

# The Tie THAT BINDS

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

NEWTON, KS ~ NOVEMBER 2020

## PASTOR'S CORNER

Rev. Scott McGinnis

### The Ten Promises

(Drawing from our sermon series Ten Promises based on Rev. Darrell Johnson's The Manufacturer's Specifications)

The first line of the Ten Commandments is

***"I am Yahweh your God... I am Yahweh your God who brought you out of the house of slavery"***  
(Exodus 20:2).

This is very important: God's commandments are spoken after God's work of redemption. That is, the Law comes after grace, meaning the Law is given in the context of grace. More specifically, Israel is already saved when she receives the Law. Which means, keeping the Law is not the means for getting saved. Israel was already in a relationship with God before God spoke the Law. Keeping the Law is, therefore, not the means for winning God's favor. It never has been. It never will be. *That's wonderful news!*

In the Apostle's Paul's "letters of freedom," (Romans and Galatians) Paul argues that Israel of old went wrong when they separated the commandments, "**Thou shall not**" from the prologue, "**I am Yahweh your God who has redeemed you.**" By doing so, Israel, and much of the Church after her, wrongly changed a gift of grace into a means to get grace. But Exodus 20 is crystal clear: the Law comes after grace, as a gift of grace, *given to protect and enhance a life of grace.*

Some people seem to think that the first line of the Law is this: "Keep these commandments and then I will free you; keep these commandments and then I will love you." No! A thousand times no! The first line of the Law can be paraphrased, "I am Yahweh your God, I already love you, I have already acted to free you." God speaks the Ten Promises to protect and enhance the life of freedom given to us by grace. Enjoy!

Just Living Life Enjoying God's Love,  
~ **Pastor Scott**



*The Living and Holy God speaks  
the Ten Commandments  
in order to protect and enhance  
the life of freedom.*

## NFPC Welcomes You to Worship with Us!

Sunday School ~ 9:15 am  
Worship Service ~ 10:30 am  
900 Columbus Ave, Newton, Kansas

Services starting  
up again on  
November 1st!

*If you are not comfortable attending in-house services yet,  
Pastor Scott's sermon, music & more can be viewed on FPC's website at  
<https://www.firstpresnewton.org>*

## The Session of the First Presbyterian Church Newton calls for a Congregational Meeting on

**November 22, 2020**

**following the worship service for the purpose of electing  
new Elders, Deacons, PEF Trustees, and voting on  
Nominating Committee members.**



A couple of notes...



From the Operations Committee:

When entering the church, please ONLY use the NORTH Entrance doors from the main parking lot.

The South Entrance doors will be locked on Sunday Mornings. Thank you!



**CRUISER'S**  
**Will NOT meet in November.**  
**Stay Safe and warm!**



A note from Carol Heinel:



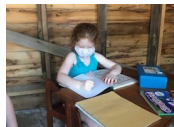
Due to COVID-19 our S.C.O.T.S group is not meeting to sew at the church.  
Since our 'drop off' mending basket is empty most of the time, we will  
cease with this mending project. Please call the office if you have a need.



# Church Life @FPC



## All Church Picnic Tangeman Farm Sunday, October 11th



Heavenly Father,

I praise you, Lord, for autumn: for falling temperatures and morning chill, trees turned gold and red, brown and orange, falling leaves and blowing leaves, the smell of burning leaves, the joy of leaf-pile jumping.

I praise you, Lord, for autumn: the interplay of outside temperatures and inside warmth, the promise of cider and pumpkin bread, the blessing of blankets and sweaters.

I praise you, Lord, for autumn: the beauty and hope in the change of season, the promise that the coming of autumn heralds another ending, a new beginning, and the wonder of another winter, another spring, another summer, yet to come.

Amen.





## Notes from the Nurture Team

**Sunday school:** We hope to start back up on November 1<sup>st</sup>. The kids; ages 3 years old through 5<sup>th</sup> grade will continue to learn from the Mighty Messages curriculum. They will be learning 3 Psalms, Thanksgiving and the start of Advent/Christmas in the month of November. The 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> graders will continue with Pastor Scott and Sean learning about our church and what it means to be a member. The adults are still meeting in the Fellowship Hall.

**MUSIC:** If you like to sing and would like to join the choir ensemble to sing the hymns during our worship service, please contact Vada. They are social distancing up in the choir loft and making our worship service complete. The bell choir has been practicing and is getting ready to play in church on November 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Advent:** On Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup> it will be the first day in Advent. We are in the process of getting Advent materials for our church family. Be on the look out closer to the middle of November for these materials.

