NEWTON FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Tie THAT BINDS

NEWTON, KS NOVEMBER 2019

PASTOR'S CORNER

Rev. Scott McGinnis

Everyday Holiness

There are a lot of claims by people to be spiritual, spiritual guru's offer to serve anyone looking for the transcendent, yet there's not a lot of Truth in what these guru's pedal. There's usually a book tour close behind their interviews and media attention. It's like it's been cooked up for us to fill a portion of the media's audience survey. I would guess the producers of content say, "We should offer something for spiritual-minded people, but let's not make it too specific, so it just makes them feel more spiritual, but doesn't sound like any one religion." Yet, that's far from biblical when considering an encounter with the Holy God.

To help you evaluate the "so-called spiritual," you can test it with these encounters from Eugene Peterson, who was a Presbyterian pastor, biblical scholar, and translator of The Message paraphrase Bible.

See encountering God's holiness can never be reduced to just a feeling where we feel spiritual. Holiness doesn't distract us, but is an invitation to join in God's work in the world. It's God's invitation to Servant work, and so our human response to the presence of God is, "Here I am, send me." And note, we have the freedom to say "yes" or "no."

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Pastor's Corner Continued...

During my sermon on "Your Worship Matters", we talked about how Isaiah was made aware of the wonder of God's holiness and about looking for the holiness of God in our own lives and world. There is something normative for the Christian Life in Isaiah's encounter with the Holy. With it, we can test the authenticity of our encounters with the Holy. Consider these points in the Christian Life and our encounters with the Holy:

1. *Our Christian Life isn't about self-sufficiency: we were not meant to walk alone, we were meant for a loving relationship with God our Father.*
2. *The blotting out of sin. Being and feeling forgiven is normal for the Christian Life - we're not supposed to walk around feeling guilt ridden.*
3. *Servant work with a capital "S": we begin doing work that looks like the work Jesus did. We have His Spirit to equip us for this good Servant work.*
4. *We become present to God in faith and obedience. An encounter with the Holy leads us to a stronger faith and obedience to the leading of the Holy Spirit.*

These four encounters are part of the Christian Life. If we are inclined to "spiritual things", let us be specifically inclined to the Spirit of God and look for the things God is doing.

Let's look for the Holy.

To God be the Glory!

~ Pastor Scott

Minutes in a Minute..

Clerk of Session Report October 2019

I would like to invite anyone to visit the Session or Deacons meeting to see what we do there. It is your opportunity to see your church's "government" in action. I think it would be a good idea for those nominated for next years' officers to observe before their first meeting and be better prepared for a good start.
And speaking of nominating , the Nominating Committee has been hard at work and have all but one 3 year position and one 1 year position on the Deacons left to fill.

Officers and Budget, the two most important things this time of year. While we are planning for next years' budget, we need to keep up with this year too. We are in the rears by about $7,000. for the year. Building repairs continue to eat into our budget as our building moves into its sixth decade. Prayerfully consider if you can sacrifice something more for the church this year and the next.

Think ahead 2 ½ years. Our 150th Anniversary is just around the corner. How will you be involved?
Lastly, a special short-term committee will be working during the next month to evaluate where we are going and how we are doing in our Vision and planning for our church. We will share the results when the report is completed. Have a great Fall and Thanksgiving. Rojean

CHURCH OFFICERS @ FPC

ELDERS

Class of 2019: Bonnie Fey, Susan Wyman, Sue Ice (one year term)

Class of 2020: Carol Higgs, Sandy Larson, John Stretcher

Class of 2021: Rojean DuBois, Mel McAnulty, Nate Regier

DEACONS

Class of 2019: Mark Gihring, Sandi Johnston, Beverly McGee, Steve Tangeman, Susan Tangeman

Class of 2020: Rita Allmon, Hayley Cooper, Greg McGehee, Addie Perkins, Rhonda Tillberg

Class of 2021: Angela Altum, LaDonna Schmidt, Greg Schmidt, Lenny Wild

PERMANENT ENDOWMENT FUND BOARD MEMBERS

Class of 2019: Bob Sjogren, John Morton

Class of 2020: Mel McAnulty

Class of 2021: Ron Cheyney, Brent Glann

Rev. Scott McGinnis, Pastor • Marsha Swander, Treasurer • Rojean DuBois, Clerk of Session

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The November Session meeting of the Elders and Deacons will be on

November 26, at 6:30 p.m.

Following the meeting, there will be refreshments & fellowship as we transform our church to the Christmas season with the.. Hanging of the Greens

Families, please join in on the fun!

