



Week of November 4, 2019

# This Week at FPC

*"From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets, the name of the Lord is to be praised." Psalm 113:3*

## Fall Clean-up Fix-up Day

Join us for work and fellowship Saturday, Nov 16. We will start working at 8:00 a.m. and should be finished by noon. We need volunteers to do outside work and some minor repairs throughout the church. If you plan to work on the grounds, bring work gloves, brooms and shovels. If you have questions, please contact Mike Franco at [mfrancoesq@verizon.net](mailto:mfrancoesq@verizon.net).

## Christmas in Newport: A Classical Christmas



### Christmas in Newport is Sunday, December 8 at 7pm!

As part of the month-long Newport tradition, FPC offers a free evening of Christmas music and joy. The choir would love to have more voices to help make this special Newport evening a success! The choir practices at 7pm Wednesday evenings. For more info, contact Angel Zhu, [angel@fpcnewport.org](mailto:angel@fpcnewport.org)

### Carols Around the Table Potluck and Christmas Carols! Thursday, December 12 at 7pm

Main dish of ham or chicken will be provided. Side dish and beverage sign up sheets will be available in the Fellowship Hall soon. More info to come.



## Important Dates

### November 17 - Operation Christmas Child boxes to be dedicated

Discover the joy of sharing God's love through the power of simple shoebox gifts from Operation Christmas Child. Christmas-wrapped boxes with a pamphlet offering suggestions for filling it can be found near the exits. More suggestions are available at [samaritanspurse.org](http://samaritanspurse.org). If you haven't taken a box, be sure to get one on November 10 and to bring all boxes back by Sunday, November 17. If you have questions, contact Tina Kent at [tkent59@icloud.com](mailto:tkent59@icloud.com).



### November 24—Last day to order poinsettias

Remember how beautiful our sanctuary looked last year? Help us to do the same this year by buying a memorial poinsettia in praise or memory of a loved one! Order your poinsettias by November 24, using order forms that are available in the fellowship hall or giving your information to the church secretary. The cost is \$12 for single plant, \$24 for double. Orders must be pre-paid by check or money order to FPC.



### Thanksgiving Eve Service

Wednesday, November 27

First Presbyterian Church, Newport

7:00 pm

Join us for

worship

reflection

thankfulness

in the midst of the business





## SermonConnect

Pastor Mike began a 4 part sermon series on the Old Testament book of Haggai.

The message of this book is simple: Stay on track! Put God first!

God had commanded the Israelites to rebuild the temple in Jerusalem, yet 14 years had passed. The Israelites were more concerned with their own needs, were making excuses and had become stubbornly indifferent to God's discipline.

**Read: Haggai 1:1-15**

**Reflect: How can you stop procrastinating in doing what God has called you to do?**

**How can you consider your ways?** Are there areas where you may be putting your needs before God's? Have you ever been stubbornly indifferent to being obedient to the LORD?

Obedience bears fruit. **Where have you seen this true in your life?**

God stirred up the people through his prophet Haggai, and they feared and obeyed the LORD by working on His temple.

**How can we build God's church today by sharing the Good News of hope through Jesus Christ?**

**FOR THOUGHT: God is not a 1/2 and 1/2 God, a God who loves me but does not discipline me, a God who blesses me, but asks nothing in return. Join us Sunday, November 10 at the 10:30am worship service for the 2nd part in this series!**

*Thanks for helping FPC communications get to the right place at the right time with all of the correct information!*

- **E-news Submissions:** Should be submitted to [secretary@fpcnewport.org](mailto:secretary@fpcnewport.org) no later than Thursday of the week prior.
- **Church Bulletin Submissions:** Must be submitted to [secretary@fpcnewport.org](mailto:secretary@fpcnewport.org) no later than the Tuesday prior to when they will appear in the Sunday bulletin.
- **All submissions should include:**
  - Name of event/class/announcement
  - Start date/end date
  - Start time/end time
  - Location (room within the church)/Name and street address if outside the church
  - **A direct point of contact** to the person(s) in charge via email and/or phone.
  - Any other relevant details specific to the event/class/announcement

Church Office Hours  
Monday-Wednesday  
9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

## LOVE GROW SERVE

### Sunday School 9:15 am

**All children's classes** are in the CE building. High-school students are encouraged to assist one of the teachers or participate in the adult class.



**For adults :** Pastor Herring's class is on *The Screwtape Letters* by C.S. Lewis—the classic religious satire with its ironic portrait of human life from Screwtape, a highly placed demon assistant to "Our Father Below" (downstairs in the CE room).

