

July 28, 2022



This week at FPC

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

Sunday Worship

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it. Jonah 3: 10

Sunday, July 24, Sean Bland, a Navy Chaplain candidate interning with Rev. Jeff Hutchinson, continued his series on Jonah. His sermon, "The Most Merciful God" Jonah's journey to Nineveh after the whale released him, and how God's love and compassion was demonstrated.

Rev. Hutchinson continued the Sunday School class on the Psalms. We thank Daryl Kolator for serving as lay leader, Angel Conwell for her music, the Barnes family for hosting coffee hours, our ushers, sound crew and all who contributed to making our Sunday morning more meaningful. We are grateful for all who came to worship with us and we invite them to return often.



Busy Weekend— Be here!

Saturday, July 30

Summer Church Work Day

Join us at 8:30 Saturday morning. We'll probably go until noon or so. None of the jobs require



technical skill, just your willing hands. We hope to replace the signs in the parking lot (they take a beating from the snow plow every winter), replace light bulbs in the sanctuary and Fireplace Room, paint the resource room walls (Alice Hand's friend has done the flaking ceiling), clear debris out of the little courtyard between the nursery and the back of Hometown Room, prune rhododendron and other shrubs by the James House, and kill weeds! We can also power wash the north side of the church, caulk where necessary, and attack mold in the cellar of the Ed building. We'll supply tools and refreshments! Contact Don Fennessey at fenns@hotmail.com.

Sunday, July 31

Special congregational meeting

Immediately following Worship Service we will meet to discuss, vote on and approve a Revised Operating Budget for Calendar Year 2022. Rev. Jeff Hutchinson will moderate this meeting. Copies of the Revised Budget are available on the Gold Table in the fellowship hall or by contacting the church office.

On the Journey...

Please pray for God's leading of FPC Newport as we move forward in seeking to understand His mission for us as a body of believers.

For pastoral concerns, contact pastor@fpcnewport.org

To view Sunday services online, go to fpcnewport.org and select FPC Livestream. The service is available live at 10:30 on Sunday, or on Monday and days following.

After Sunday worship service, everyone is always invited to the Fellowship Hall for refreshments and friendly conversation. Please sign up on the clipboard near the coffee if you are able to help host. It is very easy to do; much of the setup is already in place, and there is always someone around to offer assistance. It is only an hour of your day, but means a lot to many who relish the opportunity to socialize before returning home

Zoom chats keep us connected with many of our members and friends who are currently unable to attend church due to health issues. It's a way to bring joy to them—and to you! Mike Ricci sets up an online chat each Sunday during coffee hour. Be sure to stop in the Resource Room adjoining the Fellowship Hall and see who in our church family is waiting to visit with you. This past Sunday many of us had the pleasure of chatting with Richard and Cindy Price..

If you enjoy praising the Lord through song, this is a good time to try singing in the choir. Join us in the choir loft to “pick up” a piece of music that we will quickly learn and sing that morning. The “Pick-Up Choir” will sing July 31, then August 7, 21, and 28. Added benefit—the choir loft is air-conditioned!

Help us restock the local food pantry. There is much need, and all donations are greatly appreciated. Please consider picking up a few extra items when you go grocery shopping and adding them to the collection baskets in Fellowship Hall and the back of the sanctuary. We will deliver the collected items to the food bank the first Sunday of every month. You can also make a monetary donation, place your offering in the pew envelope or offering plate, designating it for Deacons.

Thanks to your kind donations, we were able to deliver a generous amount to the food bank this month.



Looking ahead

Mark your calendar!

August 1 Scholarship applications

If you are planning to begin, or are currently enrolled in, a full-time course of study in a degree program at the University of Rhode Island this September, your application needs to be submitted by August 1. Please contact Brian Ross for more information or e-mail secretary@fpcnewport.org.

August 7 Annual Church Picnic!

Grab the Frisbee, your favorite outdoor games, your dog, the family, a few friends and let's get together! From 12 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, August 7 we'll gather at



Glen Park in Portsmouth for some good, old-fashioned picnic fellowship and fun. The church will provide sub sandwiches and drinks, but potluck dishes or desserts are welcome. Glen Park is easy to find. From Newport, head north on East Main. Turn right on Glen Park Road. Turn right on Barker Lane into the park. See you there!

August 28 Testimony Sunday

Would you like to share the story of how you were called to accept Jesus as your Lord and Savior—how your life and relationships with others have been shaped by that decision? If you would like to share your story (five minutes or less) with our congregation during worship service Sunday, August 28, please contact Deidra Ricci, pamperedee@cox.net, or secretary@fpcnewport.org.

If you have trouble receiving or viewing this newsletter through your email, go to the web site, fpcnewport.org, and click on News and Events. This issue and many previous issues are posted there.

Pray...

...for our church as we renew our faith in God's plan for all of us and reach out to those around us. Join Deidra Ricci in the Fellowship Hall Sunday at 10 a.m. to pray together before worship.

...for our nation and its leaders, for our first responders and for all those who serve our nation in dangerous parts of the world, including Jacob Ricci and others related to our church members.

...for the spoken and unspoken needs of members of our church family who will have or are recovering from surgery, are ill or enduring hardships or loss and in need of God's healing and grace. And as you pray, please remember

Les and Phyllis Bloom	Lynn and Larry Chase
Marcia Clark	Graciela Emerick
Nadira Ferreira	Jan and Bruce Jones
Dave and Daryl Kolator	Lilia Svizzero Merrill
Richard and Cindy Price	Coleen and Jerry Spencer

and many others in our church family and beyond, who need our prayers at this time.

