50*** Smores packets were made

***40*** Hotdogs were purchased

***20*** pounds of potato salad - yummy!

***24 MORE*** hotdogs had to be purchased

***15*** pounds of potato salad eaten

***4*** Hotdogs were left

***3*** big pans of baked beans- all but gone!

***2*** big boxes of individual packaged chips

***And...***

***1*** Special Thank You

**TO PEG, STEVE AND SUSIE**

for once again hosting the picnic  
at their beautiful farm!

(FYI - ***Zero*** Smores were left!)





AND JUMP!



In October we got together twice. On October 17<sup>th</sup> we met with each group separately. We had lots of social time and played a game called: "Bible Treasure Hunt". I gave them a bible verse to look up in the bible and who ever got it first got a point. Whoever had the most points won a small prize. This was a way to help the kids learn how to find a verse in the bible.

On October 31<sup>st</sup> we met all together and had a Halloween Party. Lots of games were played and fun was had.

We will not have any groups in November, but on December 5<sup>th</sup> we will have Christmas program practice, lunch and a Christmas Party with both groups, plus our littlest ones.

Something to look forward to ...

*Children's Christmas Program "Will my Gift Be Enough?" on December 12<sup>th</sup>!!!*

\*\*I am thankful for all of the kids and their families, you all make my job fun. Thank you!! Have a very Happy Thanksgiving. - Mary \*\*

### Will My Gift Be Enough? The Little Drummer Boy



Children's Christmas Program  
December 12, 2021  
10:30 AM  
First Presbyterian Church



Faith Builders Sunday was on September 19<sup>th</sup>. During the Children's Message, the children helped put leaves (which had verses of a poem by the Blessed Mother Teresa) and grapes (which had words to represent growth toward discipleship). The cross was covered in vines to go with our verse from John 15:5:

# FAITH BUILDERS SUNDAY

Recap by Mary McGehee



*"I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing."*

As I spoke with the children about the scripture above, we talked about Mother Teresa's poem and what each word on the grapes represented. Here are the words and what they stand for:



**Spiritual Life:** It is important to grow in Jesus' love. How can we do that? Read our bibles; come to Sunday school and church, pray.

**Branching Out:** Should we keep Jesus' love for us to ourselves? No, let's share it and our vine will get longer and stronger.

**Growth Through Study:** How do you as kids study? Do you read big books? The bible is a big and long book, but lucky for you some people have made Children's bible to help you understand better. So, reading books about God and Jesus helps us to study.

**Serving:** Is this like going to a restaurant and the waiter serves you food? It can be like that, but it is much more. We can serve God by the many things we do each day.

**Leadership:** This one is a hard one. Being a leader can be a tough job. You have to direct others on what needs to be done. Some people don't like to be in the leadership role, but God wants us to be leaders and go out and tell others about God's love.

**Bearing Fruit:** Can you grow an apple on your body? No, that would be silly. God wants us to go out and give to others, love others and do what is right.

**Membership:** We can all be a member of God's family. We can hold on to the vine and bear good fruit.



**"The fruit of silence is prayer,  
The fruit of prayer is faith,  
The fruit of faith is love,  
The fruit of love is service,  
The fruit of service is peace."  
By: Blessed Mother Teresa**

On this special Sunday we also recognized all the people in our church who have ever helped with Sunday school or worked with youth groups by standing up. The kids saw a lot of people stand up.

Without all of the members in our church to help us learn about God and Jesus then we would be lost. We are so happy we have had and have many people who will help us learn more about God and Jesus. We are a community and we need each other plus God and Jesus so we can grow, learn and love in our church family.

**We set this Sunday aside to remember we cannot be Faith Builders without God, and Jesus, and each other!**

**Let's have a great year Building Our Faith TOGETHER.**



We want to wish  
*Ivan Knudsen*  
a very, very happy  
*90th birthday!!*

Ivan's birthday was on  
November 5th.

If you would like, send a  
"Happy Birthday Ivan" email to  
[newtonfpc@gmail.com](mailto:newtonfpc@gmail.com)  
and we will pass it along to him!



