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FPC ENews

Join us during this Holy Season as we remember....

Jesus riding triumphantly into Jerusalem

Jesus proclaiming the New Covenant to his disciples

Jesus enduring the torture of the cross

and...



Jesus conquering death!

Spring fills us with hope, renewal, longer days. We look forward to gardens, boat rides and beaches. We carefully craft and prepare Easter meals and egg hunts. Even for those who do not know the risen Savior, there is just something about the time of year when what was dormant within us comes to life again.

Nothing says new life like Jesus giving His in place of ours to cover our sin. Nothing says new life like Jesus conquering death. There is no grave where the crucified LORD is buried. There is only an empty tomb that says, "He is not here. He is alive."

We invite you to join us in person for Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Easter. More and more people have received vaccinations. We take all precautions to ensure your safety. So, we hope, that if you are able, you will worship and fellowship with us as we proclaim, "He is not here! He is risen just as He said! Allelujah!"

WE'RE OPEN SUNDAYS FOR WORSHIP!

- Sunday School begins at 9:15 am.
- Service begins at 10:30 am.
- All who enter the church must wear a face mask during the service.
- We will practice social distancing in sanctuary seating.
- Offering plates will be placed in the front and rear of the sanctuary for your convenience and will be collected during the designated offering time.

Finally, remember there is hand sanitizer placed throughout the church for your use. We encourage you to bring your own as well. Also, if you are sick or running a fever, please remain at home.

The good news is that we can now seat up to 40% capacity! We can't wait to see you!

SAVE THE DATE

- March 24 - Palm Sunday Worship**
Service at 10:30 am ; FPC kids sing!
- April 1 - Maundy Thursday**
7 pm at FPC. *Communion will be served.*
- April 4 - Easter Sunday Worship**
Service at 10:30 am
FPC Kids sing! No Sunday School.
- May 23 -Last day of Sunday School**

Kids Sunday School

Yes, we are meeting in person!
Sundays at 9:15 am, join us if you are able.

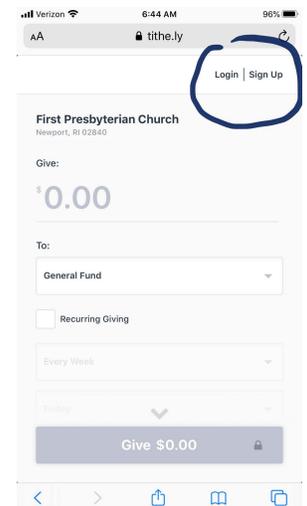
There will be no Sunday School on Easter, April 4.

Cindy and Chip Wilson are teaching Kindergarten through third grade in the CE Building Third Floor. David Kolator is teaching fourth through eighth grade in the Samuel Room above the Fellowship Hall. They have begun a new study on the book of Mark! Music at 9:15 AM for all students with Angel Conwell. Please contact Daryl Kolator at dg.kolator@cox.net or at 401-339-7625 for further information or if any questions.

Masks are required for all students. Social distancing is implemented during music and class time. If you need help finding the rooms, teachers will be happy to assist you!

You can now give online!

Go to the church website fpcnewport.org and click on the far right GIVE tab on the main menu bar. You can then create an account by clicking on "Sign Up" in the top right corner.



Death could not hold You!
The veil tore before You!
You silence the boast of sin and grave!

What a beautiful name is the name of Jesus.



OPPORTUNITIES TO BE IN COMMUNITY AND GROW IN YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST

SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITIES

Adult Sunday School Class

The class on Revelation meets at 9:15 AM in the Lynch Room upstairs from the Fellowship Hall. If interested, you can just come or if you have questions, please contact Sue Fennessey at tudorchick4@gmail.com.

Adult Small Group meets the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month and is currently studying Genesis. Point of Contact is Daryl Kolator dgkolator@cox.net

20s and 30s Small Group: If you are interested, contact Charlotte Ricci bckricci@gmail.com or 401-662-3424.

Women's Bible Study

The Monday Night Bible study is doing Priscilla Shirer's study on Elijah. The online lesson taught by Priscilla Shirer is streamed during the week and on Mondays at 6:30 PM the group meets via Zoom to discuss and go over the lesson. POC: Darien Petit dspetit55@gmail.com.



JOIN IN PRAYER:

- Praises that we are able to worship in person! Pray for the church staff, and for the elders and deacons, that all would bring glory to God.
- Pray that people will be reached with the hope and love of Jesus during this Easter season
- Pray for the small group studies, Sunday School and Worship, that people would grow deeper in Christ and be encouraged to share His love with others
- Diane, Brian Petit's sister, who has cancer

Those working with Covid patients:

- Karen Hoogendorn Royd (Dick and Judy Hoogendorn's daughter)
- Lori (Alice and Ralph Thomas' daughter) doing Hospice at COVID Specialty Nursing Home
- Heather (Nancy and Ed Burgess' daughter)
- Danielle (Dick and Cindy Price's daughter)
- Kevin Buck (Bunny Miller's son-in-law)
- Savanah (Jan and Bruce Jones' granddaughter)
- For our military, serving at home and overseas
- For our civil, state and federal government leaders

HEAR THE WORD OF GOD: On Palm Sunday, Pastor Mike will be preaching on The March from Matthew 21:1-11. He's been preaching an exciting series out of Revelation and will continue after Easter. Here's how you can access his most recent sermons:

The church website:
fpcnewport.org

Facebook: facebook.com/fpcnewport

Instagram: [fpcnewport](https://www.instagram.com/fpcnewport)



Missions Update

from Don Estes

When the Lord Jesus left His apostles on this earth to carry on, their ministry would multiply over and over again. In the book of Acts, Dr. Luke records the words of our Lord, *“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth”* (Acts 1:8). Their evangelism wouldn’t stop at leaving a few tracts at restaurants. It would include a whole process of what we would call discipleship. Time and again we read in the book of Acts about how the Good News first multiplied. It increased. People were saved. They were built up. They were spread out. They reached out. They were effective. They were reproducing. You might be reflecting as you read this and asking what can someone like me do? What can the body of believers at FPC do? For a start, we can reach out to people—those around us by our personal witness and those “to the ends of the earth” through financial and prayer support for our local and global mission programs.

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The Covid-19 pandemic has been a challenge for all of us, including our church ministry here and for the mission partners we support. Nevertheless, many of the mission activities of this past years were able to be conducted thanks to the dedicated giving and prayers of FPC members. Our mission partners who work in countries like India, Indonesia, Columbia, South Africa, Honduras, as well as countries in the Middle East reported how they struggled at times but also improvised and used technology to do virtual meetings and Bible studies. Closer to home, our local mission partners from Boston Project, InterVarsity, Salvation Army, and the Gideons International reported how they also had to improvise to reach out to those in need—both physically and spiritually. Almost all of these partners appreciate your financial support, but in their communications to us what they cherished the most was your prayer support. One of our partners wrote about people they were working with who were “under stress and just hanging on.” They asked for “prayers for wisdom to speak, encourage, and oversee the pandemic situation.” In the coming months, as we receive communications with our partners, we will share their concerns as well as their joys and ask you to hold them in prayer as we work together to be our Lord’s “witness to the ends of the earth.”



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