

The Tie THAT BINDS



NEWTON, KS SEPTEMBER 2019

PASTOR'S CORNER

Rev. Scott McGinnis

As a Pastor I feel the ingredients of the Neighboring Soup are key for Christian discipleship. Reflecting on these three ingredients: relationship, abundance, and joy, I see that:

- (1) Choosing to grow in an interactive relationship with God is fundamental as a follower of Jesus. Learning to hear His voice daily (even in the mundane things) helps us when we need to discern His voice in times when we're asking Big Questions.
- (2) Seeing the abundance of blessings God has given us, including the beauty of creation, is important for a Christian worldview. One person from our congregation shared with our Good Neighbor group that at the end of each day she thinks of three things from the day she's thankful for. She's an inspiration to me. One thing I thank God for at the end of each day is getting to live in such a beautiful part of Kansas.
- (3) Finally, cultivating joy in our community by intentional practices is fun and should be on every Christian (and humanity's) to do list. How will you help cultivate joy in your life and in those you see each day? The Good Neighbor Experiment has fun ideas for this in it's 52 Weeks of Neighboring blog.

In my life, putting these three together through the Good Neighbor Experiment has helped me see where my life of discipleship is growing and needs to grow. Seeing our congregation reflect on these, I've seen us grow our sense of what a Christian church does. We not only gather to worship, we also grow our relationship with God, our attention to God's blessings, and our sense of joy, a fruit of the Spirit Jesus loves to give us.

To God be the Glory!
~Pastor Scott



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Minutes in a Minute... Clerk of Session report August 2019

Hey there everyone! It is time for return to fall activities, which include Sunday School for all ages at FPC in Newton. We are excited to begin another fall season, which leads us to Advent.

Other exciting news is that the Session approved a proposal to participate in developing a Community Bell Choir. We have agreed to provide a practice location and the bells to play. We have already been told the group will perform for us December 1st. What a wonderful way to share with our community, and be able to enjoy the product ourselves. Vada Snider will lead the group.

If you happen by the church early Tuesday evenings in October and November, you may hear some beautiful music. The Treble Clef group will be rehearsing weekly prior to their performance on December 1st in our sanctuary. Another sharing experience with rewards for us.

First Presbyterian Church will be busy this fall, but to keep things rolling along, we still need donations. Our funds are getting low, so please remember your pledges, tithes, and gifts to further the word and love of God. Your Presence and Presents are needed.

If you have questions about things our church is doing, just stop an Elder or Deacon and ask. We will be glad to talk with you. See you Sunday! Rojean

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What's Happening @FPC

Prayers for Each Day of the Week for the month of September

I am inspired by a book mark I have that encourages me to pray for missionaries. While I'm praying for them, I am also praying for you, the congregation and friends of First Presbyterian.

I'd like to invite you to pray with me. ~ Pastor Scott



Sundays: Pray for all those Jesus is calling to worship Him at First Presbyterian, including those at home or out of town that cannot join us. May our hearts be open to worshiping and enjoying God: the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. *Is the Lord putting on your heart someone to invite to join you at church?*

Mondays: Pray for the volunteers, choir and musicians, and staff of our church who continue to work throughout the week, so that so many things can come together for Sunday worship. *Is the Lord putting on your heart someone to thank for their service or talent?*

Tuesdays: Pray for the sick in our families and congregation. May the Holy Spirit comfort and heal them. *Is the Lord putting someone on your heart to reach out to today with a card or a call?*

Wednesdays: Pray for the neighbors of our church and neighbors in our own neighborhoods. May God's love and blessings be known to them. *Is the Lord putting a person or family on your heart to pray for?*

Thursdays: Pray for your city's leaders: business, civic, and schools that they may have wisdom for good decisions that are honoring to God. *To God be the glory in our community and forever!*

Fridays: Pray for an abundance of love and grace in our families as another busy school/work week ends. *Is there a way you can foster joy through celebration today? (Try celebrating T.G.I.F. with those you love.)*

Saturdays: Football. Wait, I meant to write, pray for the Holy Spirit to equip us with the fruit and gifts of the Holy Spirit. *Has the Lord given you a gift or talent that you need to explore or develop?*

Faith Building Sunday September 8th (Some Assembly Required)

9:15 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship

After Church 'BYOS&S'

(Build Your Own Sandwich & Sundae-food provided)

1:50 pm 'Overcomer' movie

at Chisholm Trail 8, Newton (if still showing)

NEW SERIES!