Treble Clef Choir



Hearts 4 Him



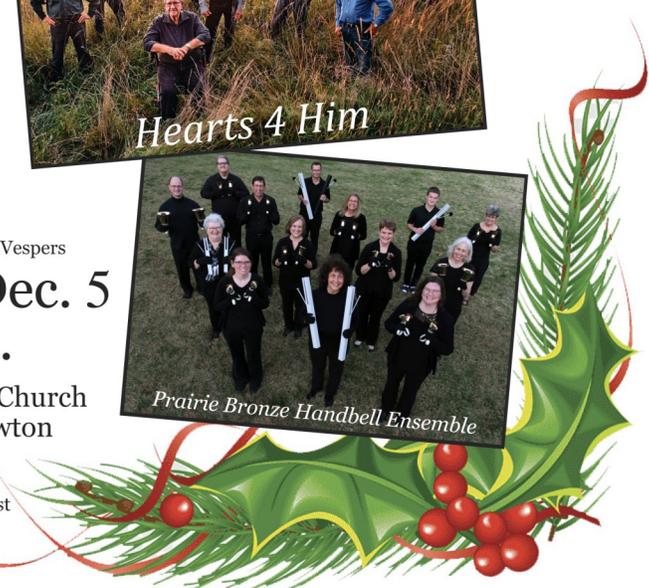
Prairie Bronze Handbell Ensemble

Treble Clef Christmas Vespers

**Sunday, Dec. 5**  
**3 p.m.**

First Presbyterian Church  
900 Columbus, Newton

Freewill offering for the  
Treble Clef Scholarship Fund  
Prelude by Joan Wulf, pianist



I'm Water Free--  
Please "ADOPT" ME!



Look for details  
in bulletins & the  
December  
newsletter

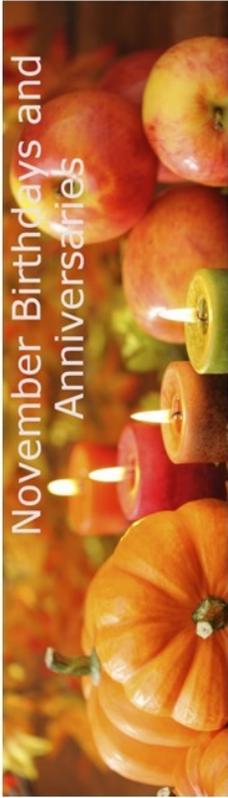
Dear Congregation of First Presbyterian Church,  
We invite you to support our congregation  
through regular offerings.

As you know, our church is sustained by the  
giving of our congregation and not through any  
other means. Thereby, the support you give  
provides for the wonderful facility, staff, and  
ministries of our church family.

Sincerely,  
The Finance Committee



Did you read  
the newsletter?  
If so, send an  
email to the  
office with the  
subject "I DID!"  
and something  
special might  
be yours!



November Birthdays and Anniversaries

- November 4 – Keven & Debra Hiebert
- November 5 – Ivan Knudsen
- November 8 – Alexis Anderson
- November 9 – Mary Smith
- November 10 – Evey Gallagher
- November 12 – Marsha Swander
- November 13 – Brooklyn Anderson, Sue Ice,  
Jonathan McGinnis, Jerry Krehbiel
- November 14 – Tony Martinez
- November 15 – Scott & Addie Perkins,  
Beth Darrow, John Woolridge
- November 17 – Bev McGee
- November 18 – Kaylee Moore
- November 20 – Ron Larson
- November 21 – Liz Pomeroy
- November 24 – Brad Cooper, Julie Griffin
- November 26 – Rita Allmon
- November 27 – John Higgs, Jennifer Switzer
- November 28 – Becky Cooper
- November 29 – Charlotte Price, Ruby Kleymann
- November 30 – Michael Tomlinson

God's Blessings for Joyous Celebrations!



Please help honor NFPC's history by sharing your memories for our 150th Anniversary!



Memories or Stories can include...



