

# NEWTON FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## October 2023

## Newsletter



From Pastor Scott:

Author John Eldredge got me thinking about Jesus' mission. Have you ever wonder why people started following Jesus 2000 years ago? I think it's because this is how He announced His mission. He quoted Isaiah 61:1–3.

*The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me,  
because the LORD has anointed me  
to preach good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,  
to proclaim freedom for the captives  
and release from darkness for the prisoners,  
to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor  
and the day of vengeance of our God,  
to comfort all who mourn,  
and provide for those who  
grieve in Zion —  
to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes,  
the oil of gladness  
instead of mourning,  
and a garment of praise  
instead of a spirit of despair.*

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How do we respond to the troubles and worry of our world? How do we cope with the weight we feel on our hearts? We can let Jesus be Jesus to us. Jesus announced His ministry in a really, really big way, because it was a really, really big deal to have the kind of hope He offered. In His Kingdom come, Jesus promised beauty would replace disasters and joy would replace sorrow.

How do we respond to the weight of the world? First, you can start with thanksgiving for Jesus. Thank Him for being Jesus. And then you can ask Him to do all of the above for you. Can you pray today: Jesus, is Isaiah 61:1-3 true for me? Would You do this for me?

Jesus can, and He will.

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



### New Church Office Hours

**Monday:** Closed

**Tuesday:** 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

**Wednesday:** 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

**Thursday:** 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

**Friday:** 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

**Saturday:** Closed



**New Hope Shelter, Inc.**  
Following Christ, Building the Community

Our next time to serve a meal is

**November 2nd and 4th**

To volunteer to help, please contact  
Rita Allmon at 316-288-3028



Please Mark Your Calendar!

## Fall Cookout

**October 8th, 4:30 p.m.**

**@Tangeman Farm**

2204 N. Main Newton, KS

***Sign up sheet is located in the narthex.***

The Deacon's will be serving hot dogs, bratwursts, potato chips, potato salad, baked beans, and of course S'MORES!!

Drinks and table service will be provided.

Bring a friend, lawn chair, and

**A BIG APPETITE!**



\* For those of you watching services from home please call Beth Darrow at 316-655-1741 to be put on the list.

FPC had some major updates on the cooling system in early September. You can count a total of 5 Evergy trucks in the picture to the right. Thankfully they were able to get everything on and back running smoothly.





# PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



PW Post by *Sandy Larson*

September was a true joy at our gathering for Presbyterian Women's Circle as we had 19 ladies in attendance. We started our new bible study for the coming year, Sacred Encounters, learning about "The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke- Acts". Our first lesson was about Elizabeth's sacred encounter, with angel Gabriel, unexpectedly becoming pregnant, and giving birth to her first born, John (The Baptist). That led us into discovering that God calls us to make ourselves available for God's purpose.

In October, we're looking forward to having another great group of ladies to gather for Lesson #2, "The Exorcism in Gerasa". The main idea is Jesus' presence and human vulnerability can result in a personal and communal transformation. Jane Shirley will be our leader for this lesson and Carol Higgs will hostess our meeting.

Remember, all women of our church are Presbyterian Women and are always invited to join us for Circle each 2 nd Wednesday of the month. You are also welcome to bring guests. We'll **meet in Fellowship Hall at 10:00 AM on October 11**. So, I look forward to seeing you to have an enjoyable  
**\* Special date: October 14**

(a Saturday) PW will have a casual **breakfast** gathering at **The Breadbasket at 9:00 AM**. All ladies of our church (and any guests you want to bring) are invited for this special time together. Good food and a great conversation time is in store.



# YOUTH UPDATES:

Children's Sunday school and Lil' Worship Warriors has started. JUMP starts this coming Wednesday, October 4th @ 7:00 p.m. Kids Connections will be returning soon!



## DEACONS REQUESTS

### NEWTON MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE FOOD PANTRY

**The Food Pantry is in need of boxes of cereal, soups (both regular and creams such as cream of mushroom), peas, green beans and Hamburger Helper.**

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

**Coffee with the Pastor**  
**Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m.**  
**@ Common Grounds**



## Men's Breakfast

**October 11th - 9:00 a.m.**

Del Puente Café  
701 N Main St  
Newton, KS



# Outreach Committee Updates:

The Outreach Committee is participating in the Good Neighbor Project again. The Committee is currently updating the asset map which includes Businesses and Organizations close to the church.

The Brethren Church on Columbus invited our youth to their “Last Day at the Pool” ice cream social at the Newton Pool. They may want to help with the Easter Egg Hunt. They also have a mechanic in their church who will help with our car winterizing clinic on November 5th.

Ember Hope was contacted and the girls would love to learn how to crochet but everyone who knew how to do it has left. If you are interested in teaching them to crochet please contact Tamber Rouse at 620-255-3340 or Tricia Wells at 316-243-9816. They could also use volunteers to teach the girls other activities such as cooking. The girls are participating in the art exhibit Walk-a-Mile which is currently showing at Mark Arts in Wichita until October 7th and at CityArts in Wichita until October 29th. The exhibit is an expression of the trauma, hope, dreams and goals of the artist. Ember Hope would be very appreciative if the girls could help with the Easter Egg Hunt as well. Ember Hope also has begun a playground to help with trauma for the girls. They have completed the first phase and have 3 more phases to go. They have a swing that feels like the youth is in the mother’s womb.

