Newton First Presbyterian Church

November 2025 Newsletter

Dear First Presbyterian family,

When I think of our church family I have much to be thankful for. Thank you for worshipping together in unity and in Truth. Thank you for your friendships. Thank you for volunteering to serve. And this year I'd like to give a special thank you to three staff who've served with excellence for a number of years: Mary McGehee has led our children and youth program, Marsha Swander has been our Treasurer, and Tony Martinez has been our custodian. They've all served with excellence and their friendships have been appreciated here. Thank you.

With Thanksgiving, I give thanks for our church family, both staff and volunteers, all of you!

With thanks, Pastor Scott



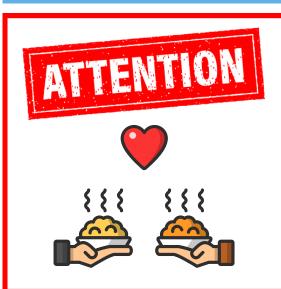
Annual Congregational Meeting after Worship on November 16th!

INSIDE:

Congregational Meeting PW Thank Offering PW Post Deacon Fall Cookout Children & Youth Nurture **Car Winterizing Quilts of Valor Christmas Programs** Men's Breakfast **New Hope Shelter Deacon Requests** Coffee with the Pastor **Ping Pong NMC Volunteers Prayer Requests**

November Birthdays & Anniversaries

November Calendar



This Sunday, November 2nd
there will be a potluck after
the PW Thank Offering
Worship Service.
Please bring a dish to share!
Thank you!



PW Post by Karen Wilson



As I write this post, fall is starting to show it's beautiful colors and mornings and evenings are beginning to be cooler. As you look at the mighty oaks and gorgeous maples, the beautiful sunrises and sunsets we are having one has to be incredibly grateful to a wondrous God.

We again had a great time in our October Circle meeting. After a delicious treat, Jane Shirley gave the lesson about "Mary of a Certain Village" which led to an interesting and thought provoking discussion.

Our lesson for November is taken from Luke 4: 1-13 entitled "Jesus is Tested" and will be led by Ruby Kleymann. Christ's wilderness experience shows us that when our lives are dangerous and frightening, we are not alone.

Please join us on <u>November 12, 2025 at 10:00 A.M. for Circle</u>

<u>Meeting in Fellowship Hall.</u> All women of the church are invited and very welcome. We always have a great lesson and wonderful fellowship around God's Word.

Thank you to the Tangemans for hosting and the Deacons for planning and preparing for an awesome fall cookout! Check out some pictures Pastor Scott took from the event on the next page!































Children and Youth Ministries:

I am having a hard time writing this message to you, my church family. I started this chapter of my life on January 1, 2020. I was so excited to plan and execute so many lessons to the children and youth of my church which I did (even during COVID). I have loved making bulletin boards in the Sunday school room, Little Worship Warriors room, Youth room and upstairs in the Narthex. I have loved going to the kid's events outside of church, especially some lunches with the JUMP group. I have loved writing and directing Children's Christmas programs. The kids took my vision and made it their own in their wonderful performances. I have also loved doing the youth groups and having lots of fun with so much laughter and smiles and still learning about God and Jesus. I also have loved planning and executing Vacation Bible School. There are probably more things I have done and yes, I would be tired, but loved every minute of it.

The journey has not been easy. I went through cancer and the kids were there for me as well as you my church family. I have to say there were a few ladies in the church who took very good care of me as I went through chemo. Thank you to them. I made it through with my faith and from all your prayers.

I am stepping down and resigning from being your Children and Youth Director. I am sad to be leaving, but feel this is the time. The children are growing up and going to other church programs with more kids who are their age. I leave knowing I have given them a base of God's love for them. I also leave knowing I will still be a part of these kids lives. I plan on doing things with them outside of the church, by going to their school activities, sport games and maybe meeting up with them and their parents for some ice cream at Braums.

Thank you for praying for the kids of our church and for me too. You will still see me at church, but just as a member. I pray God will bring more young families to our church so we can have a thriving Sunday school and Youth program again. We will see what God has in store for our church, the kids and me.

May you all have a wonderful Fall season and a very Blessed Thanksgiving.

Yours in Christ: Mary McGehee



Nurture:

The Nurture team is getting ready for the advent season. Advent will start on November 30th. Look for devotionals to be available for you to pick up and use during the advent season. They are yours to take home and enjoy. We hope they will be an inspiration and give you a sense of peace during this season.





We will also be doing the adoption of the Poinsettias. The proceeds will be used to help kids go to camp in the summer. You will see the adoption forms on the first Sunday of advent.

Quilts of Valor

November 9th during Worship Service



Join FPC for Worship at 10:30 a.m. on 11/09 for a time of recognition and remembrance of Military Service Members. We thank all of the men and women who have served our country and fought for our Freedom!

*To learn more about Quilts of Valor visit their website at www.qovf.org



Free Car Winterizing

at First Presbyterian Church 900 Columbus Ave. Newton, KS



Sunday, November 9th 12:00 - 3:00 p.m. We will check:

- Antifreeze Levels and Test Tire Pressure
- Wipers
- Battery Terminals
- Lights

- Washer Fluid
- Oil Level
- General Inspection

We can add antifreeze and washer fluid. We may be able to make minor repairs, or list items needing further inspection.