Join Pastor Scott in
Common Ground
for coffee and
discussion on the
video series...



Theocademy:

Form Your Faith. Anytime. Anywhere.

September 4th, 18th, and 25th!

Conversations are engaging and the coffee is FREE!

What's Happening @FPC

Thank
You

Deacons
Doing
Good
Deeds!

...to all those who have helped prepare & serve meals at New Hope Shelter!
Your generosity and willingness to serve our neighbors is truly a blessing!
We will be serving again on

October 23rd, 24th and 26th.

Please contact Rita Allmon
at 316-288-3028
if you would like to help!



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



Through the month of September, Deacons are asking for donations of underwear, socks, shorts or sweatpants for *Undie Sundays*!!

SEPTEMBER
**UNDIE
SUNDAYS**

The best sizes will be 3-4 Toddler and 5-6 Toddler. They also need pull ups and wipes for these sizes.

Donations will be collected through Sunday, September 29th and will be delivered to Cooper Early Education.

So when you're out shopping, please keep us in mind – bottoms up!



SEPTEMBER DEACONS REQUESTS SALVATION ARMY FOOD PANTRY

Oatmeal (cndv paks) • Canned/Dry Beans • Rice • Soups
Crackers • Cereal • Canned Veggies • Pop Tarts

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!



The Ladies of the church are invited to fellowship at the **Breadbasket on September 21 at 9:00 am.**

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



CRUISERS - will meet at

11:30 AM in the church parking lot to travel to **Benton's Stearman's Bar & Grill** for lunch on **SATURDAY, September 7!**

It is an often noisy but fun outing. Arrangements have been made for a large group to travel together.

Thanks Steve Tangeman!

The 3rd Watch, led by Susan & Bob Wyman, is in charge. Please call them if you want to join in the fellowship that day.



S.C.O.T.S. will meet September 17th 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.



Jump! Will be starting up again **SOON!** Look for details in the bulletin & weekly emails!



**October Newsletter
Deadline
September 20th**



Please keep the following in your prayers this month:

- Ron Calbert • Bob Wyman • Brad Cooper • Bob Sjogren • Susan Wyman •
- Mary Anne Sandwell • Duane Graham • Kelli Glann • Sandi Johnston •
- Mary McGehee • Martie (Knudsen) Teneyck (parents are Ivan and Martha Knudsen) • Our Church • Pastor Scott • New Worship Teams •

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 SEPTEMBER 2019 CALENDAR

- 1 World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation; Season of Peace begins
- 2 Labor Day
- 21 International Day of Peace
- 25 Wear **Orange** Day
- 27 Native American Day

The PW Coordinating Team will meet at 9:15 am on September 5th.

PW Circle will meet September 11th at 9:15 am in Fellowship Hall.

We are starting a new Bible Study *"Love Carved in Stone"*.

Rojean DuBois leads
Lesson One: Words of Love:
I Am Your God; You Shall
Have No Others

Exodus 20:1-6 and Matthew 22:34-37

God is Your One and Only
Love and Nothing Else Will Do

Peg Wickersham is hostess.

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

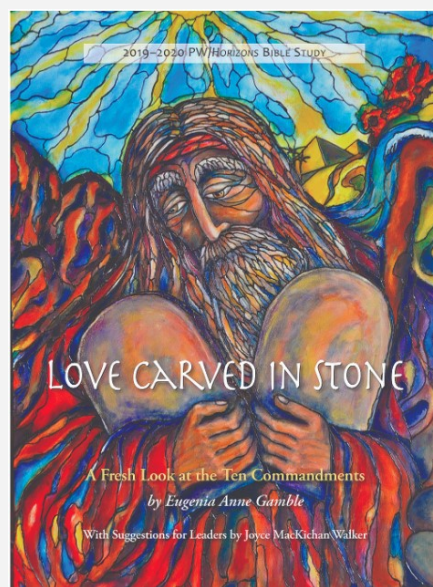
Love Carved in Stone: A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments

by Eugenia Anne Gamble

What would it mean to consider the Ten Commandments not as a harsh list of what not to do but, instead, as a "love letter" from a loving God?

