



May 12, 2022

This week at FPC

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

Meetings and Activities

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

Sunday, May 15

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

Monday, May 16

9:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. Church office open*
6:30 p.m. Sarah Circle Bible Study (Zoom)
7:00 p.m. 20s & 30s Small Group
7:00 p.m. Finance and Personnel

Tuesday, May 17

7:00 p.m. Session meeting

Wednesday, May 17

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

* office hours may vary



Sunday, May 8



“Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, 2 because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death.” Romans 8:1

Rick Koconis was with us Sunday to share a message

titled: “It Is Finished—At the Cross.” If you were unable to join us for worship you can join the livestream broadcast by going to fpcnewport.org and clicking on “FPC Livestream.” You can also watch the service later via YouTube at <https://youtu.be/maD3KQzByYc>.

Rick will be with us for several 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 study examines and explores foundational principles for establishing and maintaining a healthy church. The study will begin this Sunday, at 9:30 a.m. in the Hometown Room.

Thank you to Mark Barnes for serving as lay leader May 8, and to Angel and the choir for their music.



Passing of John Beese

Long time FPC member, John Beese, passed into glory yesterday. John

served for many years as an usher and happily welcomed those entering our sanctuary. Please pray for his family that they find God's comfort and peace at this time.

Funeral services at Memorial Funeral Home Saturday May 7 with burial at Trinity Cemetery in Portsmouth, Rhode Island. For more, see <https://link.memorial/beese>.

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. For other visitation needs, contact Daryl Kolator at deacons@fpcnewport.org or 401-339-7625.

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 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.

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 We have great facilities for childcare, and we can use more volunteers during worship service. If you'd like to help, please contact Daryl Kolator at 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.

Food Pantry: 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—or make a monetary donation. We deliver to the food bank the first Sunday of every month.

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.

Commit to help sustain FPC's mission to serve God. Please prayerfully consider giving to our Capital Improvement, Operating and Mission Funds. This year has been a financial struggle for our church, and FPC is always thankful for your tithes and offerings.



Stained Glass Windows Repair

Approximately 27 of our 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.

Some temporary scaffolding and staging may impact the use of the parking lot on Everett Street. Work began Monday, May 9, and should be completed by the end of June. We apologize for any inconvenience.

If you would like to contribute to this project, please annotate on your Check or Offering envelope: "FPC Stained Glass Windows."



There's Joy in Being Involved!

You're Invited to GAME NIGHT!

New

In the FPC Dining Room
Friday, May 20th at 5:30

Families of all ages and sizes are welcome.

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!



Dinner Club is back!!!



Inner life committee is bringing back Dinner Club. You may sign up by contacting Nancy Burgess Text 401-835-0183 or Email nancykayaks@cox.net or place this sign up sheet 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 those in your group to choose a date for the first meal. The "meal" can be a formal dinner or a casual picnic lunch. Traditionally the host provides the main course, other guests bring an appetizer, side dish or dessert. The group will meet as many times as they wish taking turns hosting.

At this transitional time in the life of our church it's very important that we remain in close fellowship with each other. Let's aim towards 100% participation in dinner club.



Name: _____

Cell: _____

Email: _____

Willing to host: YES _____ NO _____



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.

May Soup Kitchen:



Linda Conheeny prepared the food and Regina Skudera, Christine and Robert Sahms, Jerry and Coleen Spencer put together the bag meals and served 28 meals. We are grateful for these very faithful

volunteers and we invite more to join this team.

The Stevens Property

A few years after donating the James House, Arthur Curtiss James helped the church again when an opportunity was presented to buy the house at the corner of Broadway and Everett Street. This house sat alongside the church (where the First Presbyterian sign is now), and it blocked the view of the church coming up Broadway from the south. The house was owned by Mr. S. P. Stevens, and when the church was first built the family had no interest in selling the property. But when the last of the family died in 1917, the executor of the estate was anxious to sell and a price of \$8,500 was negotiated. The purchase was made possible by a gift of \$2,500 from Arthur Curtiss James and a new bank mortgage for the balance.



Although the purchase of the Stevens property added to the total indebtedness of the church, its eventual removal (the original purpose for buying it) added greatly to the physical beauty of the church property. However, due to the war and other factors, the house was not removed for another nine years, which meant that the house had to be maintained and rented during that time.

The removal of the Stevens house was a good example of the FPC women's accomplishments. The Ladies Aid Society had been among the principal advocates for the purchase of the property in 1918, and they had assumed the house would be promptly torn down or removed. Instead, the trustees opted to continue renting the house for many years as a source of income. So, in 1926, the Ladies Aid Society agreed to take over

full responsibility for the property and the remaining mortgage of about \$3,500. The very next year, 1927, the house was removed, the property cleared, and the city agreed to put in new sidewalks.





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Sunday Worship Service 10:30.

