

# First Presbyterian Church of Newton, Kansas

## Mission Study Report



*Affirmed and adopted by the Session of The First  
Presbyterian Church, Newton, KS*

*Approved by the Southern Kansas Presbytery,  
Committee on Ministry*

## ***Mission Statement***

***A caring community glorifying God by living in His grace through Jesus Christ***

## ***Vision statement***

***Connecting with God ←→ Connecting with People***

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# Introduction



*I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet.*

*So you also should wash one another's feet.*

*I have given you an example.*

*You should do as I have done for you*

*– John 13:14-15*

## Dear Friends,

Following the resignation of our long term senior pastor, the Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Newton, Kansas began the process of filling that position. Realizing this is a new experience for most of us, we prayed together for strength, courage, and knowledge to make wise decisions and walk the path that God has planned. We quickly recognized this as a time for reaffirmation, renewal and rebirth!

Part of the process of calling a new pastor consists of developing a Mission Study for the church. At the onset of this process it was deemed vital to demonstrate God is moving among us and leading us toward His plans for our church. Information gathered will be part of the vision for our church future and will assist in identify key changes needed. In addition, the First Presbyterian Church Pastor Nominating Committee will apply the same data into its search for a new senior pastor.

The Mission Study process began when the Transition Team was commissioned and started the task of studying the present, past and future of FPC as well as defining the Mission Study scope and the Plan. The Team defined our church as it related to demographics and personal observations of the congregation. This was accomplished using two congregational surveys and six small group meetings which gave church members the opportunity to voice opinions. The Transition Team then summarized and analyzed the results and met with the Pastor Nominating Committee to explain the data.

The Transition Team and the Pastor Nominating Committee continued to meet together to work out meaningful Mission and Vision Statements and produce the following Mission Study. This study will serve as a guideline for the PNC in its search for our next pastor, as well as our church leaders and pastoral staff as they carry out PFC goals.

As you read this Mission Study, we hope there is a feeling of communication with God's expectations for the First Presbyterian Church. This journey will be accomplished through prayer, deeds and fellowship. We pray for God's guidance as we proceed to a successful conclusion of the search.

In His service,

Pastor Nominating Committee:

Jenny Gihring  
Lauren Hiebert  
Mel McAnulty  
Greg McGehee  
Kay Perkins  
Lindsay Schmidt  
Peter Wild

Transition Team:

Carolyn Adams  
Roger Darrow  
Debra Hiebert  
Mary McGehee  
Pat Randall

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church.

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# Organization and Leadership



*For even the Son of Man came not  
to be served but to serve,  
and to give his life as a ransom for many.*

*-Mark 10:45*

## Administration

Rev. Deborah Hollifield has served as our Interim Pastor since June 2015. Reporting directly to Rev. Hollifield are eight part-time employees responsible for various areas of our church including office management, custodial, treasurer, music and youth. Rev. Hollifield attends Session and serves in an ex-officio capacity on various church committees.

Staff: Secretary:	Lori Yoder
Youth Director:	Michelle Coffman
Custodian:	Tony Martinez
Treasurer:	Marsha Swander
Organists:	Kelli Glann, Helen Wild
Choir & Adult Bell Choir Dir:	Vada Snider
Accompanist:	Karen Loucks
Child Care:	Brandie Heuett

## Session

First Presbyterian Church in Newton currently has 12 Ruling Elders who meet monthly for two hours or more. Additionally there are non-voting members of the Session: the Clerk, Moderator and Treasurer. Elders review minutes from the various committees of the church and making recommendations of actions to be taken. Elders serve three-year terms and, as of January 2017 will be reduced from 12 members to 9.

### Ruling Elders:

#### Class of 2016

Susan Brack  
Tricia Brothers  
Connie Griswold  
Kathy Randall

#### Class of 2017

Debra Hiebert  
Mary McGehee  
Julie Regier  
Robert Sjogren

#### Class of 2018

Roger Darrow  
Paul DuBois  
Mary Ediger  
Keith Kelsey

## Deacons

The Board of Deacons is comprise of 15 members responsible for leading the caring and hospitality ministries of First Presbyterian. This includes preparing communion, serving meals, organizing church social events, and raising money and donations to various non-profit groups.

### Deacons:

#### Class of 2016

Angela Altum  
Linda Benninga  
Carol Heinel  
Pat Morton  
Mary Anne Sandwell

#### Class of 2017

Becky Cooper  
Nettie Graham  
Julie Griffin  
Marlene Harvey  
Kathy Littleton

#### Class of 2018

Beth Darrow  
Mike Enz  
Myrla Cole Haury  
Kelley Laswell  
Jeraldine Smith

A Brief History of  
First Presbyterian Church  
Newton, KS



*But the LORD has been my stronghold,  
And my God the rock of my refuge.*

*-Psalm 94:22*

The First Presbyterian Church of Newton, Kansas, was organized on July 7, 1872 and is the oldest Protestant church in Newton. The Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Wichita had become concerned for the Christians living in what was then called “the wickedest city in the west” and sent one of his parishioners out to invite local persons to an organizing meeting in Newton. Among those he called on were Captain John C. Johnston, his wife, and his brothers James and William. All three men were Civil War Veterans who used their homesteading privileges to start a new life. The families were originally from Penn Run, PA, and had been members of Harmony Presbyterian Church located there.

About twenty people attended the service on Sunday, July 7, at 10:30 in a vacant downtown Newton store building. Quite shortly thereafter, five men and one woman signed the charter to establish the church. A building fund was organized and the first money received was \$15 from Harmony Presbyterian Church in Penn Run.

The first church building was located at 7<sup>th</sup> and Main and was built in 1875. The church experienced many changes in those early years but in 1884 realized stability with 109 members. During the next 10 year period Evangelistic meetings were held and resulted in an increase of church members to 300. The Introduction page shows the sanctuary of this church around 1910.



Around the turn of the century the church started supporting missionaries and during the next 60 years, supported 15 missionaries around the globe. The church also held several revival meetings from the turn of the century until around the Great Depression. Large numbers attended these meeting, in fact, at one such meeting there were over 1,000 professions of faith recorded!



In 1914 J.D. Nicholson commissioned J. Franklin Caveny to paint a large mural for the church entitled “The Christ Child among the Doctors.” The mural was removed when the 7<sup>th</sup> and Main church was razed in 1964 and is now located at the current church building located at 900 Columbus Ave., Newton. Over the years the congregation has occupied four buildings. Construction on the present church building started in 1959 and was dedicated in 1960. Under the leadership of just under 20 pastors, the church has never wavered from its commitment to Bible based ministry, and mission outreach both overseas and local. Our congregation has been blessed with many gifted and long term pastors. The most notable longer tenures were held by Rev. F.E. Black (1927-1941, Rev. Floyd Kaiser (1952-1964), and Rev. James Anderson (1984-2014).

In the past 145 years, the congregation has actively supported the Newton community by hosting many concerts and opening our facility to different groups needing a performance location, meeting place, or over-night accommodations. In the next 145 years, we hope our history will reflect a group of people who truly love the Lord.