A fresh embrace of the Ten Commandments (or Words), author Eugenia Gamble suggests, may ultimately contribute to the restoration of ourselves & our communities and the furthering of the gospel in the world. "Moral behavior matters, not simply because immoral actions can anger or disappoint God, but because principled behavior is how love becomes real, both toward God and in community." *Love Carved in Stone* is a Bible study that helps us reframe the way we look at and live in the world.

Each lesson begins with an exploration of one of the Ten Words in its biblical context. From there we consider a moment from Jesus' life that shows us how he lived out that Word. We then consider the Word for our own lives and contexts. We conclude with an invitation to pray with the Word in our circles or study groups and in our personal devotions.



Cultivating Presbyterian Women

2018

YEAR IN REVIEW



WE BLOOMED!

- We celebrated 30 years of Presbyterian Women and started plans for our next 30 years!
- More than 1,600 women attended PW's 2018 Churchwide Gathering in Louisville; thousands more joined in spirit!
- Gathering attendees gave generously, donating \$1,659 for hunger ministries; \$32,470 in gift cards for three organizations supporting women, children and refugees; and \$38,733 to PW's annual fund!
- Presbyterian Women elected our first Korean American churchwide moderator, JyungIn Lee!

WE REACHED NEW HEIGHTS

- PW gained official status at the United Nations, thus strengthening our global witness.
- Through our Offerings, PW awarded nearly \$1 million in grants for mission and ministry (five international and sixteen domestic ministries)!
- PW's publications—Offering packets, website and *Horizons* magazine and Bible study—earned awards.
- Almost 800 individuals were recognized with Honorary Life Memberships!
- PW gained representation on the new PC(USA), A Corporation, board.

WE GREW STRONGER!

- Together in Service for Puerto Rico took root, allowing PWs everywhere to support Puerto Rico's recovery work financially and with pillowcases for the children.
- PW's Board of Directors began regular video conference board meetings, inspiring presbytery and synod coordinating teams to gather this virtual and cost-saving way, too!
- Two PW/*Horizons* Bible studies were translated into Mandarin Chinese by the Women's Ministry Committee of the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan: *Who Is Jesus?* and *God's Promise*.
- Forty-seven PWs rolled up their sleeves and became Presbyterian Disaster Assistance trainers.

PW: ROOTED IN LOVE, STRENGTHENING OUR FOUNDATION

The seeds we cast locally are germinated nationally. In other words, information and programming move in all directions throughout the organization. Local and regional work impacts national work, and vice versa!

PW supports mission through several giving streams. The largest—PW's annual fund (the Mission Pledge)—makes PW possible at every level, and ensures that the other streams have shape and depth consistent with PW's Purpose. This graph provides a glimpse at the funds received by PW Churchwide as mission giving. These gifts, along with other sources of revenue, make possible PW's grants, leadership development, resource and program development, and support of the mission of the church worldwide.

www.presbyterianwomen.org



A Case for Support: Taking Root



More than 40 volunteers (including many current and retired teachers) have helped the tutoring program succeed.

Every dollar and dime dropped in a basket, envelope or jar—or given online—matters to Presbyterian Women's many ministries. For example, Presbyterian Women's generous gifts to the Thank Offering in 2017 allowed PW to award a grant of \$22,250 in 2018 to Safe Haven at Sea Island Presbyterian Church in Beaufort, South Carolina. Inspired by the PW/*Horizons* Bible study, *Come to the Waters*, which suggested looking within a mile of the church for mission needs, Safe Haven was created to offer tutoring to neighborhood children, and showering and laundry facilities to people who are experiencing homelessness.



Children from three schools in the district ride the bus to Sea Island Presbyterian Church for tutoring.

SAFE HAVEN AT SEA ISLAND

During extreme weather, Sea Island Presbyterian Church has been the only location in Beaufort County to offer housing to people who are homeless. Cots and a warm place to rest were all that could be offered. The church wanted to do more, especially considering that they host homeless families who are clients of Family Promise, a local shelter. Sea Island hosts the families for a week at a time on a quarterly basis. A Thank Offering grant helped fund construction of an expanded "safe haven" with two showers, a laundry area and a tutoring program. The staff hope that feeling safe and welcome will bring the families back for the tutoring services. Safe Haven's tutoring program offers academic support to children of single parents and those being raised by grandparents. Monday through Thursday, 3–6 PM, volunteers (who include many current or retired teachers!) tutor children who are in kindergarten through eighth grade. While the students receive support, so do parents and grandparents. They enjoy tea with other caregivers; they talk with volunteers about school expectations and how to best support children; they rest, shower and do laundry.

