



September 29, 2022

This week at FPC

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

Scenes from Sunday, September 25

... "A person can receive only what is given them from heaven. You yourselves can testify that I said, 'I am not the Messiah but am sent ahead of him.' The bride belongs to the bridegroom. The friend who attends the bridegroom waits and listens for him, and is full of joy when he hears the bridegroom's voice. That joy is mine, and it is now complete. He must become greater; I must become less." John 3:27-30

Rev. Hutchinson's sermon, based on John 3:22-36, was titled "He Must Become Greater; I Must Become Less." Alice Hand, lay leader, thanked members who have donated flowers from their gardens over the summer, and trumpeter Richard Ashmore provided gathering music. Kristen Aleicho and Karen Straka hosted a "special" coffee hour commemorating their father Bob Henry's birthday. The "special" was surprising Angel Conwell, our music director, with many expressions of appreciation from the congregation, thank-you cards, and some very unique cupcakes.

Next Sunday

we will welcome Lee Pitts, a missionary FPC has long supported. Lee and his family are in the US currently, but have spent many years sharing and practicing God's Word in very dangerous parts of our world.



For all ages 9:15 a.m

Adults: Join Rev. Hutchinson and other teachers in the Hometown Room for "Essential Tenets of our Presbyterian Faith." This class offers insights into the essential tenets of the Reformed tradition, the great themes of Scripture and the historic Reformed confessions.

Junior and Senior High: Beginning Sunday, October 9, in the Samuel Room, Dave Kolator will lead this class, continuing the Pastor Louie Giglio video "Indescribable" and how it corresponds with the Bible.

Elementary: Cindy Wilson is teaching this class, focusing on Joshua and Esther stories in the Pre-School room.



On the Journey...

Please pray for the Lord to prepare the hearts of those He is calling to use their gifts to serve at FPC.

Pastor Search Process and budget concerns—As our search committee takes shape, we also need to face the challenge of finances. The good news is that our situation is improving, and we have turned the corner, thanks to all who have contributed to our Church to help alleviate the current deficit. Our goal is to finish the year without a deficit. Please consider what you can do to help us achieve this important goal. Our ability to call a new Pastor is dependent on our ability to live within our means, and together, with God's help and guidance, we can do it!

Volunteers needed, benefits assured

Have you considered volunteering and becoming more involved in the life of FPC? There is a great need right now in our church and the mutual benefits of sharing your time, talent and treasure are more than you might expect. Volunteering leads to discovering a greater purpose in your life and a gaining a broader perspective. It opens up lifelong friendships while helping others, and you will find yourself growing closer to God.

Coffee/Fellowship hour needs hosts. After Sunday worship service, all are invited to the Fellowship Hall for refreshments and friendly conversation. If you are able to help host one Sunday, please sign up on the clipboard near the coffee urn. It only takes about an hour of your time, but it means a lot to all who relish the opportunity to socialize before returning home.



Is it too early to think about Christmas? Not for the choir—we are already practicing for the Advent and Christmas season, and especially for our annual Christmas in Newport evening—our annual gift to the community. Join us in the choir loft at 6:30 Wednesday evenings! You will be warmly welcomed, because we are a loving church family, and because we have many empty chairs and need more singers to fill them!

Naomi Circle meeting. The Naomi Circle women will meet on Tuesday, October 4, in the home of Nancy Ashmore at 10 a.m. For more information call Ellie Green at 236-1399.

Using your online Church Directory Although many of you use our online church directory regularly, some may not have tried it. To access the directory, go to www.instantchurchdirectory.com. Click on Member Login at the top of the page. Type in the email you provided for the church directory and create a password to create a personal account. You will now be able to view the entire FPC directory. And, you can make changes and updates to your own information. If you have any problems creating your own account, please email secretary@fpcnewport.org.



Looking ahead, reaching out...

Sunday, October 3

Food Pantry Delivery

Please remember to bring in the non-perishable items you may have picked up, so we can add them to our monthly delivery.

Wednesday, October 5

Our next Soup Kitchen

We thank Alice Hand for supplying the food and Robert and Christine Sahn, Regina Skudera, Linda Conheeny, and Jerry and Coleen Spencer for putting the meals together for September's Soup Kitchen. They prepared 31 meals and served bags to 24 guests. This is a very important ministry, and we want to thank these people for their faithfulness month after month. If you would like to help with the October 5 dinner, contact Coleen Spencer at coleenspencer@cox.net or speak to any of our Deacons.

Saturday, October 8

Help greet our neighbors

The Broadway Street Fair is back after a two-year hiatus due to Covid! For several years we handed out flyers, pens, chatting with passers-by about our church. Several visitors came into our sanctuary and were amazed at its beauty, asking many questions about the church, the organ and stained glass windows.

