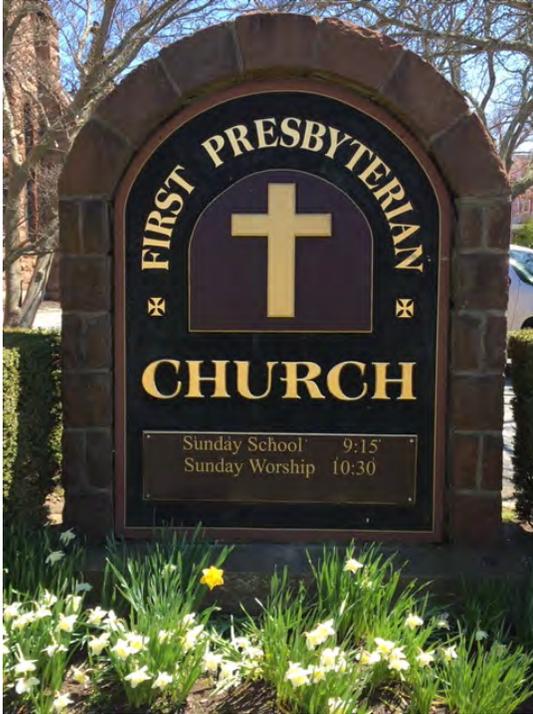




May 1, 2022

# This week at FPC

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



## Our guest speakers



*“As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him.” Acts 9:3*

**Our Guest Speaker** Rev. Dale Green’s message Sunday, “How could I be so wrong?” was based on Acts 9:1-20, Saul’s conversion. Rev. Green is a hospital Clinical Chaplain in New London CT. He was in the US Navy submarine service for over 30 years and then ordained in the Presbyterian Church after retiring in 2015. He resides in Waterford Connecticut with his wife Debby.

### Sunday, May 8

- 9:30 a.m. Bible Study (new!)
- 10:00 a.m. Choir practice
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
- 11:30 a.m. Fellowship hour
- 6:00 p.m. Evensong (Zoom)

Upcoming meetings and activities

### Monday, May 9

- 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Church office open
- 10:00 a.m. Building and Grounds
- 6:30 p.m. Sarah Circle Bible Study (Zoom)
- 7:00 p.m. 20s & 30s Small Group

### Wednesday, May 11

- 5:00 p.m. EFC Soup Kitchen
- 6:30 p.m. Choir practice

### Thursday, May 12

- 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Church office open\*
- 2:00 p.m. Women’s Bible Study (Zoom)

### Friday, May 13

- 7:00 p.m. Small Group Bible Study

### Saturday, May 14

- 7:00 a.m. Promise Keepers

\* office hours may vary

**This Sunday, May 8**, we welcome back Rick Koconis, a long-time member of FPC Newport. He will be with us for six weeks, preaching during the worship service and teaching a new six-week Sunday School Bible study titled, “What Is the Gospel and How Does It Inform Our Church and It’s Mission?” The intent of the study is to examine and explore foundational principles necessary in establishing and maintaining a healthy church. The study will begin this Sunday, at 9:30 a.m. in the Hometown Room.

Rick says that throughout his life he always considered himself a Christian but never really understood the life-altering impact of the Gospel. Then, God reached out and re-focused his attention on the things that are truly important in this life, quite literally changing his heart. He felt called to the ministry and made a career change, pursuing a formal education at Reformed Theological Seminary in Orlando, Florida. Last May, Rick graduated with a Master of Divinity degree from RTS. He is currently living in South Daytona, Florida.



## There's Joy in Being Involved!

"For he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things." Psalm 107:9

**Food Pantry:** Again, thank you for your generous contributions. Last Sunday we were able to deliver more than 150 items (including those purchased by the Deacon Fund) to the local food pantry. These



included diapers, canned goods, peanut butter, and lots more.

Please consider picking up a few extra items next time you go grocery shopping and adding them to the collection baskets in the Fellowship Hall and the back of the church. If you'd prefer to make a monetary donation, place your offering in the pew envelope or offering plate and mark it for Deacons. We deliver the items to the food bank the first Sunday of every month.

### Stained Glass Windows

As many of you are aware, the New England weather has taken a toll on the window frames and sills of our Stained Glass Windows. Approximately 27 of the Stained Glass Windows need sills and frames repaired or replaced. During the next few weeks, some of these windows will be removed and others will be repaired in place.

The total project will cost approximately \$142,000. We have almost \$77,000 in grant funding available and the remaining funding will come from the Lindquist Fund, donations from the Congregation and from bequests. Grant funding cannot be repurposed and if we do not use it, the grant must be returned.

There will be some temporary scaffolding and staging erected which may impact the use of the parking lot on Everett Street. Work will begin Monday, May 9, and should be completed by the end of June. We apologize for any inconvenience.



Pizza will be provided!

Please consider bringing your favorite game and a salad or a dessert to share.