# Core Values



*Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ,  
as though God were pleading through us.*

*-2 Corinthians 5:20*

After several months of planning and discussion, the Transition Team organized congregational surveys and small group discussions to determine the core values of our congregation. Since this type of analysis had not been completed for many years, this process was handled with extreme care and thought. Analysis of the results revealed the top three core values of this congregation are:

- 1) Christ-centered worship**
- 2) Caring for others in the church**
- 3) Caring for the local community**

The three values indicated are relational in nature. Not only does the congregation want to have a relationship with God, they desire to have a relationship with other Christian brothers and sisters and a relationship with the local community.

### **Christ-centered worship**

As a congregation we value a Christ centered worship. On Sunday morning, members have the option to attending a Sunday school class before worship that involves time spent focusing on God. The message during the service, music, and scripture intertwine to allow the Holy Spirit to be present.

We are blessed to have some gifted musicians on staff – two accomplished organists as well as a concert-quality pianist. Throughout the year we invite local musicians to play in worship, or host concerts. During the school year our choir is augmented by church-funded scholarships for students from Bethel College.

**To improve** our experience of, and participation in worship, we need to be willing to become part of the service. While we are comfortable in our Reformed style of worship, we recognize that there are many creative ways of worship that would allow more participation from the congregation. We are exploring new types of worship services during the seasons of the church year and the congregation has been very responsive to the use of visual arts, liturgical drama, new (to us) hymns and occasionally some Taizé-style music.

### **Caring for others in the church**

As a congregation we value caring for others within our church. It is not surprising that our congregation finds it easier to care for those that we know or have an association. However we realize that if we only sustain relationships with those we know, we will not assist in discovering other's needs. There is no denying that building strong relationships outside of our comfort zone is a must.



**To improve** this core value of the church we are urging congregation members to branch out and talk to someone new in an effort to build stronger congregation relationships. We are even encouraging people to sit in different parts of the sanctuary! By getting to know other congregation members we can discover the needs of our own congregation and possibly be able to meet those needs within our own church. Another benefit of

stronger congregational relationships is the natural progression to building stronger community relationships. In this area we can then discover how to help those who may not know how to ASK for help. Branching out to our local community, country and even the world needs to become a vital part of our congregation.

### **Caring for the local community**



As a congregation we strongly value caring for the local community. A number of our members are active as individuals, serving on the boards of civic organizations, such as the public Library, CASA, Heart-to-Heart, Community Playschool, United Way, Rotary, Lions Club, Eastern Star, volunteering at Presbyterian Manor, and at the Newton Medical Center. Our Deacons are the principal outreach arm of FPC, raising funds and collecting goods all year to support our schools, domestic violence shelter, homeless shelter and Salvation Army.

Each year the congregation funds several full scholarships for local children to have a camping experience at the Presbytery of Southern Kansas camp, Westminster Woods, in Fall River, Kansas. There are current missions reaching out to our community, but a majority of them are reaching out with financial assistance.

**To improve** in this area means to face head on the large and sometimes uncomfortable challenge of actually going out into a community and sharing the love of Christ by forming relationships.

We need to learn that going out of our comfort zone and forming relationships with God’s children from all different backgrounds is what we are called to do as Christians. Many of our members are willing to form these relationships if led to the opportunity, but do not know how to form these on their own. Forming relationships instead of only offering financial assistance may help our congregation grow spiritually.



# Worship



*Oh come, let us worship and bow down;  
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!  
-Psalms 95:6*

With a current average Sunday attendance between 90-100 people, our worship services have the potential to be an engaging experience. And, according to the Transition Team survey and small group discussions, the worship service is one of the most important aspects of our congregation.

Our congregation seeks challenging sermons and good music. Sermons which demonstrate how the teachings of Christ relate to people in our Church result in the congregation feeling more engaged and connected. Engagement is accomplished through lectionary preaching, humor, visual aids and personal testimony. Another connection is made through music. Our congregation prefers traditional music with occasional contemporary and classical pieces. We are pleased with our connection with Bethel College's music



program to provide voices and instrumentalists throughout the year. We are also blessed to have three gifted accompanists and our connection to the Wichita music World that provides us with a variety of quality musical offerings



Special worship services are an additional way that our congregation feels connected to the church and its purpose. Services such as Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Spiritual Renewal and Loyalty Sundays are all meaningful and engaging. We experienced worship services where we "Built the Cross" on the chancel in worship during Lent.

We also held Thursday night soup suppers during Lent with a book study followed by involvement with the Community Good Friday Service. Confirmation of Youth Service, Presbyterian Women Spring and Fall Gatherings, Central American Missionaries, Treble Clef and Hearts for Him Musical Programs, and the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service are a sampling of other special worship services.

Along with the traditional worship services there are approximately 25 preschool thru college age attendees that participate in our Sunday school and Youth Ministry worship activities.



# Mission Outreach



*God is with me wherever I go!*

*-Genesis 28:15*

The First Presbyterian Church in Newton has a long heritage of Mission Outreach. Early on in our history there was a consistent effort to provide outward facing Mission support with varying degrees of duration. Starting in the late 1800's the church supported missionaries in both Manila and Appalachia. In the early 1900's, the church, on its own, supported a missionary to Korea, three to China and one to Brazil – the congregation even purchased a car for a missionary to India! In the 50s more support was given to missionaries in China, Brazil, India, Belgian Congo, and the Philippines.

It is interesting to note that when the church was directly supporting foreign missions, membership was at its peak. In recent years, the church has certainly supported missions, but it has been through the benevolence budget line item.



The congregation of FPC supports hands on missions as is evident in the missions to Ghost Ranch, Vacation Bible School, Use Your Noodle project, Deacons Food Baskets at Christmas time, Operation Shine, Westminster Woods Camper Sponsorships and at one time an in-house "All God's Children" Preschool.



The church also supports local Boy and Girl Scout Troops, Newton Ministerial Alliance, the Annual Apple Blossom Festival held at the Presbyterian Manor, and many other local civic organizations.

Our youth program also is involved in mission outreach. Past mission trips have been to North Dakota (roofing a rectory and doing VBS with reservation children); New Orleans (building homes); Denver (urban missions); Kansas City (urban missions); Heifer Ranch (following a year of raising funds to

purchase an Ark); and Chicago (urban missions). In addition, the youth raised money to purchase a school bus for a church in Iraq.

**To improve** our mission outreach we need to bridge the gap between a genuine direction for future mission outreach projects and a tangible, workable plan to move forward.

The word “Mission” can take on many forms – do we want to focus our mission outreach on the homeless? The elderly? Unchurched families? Unchurched elderly?

Here we can look at our history to gain knowledge of the future. When the church was supporting foreign missions on their own, membership was at its highest. While there could be external forces that caused this phenomenon, the correlation is uncanny.

The congregational model of the 1950s forward was to send money to denominational agencies to “do more good together” and many of our efforts were diverted to fundraising rather than hands-on, relational mission. We need to own that – but we are open and engaged to explore our options. Our congregation lacks the “partnership” and “ownership” of being responsible for supporting a mission on our own.

