

First Presbyterian Church
Newton, Kansas

May 6, 2020

Dear Friends,

The Session met on May 5, 2020 to review where we are in relation to the COVID-19 virus pandemic, and to discuss what our next step should be in regard to church functions.

We want to first thank you for your continuing support of our church family at FPC, spiritually, socially and especially financially. Our first quarter income was enough to meet our expenses, and pay all of the staff. If you wish to make a contribution for your usual plate offering or pledge/tithe, we have enclosed an envelope for your convenience. You have all been generous in helping to keep us financially stable during this time of uncertainty.

Pastor Scott and staff have provided uplifting messages and worship services on line and plan to continue to do so. Once open, we plan to video the live worship service and have it available for those unable or unwilling to attend a large group gathering.

The Ruling Elders, unanimously voted to extend our church closure through June 1, 2020, in compliance with the Governor's plan to slow the spread of COVID-19 by eliminating large group gatherings. This is certainly subject to change, in either direction, as the health scene of our community requires. This is our first priority, to protect the health of our church family and our community.

Our mission continues to be "Strengthening each other, and the community, through our faith in Jesus Christ, while maintaining financial security for the future".

God's Blessings,

Scott McGinnis, Pastor
Rojean DuBois, Clerk of Session