

# The Tie THAT BINDS

NEWTON, KS MAY 2020

## PASTOR'S CORNER

*Rev. Scott McGinnis*

Hello FPC family,

I recently played for my kids in the car The Proclaimers song "I'm Gonna Be (500 Miles)" and they went bonkers over it. It's about a sweetheart who would walk a thousand miles to get to his girl's door. My kids loved it.

They were singing the chorus before the song ended and dancing as best they could in their seat-belts. It's a fun song and, if you know it, you're probably singing it in your head already,

"But I would walk 500 miles  
And I would walk 500 more  
Just to be the man who walks a thousand miles  
To fall down at your door."

Such a great song! Who doesn't want to know that their sweetheart would go that distance, any distance, to reach them? But then at this time of "distancing," after you've finished streaming that song for the next hour, I invite you to read these words of the One who loves your soul and who is always with you, never at a distance.

Enjoy these words of truth from St. Patrick,

*"Christ with me,  
Christ before me,  
Christ behind me,  
Christ beneath me,  
Christ above me,  
Christ on my right,  
Christ on my left,  
Christ when I lie down,  
Christ when I arise..."*

Blessings in Jesus,  
Pastor Scott





## Minutes in a Minute...

### Clerk of Session Report April 28, 2020

\*\*\* 5/2/20: FPC's Elders will meet on Tuesday, May 5th to discuss future worship services. \*\*\*

Information to the congregation will be provided by phone calls, emails and Facebook posts.

Visit [AD ASTRA: A PLAN TO REOPEN KANSAS](#) for Kansas COVID-19 guidelines.

(<https://covid.ks.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Reopen-Kansas-Framework-v4.pdf>)

Even though Session has not met in person since February, we are in conversation with each other and keeping abreast of changing recommendations. We will have a decision soon on resuming services in person. Until then, keep watching for emails, and making telephone calls and visiting long distance.

If you sew, or know someone that does, Dr. Jennifer Koontz is requesting masks for distribution, with school lunches, in an effort to encourage wearing of masks. If you are willing to help, contact Charlotte's Sew Natural (316-284-2547), or you can call or text me at (316-772-8128), or email ([duboisfarm1@yahoo.com](mailto:duboisfarm1@yahoo.com)). These are needed ASAP, so don't delay. All of the supplies will be furnished.

Please continue to send in your offerings to the church. If you need more envelopes, please contact Tricia at the office (316-283-0504).

We pray you and your family are remaining healthy during this time. As stated in our previous newsletter, our goal during the time of the Pandemic has been identified as, "Strengthening each other, and the community, through our faith in Jesus Christ, while maintaining financial security for the future."

Thank you for remaining patient and faithful.  
Rojean DuBois, Clerk of Session



## **CHURCH OFFICERS & EMPLOYEES @ FPC**

### ELDERS

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

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

Class of 2022: Kay Enz, John Higgs, Pam Trussell

### DEACONS

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

Class of 2021: Angela Altum, LaDonna Schmidt, Greg Schmidt, Lenny Wild, Joan Stretcher (fulfilling 2 year term)

Class of 2022: Paula Anderson, Bill Humphrey, Katie Gihring, Jennifer Switzer, Kelli Glann

### PERMANENT ENDOWMENT FUND BOARD MEMBERS

Class of 2020: Mel McAnulty

Class of 2021: Ron Cheyney, Brent Glann

Class of 2022: Larry Trussell, Keven Hiebert

Until further notice, the church building will be closed to the public. Staff will be greatly limiting their entrance into the church. Office hours will continue - Please call the church with any needs!

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

**Tricia Brothers, Admin. Office Mgr. • Mary McGehee, Children & Youth Leader • Tony Martinez, Custodian**

**Vada Snider, Choir & Bell Director • Helen Wild, Organist & Accompanist • Kelli Glann, Organist • Kaylee Martinez, Nursery**

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# ROCK OF ALL AGES

## A Kindness Rock Project

*The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. ~ Psalm 18:2*



See this rock? Sandi Johnston found it while walking along Sand Creek! She was so touched by the message of "LUV" that she picked it up and keeps it with her to remind her of God's Love for her. But Sandi is not the only one that has found joy by finding one of these rocks! Pastor Scott shared that Elise has gotten excited because she has found a couple during their family hiking adventures. Susan Wyman even mentioned that she found one in her garden! What a gift - a simple Rock giving joy to all ages!

