

# NEWTON FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## The Tie THAT BINDS



Pastor Scott's Reflection



June 2023

### Summer Vespers

Have you set any summer plans yet? I'm hoping you have some wonderful and refreshing activities to enjoy. As you plan for summer, I encourage you to include a daily *vesper* in your plans.

The Bible says God is with us always and is found when we seek Him.

***The LORD is with you when you are with him. If you seek him, he will be found by you. (2 Chronicles 15:2)***

***I will give them a heart to know me, that I am the LORD. They will be my people, and I will be their God, for they will return to me with all their heart. (Jeremiah 24:7)***

***This is what the LORD Almighty says: "Return to me," declares the LORD Almighty, "and I will return to you," says the LORD Almighty. (Zechariah 1:3)***

***Come near to God and he will come near to you. (James 4:8)***

***Let us draw near to God. (Hebrews 10:22)***

God is always with us, but we often need reminders to turn our attention to God and so I'd like to encourage you to add a 4 pm *vesper* to your daily calendar. A *vesper* is one of St. Benedict's daily "offices" for prayer and turning our attention to God. St. Benedict actually held "offices" all throughout the day and one in the middle of the night.

I'd like to encourage you to write "vesper" in your calendar each day at 4 pm and say a short and simple prayer. Something like, "Jesus, I belong to you". When you do, look around you for a moment, look for something beautiful to thank God for. Maybe a picture of a Kansas sunset, a photo from a wonderful vacation, or the portrait of someone you love. Maybe you can plan to be somewhere beautiful when your calendar alarm reminds you of this short "vesper".

As you make your summer plans, plan some refreshing times with Jesus.



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Celebrating Sabbath and Chicken 'n Fixins' for the Ladies June 14th

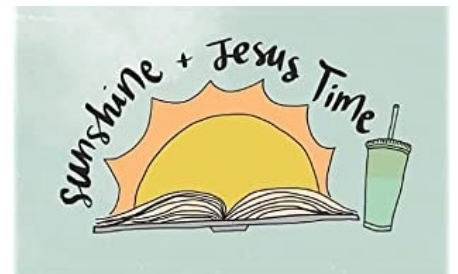
Cleaning & Mouin'

Salvation Army Needs

June Birthdays and Anniversaries

Choir Ensemble meeting 10am Sundays

Park in the Church



# What's Happening at FPC?

A few pictures from Carol Heinel's 85th Birthday party!



It was a wonderful, love-filled celebration!

Nurture Team Post by *Mary McGehee*

## JUMP & Kids Connection

I cannot believe it is summer and school is out. It has been a fun school year and we have learned a few things. In JUMP we learned about Swimming Upstream: When others challenge your faith. It was a great time being together and learning how to tell others about our faith and by what we do and how we act helps tell others too.

We then took a short break and came back to learn about Lent and Jesus' journey to the cross. We also are going to tell our stories, so we started with telling Noah's story. We will pick this up in the Fall.

In Kids Connection we learned from the Code Master. He had us solve many clues to tell us all about God's Love and that we should spread God's love to all we know. Both groups enjoyed playing pool, ping pong, air hockey and just talking with each other as well.

This summer I am planning to have a few swimming parties with both groups separately and to do some water play at the church. Look for more details in the bulletins on Sunday morning.

Beside are some pictures of the kids/youth during the year.

## Mother's Day

On May 14<sup>th</sup> we celebrated all the ladies of the church. Each lady was given a paper tulip painted so pretty with some candy in it. Such smiles were received as they each got one.

## Father's Day

On June 18<sup>th</sup> we will be celebrating Father's Day. It will also be Church in the Park. All Fathers look for a surprise for each of you as we celebrate you.



# What's Happening at FPC? (Part 2)

Several Men got together and cleaned out the old storage shed... then moved the shed to its new location to store our mower!



Mike and Scott worked on cleaning the blower coils outside the church... it's a dirty job but they seemed to make the best of it!

((Look for Mike's hand sticking out from behind the blower!!))

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.

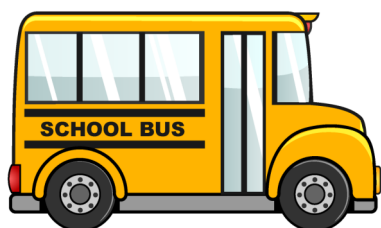
Please save this number in your phone and use it for any church related text communication. Thanks!

**FATHER'S DAY**  
June 18th  
10:30 am  
Fellowship Hall  
BBQ Meal Following  
Free Will Donations  
Accepted for  
Deacons Projects

**PARK in the CHURCH**

This year the Park is coming to the Church!  
Bring a friend and your Joy for our Father!  
BBQ meal served after Worship  
RSVP to 316-283-0504 or TEXT 316-477-2007  
Free will donation to benefit Deacons Projects

## It's Time for the Deacons School Supply Drive!



Kleenex, Pencils, Markers, Zip-up Trappers, Crayons, Glue Sticks, Reams of copy paper, Double sided tape, Clorox Wipes and Healthy snacks for students that are individually wrapped. More information coming soon!



Our next time to serve a meal is  
**June 14th, 15th, and 17th**



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

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



We have met the Mabee Foundation challenge. With your help and sacrifice we have raised the \$5.45 million to build, equip, and furnish the new Shelter.