In an effort to learn from our history, we have created a dedicated Mission team (part of our Outreach Team along with Evangelism) to analyze where our mission dollars go, where our efforts need shoring up and to keep mission before the congregation as a “connect with people” goal.



# Discipleship



*Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

*-Matthew 28:19*

Discipleship is the mission of the education committee, comprised of elders and other members of the congregation. We have ministry-specific and general programs for learning for various age levels. Through many participate, many do not and many yearn for a deepening relationship with Jesus Christ. Our goal is to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ, meeting people where they are in their lives and encouraging deeper spiritual growth.

Our church classifies those to whom we disciple into three categories: Children, Youth, and Adults.

## Children

First Presbyterian Church discipleship to children from newborn through grade school is the starting point at which they learn of God's love. We provide the following for our children:

- **Nursery for birth to four years:** We have hired a paid nursery attendant, who is available during Sunday school and worship plus events as arranged. The property committee is in the process of upgrading physical aspects of the nursery.
- **Preschool to kindergarten Sunday school class:** Uses **Gospel Light** curriculum.
- **1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday school class:** Uses **Feasting on the Word** curriculum. Feedback from parents has encouraged the education committee to use this curriculum for children and at least one adult class, as the parents like to know what the kids are learning. As new Christians, this consistency has been helpful to the parents.
- **Vacation Bible School:** After a 5-year hiatus we offered VBS this summer! VBS was organized by youth director Michelle Coffman and assisted by church youth and other congregants.



## Youth

Middle School and High School youth are an important focus in discipleship. FPC focuses on teaching a solid Bible-based curriculum.

- **Communicants class :** Has run through 2016, and will conclude with two confirmands on May 15. Class was led by Interim Pastor Deborah Hollifield and Youth Director Michelle Coffman. Future classes will be held as needed.
- **6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday school class:** Not currently held. The two youth involved did not wish to attend SS (sometimes spent weekends with other parent, etc.). Looking forward, the education committee will staff this class in fall of 2016.
- **9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday school class:** Used both **Feasting on the Word** and a **Scripture-based video series called "The Bible."** Our challenge for both middle- and high-school classes is low/inconsistent attendance and finding teachers. The education committee has been seeking creative solutions, some of which have worked and some not. Some high school youth attend adult SS class, also.

- **Youth group:** Currently combined group for 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade, but may split in fall. Led by youth director Michelle Coffman, and meets Sunday evenings September – May, with monthly activities during the summer. Active in raising funds for domestic and international mission work, and takes an annual mission trip.

## Adults

Young Adults and Adult Sunday School is the backbone of discipleship. FPC strives to provide relevant, thought provoking, biblical based content for this age group.

- **Adult Sunday school:** Includes Young Adults, studying **Feasting on the Word**; one class is studying **The Present Word**; and the **Wired Word** Class, studying current events in a Christian context.
- **Presbyterian Woman:** PW is very active, with two circles which meet monthly to follow the annual **Horizons studies**. Short-term Bible studies: Most recently, the Lenten Bible study was a well-attended 6-week video/small group discussion of Philip Yancy's **The Jesus I Never Knew**, paired with a soup supper. The congregation has requested more study options, so the education committee plans to continue this format and explore other ways to provide community learning opportunities.
- Our Interim pastor encouraged the congregation in **40 Days through the New Testament** during Lent.
- Each week our worship bulletins contain an insert with a Q & A and commentary from the **New City Catechism** for home use.
- **Summer Sunday School (2016):** For high school through adult. Will follow a 10-week video series entitled **"Crazy Love," by Francis Chan**. Running from June 5 through August 14 (skipping July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend due to other planned activities during the Sunday School hour.

Although we value a Christ-centered worship, and have the above mentioned guidelines for the three different groups in our congregation, we have not established a formal program for Christian discipleship. While some would appreciate greater guidance to spiritual growth, others would resist a prescriptive formal program. Members expressed spiritual starvation saying, "The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."

**To improve** the value of discipleship we are hoping to find more Christian leaders who are called to facilitate Sunday school classes. While being a Sunday school teacher may seem intimidating at first, other titles such as "discussion leader" sound like a more manageable task. We want to expand our classes on Sunday morning and have options for people to choose. We have space for such expansion, but need Christian leaders. Changes in the length of the time commitment, a more convenient time for facilitators, and a change in the curricula of the class may help to expand attendance in Sunday school classes. We hope to improve this area of the church and to encourage more people to attend a Sunday school class.



# Facility Description and Condition



*By wisdom a house is built, and by understanding it is established; by knowledge the rooms are filled with all precious and pleasant riches.*

*- Proverbs 24:3-4*

The present First Presbyterian Church building was dedicated in 1960. The grounds occupy a full city block fronting on Columbus Avenue between West 8<sup>th</sup> Street and West 9<sup>th</sup> Street. The grounds have a large outdoor space that could be utilized many different ways. Parking is accessed from Columbus Avenue. Parking is open to the public, though reserved for church events on Sundays and also on special occasions.

A Capital Campaign Fund was established in 2008-2009 to renovate and update the sanctuary, giving it a fresher, more modern look. Keeping in harmony with the original design, a covered walkway to the front door was also added. More recently, the sanctuary was re-carpeted and new pew pads were purchased. We also changed the steps leading up to the pulpit. In the middle of our sanctuary we shortened the length of 2 pews to help make it more handicap accessible allowing members and guest to keep their walker or wheel chairs with them without being out in the open. Our updated sound system allows broadcast music and the worship service throughout the church.

Four years later the formal parlor was repurposed as a coffee bar named Common Ground. The idea behind this room is to allow members and guest to socialize in a more relax environment before and after events. Other areas of the church have also been upgraded recently as well. A Boy Scout from our church's troop completed an Eagle Scout project by remodeling the senior high class room in the basement.



First Presbyterian Church overall concentrates on keeping our facilities in up-to-date condition. Our Property committee is made up of 5-8 members of the church (with at least one Deacon and one Elder). This committee is very good at keeping things well-maintained. We have a high quality and spacious building with sufficient parking that sits on an entire city block, half of which is green space. In 2015, we were fortunate to be able to purchase an entire brand-new heating and cooling system.

## Sanctuary

The sanctuary is one of the largest in the city with seating available for approximately 375 people. Because of this, our sanctuary has been the site of some large community gatherings of various types. It has a very high vaulted ceiling with ceiling fans and lighting which can be turned on or off in multiple sections. For wheelchair seating, some pews were shortened in the center of the sanctuary. Looking at the center aisle from above, it makes the shape of a cross.

The chancel area goes across the entire front of the church. On one side is a raised limestone pulpit. On the other is a lectionary pulpit that is not raised. A large skylight behind the main pulpit shines in on the three large crosses in front. There are walls on both sides that provide staging areas hidden from the congregation. The chancel steps provide "built in" risers for groups to perform up front. We have a baby grand piano up front for music. The baptismal font is portable to be used either up front or in a center area of the seating where the shorter pews are.