The idea behind 'Kindness Rocks' is to write/paint inspirational words, scriptures or simple pictures which reflect kindness on the rocks and then leave them for others to find and collect. Typically the rocks fit into the palm of your hand. This 'Kindness Rocks' project has been found in cities all around the world. It lets the rock finder know that someone is thinking of them. The idea is "Take one when you need one ~ Share one with a friend who needs some inspiration ~ Leave one for another. One message at just the right moment can change someone's entire day...outlook...life!"

**During this quarantine, wouldn't this be a great way to brighten our day with a simple project that could then brighten someone else's day? The intention is simple, to create kindness for unsuspecting recipients and make the world a kinder place! Lets make ROCKS of ALL AGES!**



Here are some Kindness rocks saying ideas:

~ Be Kind ~ Bee Kind (with a picture of a bee) ~ You Rock! ~ You Matter ~ Relax! ~ Have Fun! ~ Happy Day! ~ Share the Luv ~ Grow Something ~ Be Yourself ~ Share a Smile ~ Inspire ~ Love ~ Believe ~ Create ~ Pray ~ Peace ~ Be Creative! ~ Hang In There! ~ Bible Verse numbers (so people will be inspired to look them up) ~ any positive and uplifting sentiment!

If possible, paint the rock a cheery color, let dry then use paint pens or markers to add your message. Then leave Kindness Rocks at parks, playgrounds, library, along Sand Creek, a friends flower garden!



**But wait, that's not all!** Please make one rock to bring to church (once we are together again) and place at the foot of the cross. Why? Because Christ alone is our rock and salvation! Need rocks or supplies? Call Tricia at the church - 316-283-0504 or email [newtonfpc@gmail.com](mailto:newtonfpc@gmail.com).

**Kindness is contagious and the more kindness we can share, the more connected we all become!**



# What's Happening @ FPC

ZOOM meeting with  
Kelli, Vada, Mary, Pastor Scott, Tricia, Anderson the cat, with...



...Helen on audio too!

FPC staff have kept in contact during this time by ZOOM meetings! For some this has been a new experience, but it has been a great way to see faces, hear voices, and also share laughter.

Our discussions focus mainly on how our worship service will look like going forward. Many ideas were discussed and, just like everyone else, we are cautiously optimistic that we will be able to see everyone soon!

One sentiment we all agreed upon -

**WE MISS ALL OF YOU!**



## CRUISER'S

Cruisers will **not** meet in May. It is usually a busy month with Mother's Day and graduations. We might not have that excuse this year. However, Cruisers, let us prioritize this month and if we can get together in "groups;" let's focus on family or close friends. Then, hopefully our church fellowship group will get together in June for an outdoor picnic!

Stay safe, well, wash hands, use a mask or covering when out in public, and continue practicing social graces that will not endanger yourself or others!



**Please keep the following in your prayers this month:**

• Dana Johnson • Arlene Corfman and family of

Brooklyn Boegel, (Arlene's great granddaughter) as they try to make sense of losing her • Radeen Unruh, niece of Mary Ediger • Family of Julie Nelson, Tricia Brothers' cousin • Alec Potluri, Tom and Angela's son who lives in Washington D.C. • Paul DuBois • Lyle Brothers, father to Tricia Brothers • Our older friends • Our President • Our Healthcare workers • Our small business owners • Our church friends working during this time • Our Organists, Helen & Kelli • Children's Leader, Mary McGehee • Mike Enz as he checks on the church daily • Our Elders as they make decisions about future worship services • Pastor Scott •



## MAY DEACONS FOOD PANTRY REQUESTS

FOR THE SALVATION ARMY

- Peanut Butter • Jelly •
- Pasta Sauce • Cereal •



When you're out shopping, please pick up these items for those in need. If you would like someone to pick them up from you and bring them to church, please call the church office at 316-283-0504. Thank You for being a good neighbor!



