

NEWTON FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

From Pastor Scott:

Dear friends,



March 2024 Newsletter

This month is Saint Patrick's Day!

Here is the full text of St. Patrick's Breastplate. I encourage you to find portions (or all) that you want to pray a few times this month. St. Patrick knew the power of God to overcome evil in our world. Let us pray for peace often.

I arise today
Through a mighty strength, the
invocation of the Trinity.
Through belief in the threeness,
Through confession of the oneness,
Of the Creator of Creation.

I arise today
Through the strength of Christ's birth
with His baptism,
Through the strength of His crucifixion
with His burial,
Through the strength of His resurrection
with His ascension,
Through the strength of His descent for
the judgment of doom.

I arise today
Through the strength of the love of
cherubim,
In the obedience of angels,
In the service of archangels,
In the hope of resurrection to meet with
reward,
In the prayers of patriarchs,
In the predictions of prophets,
In the preaching of apostles,
In the faith of confessors,
In the innocence of holy virgins,
In the deeds of righteous men.

I arise today, through
The strength of heaven,
The light of the sun,
The radiance of the moon,
The splendor of fire,
The speed of lightning,
The swiftness of wind,
The depth of the sea,

I arise today, through
God's strength to pilot me,
God's might to uphold me,
God's wisdom to guide me,
God's eye to look before me,
God's ear to hear me,
God's word to speak for me,
God's hand to guard me,
God's shield to protect me,
God's host to save me
From snares of devils,
From temptation of vices,
From everyone who shall wish me ill,
afar and near.

I summon today
All these powers between me and those evils,
Against every cruel and merciless power
that may oppose my body and soul,
Against incantations of false prophets,
Against black laws of pagandom,
Against false laws of heretics,
Against craft of idolatry,
Against spells of witches and smiths and wizards,
Against every knowledge that corrupts man's body and soul;
Christ to shield me today
Against poison, against burning,
Against drowning, against wounding,
So that there may come to me an abundance of reward.

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**Christ with me,
 Christ before me,
 Christ behind me,
 Christ in me,
 Christ beneath me,
 Christ above me,
 Christ on my right,
 Christ on my left,
 Christ when I lie down,
 Christ when I sit down,
 Christ when I arise,
 Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me,
 Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,
 Christ in every eye that sees me,
 Christ in every ear that hears me.**



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 Through confession of the oneness,
 Of the Creator of Creation.



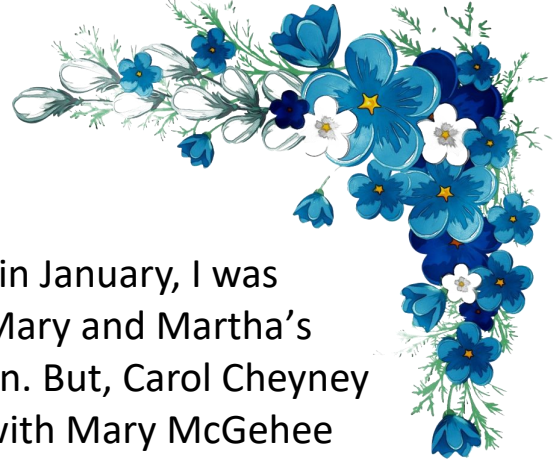
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Men's Breakfast
Wednesday, March 13th
9:00 a.m. @ Del Puente
701 N. Main St.





PW Post by *Sandy Larson*



Due to having to cancel our Circle Bible Study in January, I was disappointed when I couldn't share ideas about Mary and Martha's encounter with Jesus since I was to give the lesson. But, Carol Cheyney came to my rescue and asked if I could team up with Mary McGehee and we both give our lessons in February. Mary and I agreed to do this and we both shortened our study time and it worked out great. So we shared my lesson and Mary gave her lesson on the sacred encounter of Jesus and the persons with Leprosy. We had tables full of women which was a delight.

At our March Circle Bible Study morning, we will be finding out about "A Person with a Physical Disability Encounters Jesus". Also we'll learn of the disciple Peter's first healing miracle. The main idea reveals God calls us to affirm that each person is a child of God who should be treated with dignity and equity. Jane Shirley will lead our study and she will also be our hostess.

Please mark your calendar for ***Circle on March 13 at 10:00 AM in Fellowship Hall***. All women of our church are Presbyterian Women and any guests are invited.

We have wonderful news in our PW. Karen Wilson has graciously accepted the position opening of Vice-Moderator for the remainder of 2024 and then in 2025. We thank Susan Wyman for being our Vice-Moderator from 2021 through February of this year.

Presbyterian Women encompass so much ministry through worship, Bible Study, mission giving and community outreach. We anxiously await Holy Week with Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter closing out the month of March and to celebrate the risen Lord and new life that follows.



Youth and Children Activities

Sunday School:

We are done learning about At the Zoo and have been learning all about Moses from a baby to seeing Moses seeing the promise land and the Israelites going into the land of Canaan.

Be on the look at for our showing you all our art projects. We would like to show you what we have been doing in Sunday school and so look for our showing in early March.