\*\*\*I am asking for your help. Will you please save for me toilet paper rolls and paper towel rolls? Thank you in advance. \*\*\* Submitted by: Mary McGehee

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

**NOTE: Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team  
and Presbyterian Women Circles**

**Justice & Peace Calendar ~ November 2020**

Native American Heritage Month

- 8 Caregiver Sunday
- 13 World Kindness Day
- 15 Hunger and Homelessness  
Sunday

20 Universal Children's Day

**25 WEAR ORANGE DAY**

25 International Day for the Elimination  
of Violence Against Women

25 16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence

26 Thanksgiving



## Now thru November 11th

Dave and Judy Welfelt have an exhibit at Carriage Factory Gallery,

## **"A Marriage of Mediums"**

**Photography & Quilting Combined!**



David Welfelt and Judy Duncan Welfelt

**A Marriage of Mediums**

Watch a video about their exhibit at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vBx2HmzRhko#action=share>

From the Stewardship Committee: **Stewardship includes a whole lot more than money!**

We serve each other, and the Church in many, many ways! So...

**If you've** ►served on a committee, ►taken food to New Hope, ►delivered sermon copies, ►cooked for a church dinner...

**If you work on** ►landscaping, ►sing in the choir or solos, ►ring bells, ►pray for those on the prayer chain...

**If you've** ►attended worship, ►Sunday School, ►Youth Group, or ►Bible studies...

**Helped** in the Nursery, ►been a greeter, ►lay reader, or ►usher...

**If you've** served as a ►Deacon or ►Elder... or

**Helped** those in our church or community any other way...

**YOU ARE APRECIATED & YOU ARE SERVING GOD!**

**How can  
YOU  
support  
or serve  
our Church?**



## Thank Offering<sup>2020</sup> OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

*Do not worry  
about anything,  
but in everything  
by prayer  
and supplication  
with thanksgiving  
let your requests  
be made known to God.  
And the peace of God,  
which surpasses  
all understanding,  
will guard your hearts  
and your minds  
in Christ Jesus.*

—Philippians 4:6-7\*

**Sunday,  
November 15th**

Learn more about the  
**Thank Offering**  
of Presbyterian Women by visiting  
[www.presbyterianwomen.org/thank](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org/thank).

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### 2020 Thank Offering OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

In 1888, when Eliza Clokey of Springfield, Ohio, urged each woman to give one dollar over and above her usual contribution to the Women's General Missionary Society of the United Presbyterian Church of North America as a "thank offering to her Lord," women responded, and the Thank Offering was born. Women gave sacrificially and were credited with saving the worldwide missionary movement of the church at that time. Since 1888, Presbyterian Women has granted more than \$26 million to nearly 1,700 different projects worldwide through the Thank Offering.

#### Grant Recipients

##### National

SYNOD OF THE COVENANT  
Presbytery of Cincinnati  
Contact Center  
Health Care Empowerment Project  
\$15,000  
[www.contactcentercincinnati.com](http://www.contactcentercincinnati.com)

SYNOD OF LAKES AND PRAIRES  
Presbytery of South Dakota  
All About U Adoptions, Inc.  
Nevaeh House: A little piece of heaven  
\$50,000  
[www.aauadoptions.org](http://www.aauadoptions.org)

SYNOD OF LIVING WATERS  
Mid-Kentucky Presbytery  
Lifeshouse Maternity Home  
Kitchen Renovation  
\$27,000  
[www.lifeshouselouisville.org](http://www.lifeshouselouisville.org)

SYNOD OF MID-ATLANTIC  
National Capital Presbytery  
Crossroads Community Food Network  
Community Kitchen Enhancements  
\$25,000  
[www.crossroadscommunityfoodnetwork.org](http://www.crossroadscommunityfoodnetwork.org)

SYNOD OF MID-ATLANTIC  
Presbytery of Western North Carolina  
Faith 4 Justice  
Trauma-informed Ministry  
\$20,000  
[www.faith4justiceasheville.org](http://www.faith4justiceasheville.org)

SYNOD OF THE NORTHEAST  
Presbytery of Geneva  
Family Promise of Wayne County, N.Y., Inc.  
Day Resource Center Renovations  
\$22,500  
<http://fpwayne.org>

SYNOD OF THE PACIFIC  
Presbytery of Nevada  
Northern Nevada Dream Center  
Reach the Hungry  
\$25,000  
[https://nndreamcenter.org](http://nndreamcenter.org)

SYNOD OF SOUTH ATLANTIC  
Presbytery of Tampa Bay  
Cedar Kirk Camp and Conference Center  
Setting a Place for All  
\$27,000  
[https://cedarkirk.org/](http://cedarkirk.org/)

SYNOD OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA  
AND HAWAII  
Presbytery of the Pacific  
Critical Mass Dance Company (CMDC)  
Dance Empowerment Programs  
\$12,500  
[www.criticalmassdancecompany.org](http://www.criticalmassdancecompany.org)