The choir is in a loft above and to the rear of the sanctuary. There is room for about 40 people in the loft. It has a large pipe organ and a premium upright piano. The controls for the sound system are housed in the loft. While we have a sound system, the acoustics are such that performances from the loft are easily heard.



Stained glass windows line one side of the sanctuary - along the west side. A wall on the opposite side has lights to shine on banners that represent the Six Great Ends of the Church. The combination of wood, stone, stained glass and natural sunlight provide a warm, inviting and multi-sensory experience.



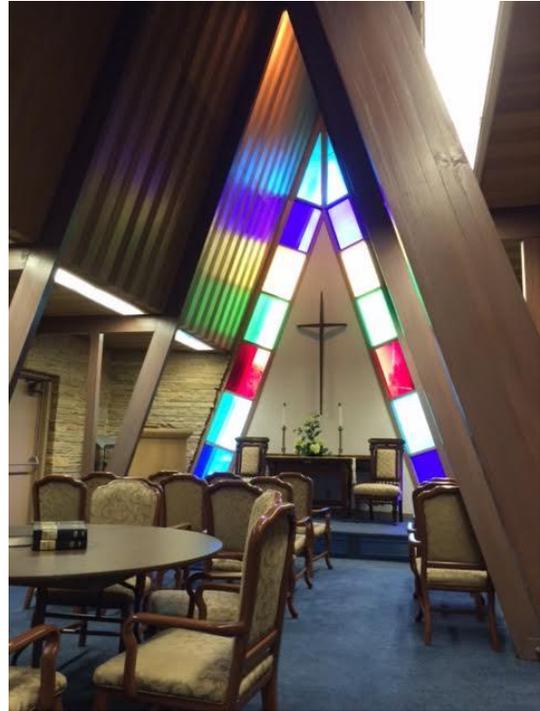
## **Common Ground**

The latest room updated in the church is Common Ground which was formerly a combination parlor, Sunday school room and library. A small part of the library still remains. It has full time coffee, hot chocolate and cappuccino service. Couches, comfortable chairs, and 4 small gathering tables are in the room. A large curved smart TV was added this year. It is located across the Narthex from the Sanctuary just inside the main entrance.

## Chapel

A small chapel is just off the north entrance into the church. Currently it is mainly used as a Sunday school room. A few years ago, pews were removed so that it could be more flexible and used for small services of any type.

Up to fifty people can occupy this space for a service. Members of the congregation have also used it as a quiet prayer location. Cabinets and shadow boxes in the chapel house FPC historical artifacts.



## Offices

A pastor's office is just off the main Narthex across from the sanctuary. The office is a welcome space for work with a desk and a small sitting area for private conversation. Library shelves line one side of the office. The secretary's office is next door, with an attached storage room. A full size copier/printer is in this office along with a desk and workspace with a computer.

## Fellowship Hall

In addition to Common Ground there is a large Fellowship Hall which can be divided into three rooms. This useful gathering area is along the east wall side of the Sanctuary with a hallway in between. The Fellowship Hall can seat about 200 people with both round and long tables available. It has its own sound system and lectern.

One third of the room can be closed off with a sound proof divider and provides another room for Sunday School or other needs.



## Kitchen

First Presbyterian Church has a well-kept kitchen with two commercial gas stove/ovens. It has a large commercial refrigerator, commercial ice maker, upright freezer and two sink areas. The larger sink area included a rinse nozzle with disposal. Adequate china and silverware is available along with all other needs for full meal preparation and service.



Our kitchen has all the proper instruments needed to cook a large size meal for our members or for other special occasions.



## Nursery

The nursery is a large room that can be divided into two rooms if necessary. It has cribs on one side and toys, a small table and play area on the other. The nursery also has many different types of books, toys and also rocking chairs. The nursery also has its own restroom.

As mentioned previously, the property committee is in the process of upgrading physical aspects of the nursery.

## Classrooms

We are blessed to have such a large facility with many options for classrooms. We have two traditional classrooms upstairs and five rooms downstairs used as classrooms and other support rooms.

The first flexible classroom space upstairs has been used primarily as a pre-elementary classroom and has a piano and small activity table. Another room upstairs is primarily used as a practice room for the bell choir and adult class room.

The largest room downstairs doubles as a high school classroom and Boy Scout meeting room. It includes several couches, accessible tables and chairs, a full kitchen, a pool table and foosball table. There is a large screen TV with DVD/VCR players.

The room is also home to Scout troop 123. Over 50 young men have become Eagle Scouts through the history of the troop. There a locked closet to store Boy Scout equipment. The troop using the room also has an enclosed trailer that has been available for church use.



Other available rooms in the basement include a large classroom/play area, a Sunday School room for elementary aged children, another adult classroom and the Youth Pastor's office. In the past the Youth Pastor's office has been used as a confirmation class room. All rooms have closets and cabinets available to store supplies, books, and such.



## Grounds

Our church grounds are located on one full block on the west side of Newton. The main parking lot is to the North of the church with 5 handicapped spots and 82 diagonal stalls. There is a large grass area on the northeast side and two small playgrounds. To the south is a driveway with parking along one side, two handicapped spots and 17 diagonal parking stalls.

A small area with two benches and a cross are west of the church, courtesy of an Eagle Scout project.

The rest of the lot is grass and some trees. There would be the opportunity for more use of the grounds. Perhaps sports fields, a small park, or other outdoor activity sites could be added. There is a sand volleyball court that could be revived.

# Congregation Strengths, Concerns and Demographics



*Now you are the body of Christ,  
and each one of you is a part of it.*

*- 1 Corinthians 12:27*



In preparing this Mission Study, it was important to gather basic information about who we are, what we are and why we are. In an effort to answer these questions, we will examine congregation size, our financial history, appetite for change, member expectations, and basic demographic information.

## Size of Congregation

An important part of the maturing process is discipleship, or spiritual formation (worship, Bible study, mission outreach, witnessing Jesus to the community, etc.) Typically, as a congregation matures, it experiences some years of stability (the top of the bell curve). As time passes without significant challenges, a congregation will begin to decline unless the people return to the spiritual formation practices that bring them back to the church's original inspiration and mission. In a healthy church this back-and-forth cycle is repeated often to maintain stability. If, however, a church is inattentive to its need for ongoing renewal, decline can set in and must be arrested by intentional action. A return to spiritual formation is always the solution, but depending on the severity of the decline, the necessary methods change, and the work required is more challenging.

If focus is on "survival of the institution" rather than on the purpose and mission of the church, and if the congregation perceives that the purpose of the church is 1) survival, 2) growth and 3) lowering the age of the congregation, then the church misunderstands the reason for its existence. Undertaking a mission because it will "grow the church" rarely, if ever, results in church growth. Church growth follows vital mission and ministry. God grows the church.