...with praise and thanks that Ralph Thomas and Alice have found the right caregiver, Isaac, and were able to attend church for the first time in more than a year! May the Lord continue to provide strength and healing to them.

...for Richard Price, who is still weaning off the steroids and requiring oxygen. Please pray for wisdom and discernment for his medical team, May Richard and Cindy feel God's presence with them and have His peace!

...for the family of Dave Tenney, who passed peacefully at his home in Florida



June 1. A beloved member of FPC, he served as an elder and was an active volunteer for the soup kitchen. He also volunteered with Salvation Army and served as President of the local Gideons. He will be laid to rest Friday, August 5. All are welcome to join the family for a graveside funeral service

with military honors, at 10 a.m. at St. Mary's Church cemetery 324 East Main Road, Portsmouth. A reception will follow at First Presbyterian Church. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to The Gideons, Newport Camp, 66 Bliss Road, Newport, or Wounded Warrior project, <https://support.woundedwarriorproject.org>. If you would like to help the Deacons prepare the reception or provide food, please contact Deb Macdowell at macdowellpottery@cox.net or deacons@fpcnewport.org.

...with your prayers for safe travel for Anne and Lee Pitts, missionaries we have long supported. After giving birth to Evelyn in early April, Ann experienced serious insomnia and eventually hospitalized with extreme exhaustion. They have returned, with the baby, to the US for treatment. Their other six children are staying overseas with a close friend in charge, and Lee will soon bring them also to the US for a few months while Anne recovers. Lee wrote: "We don't know how the next few steps will play out, but we would covet your prayers for Anne and the family as we navigate through this time. Thank you in advance!"



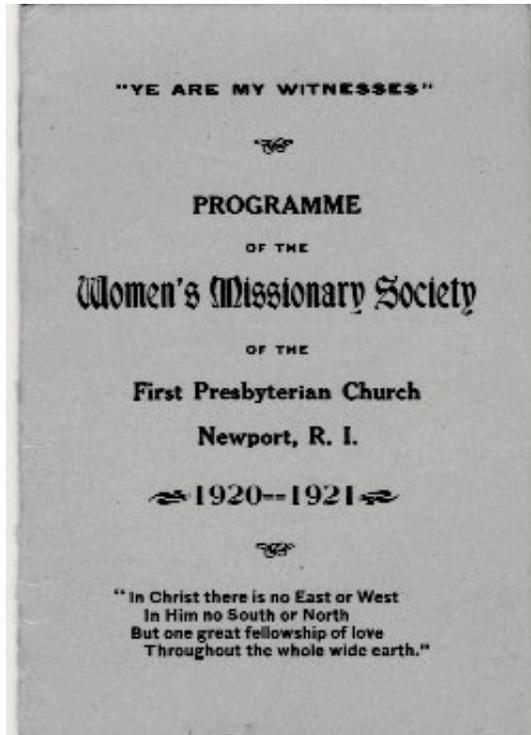
Garden Flowers! Is your garden in full bloom? Would you like to share some of that beauty for our Sunday worship service? Text or call Alice Hand at 401-439-4663.



Sometimes after church we just like to have some fun and get creative with the Sunday bulletin!

Beginnings of our reaching out to share Christ's love

Spreading the gospel through mission work has always been important at First Presbyterian Church. In the early years, missionary work was a responsibility of the women of the church. In 1896, they formed the Benevolent Society of First Presbyterian Church. A few years later the name was changed to the Ladies Aid Society, and they added the Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Society.



In 1926 the Young Women's Auxiliary was formed. All of these groups were very much involved with missionary work. For example, in November 1905, the ladies shipped a barrel and box containing good clothing flannel, linen, toweling, and other articles, shoes and books valued at about \$40.00 to Haines Normal and Industrial School in Georgia. A few months later they sent a box to a school for Indian (native American) girls in California. They also sent supplies to a missionary family in Kentucky. Minutes of the Society in 1910 reflected an interest in helping missionaries in places such as China, Persia, Uganda and Labrador, well as the Native Americans and blacks in the US western and southern states.

Weekly Meetings and Activities

Thursday, July 28

9:00 a.m. —1:00 p.m. Church office open*

2:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study on Psalms (Zoom)

Saturday, July 30

7:00 a.m. Promise Keepers breakfast at Chelsea's restaurant

Sunday, July 31

9:15 a.m. Sunday School (Psalms)

10:00 a.m. Pre-worship prayer time

10:30 a.m. Worship service (nursery available)

11:30 a.m. Fellowship time

6:00 p.m. Evensong (Zoom)

Monday, July 1

9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. office open*

7:00 p.m. 20s & 30s Small Group

* office hours may vary

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Sunday Worship Service 10:30.



Nursery Workers Needed!

We are happy to provide childcare for young children during the worship service so their parents can worship without distractions. But we currently need new volunteers to help on the second and fourth Sundays of each month, beginning in August. If you can help, either just in August or on an ongoing basis, please reach out to Cindy Wilson who's helping manage the schedule for the Christian Education committee. E-mail cindysmithwilson@gmail.com or call 704-904-6990.



Are you telling me some people don't want to help in the Nursery?? Are they Crazy?? Have they seen how cute I am??