### Bible Studies

**For all FPC women and friends:** Christ in You, a study on Colossians:

- Thursdays 9:30am - 11:30am  
Childcare provided. Contact Irene Herring for more info. [aiherring@aol.com](mailto:aiherring@aol.com)
- Mondays 6pm at the Kolator home  
Daryl Kolator ([dg.kolator@cox.net](mailto:dg.kolator@cox.net))

For FPC men! Men's Bible Study is studying Hebrews. They meet on the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 6:30 PM in the Hometime Room.

**Promise Keepers** meet for optional breakfast at Chelsea's, 1015 Aquidneck Ave at 7:00 Saturday mornings, followed by a time of Bible study, discussion and prayer in the Hometime room at 8:00 a.m. Contact Mike Franco at [mfrancoesq@verizon.net](mailto:mfrancoesq@verizon.net).

**For all:** The Friday night group meets the second and fourth Friday of the month, rotating at members' homes. We are studying Genesis. Contact Daryl Kolator [dgkolator@cox.net](mailto:dgkolator@cox.net) for more details.



### Nursery helpers needed

Volunteering to watch our babies and young children during an occasional Sunday school and/or Sunday worship service brings rewards of love and gratitude. Call or text Jen Bloom, 401-297-9942.

### Food Collection

Every month, we gather non-perishable food items and deliver them to the food pantry at St. Joseph's Church. At any time, you may place your donations in the baskets in Fellowship Hall or back of the sanctuary.



## Do you have a heart to help others feel welcome?

### Fellowship time is a perfect opportunity to serve at FPC!

- Come to coffee hour, linger a while, and chat with old friends and new visitors.
- At the end of worship service, invite those around you to come with you to coffee hour (especially visitors).
- Sign up to help. Look for the sign up near the information table.

### Social media update

Our Facebook page ([facebook.com/fpcnewport](https://facebook.com/fpcnewport)) is updated several times a week with current information and spiritual encouragement.



Find us through Instagram at [fpcnewport](https://instagram.com/fpcnewport). If you don't have an Instagram account, leave word at the church office.



OUR NEW WEBSITE GOES LIVE THIS WEEK!  
Become familiar with all of the features.  
[fpcnewport.org](https://fpcnewport.org)

### Thank you to our volunteers!

#### November 10:

**Sexton:** Phil Thow

**Coffee Hour:** Inner Life

**Nursery:** Deidre Ricci and Karyn Straka

**Young Children's Worship:** Mikyong Kim

**Hospitality:** Brian and Darien Petit, Judy Graves, Sharon Fimple, John Wicks, Tim and Stacie Schultz

#### November 17:

**Sexton:** Mike Ricci

**Coffee Hour:** Inner Life

**Nursery:** Deidra Ricci and Kris Aleicho  
**Young Children's Worship:** Cheri Dugan

**Hospitality:** Robert and Christine Sahms, Ross Family, Mike Franco, Jan Jones, Dave Kolator

## Prayer and Praise

- **for the spoken and unspoken needs** of members of our church family who are recovering from or facing surgery, are ill, grieving, or enduring other hardships.
- **for our nation and its leaders as well as for our neighbors in need near and far.**
- **for the men and women who serve our country in dangerous parts of the world, with thanks to all veterans and their families for their sacrifices.** If you have a service member to add to our prayer list, please call the church office (847-1749).
- **for our intercessory prayer team**, the dedicated group of about 15 people who pray regularly on behalf of others. (If you are interested in joining this team, please contact the church office.)
- **for our pastor, elders, deacons, musicians and volunteers.**
- **for Dick and Cindy Price** as Dick recovers from his second stem cell transplant. If you would like to be added to or removed from the email list for timely updates on Dick's progress, please contact Deidra Ricci at [pamperdee@cox.net](mailto:pamperdee@cox.net)

## How we are assisting Syrian Christians

The Outreach Foundation, an ECO mission partner, issued an emergency appeal for the 18 Presbyterian churches in northern Syria. Three of the congregations were caught up in the disorder following the Turkish incursion. The Foundation has not only supported these congregations but has made seven visits to them during the war. The pastor of one of those churches reported the schools were closed and prices of daily goods in the city had doubled. The price of meat has risen to \$10/kilo (an average salary is \$80/month) and heating fuel was becoming scarce and expensive, as cold weather sets in. Thanks to our congregation's mission giving, the Outreach Committee has responded with \$500, and an Outreach Foundation matching gift has doubled this to \$1,000. For more information on the financial and humanitarian crisis faced by the 40,000–50,000 Christians in the area, see The Outreach Foundation website (<https://www.theoutreachfoundation.org/>).

### Mark your calendars!