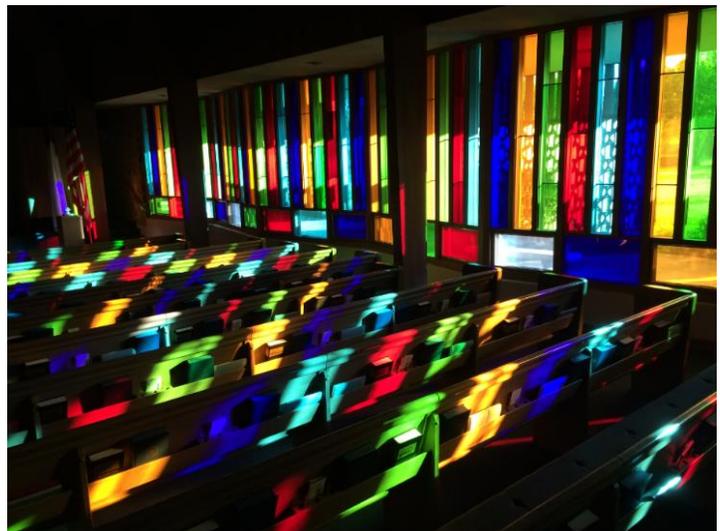
Most churches today are under 200 members, and 50 percent of all churches are under 100 members. Small churches can be very healthy, vital and effective congregations.

**Two key things to consider when trying to grow a congregation:**

- 1) Church growth requires more outward focus and less focus on our own preferences and comfort.**
- 2) Church growth requires every member to engage in personal interactions and invitations.**

Outward focus and institutional growth will naturally flow from more relational engagement in mission and increased engagement in discipleship practices (worship attendance, Bible study, and service).

Through prayer and a new pastor giving inspiration and direction of God's word, our congregation is willing to be a part of a renewal process and be able to reach out into the community and bring about a stabilizing effect to God's church. We ask each member to pray for our church, and be a part of the renewal process.



## **Financial History**

The attached documents reflect what our actual budgets and stewardship giving has been for the past few years. Our budgets have normally been in the \$220,000 to \$240,000 range. There have been very few years we did not meet or exceed budget and had to ask the congregation for additional funding.

The congregation has been very responsive to various capital campaigns over the years. The largest in many years was for church renovation in 2008-09. The congregation pledged \$565,000 which was above goal.

An important part of our church's financial history was the creation of our Permanent Endowment Fund. The initial gift of \$50,000 in 1982 has grown to \$779,404 in 2015. During this period of time, income from PEF has been used for college scholarships, youth mission trips, special music, sound speakers, and other items outside of the church's normal budget. Many church members have left legacy gifts to carry out the mission of PEF.

We currently have 101 giving units in our church. Stewardship Sundays and related "campaigns" have varied over the years. In our congregational surveys addressed our members' understanding of Stewardship. It appears that a number of members feel satisfied with giving a fixed amount for their pledge. Without growth in our giving, we are unable to increase our mission. This is why increased membership and improved stewardship are so important.

One of the more notable points is that our church has no debt! We feel that this shows a strong commitment to treasure the gifts that God has blessed us with and that we practice good stewardship with monies given by the congregation.

## **Congregational Appetite for Change**

When we look at "congregational appetite for change" it is important to look back at the history of our local church.

Beginning in 1879 when our church had its first building of worship, through 1960 when we moved into our new church we worship in today, the emphasis was on evangelism programs that reached outside the wall of the church into the community. These programs were revivals that brought about confession of faith, conversions, and many new members. With the formation of the centralized mission programs, this emphasis on evangelism changed.

Our congregation began to look at more localized mission projects such as Salvation Army, the homeless shelter and local food pantry projects. These missions are worthwhile efforts, but alone, do not reach out to the many families and individuals that might be seeking God's word and a place of worship.

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With God's help and your prayers, our church will continue to serve our current members, our new members, and the community at large.

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As with so many other mainline congregations, our membership has been in decline in recent years. Because of this decline, we have had to take a hard look at our purpose in God’s kingdom. Through the efforts of the Session, the Transition Team and the Pastor Nominating Committee, our members realize how important it is that everyone in our congregation be a part of and embrace potential change. This is our church, it is our responsibility to make necessary changes to fulfil our mission.

## **Congregational Participation Level**

We as a church body should invite and encourage all members that are capable to participate. This will allow us to carry out our church duties, committees, mission, and evangelism outside of our church walls.

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*We ask for prayers of energy and strength and for willing members to participate in carrying out God’s word.*

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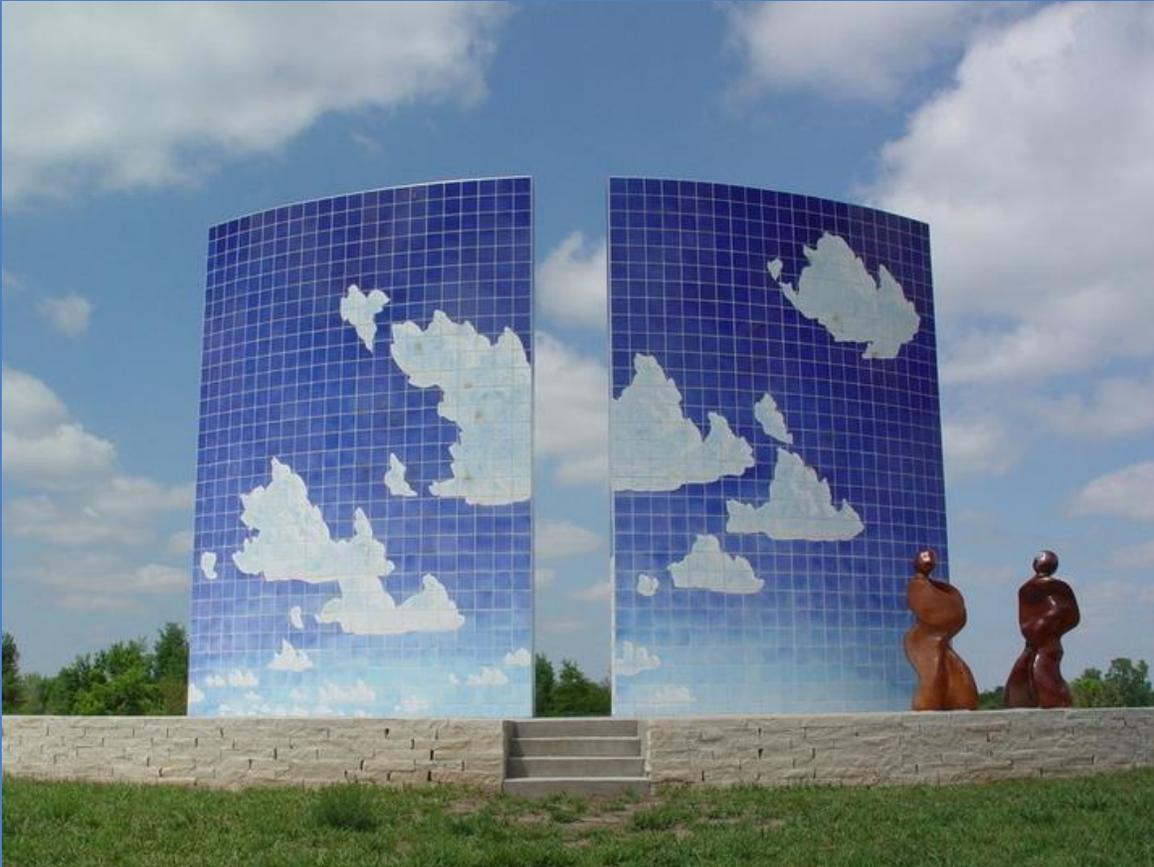
Currently we have a strong core of members that carry the load of church committees, work sessions, and volunteering for the church. As our congregation ages, that number decreases – not for lack of wanting to help, but because of ability to help. Because of our aging members, and also due to our decrease in membership, the session is working on cutting back on the number of committees, the number of individuals on the committees and the frequency of the meetings.

