

August 18, 2022



This week at FPC

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

Sunday Worship

We were happy to welcome David Alvarez (and his wife and mother) back to FPC last Sunday. His sermon topic was “A Heavenly Dwelling,” based on Exodus 26; 1-7, 30-35. David received his Masters of Divinity from Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary. He and his wife are expecting and will welcome a new little life into the world in November. We thank him for his contributions to our Sunday worship service.

We also thank Don Fennessey for serving as lay leader, Juno Conwell for her beautiful violin offering (Handel), for our ushers, coffee hour hosts, and others who always serve to make our worship experience more comfortable and spiritually enriching.



God’s plan for the “heavenly dwelling”

“Then you shall erect the tabernacle according to the plan for it that you were shown on the mountain.” Exodus 26:30

“Make the tabernacle with ten curtains of finely twisted linen and blue, purple and scarlet yarn, with cherubim woven into them by a skilled worker. All the curtains are to be the same size—twenty-eight cubits long and four cubits wide. Join five of the curtains together, and do the same with the other five. Make loops of blue material along the edge of the end curtain in one set, and do the same with the end curtain in the other set. Make fifty loops on one curtain and fifty loops on the end curtain of the other set, with the loops opposite each other. Then make fifty gold clasps and use them to fasten the curtains together so that the tabernacle is a unit. Make curtains of goat hair for the tent over the tabernacle—eleven altogether.” Exodus 26:1-7



On the Journey...

Please pray for the Lord to continue to lead us and guide for His name's sake as we look forward at FPC and praise His holy name.

For pastoral concerns, contact pastor@fpcnewport.org

Pastor Search Process: This process begins with nominating two members of the congregation to serve with two Elders and one Deacon who will form the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC). If you are interested in serving on this committee, or have someone in mind to recommend for consideration, such nominations are due in the church office by September 1. A form to submit your nomination, along with information on a timeline, qualifications and requirements is available on the Gold Table in the Fellowship Hall or by emailing secretary@fpcnewport.org.

Last Sunday, we said goodbye and thanks to Sean Bland for his service and friendship this summer,

After Sunday worship service, the Fellowship Hall is the place for refreshments and friendly conversation. If you are able to help host some Sunday, please sign up on the clipboard near the coffee urn. It is easy; much of the setup is already in place and there is always someone around to help. It is only a matter of keeping the coffee pot filled, providing some simple refreshments, and about an hour of your time, but it means a lot to all who relish the opportunity to socialize before returning home.

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 August 21, and 28. Added benefit— the choir loft is air-conditioned!

You are welcome at Evensong, a group that meets every Sunday evening at 6 p.m. on Zoom to worship with songs, hymns, and scripture, and fellowship. If you are interested in participating email Brian Ross, mm9616b@gmail.com for the Zoom link.

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

Note: If you have trouble receiving or viewing this newsletter on your phone or 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.

Looking ahead...

August 19!

Come to the church dining room at **5:30**

p.m. Friday

evening to enjoy your favorite games with your FPC family. Pizza will be provided. Please consider bringing a side or dessert to share, and join the fun! And it's not just for children! We're never too old for some good old-fashioned game fun!



August 21

Rev. Dr. Jeff Hutchinson will preach and we will celebrate communion. We are blessed that Rev. Hutchinson will continue to be with us on many Sundays helping to fill the pastoral role while we are seeking a permanent pastor.

Angel and her family will be away this Sunday, taking a well-deserved camping vacation in Herkimer, New York, where the main attractions include the Herkimer Diamond Mines and the Erie Canal. We wish them a very happy (and diamond-studded) vacation! In her absence, we are excited to welcome back David Warfield who will play the organ and direct the pick-up choir.

August 28—Share Your Story

Testimony Sunday provides an opportunity to share the story of how you were called to accept Jesus as your Lord and Savior and how your life and relationships with others have been shaped by that decision. If you would like to participate during worship service Sunday, August 28, please contact Deidra Ricci, pamperedee@cox.net, or secretary@fpcnewport.org.



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

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| Mark Barnes' mother | Norm and Janet Champagne |
| Lynn and Larry Chase | Marcia Clark |
| Graciela Emerick | Susan Fennessey |
| Nadira Ferreira | Alice Hand |
| Ray Janssen | Jan and Bruce Jones |
| Lilia Svizzero Merrill | Brian Petit's sister |
| Richard and Cindy Price | Mike Ricci |
| Coleen and Jerry Spencer | |

...with love and sympathy for the family of Phyllis Bloom. God brought Phyllis peacefully home to heaven August 15. Please pray for her family as they mourn her passing and rejoice in her restoration in heaven. May they be comforted by their many wonderful memories. Phyllis was a dear friend to many, an active worker in the library and as a Deacon, Dinner Club participant and many other FPC activities—and a blessing to this congregation.