Elders will bring beverages to share and Deacons will provide the snacks.

The Newton Treble Clef Club
& The Newton Community Bell Choir
invite you to their Vespers Concert on
December 1st at 3:00 pm.

A free will offering will be taken for scholarships
to be given to high school seniors
that are going to study music in college.

What's Happening @FPC

The Session of the First Presbyterian Church calls for a Congregational Meeting on November 17th immediately following worship service for the election of new Elders, Deacons, PEF Trustees and Nominating Committee members.

Pastor Scott invites you to join him at Kiwanis on **November 11th** to hear **Mel McAnulty** speak about his business experiences! Please RSVP to Pastor Scott so you can be his guest. Kiwanis meets at noon at Charlie's.

Please join Pastor Scott on November 6th & 20th for coffee and dialogue!

It's informative & fun!

FYI - We have a new cappuccino flavor - Pumpkin Spice!

Come try out the new flavor and stay for the fellowship!

The Deacon's Silent Auction fundraiser was a big success!

Altogether we raised a total of $1414.00. From the bidding slips we acquired about $950.00 and the rest from generous donations.

Approximately 75% was for edibles and 25% for other items.

Thanks to everyone for making it a great day!

God Bless!
Bev McGee
Deacon's Treasurer

Mark Your Calendars!

Our speaker for PW's Thank Offering **Sunday, November 10**, will be Dave Sanford, CEO of GraceMed in Wichita. Dave has overseen the growth of GraceMed from a single clinic to a network that covers the Wichita area and now extends to other communities.

We will also have special music by WOVEN!

Thank you for all who helped serve at New Hope Shelter last week!

Our next time to serve is in early January.

Would you be interested in being a Meal Coordinator?

Contact Rita Allmon at 316-288-3028.

Thanks!

New Hope Shelter, Inc.

Newsletter Deadline
November 20th

What's Happening @ FPC

The Cruiser's group will not be meeting in November. Put December 7th (a Saturday) on your calendars to enjoy a brunch together.

More details will follow...

It's your Ch_rch & "u" are needed!

Pencil it in...

The Property Committee **MAY** schedule a Fall Work Day at the church on **November 9th** starting at **8 am to noon**. Please plan to come, even if just for an hour or two, to help cleanup & maintain our church building and yard. For further information, contact Steve Tangeman at 605-351-5605.

Grounded in Faith, Growing to Serve

"When each separate part works as it should, the whole body grows, and builds itself up through love." Ephesians 4:16

This year we're having our Stewardship Drive in November. Yes, of course, we're asking you to give us some idea of how much money you hope to donate to the church in 2020. But…

Stewardship includes a whole lot more than money!

We serve each other and the Church in a myriad of ways!

So, if you've ▶attended worship, ▶Sunday School, ▶Youth Group, or ▶Bible studies, if you've ▶served on a committee, ▶taken food to New Hope, ▶delivered sermon copies, ▶cooked for a church dinner, ▶helped in the Nursery, ▶been a greeter, ▶lay reader, or ▶usher, if you work on ▶landscaping, ▶sing in the choir, ▶ring bells, ▶pray for those on the prayer chain, if you've served as a ▶Deacon or ▶Elder, or ▶helped in any other way –

YOU ARE APRECIATED & YOU ARE SERVING GOD!

NOVEMBER DEACONS REQUESTS

SALVATION ARMY FOOD PANTRY

• Peanut Butter • Jelly • Rice • Soup •

• Cereal • Beans • Hamburger Helper • Raman Noodles •

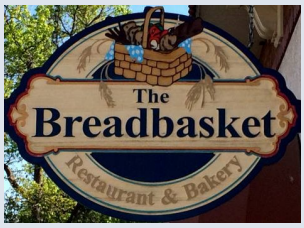
When you're out shopping, please pick up these items and bring them to church to fill up the shelves by the front door. Thank You!

Church Life @ FPC

The Ladies of the church are invited to fellowship at the

Breadbasket on November 16th at 9:00 am.

Please join us to enjoy good food, fellowship & laughter!



S.C.O.T.S. will meet November 19th at 9:00 am - noon.

However, please feel free to leave mending projects in the designated basket in Common Ground. For more information please call Carol Heinel, 316-283-8328.

Please help honor FPC's history by sharing your memories for our 150th Anniversary!

1. Favorite Sunday School memory and/or teacher.
2. Favorite memory of being in the Youth Group.
3. Favorite Christmas program, "season" memory, etc.
4. Memories of former ministers and/or members.
5. Memories of marriages in the church. (Your own, relatives, or other members married in the church including ministers performing weddings.)
6. Memories of our old church on 7th and Main Street.
7. Memories of the move from the old church to our "new" church.
8. What you're thankful for about FPC (First Presbyterian Church).