Mike McConnell is a neighbor of Pam and Larry’s. He is the welding instructor at the high school. His class can do small projects for people in the community although they do not paint what they weld. Pam has his contact information if someone wants it.

The boundaries for our asset map are from 12th street, to Broadway, to Meridian to Boyd Street. If you know a business or organization that is in this area that you would like included please contact Scott McGinnis with the information.





# Meet Our New Secretary

Thank you all for the warm welcome to First Presbyterian Church. I truly have been enjoying my time here. I wanted to introduce myself a little more to you all. My name is Johannah Hastings. My family moved to the Newton area when I was seven years old from Emporia, KS. I attended Newton Bible Christian School in grade school and then I was homeschooled before attending my last two years of high school at Goessel High School. During those last years of high school my family hosted two foreign exchange students, one from Switzerland and one from Germany. I also participated in Goessel's basketball, cross country, theater, and choir programs.

After high school, I moved to Orlando, FL where I worked at Walt Disney World in food service for almost a year. I loved the experience at Disneyworld and having the opportunity to meet and work with people from all over the world. In 2016, I started college at Hutchinson Community College. I

later would transfer to Emporia State for one year, ultimately landing and finishing my Bachelor of Communication degree at Tabor College in Hillsboro, KS. While at Tabor, I was active in choir and theater and would write for the school newspaper and yearbook. My junior year at Tabor I was also a Resident Assistant. I graduated Tabor in 2020 and moved to Tulsa, OK that summer and worked as a social media manager. I moved back to Kansas in November of 2021 to help my parents, who unfortunately had health issues at the time, with their antique business in Hesston (The Old Church Antiques). Thankfully they are both doing well now. I also work part-time at Trinity Heights United Methodist Church as their custodian.

I grew up attending church and helping my mom, who was the children's director at our church, lead Sunday school and children's worship. My parents have worked for years in children's ministry. I also was involved in our church's puppet ministry. I currently have been attending First Baptist in Newton, but I will be helping start a church in the Hesston community starting in January 2024. I am looking forward to the many ways God will be using me for His purpose.

In my free time I enjoy going for walks and longboard rides with my dog, Pepper and my boyfriend, Chris. I also enjoy cooking and baking! I love spending time with friends and family, and I love going out and trying and supporting new local restaurants, businesses and events.

Thank you all again so much for the warm welcome and kindness. I already love working for FPC!

~Johannah Hastings





# October

## *Birthdays & Anniversaries*

October 3 - Shana McGinnis, Joan Stretcher

October 7 - Carol Higgs

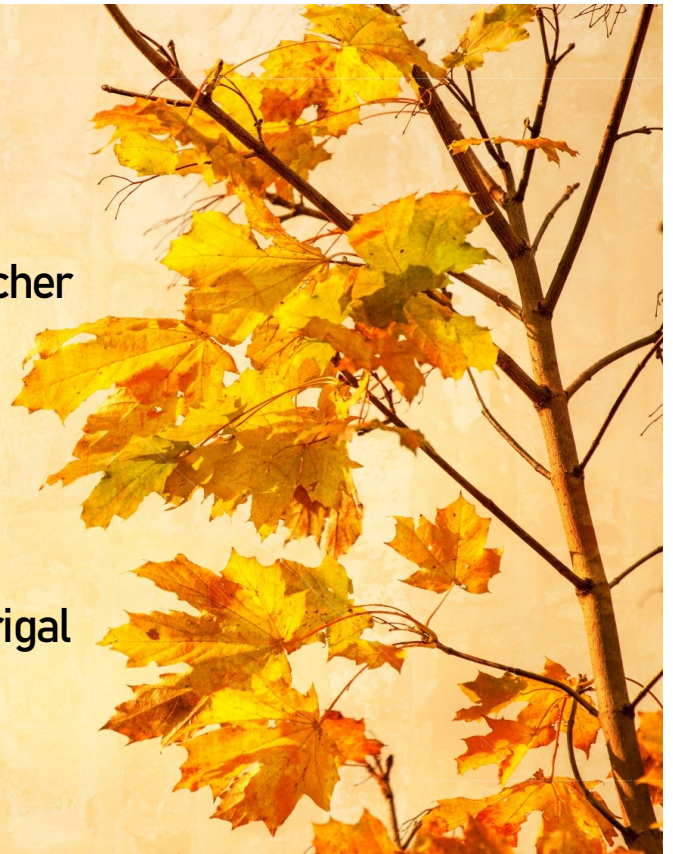
October 11 - Addie Perkins, Helen Wild

October 20 - Jared Girhring

October 23 - Dale Griswold

October 24 - Mark Girhring, Rafael Madrigal

October 26 - Bob Wyman



### **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**

Mary Eck

Kristin Kliever

John McGehee

Miranda - Joe & Sharon Kennedy's daughter.

If you have a prayer request or want to become a member of the prayer chain, please contact

Rojean DuBois at 316-772-8128.

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**First Presbyterian Bell Choir will be practicing Wednesdays at 7 p.m.**

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**Prairie Bronze Choir will be practicing Tuesdays from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.**