“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.”
2 Corinthians 1:3



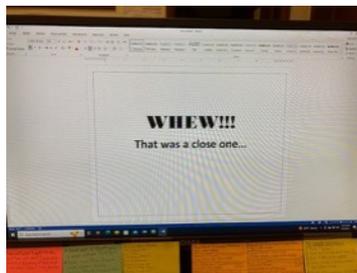
Our Soup Kitchen volunteers prepare and distribute meals the first Wednesday of every month. This month they served 36 meals, thanks to Barbara, Frank, and Lillian Ross who purchased and prepared the food and Robert and Christine Sahms, Linda Conheeny, Regina Skudera, and Daryl Kolator who packaged and served the sandwiches and treats.



This food is greatly appreciated by our Soup Kitchen guests and makes a difference in their lives. If you would like to be involved in this important ministry, please contact Coleen Spencer at coleenspencer@cox.net or call 401-339-7625 (Daryl Kolator).

Koni and Dell share some good news!

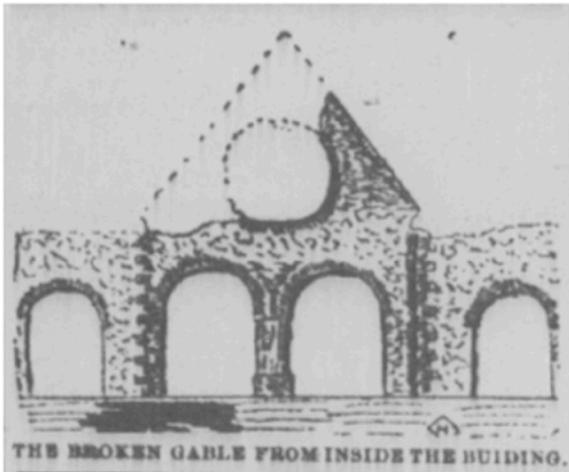
Koni (the church copier) and Dell (the church computer) talked Stacie Schultz into staying on as church secretary. She has been a blessing to all of us, and we join Koni and Dell in their happiness.



This interesting article from the local newspaper recounts the night when our “walls came tumbling down.”

THE NEWS—NEWPORT, JANUARY 3, 1893

The Presbyterian Church Wall. About 12:45 this morning a noise, which made many think there was an earthquake, was heard in the vicinity of Equality square. The neighbors and many who do not live close by were aroused from their slumbers and some went out doors to investigate.



Those learned that the west side of the front gable of the new First Presbyterian Church had fallen in.

The accompanying cut gives a good idea of the appearance of the gable, seen from within the church. The dotted lines show where the wall stood yesterday. The fall was occasioned by the fact that the wall has stood for some time without support, and had been considerably

affected by the heavy winds and more especially by the recent thaw. The gable across the base was about 35 feet, and from the lower edge of the window to the capstone, about 30 feet. The window was 16 feet in diameter.

The falling stones broke through the floor at the space shown dark on the left, breaking the boards and some floor joists, but not damaging the main beams. Nearly all the stone is undamaged, and can be used again, so that the loss to the church will be chiefly the work of replacing it. This involves about ten days work and will be done as soon as the frame is ready to give the gable the support such a piece of masonry should receive. The broken wall was two feet thick, substantially built, and the accident was one that could not have been prevented under the circumstances.



Nursery Workers Needed! We provide childcare for young children during the worship service so their parents can worship without distractions. We currently need new volunteers to help. If you can help, temporarily or on an ongoing basis, please contact Cindy Wilson at 704-904-6990 or cindvsmithwilson@gmail.com.

Want to give online? Go to www.fpcnewport.org and click on the Give tab and fill in the information on the screen.

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 Sunday Worship Service 10:30 am



Weekly Meetings and Activities

Thursday, August 18
 9:00 a.m. —1:00 p.m. Church office open*
 2:00 p.m. Women’s Bible Study (Zoom)

Saturday, August 20
 7:00 a.m. Promise Keepers breakfast at Chelsea’s restaurant

Sunday, August 21
 9:45 Pick-up choir rehearsal
 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, August 22
 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. office open*
 7:00 p.m. 20s & 30s Small Group

* office hours may vary

We thank our Elders and Deacons for their leadership and service

Worship Committee
 Deidra Ricci and Janice Kinder

Missions Committee
 Deidra Ricci

Finance and Personnel Committee
 Ken Hoffman and Greg Bloom

Buildings and Grounds Committee
 Don Fennessey and Phil Thow

Christian Education Committee
 Janice Kinder and Chip Wilson

Inner Life Committee
 Tim Schultz and Brian Petit

Board of Deacons
 Co-chairs: Daryl Kolator and Darien Petit
 Jen Bloom, Nancy Browne, Nancy Burgess, Deb Hoffman, Jamie Landsman, Deb Mac Dowell, Cindy Wilson

And special thanks to these:
 Director of Music: Angel Conwell
 Secretary: Stacie Schultz
 Caretakers: Tom and Cheri Dugan