Please send responses, along with your name, to newtonfpc@gmail.com. Thank you!

Post Note: Do you have poetic writing abilities?
We're looking for a verse writer to create a hymn/song for our 150th anniversary!
Please contact Tricia in the office if you would be interested.

During inclement weather, please check KWCH 12 Eyewitness News for the latest on church closures. Information will also be broadcast on Cox Channel 5.

Please keep the following in your prayers this month:

• Stacy Griffin • Ron Dirksen • Bob Sjogren • Teri Mather • Our Sons • • Julie Griffin • Church friend looking for a job • Wife of a church friend • • Julie Griffin's father • Marjorie Westfahl • Barbara Adee • Our Church • Our Daughters • Pastor Scott • Deacons • Kitchen Helpers • Youth Leaders •

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

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

PW NOVEMBER 2019 CALENDAR

Native American Heritage Month

10 Caregiver Sunday

13 World Kindness Day

17 Hunger and Homelessness Sunday

20 Universal Children's Day

25 Wear **Orange** Day

25 International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women

28 Thanksgiving

The PW Coordinating Team will meet at 9:15 am on November 7th.

PW Circle will meet November 13th at 9:15 am in Fellowship Hall.

Bible Study
"Love Carved in Stone".

Donna Anderson leads
Lesson Three: *Understanding the gift of Sabbath and to recover a sense of the sacred urgency of Sabbath-keeping for human life and the created order*

Exodus 20:8-11, Deuteronomy 5:12-15 and Mark 2:23-28

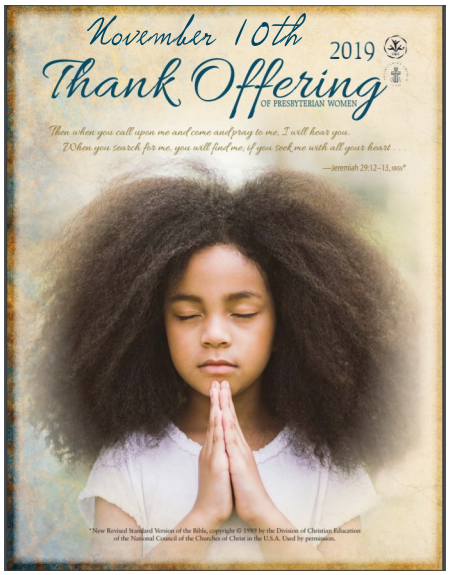
Carolyn Adams & Sandy Larson are hostesses.

All women of the church are welcome!

Try us -- you'll like us!

(and you will love the Bible study!)

For more PW information visit:
www.presbyterianwomen.org



Dave Sanford, CEO of GraceMed Wichita to Speak

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Dave has overseen the growth of GraceMed from a single clinic to a network that covers the Wichita area and now extends to other communities. Under his leadership, GraceMed was named a Federally Qualified Health Center and expanded their quality health care service lines to include dentistry as well as vision and behavioral health care.

GraceMed is a nonprofit network that provides hope for affordable health care. Their Mission is: *"To show and share the love of Jesus Christ by providing compassionate, accessible, high-quality health care for residents in the communities we serve."* They achieve this by the following vision: *"GraceMed is the clinic of choice for comprehensive, integrated healthcare encompassing the spiritual, emotional and physical needs of individuals and families in the communities we serve."*

GraceMed follows the following core values:

Stewardship: We will judiciously use our resources to achieve our mission and vision.

Excellence: We provide high quality service, seeking ways to better ourselves individually and collectively through continuous learning.

Loyalty: We will remain devoted to GraceMed's cause, culture and core values at all times.

Faith: We will integrate our faith with our work and service, recognizing spiritual diversity while embracing our Christian heritage.

Worship Teams
September 2019 - February 2020

1st Sunday

Organist -	Helen Wild
Greeters -	Libby Trussell
Ushers -	Carolyn Adams, Carol Heinel, Susan Wyman, Mary Anne Sandwell (Sandy Larson)
Children's Message -	Sonday McGinnis
Lay Reader -	Sandy Larson
Audio -	Steve Tangeman
Nursery -	Kaylee Martinez & Angela Altum

2nd Sunday

Organist -	Kelli Glann
Greeters -	Mark Gihring
Ushers -	Jeraldine Smith, Jonathan McGinnis, Greg McGehee, Bonnie Fey
Children's Message -	Rev. Scott McGinnis
Lay Reader -	Tricia Brothers
Audio -	Greg McGehee
Nursery -	Kaylee Martinez & Rita Allmon