## **Current Membership**

As of 8/7/16, our current membership is 173 (Female: 99, Male 74). At the start of 2016 we made a concentrated effort to clean up our membership list. This action resulted in the following years of membership table:

<u>YEARS of MEMBERSHIP</u>	<u>NUMBER OF MEMBERS IN EACH CATEGORY</u>
50 +	40 members
25 -49	22 members
20 -24	39 members
10 -19	57 members
< 10	15 members

# The Communities We Serve



*And the King will answer and say to them, 'Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me.*

*- Matthew 25:40*

## Our Newton Community

Newton is a great place to call home! Friendly faces and attractive amenities make Newton a great place to live! That's why Newtonians proudly say Newton, Life as it should be!

*Why should you move to Newton?*

- **RELAXED, SMALL-TOWN LIVING AT ITS BEST!**
- **LOW CRIME RATE**
- **EXCELLENT SCHOOL SYSTEM**
- **LOWER COST OF LIVING**
- **SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR CHILDREN**
- **EXCELLENT PROPERTY VALUES**
- **STATE-OF-THE-ART MEDICAL CARE**
- **MULTICULTURAL DIVERSITY**
- **ABUNDANT RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES**



Located just 20 minutes north of Wichita on Interstate I-135, Newton offers an ideal family environment, affordable quiet neighborhoods, outstanding schools and abundant community activities. Newton's 18,000+ residents also enjoy the easy access to all the amenities the Wichita metropolitan area offers. Those who live and visit here know that Newton is a true small town, where Life is as it should be!



When you drive through the heart of the community, you will see a city full of pride for its past and with a vision for its future. Historical buildings, adapted for modern commercial enterprises, dot the central core area. Visible signs of steady growth evidence successful commerce. Residents are reaping the benefits of a lifestyle in which sound education and progressive health care are simply expected.

Newton area has access to full medical, dental and rehabilitative services and enjoys the third highest physician/resident ration in the state! Newton Medical Center is a state-of-the-art facility at the south edge of town, offering a wide range of short-term and acute care as well as highly specialized procedures including MRI's and CT Scans. Having a first rate medical facility in your backyard provides security and peace-of-mind to residents of a small town. Three additional medical clinics are located within the community to include Axtell

Clinic, Newton Professional Group Center and Wichita Clinic-Bethel. There is a cancer treatment facility on the hospital campus as well as a kidney dialysis center and renal treatment specialists close by.



Superb healthcare services and numerous amenities the Newton area provides make us an attractive retirement community for senior citizens. From owning their own home or apartment in a retirement center, to full-service nursing facilities, all levels of care and services are available to

residents through four retirement communities in Newton. Additionally, there are a variety of home and community-based services in Newton that support people who wish to remain in their own home. The community Senior Center, Bethel College, Newton Recreation Center and other facilities offer numerous activities as well.

Newton's award winning educational institutions offer a wide array of programs in a hometown environment that is not found in large metropolitan areas. Unified School District #373 is an award winning school system which serves more than 3500 students in the Newton area. This includes Newton, North Newton, Walton and surrounding rural areas. Annually, Newton High School graduates classes averaging about 350. Newton community's strong support for public schools provides the best possible future for the youth of the area. Children with disabilities from birth through age 21 are offered a wide range of programs from total regular education integration to placement in separate facilities. The Parents as Teachers education program is designed for families with children ages birth to three years; and is focused on supporting parents as their child's first teacher.



The district encourages participation in statewide journalism, speech, debate, music, drama, fine arts and youth athletic programs and also offers a comprehensive vocational-technical education program. Newton elementary school classrooms currently are limited to 25 students to ensure quality individualized instruction. Two private/parochial schools in Newton also offer excellent educational opportunities as an alternative to public education.

In addition to the primary and secondary education programs, the Newton area offers a private four-year college in North Newton. Known for its tradition of academic excellence, Bethel College rings first among

colleges in Kansas for the percentage of graduates who go on to earn a doctorate degree. Bethel is also the only college in Kansas named to the John Templeton Foundation's Honor Roll for Character Building Colleges. The Hutchinson Community College also maintains an outreach campus in Newton.

Newton Public Library has served the community for more than 110 years. Books, toys, videos, newspapers, works of art, magazines, audio books, large-print books and cassette tapes are available for checkout. Services include preschool story times, summer reading activities and programs for young people, reference and information, interlibrary loan, Talking Books, Dial-A-Story, Internet and book delivery to area nursing homes and homebound senior citizens.



And there is more!

Shopping, movies, golf, biking, restaurants, parks, swimming pools – a new YMCA, the Rec Center, college, high school and community plays, athletic events, downtown events such as Taste of Newton, Sand Creek walking path, fun and quirky antique stores, the Chili Cook Off, the annual Car Show, Apple Blossom Festival, Parade of lights, its support of the Arts and an active Christian community – something for everyone in the family!



***With all this going for us...  
why wouldn't you want to  
move to Newton?***



# Appendix

## Newton/Harvey County/Wichita region Demographics:

Newton is a city in and the county seat of Harvey County, Kansas, United States. As of the 2010 census, the city population was 19,132. Newton is located 20 miles north of Wichita. The city was founded in 1871 and named after Newton, Massachusetts, home of some of the Santa Fe stockholders.

## Geography

Newton has a total area of 12.60 square miles (32.63 km<sup>2</sup>), all of it land. The city is in the central portion of the continental United States. U.S. Highway 81, also known as the Meridian Highway, stretches from Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada to Mexico City, Mexico through Central and South America. It passes through Newton, Kansas and is known as "Main Street." U.S. Highway 50 runs past the White House in Washington, DC through Newton, Kansas and continues on to Sacramento, California

