

This Week's Prayer Focus: First Church Newton

Week of: October 21, 2018

Location: First Presbyterian Church, Newton

Mission Focus: Mission work has always been a part of the 145-year history of First Presbyterian Church. We currently sponsor many projects that reach out to local and global mission sites through our youth group, the Board of Deacons, Presbyterian Women, and Cruisers, as well as the general budget of the congregation. For 2017, we have chosen as our congregation's theme "deep roots-branching out." We are building on our long-standing tradition of mission work to branch out into also building relationships, so that we are not just doing mission with our dollars, but mission with our hearts, hands, and minds. We continue to be committed to cooking and serving meals at the local homeless shelter two evenings per quarter; as well as involved in the work of the Salvation Army and the Women's Shelter by collecting supplies throughout the year. The Deacons send a number of children from disadvantaged families to Westminster Woods each summer, and distribute more than 20 family food packages at Christmas. Members are also volunteers for many local charitable organizations, including Presbyterian Manor, CASA, and the public library.

Prayer Request: Pray for the homeless, jobless and needy of the Newton community and for continued strength of this Church to serve Christ in this corner of God's kingdom.

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