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I like this quote from John Eldredge's *Fathered By God*, which brings this reality into view.

Our God is a warrior because there are certain things in life worth fighting for, must be fought for. He makes man a warrior in his own image, because he intends for man to join him in that battle.

There were a lot of people who fought for the freedoms we celebrate each year on the 4th of July. I'll say that again, those freedoms (including our religious freedom) were fought for. It's a sad reality we have to fight oppressors to gain and maintain freedom. But it seems it's always been that way.

— John Eldredge —



One day the young man Moses, prince of Egypt, went out to see for himself the oppression of his kinsmen. When he witnessed firsthand an Egyptian taskmaster beating a Hebrew slave, he couldn't bear it, and killed the man. A rash act, for which he becomes a fugitive, but you see something of the warrior emerging in him. Years later, God sends him back to set all his people free, and, I might add, it is one intense fight to win that freedom. David also fights, battle after battle, to win the freedom of his people and unite the tribes of Israel. Something in the man compelled him, that same something that wouldn't allow Lincoln to simply sit by and watch the Union tear itself apart, wouldn't permit Churchill—despite the views of many of his own countrymen—to sit by and let the Nazis take over Europe unopposed. For he knew that in the end they would have England, too.

There are certain things worth fighting for. A marriage, for example, or the institution of marriage as a whole. Children, whether they are yours or not. Friendships will have to be fought for, as you've discovered by now, and churches, too, which seem bent on destroying themselves if they are not first destroyed by the enemy who hates them. Many people feel that earth itself is worth fighting for. Doctors fight for the lives of their patients, and teachers for the hearts and futures of their students. Take anything good, true, or beautiful upon this earth and ask yourself, "Can this be protected without a fight?"

FPC June 2021 Session Notes:

We are going to welcome some visiting speakers during this summer. Marvin Rice will speak on 7/25/21, John Haspels on 8/1/21 and Kermit Oppriecht on 8/8/21.

Please welcome them to worship with us.

It is very exciting to have some new Confirmands and Members, as well as Baptisms this month. Be sure to welcome them into the fold.

Our 149th Church Anniversary is fast approaching on July 7, 2021. In celebration, goodies will be given out July 18th, as well as some church history. Did you know that the City of Newton's 150th Anniversary is next year as well? Lots of celebration of God's love and goodness coming up.

We are opening up more and more. We have new church office hours and are serving communion in person if you feel comfortable doing so.

Remember to invite your family and friends to join us soon.

Rojean DuBois, Clerk of Session

Notes from the Nurture Team

Our month of June was busy and so July there isn't as much to do. We are still thinking of how we can spruce up the sanctuary for our 150th Birthday.

We are putting our heads together to figure out what Sunday school for all ages will look like in the Fall of 2021. What would you as church members like to see? Would you come to an Adult Sunday school class if there was one? What would you like to study? Let a Nurture Team member know, so we can start planning.

Thank You. Mary



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Office Hours:

Monday: Closed

Tuesday - Thursday: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
(closed for lunch)

Friday: 10:00 am - 1:00 pm



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A WHALE OF A TALE!! Jonah's Adventures

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE 27, 2021



WOW!! We had a WHALE of a good time. The kids were full of smiles and laughter. They sang, heard the story of Jonah, ran an obstacle course, pinned Jonah on the whale, threw water balloons, ate lunch, made crafts, played in water and many more activities. It was quite an adventure for all who were involved. The best part was the kids asking: "What are we doing next week?"

We had 20 kids who attended from the ages of 3 – 9 years old. We had many helpers who jumped in wherever there was a need. (I am appreciative of them all!) Many pictures were taken (Thank you Vada!) of the kids doing the activities. I think their smiles tell it all. After resting and contemplating about this one day VBS: **I say it was a SUCCESS!!** ~Mary, Children and Youth Director



From Community Playschool (one of NFPC's Mission Projects)

It's been an interesting school year for Community Playschool as we have recently completed an online program in order to stay safe during the pandemic. We posted stories, circle times and activities every day for families to watch and do at their own convenience. Fourteen children of the Newton community have participated in this free program thanks to five area churches and United Way. We want to thank First Presbyterian Church for being one of those supporting churches and are so grateful for your yearly pledge.

Presbyterian Women gave a nice donation again, as well. We also want to acknowledge the service of Mary McGehee who is currently First Presbyterian's representative to our board.