## 2020 BIRTHDAY OFFERING (will take place when worship resumes!)

The Birthday Offering is one of Presbyterian Women's two offerings and gives women a tangible way to celebrate the blessings in their lives. Received in the spring each year, the offering can fund up to five projects each year, in amounts of \$75,000 to \$150,000 each. The recipients are selected before the offering is received, so grant amounts depend on the gifts received.

The Birthday Offering was launched in 1922 to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Woman's Auxiliary in the Presbyterian Church in the United States (PCUS). Since that time, the Birthday Offering has become an annual tradition and has funded major mission projects that continue to make a difference in the lives of women and children. While the projects and donation amounts have changed, Presbyterian Women's commitment to improving the lives of women and children has not. We continue to need broad, consistent support from Presbyterian women and others in order to continue funding mission projects like the ones selected for 2020. This year the Birthday Offering will be received on Sunday, May 10. We ask that you give as you have been blessed, generously and as led by the Holy Spirit. Your gifts make a difference!

### 2020 Birthday Offering Recipients

**Center for Social Assistance to the Disabled, Family, and Children - PREOBRAZHENIYE**  
Assisted Living Facility, Davydovo, Russia

In Russia, facilities for adults with disabilities are state nursing homes that are inadequate to meet the spiritual and emotional needs of their patients. The goal for PREOBRAZHENIYE is to create a Christian model of housing and community. The Birthday Offering grant will help construct a new home that provides suitable living conditions, constant medical support, and an environment in which the residents can realize their rights to freedom of religion and work.

**GAP Ministries of Augusta, Georgia**  
Expand Access and Service Space, Northeast Georgia Presbytery

For 40 years GAP Ministries has served a community on the margins of society, helping with food, clothing, toiletries, prescription assistance, photo IDs and storage bins for homeless persons. By renovating the second floor of their historic church building and adding an elevator, GAP can address other needs such as a Saturday service for the working poor, expanded health assistance and meeting spaces for partner ministries.

**Community Presbyterian Child Learning Center in Payson, Arizona**  
Childcare and Prekindergarten Facility, Presbytery of the Grand Canyon

Established in 1979, the Community Presbyterian Child Learning Center provides daycare and prekindergarten programs for children in Payson, Arizona; the Tonto Apache Tribe; and neighboring communities. The center currently uses two historic buildings and a modular structure that is small and not well suited for child care. This grant will help build a modern facility that will increase the number of children served and provide infant care that is currently not available in Payson.

**Liberty Community Church in Minneapolis, Minnesota**  
Northside Healing Space Expansion, Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area

The Northside Healing Space is part of Liberty Community Church, the first and only African American-led Presbyterian congregation in Minnesota. This community-driven "healing homeplace" provides supportive housing, workforce development, access to healthy food, K-12 school initiatives, and care for survivors of trauma and commercial sexual exploitation. The Birthday Offering grant will help renovate their historic building and expand programming based on the expressed needs of the community.

# Children & Youth Activities @ FPC



# JUMP on in!



Parents please note: Sunday School Information

Since we do not know when we can come back to church, we as a Nurture Team have decided not have Sunday School Preschool thru 8<sup>th</sup> grade until August/September, 2020. We will let you know when that will be for sure.

As far as we know the Fellowship Hall class will still be meeting.

