



April 17, 2022

This week at FPC

“We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure.” Hebrews 6:19

“Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed.” 1 Corinthians 15:51-52



Christ
is
Risen!



“Laudamus Te”
from Mozart’s Mass in C
Laudamus te, (We praise you)
Benedicimus te, (We bless you)
Adoramus te, (We adore you)
Glorificamus te, (We glorify you)

There's Joy in Being Involved!

Come cook with us Saturday morning

The Deacons are reviving *Dinners That Help*. Join us Saturday, April 23, at 9 a.m. to prepare a supply of meals for those experiencing a family illness, incapacity, new baby, or other event requiring temporary help. The plan is to prepare about 20 meals (2 main dishes) and 20 side dishes and freeze them to deliver either frozen or warmed up (depending on the situation) whenever needed.



Please contact deacons@fpcnewport.org or call Daryl Kolator 401-339-7625 if you would like to participate—or if you know of someone who might need this occasional assistance.

Help feed neighbors in need

This month we are collecting requested items such as tuna, cereal, pasta, spaghetti sauce, shampoo, toothbrushes, canned vegetables, rice, baby food, and diapers. There are collection baskets in the Fellowship Hall and in the back of the church. On Sunday, May 1, we will gather the items and deliver them to Grace Church on Forest Avenue.



Evensong

This group invites you to join them every Sunday evening on Zoom to worship by singing songs and hymns, sharing scripture and enjoying fellowship. If you are interested in participating, contact Brian Ross at mm9616b@gmail.com to get the Zoom link.

Join the Choir!

Help us fill the choir loft with joyful voices! Come to practice at 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays and 10 a.m. Sundays. Please contact Angel, Director of Music, at angel@fpcnewport.org. Our choir is a loving and friendly group. You will be warmly welcomed! We need your voice, and you'll find joy in singing to glorify God.

Childcare during Worship Service

If you love the little ones, we have great facilities for childcare, and we would welcome more volunteers to care for the little ones during worship service. If this is an area where you'd like to serve, please contact Daryl Kolator at dg.kolator@cox.net for more details. Scheduling is flexible. And many parents are very grateful to these caring nursery helpers: Kristen Aleicho, Collie Colon, Daryl Kolator, Deb MacDowell, Deidra Ricci, and Matt Small.

Hands and Hearts of Love

Thanks to the FPC Soup Kitchen Staff

Many faithful servants provide a needed meal once a month. At the April Soup Kitchen they prepared 25 bag meals for grateful guests. Daryl Kolator planned the menu and purchased the food. Robert and Christine Sahms, Linda Conheeny, Regina Skudera, and Coleen and Jerry Spencer prepared and served the bagged meals.

The next Soup Kitchen will be May 4. Linda Conheeny will plan the menu and purchase the food.

More volunteers are always welcome. If you would like more information, or feel called to join this labor of love sponsored by our Deacons, contact Coleen Spencer, Soup Kitchen Coordinator, coleenspencer@cox.net.



On the Journey...

(from a recent letter from Session to the congregation)

We continue to seek God's guidance as we look to what the future hold for this body of believers. Until a pastoral search committee is established, we need to pray and work together for the good of the church and the Kingdom.

Our guest pastor

Rev. Dr. Jeff Hutchinson will preach again April 24. He is Assistant Pastor of Living Hope Community Church (ECO) in Old Greenwich, Connecticut, called to be the church planter of House of Mercy, a new ECO Presbyterian church in New Haven. Jeff invites you to join his Prayer Support Team for the new church plant. You may reach him at jdutch64@gmail.com.

The Worship Committee, led by Elders Deidra Ricci and Janice Kinder, has scheduled ordained ministers and seminary graduates through June. Rev. Jeff Hutchinson will be with us one more week, then Rev. Dale Green will preach and serve communion May 1. Rick Koconis will preach through May and early June. Sam Browne will deliver the message June 19, and Rev. Hutchinson will return June 26.