We want to Celebrate what God is doing with a Beam and Wall Signing on June 9, at 4:30 p.m., at 308 South Meridian Road Newton. Bring your family and a sharpie to sign your name, or favorite verse, or a prayer. We will furnish ice cream and water. Park in the north parking lot.

*July* ★★  
Newsletter  
Deadline  
June 20th!



June 4 - Lynette  
Schmidt

June 5 - Ladonna Schmidt

June 6 - Gary & Bev Hunter

June 7 - Kathy Randall

June 9 - Bob & Marsha Swander,  
Travis Gihring

June 11 - Sean and Roxy Tomlinson

June 15 - Maurice & Linda Benninga,  
Katie Gihring

June 16 - Sandra Larson

June 18 - Emily Regier

June 20 - Bob & Liz Pomeroy,  
Susan Tangeman

June 22 - Evan Dinneen

June 23 - Maurice Benninga

June 28 - Carol Cheyney

June 30 - Bob & Susan Wyman

*God's Blessings!*

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# PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

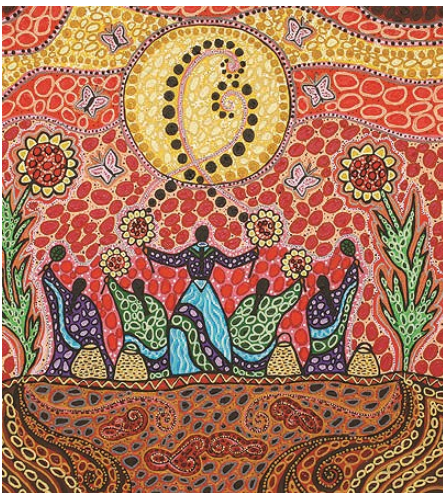


PW Post by *Sandy Larson*

In May we turned in our “Least Coin” donations received during our Circle meetings in the past 12 months. We collected \$17.03. for the Fellowship of the Least Coin, a dynamic worldwide fellowship in over 80 countries. Since 1956, Christian women on all continents have responded to the call to pray for reconciliation in our homes, our communities, our nation and world as we work for peace with justice.

On Sunday, May 14, we told of the recipients of the 2023 PW Birthday Offering and we collected \$479.00 to help Making Miracles Group Home for their Phase II Group Home construction in Tallahassee Florida and construction at the Berhane Yesus Elementary School, Kindergarten School in Dembi Dollo, Ethiopia. Many children will benefit from your generosity.

Sue Nispel, Moderator of our PW of Southern Kansas, is organizing a get together for Presbyterian Women. It is called “Mission on our Doorstep”. It will be held Saturday, June 17, at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Wichita, from 9:39-11:30 AM. The program will be to share ideas about local missions. Please contact me (316-772-0810) if you would like to attend or need more information. If there is interest, we can arrange car pooling.



**PW Circle will meet on June 14, at 10:00 AM, in Fellowship Hall.** Our Bible study leader, Sue Ice, will guide us through Lesson #9 on “Sabbath and Community”. The key idea for this lesson is: Community is key for sustaining us in our Sabbath journey.

**Immediately following our bible study we will provide and enjoy a “Chicken Dinner” lunch together.** Please put PW Circle on your June calendar.



## 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

Julie Griffin

Children’s summer activities

Our Membership

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



## RIDERS STAYING AT FPC OVERNIGHT

**July 2nd 2:00 pm to July 3rd 8:00 am**

Please call 316-283-0504 if you would like to help serve SIMPLE meals. Thank you!

**FYI - Presbyterians Today magazine is going to an all digital format starting with the June 2023 issue.**




Community Playschool, Inc. has recently completed our 56 th school year! Twenty-two children of the Newton community participated in the program this year at a minimal cost to their families, thanks to five area sponsoring churches. We again want to thank First Presbyterian Church for being one of those supporting churches and are so grateful for your yearly pledge. We also want to acknowledge the service of Beth Darrow who is currently serving in her first year as First Presbyterian’s representative to our board.

An organization such as ours relies heavily on volunteer workers to keep our costs to a minimum. As many of our volunteers have retired from our program and as we look ahead to the next school year, we know that we need more volunteer helpers to be able to provide the attentive relationships and safe environment that we have always sought to maintain for our children and families. As members of a sponsoring church, we hope that you might consider whether you could help us out and become a one or two day a week helper for the coming school year. These volunteer positions have not only helped the children we serve but have also proved to be a rewarding experience for many of our adult helpers.

Please give your church representative (Beth Darrow) or us a call if you would like to have more information about our program and the opportunities that we have for you! We solicit your prayers and continued support for the future of our organization.


With gratitude,

Co- Directors, Kasey Newell (316 772-3350) and Jeanette Leary (316 217-2548)



## JUNE DEACONS REQUESTS

### FOR THE SALVATION ARMY FOOD PANTRY



~ Peanut Butter ~ Jelly ~ Cereal ~  
 ~ Ramen Noodles ~ SpaghettiO’s ~  
 ~ Canned Pasta ~ Canned Vegetables ~ Instant Potatoes ~  
 ~ Individual snacks ~ Toilet Paper ~ Bar Soap ~

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



**COFFEE WITH PASTOR SCOTT**

Please join Pastor Scott at 10 am in Common Ground on

## June 7, 21, and 28

Enjoy some coffee & stay for fellowship!



**MEN’S BREAKFAST**

June 14th

9:00AM

**ALL MEN WELCOME!**

Del Puento Café  
701 N Main St, Newton