**Game Night Is Back!** Bring the family, a guest, or just yourself to the FPC Dining Room at 5:30 p.m. Friday, May 20, for a fun evening of games and fellowship! Pizza will be provided. Please consider bringing your favorite game and a salad or dessert to share!

### 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.

...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.

## On the Journey...

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.

**For pastoral care**, contact Deidra Ricci by emailing [pastor@fpcnewport.org](mailto:pastor@fpcnewport.org). For other visitation needs, contact Daryl Kolator at [deacons@fpcnewport.org](mailto:deacons@fpcnewport.org) or 401-339-7625.

**If you are unable to attend services in person**, join the livestream broadcast by going to [fpcnewport.org](http://fpcnewport.org) and clicking on "FPC Livestream." You can also watch the service later via YouTube.

**Evensong** This group meets Sunday evening on Zoom to worship by singing songs and hymns, sharing scripture and enjoying fellowship. To join contact Brian Ross at [mm9616b@gmail.com](mailto:mm9616b@gmail.com) to get the Zoom link.

### What you can do to help along the way

**Missionaries.** Help us keep in contact with our missionaries. Deidra Ricci [pamperedee@cox.net](mailto:pamperedee@cox.net) or [secretary@fpcnewport.org](mailto:secretary@fpcnewport.org).

**Join a committee:** Find your interest: Worship, Inner Life, Christian Education, Buildings and Grounds, Finance and Personnel, or Missions. Join one of our small group studies.

**Make a joyful noise!** Come to the choir loft at 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays and 10 a.m. Sundays. Contact Angel Conwell—or just show up at practice. You will be warmly welcomed!

**Childcare during Worship Service** If you love the little ones, we have great facilities for childcare, and we can use more volunteers to care for them during worship service. If you'd like to help, please contact Daryl Kolator at [dg.kolator@cox.net](mailto:dg.kolator@cox.net).

**Soup Kitchen** The latest Soup Kitchen was Wednesday, May 4. Linda Conheeny planned the menu and purchased the food. If you would like more information, or feel called to join this outreach, contact Soup Kitchen Coordinator Coleen Spencer, [coleenspencer@cox.net](mailto:coleenspencer@cox.net).

**Commit** to help sustain FPC's mission to serve God. When you think about giving, please prayerfully consider our Capital Improvement, Operating and Mission Funds. This year has been a financial struggle for our church, and this month we are beginning much needed repairs to our Stained Glass Windows. FPC is always thankful for your tithes and offerings.

## More Fellowship

New

### Dinner Club Is Back!!!



The Inner Life Committee is bringing back Dinner Club.

Sign up by contacting Nancy Burgess at [nancykayaks@cox.net](mailto:nancykayaks@cox.net) or texting her at 401-835-0183. Or, place this sign-up sheet with your information in the box in the Fellowship Hall. You will have the month of May to sign up.

You will be grouped with other adults in our church family for June and July. The host (assigned by Inner Life) will contact your group to choose a date for the first meal. The "meal" can be a formal dinner, brunch, or a casual picnic lunch. Traditionally, the host provides the main course and other guests bring an appetizer, side dish, or dessert. The group will meet as many times as they wish and take turns hosting.

At this transitional time in the life of our church, it's important we remain in close fellowship with each other and newcomers. Let's aim towards 100% participation in Dinner Club!

NAME:

CELL PHONE:

EMAIL:

WILLING AND ABLE TO HOST: YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

**Coffee Hour and Online Chats** Many of our members and friends are currently unable to attend church due to health issues. Last Sunday Mike Ricci set up an online chat with **Alice Hand**, and many were able to connect with her. Come to the Fellowship Hall after worship service, grab your cup of coffee, and find the chat in one of the adjoining offices.

**The women of Naomi Circle** will meet on Tuesday May 10 in the home of Ellie Green at 10:00 a.m. For directions to the parking garage call (401) 236-1399.

# It happened in our front yard...



When you enter the church from Broadway, you probably stop to admire the Rose Window and the cherry trees, but do you ever wonder about the monument in front of the church? Well, our front yard is actually Congdon Park, and the bronze statue is the Civil War Soldiers and Sailor Monument, created by William Clarke Noble, a well-known sculptor. It was erected in 1890 by the Grand Army of the Republic and the citizens of Newport, "...in memory of the brave men who fought for their flag, that the nation might live." The monument was restored in 2001. Notice the house in the foreground. (That's another story.)

The monument consists of a bronze statue 9'5" high on a 8'9" granite pedestal. The bronze statue is of a Soldier standing and a Sailor kneeling. On each side of the base is a large plaque representing the Grand Army of the Republic, State of Rhode Island, Artillery, and Cavalry. The memorial reflects several local contributions: Newporters Peter Dennis Melville, 5th Rhode Island Heavy Artillery, Company A, an Andersonville survivor, and William Swinburne posed as models; and the stone, a local Westerly red granite, was carved by a local stonecutter.





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