Photos by Mary

JUMP:

We are jumping into learning about Lent through sowing the garden in our hearts. We will also celebrate some fun games to keep our active bodies moving.

Kids

Connection:

We will meet on Palm Sunday after church and celebrate Jesus' ride into Jerusalem. We will have lunch too.

Souper Bowl Sunday of Caring:

THANK YOU!!!!

Thank you all for digging deep and scoring a touchdown for the Harvest of Love.

Here is the breakdown: Chiefs = \$222.50,
49ers = \$63.25 and Commercials/Halftime = \$82.05.

Total for Harvest of Love = \$367.80.

Thank you again. Just a few photos of the kids collecting the money.



Photos by Mary

Lil' Worship Warriors:

We will meet on the 2nd – 4th Sundays of the month. We will be learning about John the Baptist, Temptation of Jesus and Palm Sunday. We are learning some songs, stories on Jesus and how to do quiet activities and of course some play time.

The Newton Community

**First Presbyterian Church, Newton
& Newton Church of the Brethren**

*5th
annual*

EASTER **EGG Hunt**

Saturday, March 23rd

Pictures with the Easter Bunny start at 1:00 p.m.

Egg Hunt starts at 1:30 p.m.

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

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

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

Thank you to everyone that came to support the Deacon Valentine Dinner Fundraiser!



Photos by Scott,
Mary, and Sean

Reader's Theater Group - Sunday Feb. 25th, 2024



We loved hosting the Reader's Theater Group from Presbyterian Manor! Their readings were a blessing to our congregation. Be sure to mark your calendars for **Thursday, March 28th at 7:00 p.m. for Maundy Thursday** where you'll be able to hear the Reader's Theater again!





Prairie Bronze

Handbell Ensemble

“Cosmos & Creation”

First Presbyterian Church

900 Columbus, Newton

Sunday, March 3

2 p.m.

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

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

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?



DEACONS REQUESTS

NEWTON MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE FOOD PANTRY



The Food Pantry is in need of spaghetti sauce, peanut butter, jelly, instant
mashed potatoes, Spaghettio ravioli, canned chicken, canned tuna.

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

March Birthdays & Anniversaries

March 6 – Ron Cheyney

March 10 – Kayden Watson

March 14 – Nila Chambers

March 15 – Ron & Carol Cheyney

March 18 – Larry & Pam Trussell

March 23 – Brent Glann, Tom Altum

March 26 – Nate Regier

March 28 – Bob Swander

March 29 – Asha Regier



Save the Date to Serve a meal with FPC at

New Hope Shelter

**March, 20th,
21st, & 23rd**

To volunteer to help,
please contact

Rita Allmon at 316-288-3028



Please keep the following in prayer

Connor Cooper

Susan Wyman & Family

Nila Chambers

Kristin Kliever

Bill Kleymann

Pam Trussell's brother & nephew
and families

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

Rojean DuBois at 316-772-8128.

**April Newsletter
Deadline is
March 15!**



LENT:

There are Lenten devotionals on the table by the Common Grounds doors. Help yourself.

Palm Sunday -

Sun. March 24th

Maundy Thursday Service

Thurs. March 28th

At 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday -

Sun. March 31st

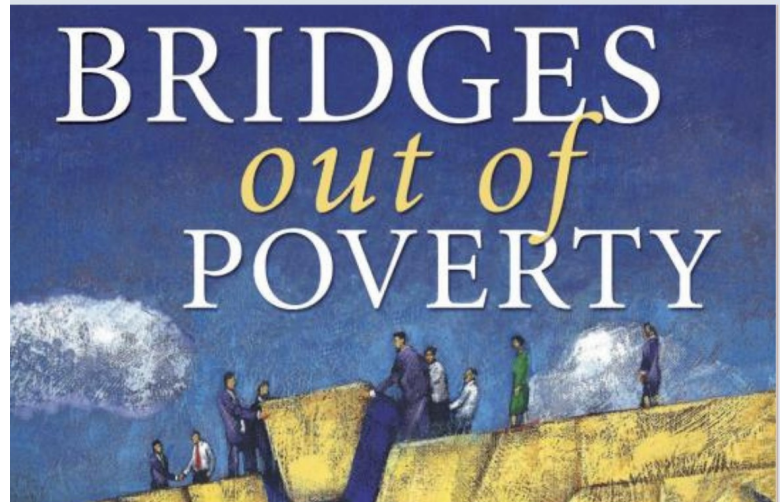
Please invite Friends and Family to worship with us!

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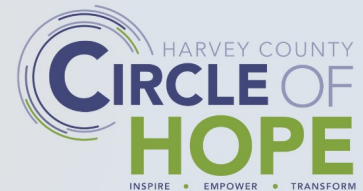
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VOLUNTEER

FREE TRAINING

THREE PART WORKSHOP



Addressing the root causes of poverty
Supporting families as they build resources
Increasing understanding - Reducing Barriers



February 23, 2024
2:00 - 4:00 PM



March 22, 2024
2:00 - 4:00 PM



April 26, 2024
2:00 - 4:00 PM

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



TO RSVP VISIT WWW.PEACECONNECTIONS.ORG
OR FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 316-284-0000