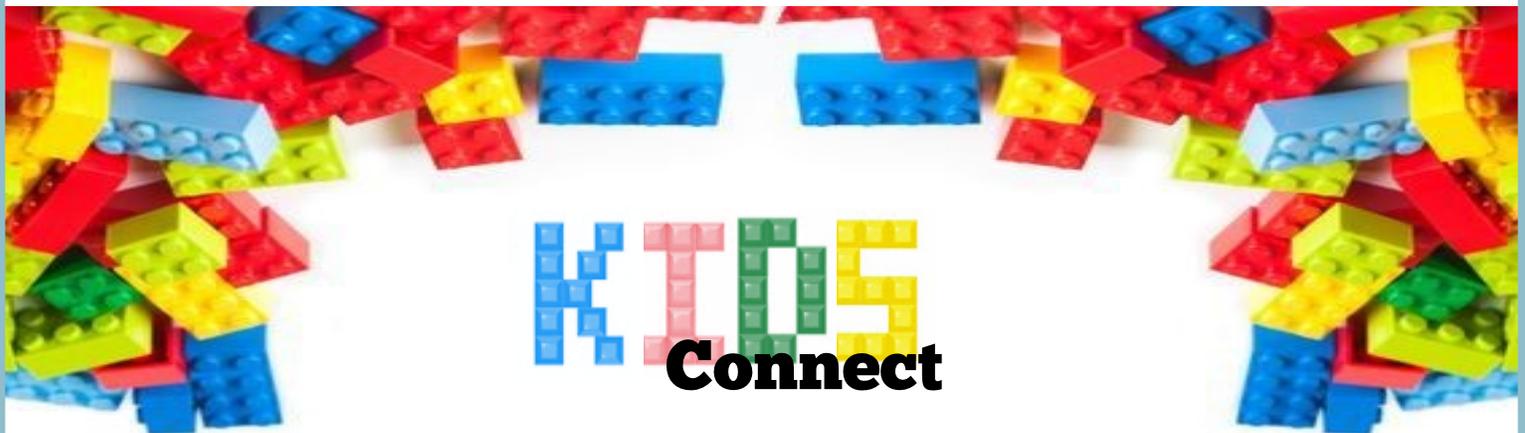
Hi Everyone!

It has been fun staying connected through email, text and letters with you! I hope you are all doing well and the school learning at home is going well too.

I MISS YOU ALL and I am praying we can **JUMP** together soon. Please be thinking of what you would like to do this summer as a group. I look forward to seeing your smiling faces soon!

The bible verse to the left is one that a friend shared with me that has helped me through this time apart from all of you. I pray it helps you too.

Yours In Christ: Mary



Hi Kids!

I hope you all have been listening to the Children's messages I have been videoing. I am so looking forward to doing them on the sanctuary steps and not from my home.

I want you to all know that I am planning to have a day just for the ages 3 years old – 4<sup>th</sup> grade. I am also in the process of planning Vacation Bible School, which is scheduled for June 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>. It should be a lot of fun. For now keep safe and stay healthy.

Yours in Christ:  
Mary



# Celebrating the Class of 2020! @FPC



**Evan Dinneen** officially graduates from NHS on May 16th and is looking forward to joining Pratt Community College this fall to study electrical power technology. Greetings and cards for Evan can be sent to 628 Rolling Hills Dr, Newton, KS, 67114.

**Best wishes as you use the gifts and talents God has given you EVAN!**

Wherever  
YOU GO  
GO WITH ALL YOUR  
Heart  
CLASS OF 2020



**Emma Kliewer**, daughter of David and Kristin Kliewer, will graduate with the Newton Home Educators Association on May 23. She plans to take a gap year before college and continue working at Newton Public Library. Cards for Emma may be sent to 600 Bluestem St., North Newton, KS. 67117.

**May the Lord bless your steps and watch over you EMMA!**



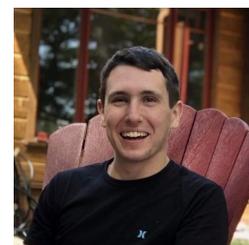
**Alexandra Glann** is graduating with a Masters Degree in Speech Language Pathology from University of Tulsa. Her living situation is transitional, but she will be moving to Denver. She will be at Witt Elementary in Jefferson County, working pre-K and kindergarten. Alexandra's cards and greetings can be mailed to PO Box 184, North Newton, KS, 67117.

**May God bless you and all of your abilities ALEXANDRA!**

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**Michael Dinneen** will officially graduate May 17th from The University of Kansas, School of Design, with a bachelors degree in Industrial Design. He hopes to start his design career soon! Greetings and cards for Michael can be sent to 628 Rolling Hills Dr, Newton, KS, 67114.

**God's blessings as you start your career MICHAEL!**



**Kaci Wilson** is graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry from Bethel College. Kaci is very excited to announce that she's been hired by the college as an admissions counselor until she goes to medical school, so she will be back singing at the church next year! She has been attending FPC for three years, and she loves it. Kaci hopes everyone is staying safe AND Kaci and her mom are sewing masks if anyone needs one (including other church members). Greetings of congratulations for Kaci can be sent to 116 W Jefferson Ave, Sterling, KS 67579.