## Community Events for 2016:

**January 30** - Kansas Day Celebration at Kauffman Museum

**February 23** - Hesston Bethel Performing Arts Series presents Chanticleers at Bethel College

**April 9** - Paddle Battle on Sand Creek

**April 17** - Newton Mid-Kansas Symphony Orchestra spring concert

**April 21** - Art & Music in the Heart of Newton

**April 29** - Apple Blossom Festival at Presbyterian Manor

**April 30-May 2** - NCAA Summit League golf championship at Sand Creek Station Golf Course

**May 7** - Newton Downtown Car Show

**June 5** - Newton Mid-Kansas Symphony Orchestra summer concert

**June 16-18** - Main Street Mania

**July 1-3** - Mexican American Softball Tournament at local parks

**July 2** - Cars in the Park at Athletic Park

**July 4** - Headin' for Home 5K and Kidron-Bethel Celebration Day

**July 9** - Sand Creek Station Golf Course 10th anniversary celebration

**July 28** – Relay for Life Survivors Tea

**August 5-9** - Harvey County Free Fair at Harvey County Fairgrounds

**September 12** – Relay for Life Relay

**September 17** - Ride with the Dogs

**September 24** - Red Hot Chili Pepper 5K & Little Pepper Run & Harvey County United Way Chili Cook-off

**September 29** - Taste of Newton, downtown

**October 1** - Bethel College Fall Festival & Air Capital Fly-in at Newton City/County Airport

**October 8** - Aerobatics competition at Newton City/County Airport

**October 31** - Halloween Safe Walk, downtown

**December 1** - Parade of Lights on Main Street

**December 3** - Five Places of Christmas

## **Education:**

Colleges/Universities with over 2000 students nearest to Newton:

- Wichita Area Technical College (about 21 miles; Wichita, KS; Full-time enrollment: 2,220)
- Wichita State University (about 23 miles; Wichita, KS; FT enrollment: 11,743)
- Friends University (about 26 miles; Wichita, KS; FT enrollment: 2,024)
- Newman University (about 26 miles; Wichita, KS; FT enrollment: 2,066)
- Wichita Technical Institute (about 27 miles; Wichita, KS; FT enrollment: 2,015)
- Butler Community College (about 31 miles; El Dorado, KS; FT enrollment: 6,676)
- Hutchinson Community College (about 32 miles; Hutchinson, KS; FT enrollment: 4,174)

Colleges/Universities under 2000 students nearest to Newton:

- Hesston College - Private not for profit, 428 students
- Bethel College - is a four-year, private, primarily residential, liberal arts college. It is the oldest Mennonite College in North America.

Private High Schools in Newton:

- Prairie View Special Purpose School (Students: 17, Location: 1901 E 1ST ST, Grades: 4-12)
- Newton Christian High School (Students: 9, Location: 208 N MERIDIAN RD, Grades: 9-11)

Public High Schools in Newton:

Newton High School (Students: 1,114, Location: 900 WEST 12TH, Grades: 9-12)

Private Elementary/Middle Schools in Newton:

- Newton Bible Christian School (Students: 41, Location: 900 OLD MAIN EST, Grades: KG-8)
- St. Mary Catholic School (K-8)

Public Elementary/Middle Schools in Newton:

- Slate Creek Elementary (Students: 482, Location: 901 E. 4TH, Grades: PK-4)
- South Breeze Elementary (Students: 456, Location: 1020 OLD MAIN, Grades: PK-4)
- Chisholm Middle School (Students: 414, Location: 900 E. FIRST, Grades: 7-8)
- Northridge Elementary (Students: 297, Location: 1900 WINDSOR DR., Grades: PK-4)
- Santa Fe 5/6 Center (Location: 130 W. BROADWAY, Grades: 5-6)
- Sunset Elementary (Location: 619 BOYD, Grades: PK-4)
- Walton Rural Life Center

**Hospitals and Medical Centers in the Newton area:**

Newton:

- NEWTON MEDICAL CENTER - is a general medical and surgical hospital in Newton, KS, with 103 beds. It is also accredited by the American Osteopathic Association. Survey data for the latest year available shows that 12,850 patients visited the hospital's emergency room. The hospital had a total of 2,763 admissions. Its physicians performed 1,009 inpatient and 5,404 outpatient surgeries. (600 MEDICAL CENTER DRIVE)
- PRAIRIE VIEW INC (1901 E FIRST STREET PO BOX 467)
- ASBURY PARK (200 SW 14TH)
- KANSAS CHRISTIAN HOME (1035 SE 3RD ST)
- NEWTON PRESBYTERIAN MANOR (1200 E 7TH ST)
- NEWTON DIALYSIS CENTER (1223 WASHINGTON RD.)
- RENAL CARE GROUP - NEWTON (625 MEDICAL CENTER DR.)
- CENTRAL HOMECARE AND HOSPICE INC (606 NORTH MAINE SUTE 202)

Wichita:

- Via Christi Hospital St. Francis (929 St Francis N) (316) 268-5000
- Wesley Medical Center (550 N Hillside St) (316) 962-2000
- Wesley West ER & Diagnostic Center (8714 W 13th St N) (316) 962-9900
- Via Christi Hospital on St. Teresa (14800 St Teresa St) (316) 268-5000
- Wesley Woodlawn Hospital & ER (2610 N Woodlawn Blvd) (316) 858-2610
- AMG Specialty Hospital (8080 E Pawnee St) (316) 682-0004
- Children's Mercy Hospital (3243 E Murdock St # 201) (316) 500-8900
- Kansas Surgery & Recovery Center (2770 N Webb Rd) (316) 634-0090
- Via Christi Hospital St. Joseph (3600 E Harry St) (316) 268-5000
- Wesley Rehabilitation Hospital, An Affiliate of HealthSouth(8338 W 13th St N) (316) 729-9999
- Kansas Spine & Specialty Hospital (3333 N Webb Rd) (316) 462-5000
- Kansas Heart Hospital (3601 N Webb Rd) (316) 630-5000

- Select Specialty Hospital – Wichita (929 North Saint Francis Street, North Tower 6th floor) (316) 261-8303
- Wesley BirthCare Center (3222 E Murdock St) (316) 962-3222
- Wesley Children's Hospital (550 N Hillside St) (316) 962-2000
- Women's Hospital At Wesley (316) 962-2290
- Via Christi Immediate Care (13213 W 21st St N) (316) 946-1789
- Galichia Medical Group Pa: Tucker Tracy L MD (2600 N Woodlawn Blvd) (316) 684-3838
- Hospitals of Hope International (3545 N Santa Fe) (316) 262-0964
- Via Christi Rehabilitation Hospital (1151 N Rock Rd) (316) 634-3400

### **National Register of Historic Places Listings in Harvey County:**

- Carnegie Library
- Mennonite Settler statue
- Newton Stadium
- Santa Fe Depot
- Warkentin House

### **News & Media:**

#### Newspaper:

- The Newton Kansan
- Newton Now
- Buyer's Edge
- Harvey County Now

#### Radio:

##### AM:

KJRG-AM 950 kHz, Christian talk

##### FM:

KKGQ-FM 92.3 MHz, Q92 "The Beat", rhythmic contemporary music

KBCU-FM 88.1 MHz - Bethel College (Kansas) - College events and Jazz music

#### Television:

- Newton Channel 7
- Wichita – KSNW (NBC)
- Wichita - KSAS (FOX)
- Wichita – KAKE (ABC)
- Wichita – KWCH (CBS)

### **Newton Fire/EMS Services:**

At Newton Fire/EMS, the department maintains three shifts that rotate on a 24 hours on duty, 48 hours off-duty schedule. Each shift staffs 15 firefighters three firefighters are assigned to Station 1; a Captain, and six firefighters to Station 2; and a Lieutenant and three firefighters to Station 3. Newton Fire/EMS

prides itself on providing professional fire protection and emergency medical services to the community. The Newton Fire/EMS Department operates from three stations.