First memories of the church

Favorite time of year at the church?

(i.e. Christmas, Fall, VBS)

Memories of former ministers and/or members

Favorite Sunday School memory and/or teacher

A group/activity you never want to miss?

(i.e. Pres Women, S.C.O.T.S., Autumn All Church Picnic)

Favorite memory of being part of/or helping with a group

(Youth Group, Cruisers, Ghost Ranch Work Crew)

Memories of marriages in the church

(Your own, relatives, or other members married in the church including ministers performing the weddings)

Have pictures to share? GREAT! Please provide a COPY (no originals please) along with details (date, name, location).

Please drop off, mail (Attn: 150th Memories, 900 Columbus, Newton, KS, 67114), or email (newtonfpc@gmail.com) with the subject line "Attn: 150th Memories".

Questions? Please contact Pam Trussell at (316-283-9193).

One more thing... We are also looking for contact inform for past members, pastors, youth group leaders. Please let Pam know if you have emails, addresses, or phone numbers that you could share!



Thank You!

**Worship Teams**  
**September 2021—February 2022**  
**By Week & By Area**

**1st Sunday**

Organist Helen Wild  
 Greeter Marilyn Sjogren  
 Ushers Susan Wyman and Carolyn Adams  
 Lay Reader Rojean DuBois  
 Livestream Larry Trussell or Steve Tangeman  
 Audio Steve Tangeman

**2nd Sunday**

Organist Kelli Glann  
 Greeter Libby Trussell  
 Ushers Ron & Carol Cheyney  
 Lay Reader Mel McAnulty  
 Livestream Larry Trussell or Steve Tangeman  
 Audio Greg McGehee

**3rd Sunday**

Organist Kelli Glann  
 Greeter Kay Enz  
 Ushers David, Judy and Jamie Welfelt  
 Lay Reader Sandy Larson  
 Livestream Larry Trussell or Steve Tangeman  
 Audio Jerry Krehbiel

**4th Sunday**

Organist Helen Wild  
 Greeter Linda Benninga  
 Ushers John & Joan Stretcher  
 Lay Reader John Higgs  
 Livestream Larry Trussell or Steve Tangeman  
 Audio Mike Enz

**5th Sunday**

Organist Helen Wild  
 Greeter Jeraldine Smith  
 Ushers Alisa Dinneen and Addie Perkins  
 Lay Reader Debra Hiebert  
 Livestream Larry Trussell or Steve Tangeman  
 Audio Oct: Mike

**Greeter**

1st Sunday Marilyn Sjogren  
 2nd Sunday Libby Trussell  
 3rd Sunday Kay Enz  
 4th Sunday Linda Benninga  
 5th Sunday Jeraldine Smith  
 Substitutes Rojean DuBois and Joan Stretcher

**Ushers**

1st Sunday Susan Wyman & Carolyn Adams  
 2nd Sunday Ron & Carol Cheyney  
 3rd Sunday David, Judy & Jamie Welfelt  
 4th Sunday John & Joan Stretcher  
 5th Sunday Alisa Dinneen and Addie Perkins  
 Substitutes Susie Tangeman and Rita Allmon

**Lay Reader**

1st Sunday Rojean DuBois  
 2nd Sunday Mel McAnulty  
 3rd Sunday Sandy Larson  
 4th Sunday John Higgs  
 5th Sunday Debra Hiebert  
 Substitutes Greg McGehee and Tricia Brothers

**Livestream**

1st Sunday Larry Trussell or Steve Tangeman  
 2nd Sunday Larry Trussell or Steve Tangeman  
 3rd Sunday Larry Trussell or Steve Tangeman  
 4th Sunday Larry Trussell or Steve Tangeman  
 5th Sunday Larry Trussell or Steve Tangeman  
 Substitutes Larry Trussell or Steve Tangeman

**Audio**

1st Sunday Steve Tangeman  
 2nd Sunday Greg McGehee  
 3rd Sunday Jerry Krehbiel  
 4th Sunday Mike Enz  
 5th Sunday Oct: Mike