3rd Sunday

Organist -	Kelli Glann
Greeters -	Mary Ediger
Ushers -	Ron & Carol Cheyney, Paul & Rojean DuBois
Children's Message -	Mary McGehee
Lay Reader -	Mary McGehee
Audio -	Greg Schmidt
Nursery -	Kaylee Martinez & Connie Griswold

4th Sunday

Organist -	Helen Wild
Greeters -	Kay Enz
Ushers -	John & Joan Stretcher, Mike Enz, Julie Regier
Children's Message -	Rojean DuBois
Lay Reader -	Nate Regier
Audio -	Mike Enz
Nursery -	Kaylee Martinez & Connie Griswold

5th Sunday &/or Sub

Organist -	Helen Wild
Greeters -	Mark Gihring
Ushers -	John & Carol Higgs, Steve & Susie Tangeman, (Lenny Wild, Angela Altum, Bob Swander)
Children's Message -	Susan Brack
Lay Reader -	Mark Gihring
Audio -	Sept: Mike Enz Dec: Steve Tangeman
Nursery -	Kaylee Martinez & Rojean DuBois, (Ladonna Schmidt)

Communion Servers

	Set-up	Worship Service	Homebound
November	Rhonda Tillberg & Susan Tangeman	John & Carol Higgs	John & Carol Higgs
December	Greg McGehee & Steve Tangeman	Mel McAnulty & Susan Wyman	Rev. Scott McGinnis & Greg McGehee
January 2020	Steve Tangeman & **TBD**	**TBD**	**TBD** & Steve Tangeman

Fall Cook-out
October 13th, 4-6:30p.m.
Old Tangeman Farm
2204 N. Main
Bring: A side dish and A Chair
Hot Dogs, Fixins, S'mores, drinks, and place settings are Provided
Perfect Weather!
YUMMY!
Wonderful Fellowship!
S'mores Station!
Laughter, Smiles, Fun & Games!
Looks like Sue got a new sweatshirt!
Over 100 Hotdogs Served!
FPC has the BEST cooks!

CELEBRATE NOVEMBER

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Don't see your birthday or anniversary on this list?

Call the church office and let's get your information updated!

Thanks!

November 2 – Marjorie Westfahl - 97th!

November 4 – Keven & Debra Hiebert

November 5 – Jayden Anderson, Ivan Knudsen, Bill Siebert

November 6 – Doug Trumble

November 8 – Alexis Anderson

November 9 – Mary Smith

November 10 – Evey Gallagher

November 12 – Marsha Swander

November 13 – Brooklyn Anderson, Sue Ice, Jonathan McGinnis, Jerry Krehbiel

November 14 – Tony Martinez

November 15 – Scott & Addie Perkins, Beth Darrow

November 17 – Bev McGee

November 18 – Kaylee Moore

November 20 – Ron Larson

November 21 – Liz Pomeroy, David & Lori Yoder

November 24 – Brad Cooper, Julie Griffin

November 26 – Rita Allmon

November 27 – John Higgs, Jennifer Switzer

November 28 – Becky Cooper

November 29 – Charlotte Price

Annual Reports are due January 3rd, 2020.
Need a copy of last year's report?
Please contact Tricia in the church office - 283-0504

UPCOMING DECEMBER EVENTS*

Every Tuesday - 6:15 pm Girl Scouts

Every Wednesday - 6:00 pm Bell Choir & 7:00 pm Vocal Choir

Coffee with Pastor Scott - December 4th & 18th

December 1 - First Sunday of Advent 3:00 pm Vespers Concert

December 2 - Office Closed

December 5 - 9:15 am PW Coord Team 7 pm Team Meetings

December 7 - Cruisers Brunch (Tentative)

December 8 - Jump! Middle School Youth Group

December 13 - 9:15 am PW Circle

December 12 - Deacons Christmas Basket Shopping

December 14 - Deacons Christmas Basket Delivery

December 19 - 9 am-noon S.C.O.T.S. 7 pm Session (Elders & Deacons)

December 20 - Jan Newsletter Article Deadline

December 21 - 9 am Ladies Breakfast @ Breadbasket

December 22 - Christmas Joy Offering Bells Play during Worship

December 24 - 5:30 pm Christmas Eve Service

December 25 - Office Closed - No choir practices

December 29 - Bob Wyman Preaches

***Dates listed are tentative. If you see an incorrect event, date or a missing event, please contact Tricia at newtonfpc@gmail.com. Thank you!**