**Newton EMT:** Type I Service of the Year Award from the Kansas Emergency Medical Services Association. <http://www.thekansan.com/article/20150818/NEWS/150819498>

### **Organizations:**

- Central Kansas Community Foundation
- Harvey County Economic Development Council
- Harvey County Genealogical Society
- Leave a Legacy
- Newton Area Chamber of Commerce
- Newton Convention and Visitors Bureau
- Kansas Kiwanis
- Newton Lions Club
- Newton Rotary Club
- Newton Young Professionals

### **Approximate number of Churches in Newton**

37 Protestant Churches

2 Catholic Churches

16 Non-Denominational Churches

### **Parks Department:**

The City's 13 permanent full-time staff maintain 669.91 acres of parks, cemeteries, waterways, rights-of-way, and other acreage, along with 8.67 miles of bike/jogging paths. Total acreage includes 163.51 acres of right-of-ways; 38.72 acres of waterways and floodways; 176.86 acres of parks offering playgrounds, open space, tennis and basketball courts, a festival area, a band shell for concerts, a splash park, a swimming pool and picnic shelters; 86.45 acres of cemeteries; and 204.37 acres of other property such as land upon which water storage facilities are located, round-a-bouts, landscaped islands, and areas surrounding public buildings.

### **Public Library:**

**Newton Public Library** (Operating income: \$802,208; Location: 720 N OAK; 91,319 books; 3,025 audio materials; 3,503 video materials; 3 local licensed databases; 30 state licensed databases; 304 print serial subscriptions)

## Recreation and the Arts:

- Carriage Factory Gallery
- Chisholm Trail 8 Theatres and Outdoor Mall
- Fox Ridge Golf Club
- Harvey County Historical Museum
- Kansas Sports Museum
- Kaufman Museum
- Newton Area Arts Council
- Newton Community Theatre
- Newton Mid-Kansas Orchestra
- Newton Parks and Bike Path
- Newton Recreation Commission
- Sand Creek Station Golf Course
- Sand Creek Trail
- YMCA – (coming in the Fall of 2016)

## Transportation:

- **Amtrak** is offering 20 percent discounts on its regular adult fares on the Southwest Chief, California Zephyr, Capitol Limited, Cardinal, City of New Orleans, Coast Starlight, Crescent, Empire Builder, Lake Shore Limited, Palmetto/Silver
- **Newton City-County Airport** (designated EWK) is located 2 miles east of Newton on approximately 800 acres. Originally constructed as an auxiliary flight training facility for the U.S. Navy, the airport was converted to a municipal facility after World War II. It is jointly owned by the City of Newton and Harvey County, and a seven-member Aviation Commission acts as an advisory group to the City and Harvey County Commissioners. Today, EWK primarily serves Harvey County as a transport facility, but has been designated by the FAA as a general aviation reliever airport for Wichita's airport.
- **BNSF Railway** pass through Newton for transportation and shipping.
- **Bus Service** is provided daily towards Wichita and Salina by BeeLine Express (subcontractor of Greyhound Lines).
- **Wichita Dwight D. Eisenhower National Airport** - Kansas' largest airport, served by five airlines: Allegiant Air, American Airlines, Delta Air Lines, Southwest Airlines, and United Airlines.

## Proximity to major attractions:

Wichita – 25 miles from Newton

### Attraction Type:

- Museums(16)
- Sights & Landmarks (11)
- Fun & Games (18)
- Nature & Parks (10)
- Shopping (9)

- Outdoor Activities(2)
- Zoos (1)
- Concerts & Shows (10)
- Nightlife (33)

Kansas City – 189 miles from Newton

Attraction Type:

- Museums (27)
- Sights & Landmarks (33)Fun & Games (19)
- Nature & Parks (14)
- Shopping (20)
- Outdoor Activities(11)
- Water & Amusement Parks (5)
- Zoos & Aquariums (2)
- Concerts & Shows (29)

**Demographic make-up of the population**

Newton is included in the Wichita metropolitan statistical area (MSA). It is located in Harvey County which is an agricultural and small manufacturing county with 34,361 people. Harvey County Kansas is part of a four county "Metro Area" with about a half million people. The major city in this metro area is Wichita, Kansas, 20 miles (20 minutes) to the South via I-135.

As of the 2010 census, there were 19,132 people, 7,584 households, and 5,045 families residing in the city. The racial makeup of the city was 88.4% White, 2.2% African American, 0.9% Native American, 0.8% Asian, 4.7% from other races, and 2.9% from two or more races. Hispanic or Latino of any race were 16.3% of the population.

Population Statistics:

**Males:** 9,053 (47.4%)

**Females:** 10,067 (52.6%)

**Median resident age:** 37.7 years

**Kansas median age:** 36.0 years

905 residents are foreign born (3.7% Latin America, 0.6% Asia, 0.6% Europe).

**This city:**5.3%

**Kansas:** 5.0%

Newton Income:

**Estimated median household income in 2013:** \$45,577 (it was \$38,236 in 2000)

**Newton:**\$45,577

**KS:** \$50,972

**Estimated per capita income in 2013: \$23,272 (it was \$18,529 in 2000)**

**Housing Costs:**

**Estimated median house or condo value in 2013: \$99,901 (it was \$67,800 in 2000)**

**Newton:**\$99,901

**KS:** \$129,700

**Median gross rent in 2013: \$696.**

**Closest Cities:**

**Nearest city with pop. 50,000+:** Wichita, KS (24.6 miles, pop. 344,284).

**Nearest city with pop. 1,000,000+:** Dallas, TX (364.1 miles, pop. 1,188,580).

**Nearest cities:** North Newton, KS (1.4 miles), Walton, KS (2.7 miles), Hesston, KS (2.8 miles), Halstead, KS (3.0 miles), Sedgwick, KS (3.1 miles), Elbing, KS (3.5 miles), Whitewater, KS (3.5 miles), Goessel, KS (3.7 miles).

**Assisted Living/Nursing Homes:**

- Asbury Park - 200 SW 14th St, Newton, KS
- Kansas Christian Home - 1035 SE 3rd St., Newton, KS
- Presbyterian Manor - 1200 E 7th St, Newton, KS
- Comfort Care Homes (Harvey) - 1504 Terrace Dr., Newton, KS
- Wheatland Homes - 307 W 24th St, North Newton, KS
- North Newton Housing Authority - 307 W 24th St., North Newton, KS

**Harvey County Economic Development:**

The mission of the HCED:

*To Promote the social welfare and economic development of Harvey County, Kansas; to assist in the retention and expansion of existing local industry; to recruit industrial prospects for relocation to and expansion in Harvey County, Kansas; to promote and assist in the formation of new industries in Harvey County, Kansas; and to engage in other similar programs and asset building projects for the promotion of locate economic development.*