**May God's love and guidance be with you KACI!**

**Hannah McGehee** will receive her Masters in Occupational Therapy from Rockhurst University in June. After graduation she will sit for her NBCOT certification exam. Once certified she will start the job hunt and looks forward to working with clients of all ages and abilities in the Kansas City area. Scott and Hannah have been married for almost 2 years. Cards of congratulations for Hannah can be sent to 705 Lewis Dr., Hesston, KS, 67062.

**God bless you on this wonderful achievement HANNAH!**



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# Celebrating our Dec 2019 Grads too! @FPC



**Dana Wild** graduated in December of 2019 with a degree of Associate of Science in Occupational Therapy (OT). In February of 2020 she passed her National Board for Certification in OT & recently received her license to start practicing in the state of Arkansas, letting her become Dana Wild, COTA/L. (which stands for Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant/Licensed). Dana moved to AR in March because she had a clinical rotation there last summer, loved the hospital & the state itself. Her plans are to work at 2-3 places as PRN (as needed) to increase her knowledge & find which setting best suits her. OT can be found in any setting (rehab hospitals, pediatrics, mental health, skilled nursing & so much more). Dana is looking at rehab hospitals & a children's hospital as her top picks. Congratulations for Dana can be sent to 404 S Buchanan Apt 5, Fayetteville, AR, 72701

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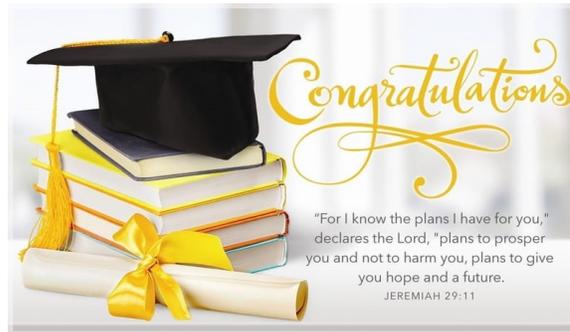


**Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for God, not for men. God Bless you DANA!**

**Rachelle McGehee** received her Masters from Kansas State University in Educational Leadership, in December, 2019. She has been teaching the last 5 years at Junction City Middle School: 7<sup>th</sup> grade math. She will be moving to Coffeyville, KS and will be teaching math at Field Kindley High School in Coffeyville. Rachelle's cards and greetings can be mailed to 705 Lewis Dr., Hesston, KS, 67062.



**God has a special plan for each one of us. Your success is well deserved and will certainly lead to more - Blessings to you RACHELLE!**



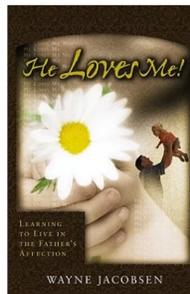
*This & That...*  
...a little of everything

Westminster Woods is still planning on having camp this summer! **If you are interested, please email [newtonfpc@gmail.com](mailto:newtonfpc@gmail.com).** Westminster is dedicated to the Glory of God at this time as we always are. We will continue to seek wisdom from Him and to make our decisions based on what we believe will honor God, keep your family safe, and continue the mission of the camp. ([westminsterwoodscamp.com](http://westminsterwoodscamp.com))

**Future Bible Study with Pastor Scott is in the works!**

**"He Loves Me!"**

**Watch for details!**



**FPC PERMANENT ENDOWMENT FUND SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS...**

*Interested in applying for a PEF scholarship?*

Applications are available NOW for schooling beginning in the fall. You may pick one up from Tricia in the church office or one can be emailed to you.

New Hope Shelter is looking for a new director ...

New Hope Shelter seeks a high energy, resourceful leader for the daily operations of a Christ-centered homeless shelter for men, women and families from Harvey, Marion and McPherson counties. A commitment to the service of others is central to this position. The new leader will advise the board of directors of the financial, operational, and spiritual health of the ministry. It is necessary to work with community agencies, interact with the community to find volunteers, create fundraising opportunities, and regularly interact with team leaders of local churches supporting the shelter.



This is a non-profit organization. Annual salary \$33,500 or more, commensurate with experience. College degree/coursework in human services or Christian ministry required. Management and business experience is also preferred. Please submit a resume and cover letter to [vicki@newhope-shelter.org](mailto:vicki@newhope-shelter.org). If you have questions, please call (316)727-2231.