At this time, we are planning for an in person program to start up again in the fall. We solicit your prayers and continued support as we work toward a new model of leadership for the future of our organization. Current director, Jeanette Leary, will be taking a leave of absence for the fall semester. Current assistant director, Kasey Newell, will be acting director during this semester. In this time of change, we are also seeking new volunteer teachers and helpers for our classrooms. If you feel that you might have an interest and are willing to commit to two mornings a week or would like more information about what we might need, please contact one of the directors at the number below.

With gratitude,
Jeanette Leary and Kasey Newell 316 283-3667



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



**Neither Presbyterian Women
Coordinating Team nor
PW Circle will be meeting in July.**

**Note: The start time of each meeting
has been changed from 9:15 am to
10:00 am.**

**Working for Justice & Peace
Calendar July 2021**

4 Independence Day
4 Immigration Sunday



CRUISER'S

Cruisers, please be patient as between grandchildren, my mother, clearing out her house, family health concerns, and some minor storm damage at 917 Boyd Ave from the Friday night "hurricane" I'm not down and out but I don't seem able to focus on Cruisers too!

Enjoy the 4th with your family if you can! Donna

**On July 14th, 15th and 17th
we are serving meals
To New Hope Shelter .**



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

**Please contact
Rita Allmon at 316-288-3028 if
you would like to help!
Thank you to those who volunteer!**

Prairie Bronze Bell Concert

Sunday, August 1st, 2021

3:00 pm at First Presbyterian Church

Guest appearance by Harder family singers

Please join us for
an afternoon
of joyful music!



JULY DEACONS REQUESTS FOR THE SALVATION ARMY FOOD PANTRY

- Ramen Noodles • Canned soups (any kind) •
- Peanut Butter • Jelly • Pop Tarts •
- Pasta (such as spaghetti and macaroni) • Hamburger Helper •

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



The need is great right now.

Also, please remember them in prayer.

Thank you!

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

**Laura McKaig
(Donna Anderson's mother)**

**Liz Anderson (Blankley)
(Jim & Donna Anderson's daughter)**

Jim Anderson

Donna Anderson

Karen Loucks

**Family of Jonathan Hostettler
wife Lisa, (Connie Griswold's daughter)
& grandchildren Brianna & Elliott,
Dale and Connie Griswold**

Greg Schmidt

Rhonda Tillberg

**Dale Perkins
(Carol Higgs' father)**

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

pop-tarts Blueberry

Hamburger HELPER Supreme CHEESE PIZZA



We (NFPC) are excited to be an event sponsor for “Rising Above the Creek”, the Sunday afternoon Christian Concerts at Summer Daze 2021!!



Sunday, July 11

2:00: Acrostic

3:00 The Gathering Collaborative

4:30 Evidence of Journey

The Outreach Team along with our Presbyterian Women are making plans to have a booth at this neighborhood event (which starts at 2:00pm). They will be serving Sloppy Joes, Chips and Water (menu may vary).

Please plan an afternoon of wonderful Christian Music, Fellowship and Food ... AND, at the same time, support our church family!

For more information visit sandcreeksummerdaze.com & click on the **2021 PRINTABLE EVENT GUIDE - AVAILABLE NOW!** button!

Hope to see you there!



July 2 - Peter & Angie Anderson
July 3 - Travis & Katie Gihring
July 5 - Kelli Glann
July 6 - Brad & Becky Cooper
July 13 - Debra Hiebert
July 14 - Arlen & Paula Anderson
July 18 - Julie Regier
July 20 - Hayley Cooper,
Ken & Nancy Schlup

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

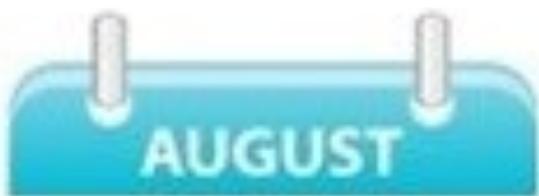
OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY & FRIENDS!

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

God's Blessings for Joyous Celebrations!

The Memorial
Committee will be
recognizing our
149th
Anniversary
on
July 18th
during worship
service!

God is GOOD!



Newsletter Deadline
Friday, August 20th



PLEASE NOTE: If any of read the bulletin for June 26th,
and saw the following....

