

Newton First Presbyterian Church

March 2026 Newsletter



From Pastor Scott:

Dear First Pres friends,



This month is Saint Patrick's Day, and St. Patrick understood the Bible's message. Born in 385 AD, Patrick was captured by slave traders at 16 and forced to tend sheep for 16 years. During this time, he faced extreme conditions, spending months alone in the mountains. At 32, he had an encounter with the Risen Jesus, who called him to spread the Gospel in Ireland. Within 30 years, Ireland was almost completely Gospel-ized, while the Roman Empire was in chaos.

In his book on St. Patrick, Thomas Cahill explains Patrick's transformative impact on Ireland. Before Patrick's arrival, Ireland was held captive to a rightening worldview. In this worldview, dark forces ruled the world, and hidden traps lurked everywhere. People developed taboos to ward off these forces, but their effectiveness was uncertain, as the powers constantly changed form.

Patrick spoke the Gospel into the fear, not fearing the dark forces because he knew Jesus had defeated them. The darkness was not Lord of Ireland; Jesus was. Within 30 years, Irish slave trading ceased, murder and tribal warfare stopped, and marriage became an honorable institution. People believed that Jesus had overcome all enemies of life and bound Satan, the ringleader of the havoc. This is what St Patrick's Day celebrates: from darkness to light, the abundant life we have in and because of Jesus. Thank Jesus this St. Patrick's Day.

For further reading on St. Patrick check out "*How the Irish Saved Civilization*" by Thomas Cahill.

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PW Post by *Karen Wilson*

Easter comes a little early this year and I wanted to share just a few thoughts about Jesus Christ and His ultimate sacrifice for all of us. There is a song entitled "Then Comes The Morning" by Ernie Haase & Signature Sound that I hope everyone will listen to. It is a powerful song about the weekend of the death, burial and resurrection of our savior Jesus Christ. As you listen, please put yourself into the devastating time when they removed Christ from the cross and buried him in the tomb. Mary Magdalene, his mother, the disciples, and all those followers were in stunned disbelief as all their hopes for this man who was to be their Messiah was dead. How could they go on? What were they to believe? Certainly Mary, having heard the angels news that she was to birth the Son of God, was confused, yet the promise was real wasn't it? What were they to do now? Those who have lost a loved one suddenly can truly relate to the shock and bewilderment of what had just happened.

THEN CAME THE MORNING. What a glorious Resurrection morning. Jesus was alive. Hope was renewed. Joy was overflowing in their hearts. The awful night had turned into bright morning and their Savior lived. If you can picture yourself there on resurrection morning can you feel the hope and the joy return and the peace take over your soul. I would ask you today - Do you realize what happened that weekend? Do you really comprehend what Jesus did for you on that cross? If you die today and stand before the door to heaven and God asks you why He should let you in, what would your answer be? Romans 3: 23 tells us that "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God". We can never be good enough, never do enough good works, never give enough to be able to stand before a holy and perfect God. Ephesians 1: 7 says "In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace". Jesus Christ offers us a gift. Romans 6: 23 says "For the wages of sin is death but the GIFT of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord". Only by accepting the precious gift of salvation, made possible by the blood of Jesus can we enter into eternal glory with Jesus forever. I pray each one of you have accepted that gift.

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I feel really sad that our world focuses on eggs and bunnies and candy at this wonderful time of the year rather than the death, burial and resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and what that means for each one of us. They miss the only thing really important about Easter.

Our circle meeting this month is Lesson Six - Finding Our Joy in Christ: "I Will Say It Again, Rejoice" with the main idea being Christian joy emerges from a deep belief that God is good, and God reigns forever. Please join us on

March 11 at 10 A.M. in Fellowship Hall.

We would love to see all of your smiling faces there to enjoy fellowship together.

Karen Wilson

Coffee with the Pastor

Wednesdays in February

(except the 11th & 25th)

@ 10:00 a.m. - Norm's in Newton

613 N. Main St. Newton, KS

*Men join us @ Del Puente for Men's Breakfast

@ 9:00 a.m. on March 11th

Looking forward to a time of
Friends, Fellowship, and Coffee!





Men's Breakfast

March 11th at 9:00 a.m.

Del Puente - 701 N. Main St. Newton, KS

Prayer

Faith

Fellowship



Ping Pong @ FPC

Mondays from 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Come check out FPC's Ping
Pong club on Monday
mornings in the Youth Room
downstairs



Deacons Requests

Newton Ministerial Alliance Food Pantry



The Food Pantry is in need of:

Spaghetti-O's and other canned meals, ramen noodles, canned vegetables, soups, spaghetti sauce and noodles, granola bars and boxed individual snacks, crackers, hamburger helper, pop tarts, peanut butter and jelly, toilet paper, and paper towels.