SYNOD OF THE SOUTHWEST  
Presbytery of Santa Fe  
Catholic Charities in the Archdiocese  
of Santa Fe

Team Refugee Youth  
\$9,000  
[www.ccasfmm.org](http://www.ccasfmm.org)

SYNOD OF THE SUN  
Cimarron Presbytery  
Stillwater Domestic Violence Services, Inc.  
Shelter the Children  
\$5,000  
[https://wingsofhopeok.com](http://wingsofhopeok.com)

SYNOD OF THE SUN  
Presbytery of Arkansas  
Ferncliff Camp and Conference Center  
Transportation for Disaster Kits  
\$30,000  
[https://ferncliff.org](http://ferncliff.org)

SYNOD OF THE TRINITY  
The Presbytery of Donegal  
Domestic Violence Center of Chester  
County  
Community Healing Circle  
\$5,000  
[www.dvccpa.org](http://www.dvccpa.org)

##### International

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO  
Association of Presbyterian Women  
of Kinshasa—West Synod  
Complete the Women's Centre and  
Training of Women  
\$14,813

ETHIOPIA  
Gidada Theological College  
Construction of Girls' Dormitory  
\$43,650

Give through your PW group or on line at  
[www.presbyterianwomen.org/give](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org/give). For  
additional information about the 2020  
Thank Offering recipients, see the July/  
August issue of Horizons magazine, or go  
to [www.presbyterianwomen.org/thank](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org/thank).



# Church Outreach @ FPC

## Thank You!

to those who helped provide meals during October!

We will be providing meals for

New Hope Shelter again on

December 16th,

17th and 19th.



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

Please contact Rita Allmon at

316-288-3028 if you would like to help!

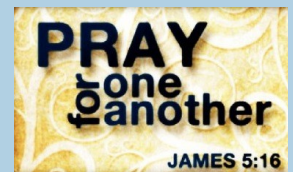


Please pray for relief from trials along with prayers of thanksgiving for blessings.

- All those suffering from COVID within our community and around the world •
- Bob & Marilyn Sjogren •
- Family of Elizabeth Glann (Brent Glann's mother) •
- Paul Snyder (Rita Allmon's son) •
  - Patrick Darrow (Roger Darrow's brother) •
  - Kathy Gering •
- Jason Schmidt (Paula Anderson's son) •
- School Administrators, Teachers, Aides, Students, Support Personnel •
- Everyday Blessings •

If you have a prayer request or want to become a member of the prayer chain, please contact

Rojean DuBois at 316-772-8128.



## NOVEMBER DEACONS REQUESTS FOR THE SALVATION ARMY FOOD PANTRY



- **Pasta Sauce** • **Peanut Butter** •
- **Cereal** •
- **Crackers** • **Canned Soups** •



When you're shopping, please pick up these items for our neighbors in need.

Please call the church at 316-283-0504 if you would like someone to pick up items from your home.

*The need is great right now. Thank you!*



# Children & Youth Activities @ FPC



## JUMP! on in

### Frog Fun!



Grades 6-12

We didn't get to be together in October (which saddened me), but put on your calendar

**November 15, 2020  
from 1:00 – 3:00 PM**

and we will have our next meeting.

We will continue our look into *"Talking to God Without Breaking Out in Hives"*, plus some other activities to celebrate Thanksgiving.

I pray you are adjusting to your new school schedule and staying safe and healthy. If you need me just give me a text or email.

—Mary



AMPHIBIAN  
CRAWLS  
HOP  
LARGE EYES  
POLYWOG  
STRIPED  
TADPOLE

COLDBLOODED  
CROAK  
INSECTS  
LILYPAD  
RIBBIT  
SWAMP  
TONGUE

COLORFUL  
GREEN  
LAKE  
NOCTURNAL  
SPOTTED  
SWIM



I was so sad that we were unable to meet for our time together in October. I would like you to put on your calendars that on November 15, 2020 right after church to 1:00 PM we will meet. We will have lunch and have some fun activities. I have planned a lesson on candy corn and the first Thanksgiving.

Enjoy the Word Search and continue to stay safe and healthy. - Mary

## Thanksgiving Word Search

N N R O C T N C G A  
S T U F F I N G R C  
N I K P M U P D A J  
S Q U A S H H J V L  
H T U R K E Y Y Y D

corn  
gravy  
pumpkin  
squash  
stuffing  
turkey



# Outreach Opportunities@FPC

## Notice to all women of the Presbytery of Southern Kansas

I am excited to let you know that there will be another Second Saturday Synod Sircle (SSSS) event on Saturday, November 14. I am attaching a flyer that will give you the information about the event. I know this has been a difficult time for all of us, but these PW Zoom events have been very good.