PRAIRIE BRONZE HANDBELL ENSEMBLE

Friday, Nov. 28
6:30 p.m. AND 7:15 p.m. (two half-hour performances)
Dyck Arboretum, 177 W. Hickory, Hesston

Sunday, Dec. 7

3 p.m. (Treble Clef Vespers concert)

First Presbyterian Church, 900 Columbus, Newton





Dear Church Family,

We want to thank you for your incredible love, support, and prayers during Conner's kidney transplant and the journey ahead. Your kind words, encouragement, and faith have meant more to our family than we can ever express. We are so grateful to be part of such a caring church family.

Conner starts back to work part time after just six weeks. He feels better than ever.

With heartfelt thanks, The Cooper Family

Men's Breakfast Wednesday, November 12th @ 9:00 a.m.

Del Puente 701 N. Main St. Newton, KS



Prayer * Faith * Fellowship

a meal with FPC at

New Hope Shelter

Dec. 10th, 11th, & 13th

To volunteer to help, please contact FPC's office at 316-283-0504



Coffee with the Pastor

Wednesdays in November @ 10:00 a.m. except the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays

(Men join us @ Del Puente for Men's Breakfast @ 9:00 a.m. on November 12th & Ladies join us for Circle at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.)

Norm's in Newton
613 N. Main St. Newton, KS

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

* Please dress accordingly this fall for worship at FPC as we will be transitioning our cooling system to heating later as the temperatures cool down.

Thank you!

Operations Team





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!



Ping Pong @ FPC

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

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







Discover Rewarding Volunteer Opportunities

Engage with the community, work with technology, support department staff, assist patients and families, or take part in special projects and initiatives. We will work with you to find the right fit!

Volunteers are an integral part of NMC Health and active throughout our hospital and clinics, with new opportunities weekly.





QUALIFICATIONS

Communication Skills
Reliability
Desire to Make a Difference
Willingness to Give of Yourself

Be part of our dedicated team of 70+ volunteers making a meaningful impact on patients and the staff who care for them.

Companions



The Comfort Companion Program offers support during end-of-life care, providing comfort to patients, their families, and caregivers. Trained volunteers ensure that every patient experiences a dignified and compassionate farewell. The program also provides respite care, allowing loved ones to tend to essential needs with the reassurance that their loved one is well cared for with a companion by their side.





November Birthdays and Anniversaries

November 4 - Keven & Debra Hiebert

November 5 – Ivan Knudsen

November 10 – Evey Gallagher

November 12 - Marsha Swander

November 13 - Sue Ice, Jonathan McGinnis, Jerry Krehbiel

November 14 - Tony Martinez

November 15 - Scott & Addie Perkins, Beth Darrow

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

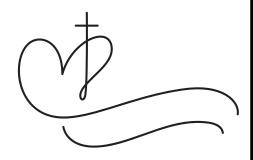
November 30 - Abby Allmon, Michael Tomlinson



Bill Kleymann
Family of Elinor Kliewer
Arlen Anderson
Charlene Lloyd
Ron Cheyney
Nancy Ice Schulp

Jeri Smith

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





Newton First Presbyterian Church

November 2025



Sat	1	&	15	22	29
S			Г	N	N
Fri	be nurch, Newton, KS" ymail.com oton.org	7	14	21	28
Thu	First Presbyterian Church, Newton, KS" newtonfpc@gmail.com firstpresnewton.org 316-283-0504 (office)	6 10:00 am PWCT 7:00 pm Operations Team	13 7:00 pm Outreach Team	20	27 Thankgaving
Wed		10:00 am Coffee/w Pastor 11:30 - 1:30 pm NMA in Fellowship Hall 7:30pm FPC Bell Practice	12 9:00 am Men's Breakfast 10:00 am Circle in FH 6:00 pm Deacon's MTG 7:30pm FPC Bell Practice	19 10:00 am Coffee/w Pastor 7:30pm FPC Bell Practice	26 10:00 am Coffee/w Pastor
Lne	idy nble Practice uship ivestream	4 - 5 pm Treble Clef Choir Practice 6:30 - 8:30 pm Prairie Bronze	11 4 - 5 pm Treble Clef Choir Practice 6:30 - 8:30 pm Prairie Bronze	18 4 - 5 pm Treble Clef Choir Practice 6:30 - 8:30 pm Prairie Bronze 7:00 pm Session	tice
Mon	9:15 am -Adult Bible Study 10:00 am - Choir Ensemble Practice 10:10 am - Coffee Fellowship 10:30 am -Worship & Livestream	3 8:30 - 10:00 am Ping Pong	1O 8:30 - 10:00 am Ping Pong 11:30 am Nurture Tearn Mtg.	17 8:30 - 10:00 am Ping Pong	24 8:30 - 10:00 am Ping Pong
Sun	Sunday 9:15 Schedule 10:10 @ FPC 10:3	Communion PW Thank Offering Rev. Christina Berry Preaches	Quilts of Valor FPC Bell Choir Car Winterizing after service	16 Congregational Mtg. after Worship Service	Memorial 23 Comm. Gift Dedication 30