For pastoral care, contact Deidra Ricci by emailing pastor@fpcnewport.org. For other visitation needs, contact Daryl Kolator at deacons@fpcnewport.org.

If you are unable to attend services in person, please join the livestream broadcast by going to fpcnewport.org and clicking on "FPC Livestream." You can also watch the service later via YouTube.

What you can do to help in this journey.

We are looking for people interested in helping to stay in touch with the wonderful missionaries we support. Contact Missions Elder, Deidra Ricci, at pamperedee@cox.net or the church office at secretary@fpcnewport.org.

Participate in a committee: Worship, Inner Life, Christian Education, Buildings and Grounds, Finance and Personnel, and Missions.

Sign up to host a coffee/fellowship time on a Sunday.



Join a small-group study,

commit, or recommit financially to help sustain and improve FPC's vital mission to serve God.

Pray!

Upcoming meetings and activities

Sunday, April 24

10:00 a.m. Choir practice
10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Monday, April 25

9:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. Church office open*
6:30 p.m. Sarah Circle Bible Study (Zoom)

Wednesday, April 27,

6:30 p.m. Choir practice

Thursday, April 28

9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Church office open*
2:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study (Zoom)
6:30 p.m. Deacons

Friday, April 29

7:00 p.m. Small Group Bible Study

Saturday, April 22, 2017

7:00 a.m. Promise Keepers

* office hours may vary

Pray...



...for the unspoken needs of members of our church family who are recovering from surgery, who will have surgery this week, who are ill or enduring hardships.

...for our nation and its leaders, and for those who serve our nation in dangerous parts of the world. You may call the church office with specific names that we will list for prayer.

...for our church, as we rejoice in the Resurrection, renew our faith in God's plan for all of us, and reach out to those around us.

...and give thanks for all the faithful servants who care for our church building and all who worship within it.

Why is the James House called the James House?

On January 1, 1909, the Rev. Nathaniel J. Sproul came to Newport from the Presbyterian church of Quincy, Massachusetts, at a time when the church was deeply in debt. He assumed an active role in the financial affairs, and church suppers, concerts and “entertainments” became a significant source of funds.

The congregation had long wanted to build a manse for their pastor, but there were never sufficient funds. This was finally achieved because of the friendship Rev. Sproul developed with one of Newport’s summer visitors, Arthur Curtiss James. Mr. James was one of the wealthiest men in the world. His wealth derived from Western railroad and copper mining interests. His main residence was in New York City, but he spent much of his time in Newport and was, among other things, Commodore of the New York Yacht Club.



His 125-acre estate was the largest one in Newport. The main mansion was known as the Beacon Hill House, and there were three smaller villas and a farm. In 1914, James started the re-creation of a complete “Swiss Village” farm on the estate property as a gift to his wife. It eventually included over a dozen buildings and was, for a time, open to the public. The estate employed over 100 people. Today that Swiss Village is Newport’s SVF Foundation, which works to preserve rare and endangered species and is open to the public one day a year.



Worshippers noticed these workmen putting on finishing touches Easter Sunday, 2022

But most importantly for our church, Arthur Curtiss James was a Presbyterian, and he became friends with Rev. Sproul through his attendance at the church. When he learned that we did not yet have a residence for the minister, he very generously offered to pay for building one.

This was a wonderful opportunity for the church, and it did not take the Board of Trustees long to act on the offer. A committee had selected a plan for the house several years earlier and they quickly able got bids to have the work done. They chose a local contractor, Robert A. Smith, who happened to also be a trustee of the church. The manse was completed in about seven months at a cost of \$7,500, and Pastor Sproul was able to move his family into the new residence next to the church by the spring of 1914.

Several pastors and their families lived in the James house, the most recent being Rev. Tyler Johnson and his large family. In 2000 the manse was converted to office space and connected to the main building by an enclosed walkway. And that is why the James House is called the James House.

And now it is being refurbished and it will once again become living space to be rented to a military family or to serve as a manse for a future pastor.



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