You will need to send me your email address so that I can get the whole list from Southern Kansas turned in by the deadline. You will receive by email an invitation to the meeting with the ZOOM information a day or two before the event.

Again the event will include special presentations – this time about missions. One of the highlights will be about Southern Kansas.

If you know of women in your group that are not able to get a ZOOM event, invite them to join you for a cup of coffee or tea at your house and share the event.

I send my greetings to all of you and hope you are well and wearing your masks. Even though we were not able to have a Fall Gathering this year, I certainly hope that by Spring we will be able to gather in person.

If you have been able to do any of the Bible Study this year, I would like to hear how it is going. Are you meeting in person? Meeting on ZOOM? Sending information by email? What are you doing in your local group? Feel free to contact me by email ([snispel@aol.com](mailto:snispel@aol.com)) phone (316-267-4114) cell (316-204-7828) - Sue Nispel



**Synod of Mid-America  
Second Saturday Synod  
Sircle  
PW GATHERING  
November 14, 2020  
10:00– 11:00 am  
via Zoom  
for All Presbyterian Women**



Forgiven and freed by God in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves

- to nurture our faith through prayer and Bible study,
- to support the mission of the church worldwide,
- to work for justice and peace, and
- to build an inclusive, caring community of women that strengthens the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and witnesses to the promise of God's kingdom.

The Presbyterian  
**OUTLOOK**

**Revelation 7:9-17; 1 John 3:1-3;  
Matthew 5:1-12 — November 1, 2020**

### All Saints' Day

**All tribes, every nation, together in worship.**

How lovely. God has such love for us that we are called children of God. How beautiful. When God appears we will be like God because we will see God for who God is. How utterly astounding and good. Blessed are the poor in spirit, those who mourn, the meek, the



**Take a moment and reflect on All Saints' Day this year.**

The full article can be found at [presoutlook@pres-outlook.org](mailto:presoutlook@pres-outlook.org) via [auth.ccsend.com](http://auth.ccsend.com)

This Sunday is All Saints' Day. With it being just days before our presidential election and in the year of a global pandemic, we need to worship the Lamb who died that we might live! This is the same Messiah who ate with sinners and told us to love the unlovable and the unlovely in order that the world would know that we are his followers.

**Pray, Be Thankful &  
Love One Another**



# *Worship Teams*

## *September 2020—February 2021*

### 1st Sunday

Organist -	Helen Wild
Ushers/Greeters -	Phil Anderson and Lenny Wild
Audio -	Steve Tangeman
Lay Reader -	Mark Gihring

### 2nd Sunday

Organist -	Kelli Glann
Ushers -	Becky Cooper and Pam Trussell
Audio -	Greg McGehee
Lay Reader -	Brent Glann

### 3rd Sunday

Organist -	Kelli Glann
Ushers -	Paul & Rojean DuBois
Audio -	Greg Schmidt
Lay Reader -	Sandy Larson

### 4th Sunday

Organist -	Helen Wild
Ushers -	John & Joan Stretcher
Audio -	Mike Enz
Lay Reader -	John Higgs

#### Usher Substitutes:

Mike Enz, Steve & Susie Tangeman,  
John & Joan Stretcher, Rita Allmon

### 5th Sunday

Organist -	Helen Wild
Ushers -	Greg and Ladonna Schmidt
Audio -	Mike Enz
Lay Reader -	Nate Regier or Tricia Brothers

#### Lay Reader Substitutes:

Nate Regier, Tricia Brothers,  
Greg McGehee



## Updated IN-HOUSE WORSHIP PLAN

- All Are Welcome!
- Sunday School classes start September 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 am
  - Please observe social distancing guidelines
- If attending Worship Service, please arrive close to 10:30 am
- Common Ground Coffee Time is cancelled until further notice
- Masks are recommended and will be available if you need one
- Seating is spaced farther apart – Bulletins and Individual Communion Elements will be placed at those seats
- If you want to socialize, please do so outside the church building
- Worship Service will still be available on our website Sunday morning

FPC is closely following the changing requirements of masks in public places.

At this time, we are recommending masks be worn if attending worship service. We do have masks available for anyone that needs one.

Thank you for your cooperation as we travel down this unknown road together.

God Bless You!



# NOVEMBER

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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

Call the church office and let's get your information

of CHURCH FAMILY & FRIENDS!

November 4 – Keven & Debra Hiebert  
 November 5 – Ivan Knudsen, Bill Siebert, Jayden Anderson  
 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

*God's Blessings for Joyous Celebrations!*

## 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

Even though we are holding worship services again, staff and congregants are asked to continue to limit entrance into the church.

As always, 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*