Would you like to help greet our neighbors and/or act as a guide to show them our sanctuary from 11:00 to 3:00 in one-hour or two-hour shifts? Contact Tim Schultz (timschultz316@hotmail.com). We will do this from 11:00 to 3:00 in one-hour or two-hour shifts. This is an exciting outreach opportunity.

Sunday, October 16

Communion will be served this Sunday.





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, Mark Incze, and others related to our church members.

...for the spoken and unspoken needs of those in 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.

The Barnes Family
Graciela Emerick
Bruce and Jan Jones
The Miller Family
Richard and Cindy Price
Ralph and Alice Thomas

Norm and Janet Champagne
Judy Hoogendoorn
The Kinder family
The Ricci Family
Ida (Stacie Schultz's mother)

...with praise and joy for Bob Van Hof's newfound happiness, marrying at age 98. He and Norma have been friends for several years. They discovered that they love each other and want to spend the rest of their years together. They live at John Clarke Retirement Center.



...for Mark Barnes and his family in the passing of his mother. May they find comfort in their memories. We ask for God to make his presence known to the family, particularly Mark's father who is feeling lost without his life partner. May God provide His peace during this difficult time.

As we bring our cares and concerns to the Lord, may we remember it is God Himself who answers as we seek Him. Isaiah 41:13 reminds us "For I, the Lord your God, hold your right hand; it is I who say to you, 'fear not, I am the one who helps you.'"



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

Nursery Workers Needed! We have a lovely nursery and playroom to provide childcare for young children so their parents can worship without distractions. As our young population grows, we need more volunteers. If you can help occasionally or on an ongoing basis, please contact Cindy Wilson at 704-904-6990 or cindysmithwilson@gmail.com.

It's time to sign up for FPC Dinner Club!

If you love to eat and enjoy lively conversation with Christian friends, FPC Dinner Club is informal, always fun, and open to all adults, young or old, single or attached, new to FPC or lifetime members.

We're forming new dinner groups to begin in October. One person or couple acts as host, providing a main dish. Others, if able, bring an appetizer, salad or dessert. Fill out this form and place it on the Gold table in the Fellowship Hall, or contact Nancy Burgess (text 401-835-0183 or email nancykayaks@cox.net).

Name _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Address _____

Able to host a dinner group Yes____ No____

Special diet/transportation needs or other comments :

Looking back

A pastor who “brought home the bacon.”

Building our Christian Education addition started with a very intense fundraising campaign in 1959. Every member was personally contacted. The initial goal was to obtain pledges for \$75,000 over a three-year period. Members were reminded that “We have been privileged to worship in a church built through the generous sacrifices of our fathers before us. Now it is our turn.” And the congregation responded. After all, this was the “can-do” generation that had fought and won World War II.



Rev William I. Clark

When still more money was required Rev. Clark sent out grant requests to every charitable and philanthropic foundation he could think of. There were no favorable responses until he personally visited the offices of the Arthur Curtiss James Foundation in New York City. Although Arthur Curtiss James had been a good friend of First

Presbyterian, giving the money to build the James House, he and his wife had passed away. However, the foundation they established still had ties to Newport, and the trustees were favorably impressed by Rev Clark’s presentation. They responded with the very generous amount of \$25,000.



Don't miss a word!

If you could use an assist with hearing the worship service, FPC has a system in place to help. As you enter the church you will see receivers and ear pieces that work with the system. Users can pick up any receiver to use during the service. They are not dedicated to any one individual. Ear pieces are provided that can be individualized. Add your name to the tag on the ear piece on the initial use. You can identify a specific ear piece as your own using the marked tag and use it each week. You can also use your own personal ear piece from home if desired. Several guest ear pieces are also available. If you need help feel free to ask Mike Ricci for assistance.



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Weekly Meetings and Activities

Thursday, September 29

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

Saturday, October 1

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

Sunday, October 2

9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Choir Practice
10:00 a.m. Pre-worship prayer time
10:30 a.m. Worship service
(nursery care available)
11:30 a.m. Fellowship time
6:00 p.m. Evensong (Zoom)

Monday, October 3

9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. office open*
10:00 a.m. Worship Committee
6:30 p.m. Sarah Circle (Zoom)
7:00 p.m. 20s & 30s Small Group

Tuesday, October 4

7:00 p.m. Inner Life Committee

Wednesday, October 5

5:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen
6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

* office hours may vary

We thank our Elders, Deacons and staff 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
Chip Wilson and Janice Kinder
Inner Life Committee
Tim Schultz and Brian Petit

Board of Deacons

Co-chairs Daryl Kolator and Darien
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Hoffman, Jamie Landsman, Deb
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