UPDATE!

Safe Haven's director Kay Keeler says, "We are happy to report that we will start our second year of tutoring in September 2019. We will have 25 students from two local schools participating in our after-school tutoring program. This past year, we had 40 volunteers (who include many current or retired teachers!). More volunteers from a nearby Lutheran church will help in the fall. We currently have a waiting list for new students and have been contacted by several congregations—local and outside of South Carolina—who are interested in the possibility of implementing a similar program in their own churches. Please know that we remain grateful for this most generous grant provided by Presbyterian Women."



Children in Safe Haven's tutoring program have received praise from their schools for their academic improvement.

Ways to give to PW's annual fund

Just as there are many reasons to give generously to Presbyterian Women—to ensure PW's future, to honor a special person or to celebrate any heart-filling joy—there are many ways to give to Presbyterian Women! Please take into consideration that the dollar given in 2005 no longer stretches as far in 2019.

- Give through your circle.

- Use the green envelope tucked into the *Horizons* magazine and/or send your check to Presbyterian Women, Inc., Remittance Processing—Giving, PO Box 643652, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3652.
- Give on line (where you can also set up a recurring gift) at www.presbyterianmission.org/give.
- Include PW in your estate or trust. Contact Rhonda Martin, 844/797-2872, ext. 5596.



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: TBD Dec: Steve Tangeman
Nursery ~	Kaylee Martinez & Rojean DuBois, (Ladonna Schmidt)

Communion Servers

	<u>Set-up</u>	<u>Worship Service</u>	<u>Homebound</u>
<i>September</i>	Mark Gihring & Lenny Wild	Bonnie Fey & Mel McAnulty	Bonnie Fey & Mark Gihring
<i>October</i>	Lenny Wild & TBD	Susan Wyman & TBD	Sandi Larson & Lenny Wild
<i>November</i>	TBD & Greg McGehee	John & Carol Higgs	John & Carol Higgs
<i>December</i>	Greg McGehee & Steve Tangeman	Mel McAnulty & TBD	TBD & Greg McGehee
<i>January 2020</i>	Steve Tangeman & TBD	TBD	TBD & Steve Tangeman

CELEBRATE SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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

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

Thanks!

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| 1 - Paul & Rojean DuBois, Ivan & Martha Knudsen, Joshua & Lisa Weldon, Dede Trumble | 16 - Kay Perkins |
| 2 - Peg Wickersham, Nathan Darrow | 19 - Marilyn Cavassa |
| 4 - Bob & Marilyn Sjogren | 21 - Allison Laswell, Peter Wild |
| 6 - Lucille Gallagher, Jeraldine (Jerri) Smith | 23 - Greg & LaDonna Schmidt |
| 8 - Jackie Anderson | 26 - Ron & Sandy Larson |
| 9 - Carolyn Adams, Mark McGee | 28 - Steve & Jan Rocker, Charlotte Keller |
| 10 - Jeanette Emert, Beverly Hunter | 29 - Scott & Sonday McGinnis |
| | 30 - Caleb Perkins |

UPCOMING OCTOBER EVENTS* ...

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

Every Tuesday - 5:30-6:30 pm Treble Clef Vocal Group Practice (Sanctuary)

Every Tuesday - 6:15 pm Girl Scouts

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

Coffee with Pastor Scott -
October 2nd, 16th, 23rd, & 30th

October 3 - 9:15 am Pres Women Coord Team

October 3 - 7 pm Team Meetings

October 6 - Jump! Middle School Activity

October 7 - Completed Team Budgets Due

October 9 - 9:15 am PW Circle

October 13 - 4-7 pm Cruisers/Deacons hosting All Church Picnic @ Wickersham Farm

October 15 - 9 am-noon S.C.O.T.S.

October 15 - 7 pm Session with Elders & Deacons

October 19 - 9 am Ladies Breakfast @ Breadbasket

October 22 - November Newsletter Deadline

October 23rd, 24th & 26th - Serve meals at New Hope

October 27 - Deacon's Silent Auction