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

February Photos @ FPC

Thank you to Hearts 4 Him for the great Message in Song! Thank you to the Deacons for hosting, and all of those who helped with the Valentine Dinner.



Ash Wednesday @ New Hope Shelter



Thank you to
those who
served at
New Hope Shelter!



Photos by
Pastor Scott

Stroke, TBI or Parkinson's Survivors and/or Caregivers

If you have survived a stroke, including a TIA, a Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) or Parkinson's, or if you are a caregiver to one of these, you should be joining this group!

Our second meeting will be Thursday, March 12, 2026, at 12:30 pm at the First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall located at 900 N Columbus Ave, Newton, KS. Bring a sack lunch – drinks will be provided at doors will open at noon.

You will meet other survivors and caregivers to exchange stories of successes and trials in their daily journey through recovery.

Please join our support group for our next meeting, or for more information, please email us at

hvcostroke@gmail.com or call 316.281.4024. If

there is no answer, please leave a voicemail or text.



Doug with the Stroke, TBI, Parkinsons Survivor & Caregiver Group - 02/12/2026

Photo by Pastor Scott



Souper Bowl of Caring

Patriots - \$50

Seahawks - \$43

Olympics - \$118

Total for Harvest of Love \$211

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EASTER EGG Hunt

Saturday, March 28th

Pictures with the Easter Bunny start at 1:00 p.m.
Egg Hunt starts at 1:30 p.m.

Please bring a phone or camera for pictures and a basket to collect eggs!

**900 Columbus Ave.
Newton, KS
FPC East Lawn**

Age Groups
1-4 years old
5-8 years old
9-12 years old

“The Son has Risen Service”

Church Fellowship

Breakfast & Liturgy

Easter Morning: April 5th

Time: 9:00 a.m.



Ladies, Easter is almost here, and we want to invite you to wear your Easter Hats on Easter morning Sunday, April 5th to church.



If you have any sunrise or sunset pictures, Easter morning we will have a slideshow of sunrises and sunsets from FPC members, friends, (etc.) to share. Please email the office if you would like to include any images in the slideshow.
newtonfpc@gmail.com



**Surprise Graduation Party
For Kayden Watson
@ Camp Hawk
1801 SW 36th St. Newton, KS
Saturday, February 28th
Come and go from 4 – 7 p.m.**

March Birthdays

& Anniversaries

March 10 – Kayden Watson

March 14 – Nila Chambers

March 18 – Larry & Pam Trussell

March 23 – Brent Glann, Tom Altum

March 26 – Nate Regier

March 28 – Bob Swander

March 29 – Asha Regier

March 31 – Susan Wyman



The Family of Ron Cheyney

The Family of Helen Eberle

Stroke, TBI, & Parkinson's

Survivors & Caregivers

Charlene Lloyd

Tammy Geiger-Stephenson

The Family of Bill Kleymann

Arlen Anderson

Nancy Ice Schulp

If you have a prayer request
or want to become a
member of the prayer chain,
please contact the church
office at 316-283-0504 or
newtonfpc@gmail.com





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March 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Communion Sunday	2 8:30 - 10:00 am Ping Pong	3 6:30 - 8:30 pm Prairie Bronze	4 10:00 am Coffee/w Pastor 7:30pm FPC Bell Practice	5 10:00 am PWCT 7:00 pm Operations Team	6	7
8	9 8:30 - 10:00 am Ping Pong	10 12:00 pm PSK Pastor Lunch 3:00 pm Revitalization 6:30 - 8:30 pm Prairie Bronze	11 9:00 am <i>Men's Breakfast</i> 10:00 am <i>Circle in FH</i> 11:30 am <i>Nurture Team</i> 6:00 pm <i>Deacon's MTG</i>	12 12:30 pm Stroke Survivors & Caregivers 7:00 pm Outreach Team	13	14
15	16 8:30 - 10:00 am Ping Pong	17  <u>10:30 am Session</u> 6:30 - 8:30 pm Prairie Bronze	18 10:00 am Coffee/w Pastor 7:30pm FPC Bell Practice	19	20	21
22 FPC Bell Choir	23 8:30 - 10:00 am Ping Pong	24 6:30 - 8:30 pm Prairie Bronze	25 11:00am Ron Cheyney's Celebration of Life 7:30pm FPC Bell Practice	26	27	28
29 Palm Sunday 	30 8:30 - 10:00 am Ping Pong	31 6:30 - 8:30 pm Prairie Bronze	Sunday 9:15 am -Adult Bible Study Schedule 10:10 am - Coffee Fellowship 10:30 am -Worship & @ FPC		 YouTube "First Presbyterian Church, Newton, KS" newtonfpc@gmail.com firstpresnewton.org 316-283-0504 (office)	