Mark your calendars!
On July 11th, FPC will be
celebrating our
149th Anniversary!
The Memorial and Outreach are preparing
something for the 149th and also...
WILL THERE BE A BIRTHDAY AT



Additional details soon!

It is WRONG! - ALL KINDS OF WRONG!!! Please see information
in this newsletter for **HOPEFULLY** the correct information!

Welcome
New Members

Julie Robinson

Jenna Sue Robinson

Abby Allmon

Kayden D. Watson

Cooper Perkins

Jacklyn Nicole Giles

Major Jamaal Giles



JUMP! on in

AND



WONDER WEDNESDAY

For the month of June, those who could make it have been coming to the church on Wednesdays from 1:00 – 2:30 PM.

We have been meeting in the Youth Room for fun, fellowship and food. I will continue this through the month of July. If anyone would like to donate bottles of water or

snacks I would be so appreciative. We like to stay hydrated and we love our snacks!! My hope is to plan an afternoon to go to Harvey County West to fish, swim and have a picnic dinner. Date is still to be determined.

I pray all of you are having a great summer. Yours in Christ: Mary



SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY!!

Wait you are saying, it is not time for the Super Bowl yet!! You are right. Let me see if I can rename this?!?!

GRAND SLAM FOR HARVEST OF LOVE!!

Now I am in the right sport season. I am getting ready for the All Star Baseball game. Who do you root for? The National League, the American League, or maybe you don't really like baseball and just don't care? The All Star game is on July 13th in Denver, Colorado. On July 11th after our service I will have 3 buckets for you to put your \$1, \$5 or \$10 in for the National League, the American League or I'm watching a movie that night. All donations will go to our Harvest of Love. This is just like our Souper Bowl of Caring we do in February. This organization has suggested you fund raise throughout the year and I thought it would be fun to do it before the All Star baseball game. **I hope you will all support our Grand Slam for Harvest of Love.** Thank you. Mary

Worship Teams
March 2021—August 2021

1st Sunday

Organist - Helen Wild
Ushers/Greeters - Lenny Wild and Jerry Krehbiel
Lay Reader - Sean Tomlinson

2nd Sunday

Organist - Kelli Glann
Ushers - Becky Cooper and Pam Trussell
Lay Reader - Brent Glann

3rd Sunday

Organist - Kelli Glann
Ushers - David, Judy and Jamie Welfelt
Lay Reader - Sandy Larson

4th Sunday

Organist - Helen Wild
Ushers - John & Joan Stretcher
Lay Reader - John Higgs

5th Sunday

Organist - Helen Wild
Ushers - Alisa and Evan Dinneen
Lay Reader - Debra Hiebert

Usher Substitutes:

Susie Tangeman, Rita Allmon
John & Joan Stretcher, Mike Enz

Lay Reader Substitutes:

Debra Hiebert, Mark Gihring,
Tricia Brothers, Greg McGehee

Livestream/Audio Team

Larry & Pam Trussell, Mike Enz, Steve Tangeman & Jerry Krehbiel

CHURCH OFFICERS & EMPLOYEES

ELDERS

Class of 2021: Rojean DuBois, Mel McAnulty, Nate Regier

Class of 2022: Kay Enz, John Higgs, Pam Trussell

Class of 2023: Susan Brack, Mike Enz, Jeraldine Smith



DEACONS

Class of 2021: Angela Altum, LaDonna Schmidt, Greg Schmidt, Joan Stretcher, Lenny Wild

Class of 2022: Paula Anderson, Kelli Glann, Bill Humphrey, Jennifer Switzer

Class of 2023: Tricia Brothers, Beth Darrow, Alisa Dinneen, Jerry Krehbiel

PERMANENT ENDOWMENT FUND BOARD MEMBERS

Class of 2021: Ron Cheyney, Brent Glann

Class of 2022: Keven Hiebert, Larry Trussell

Class of 2023: Mel McAnulty

Rev. Scott McGinnis, Pastor • Marsha Swander, Treasurer • Rojean DuBois, Clerk of Session

Tricia Brothers, Admin. Office Mgr. • Mary McGehee, Children & Youth Director • Tony Martinez, Custodian

Vada Snider, Choir & Bell Director • Helen Wild, Organist & Accompanist • Kelli Glann, Organist