# Worship Teams

## March 2020 - August 2020

### 1st Sunday

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

### 2nd Sunday

Organist -	Kelli Glann
Greeters -	Arlen & Paula Anderson
Ushers -	Jeraldine Smith, Bonnie Fey, Becky Cooper, Bev McGee
Children's Message -	Rev. Scott McGinnis
Lay Reader -	Susan Wyman
Audio -	Greg McGehee
Nursery -	Kaylee Martinez & Angela Altum

### 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

**Thank you to those  
who volunteer to  
serve on our  
Worship Teams!**

### 4th Sunday

Organist -	Helen Wild
Greeters -	Kay Enz
Ushers -	John & Joan Stretcher, John & Pat Morton
Children's Message -	Susan Brack
Lay Reader -	Mark Gihring
Audio -	Mike Enz
Nursery -	Kaylee Martinez & Connie Griswold

### 5th Sunday &/or Substitute

Organist -	Helen Wild
Greeters -	Beth Darrow
Ushers -	John & Carol Higgs, Steve & Susie Tangeman,
Children's Message -	Mary McGehee
Lay Reader -	Sandy Larson (Tricia Brothers)
Audio -	March: Greg McGehee    May: Greg Schmidt    August: Mike Enz
Nursery -	Kaylee Martinez & Rojean DuBois

#### Substitute Greeters or Ushers:

**Phil Anderson, Mike Enz, John Stretcher, Joan Stretcher, Julie Regier, Lenny Wild**

### Communion Servers

<u>Set-up</u>	<u>Worship Service</u>	<u>Homebound</u>
<b>June 7th</b>	<b>Pam Trussell &amp; _____</b>	<b>Pam Trussell &amp; Bill Humphrey</b>
<b>Bill Humphrey &amp; _____</b>		

Let's Celebrate!

CHURCH FAMILY & FRIENDS

MAY

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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

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

Thanks!

May 1st - Paula Anderson, Linda Benninga, Christopher Gallagher, Lori Yoder

May 14th - Michelle Coffman

May 2nd - Lori Knepper

May 15th - Byron Brittan \*\* 101st!! \*\*

May 6th - Roger & Beth Darrow

May 16th - Jenna Robinson

May 7th - David Yoder

May 17th - Angela Madrigal

May 10th - John Morton

May 20th - Marilyn McGinnis

May 12th - Duane & Nila Chambers, Leah Welton

May 24th - Greg Schmidt

May 13th - Carol Heinel

May 25th - Pam Trussell

May 26th - Arlen Anderson, Susan Brack

May 30th - Cooper Perkins

Make sure to look at FPC's website!

If you have access to a computer go to our website at www.firstpresnewton.org and look it over!

Recently several members sent messages and pictures so we can see their smiling faces!

If you click on "Worship Connection 2020" you will go to a page that has Pastor Scott giving his sermons, prayers, verses, along with Helen and Kelli playing beautiful music!

For giving information click here.

Pastor Scott's printable sermons can be found here!

The most current newsletter is found here.

PSK's weekly newsletter is available here.

Information from the Presbyterian Outlook is found here.

Praying to see you all soon!

First Presbyterian Church Newton, Kansas. A caring community glorifying God by living in His grace through Jesus Christ. For the safety and health of our congregation and neighbors, all worship services and events scheduled at FPC have been cancelled until May 9, 2020. Please call the office at 315-282-0201 if you have any questions or needs.



NEW! People, Places & Prayers 4/21/20

Worship Connection 2020 April 19th Worship Service is available!

GIVE NOW

Please mail your offering to FPC, Box 249, Newton, KS 67114. If you would like to enroll in automatic withdrawal, please send a written check in the church in care of Martha Swander, FPC Treasurer. Thank you for keeping your church in your thoughts and prayers.

Direct link to Printable Sermons!



THE APRIL NEWSLETTER IS HERE! (click on image to view)



He is not here, FOR HE IS RISEN

The April newsletter is here! (click on image to view)

We welcome your uplifting messages! Please send your short 30 second (or so) video to newtonfpc@gmail.com. Thanks!

Click below to visit the Pres Outlook site. The Presbyterian OUTLOOK

Click below for April 16th PSK newsletter. PSK WEEKLY NEWS