

January 12, 2023



This week at FPC

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

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to rescue us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen. Galatians 1:3-5

Worship Service January 8

Reverend Jeff Hutchinson preached a sermon, "Called by the Grace of Christ," reflecting on Galatians 1:1-10, and served communion. Lay leader Darien Petit, the ushers, the sound crew, and the choir all added to our worship experience.

After worship, everyone was invited to the fellowship hall, where Daryl and Dave Kolator were recognized for their many years of service to FPC. Daryl served as Clerk of the Session, an Elder, and now a Deacon. Dave has served as a Deacon, Sunday School teacher, and also worked behind the scenes to ensure the success of many FPC events and special projects. Together they have hosted Bible studies, committee meetings, youth pool parties, dinner club and much more at their home. Those present showed their appreciation for Daryl and Dave, who say, "FPC is our family."

This week's coffee hour was made more special with delicious refreshments, from quiches and salad to beautifully decorated cupcakes, thanks to the Bloom and Ricci families.



On the Journey...

*Please pray for Pastoral Nominating Committee
and the Vision Framing Committee, that the
Lord would lead and guide them.*

Balanced Budget: Thanks to the generosity of our congregation, we ended the year 2022 with a budget surplus of \$39,995.78. Our church has been blessed by your continued financial support. As the Finance and Personnel Committee prepares our 2023 Operating Budget, we ask that if you have not already done so, please submit your 2023 pledge cards to aid us in our deliberations. Thank you for your prayers and continued financial support.

Offering Envelopes: As we did in 2022, we are using generic Designated Giving Envelopes. If you would like to have some for your personal use, contact Dave Kolator at finsec@fpcnewport.org, or leave a message at 401-225-1544 with the number of envelopes you would like and if you would like your envelope number on them. Thank you for your prayers and continued financial support.

Sarah Beck Hill Scholarships: The year 1991 brought a surprise gift to FPC that has been a great blessing to many people. The church received a generous (and somewhat unusual) bequest from the estate of Ralph P. Hill, a former Newport resident and graduate of the University of Rhode Island. The bulk of the bequest (about \$250,000) established a scholarship fund in memory of his mother, Sarah Beck Hill, for students attending URI. He wanted First Presbyterian to administer the fund, so the Session set up a separate board consisting of church members for that purpose. Dozens of students, most but not all related to church members, have since benefited from over a quarter-million dollars of scholarship distributions.



The scholarship committee, chaired by Brian Ross, met recently and voted to grant a scholarship for the fall semester 2022 to Victoria Johnson. Applications may be submitted by anyone planning to begin, or currently enrolled in, a full-time course of study in a degree program at the University of Rhode Island. The deadline for applications and transcripts (for current scholarship awardees) for the Spring 2023 term is February 15. Please email Brian Ross with any questions at MM9616B@gmail.com.



Thanks to several FPC members, our beautiful tree and Chrismon ornaments and decorations are safely packed and ready for next Christmas.

Reaching Out...

Serving food to our neighbors

At the January 4 Soup Kitchen, we served 28 meals to those in need, thanks to our energetic team of volunteers. Christine and Robert Sahms, Paul Cabral, Linda Conheeny, Julie Ward, Jerry and Coleen Spencer, Dave and Daryl Kolator, Wayne and Regina Skudera helped to set up and serve the delicious meal prepared by Barbara, Frank, and Lillian Ross. If you would like to join this vital ministry as a cook, server, or cleaner, contact Coleen Spencer, coleenspencer@cox.net, or text/call Daryl Kolator at 401-339-7625. This can be just a one or two hour one time service or a monthly commitment.



Filling the Food Pantry Shelves

Thanks to our generous congregation, we are able to send substantial amounts of food each month to help fill the shelves at St. John's Lodge Food Bank on Sprague Street in Portsmouth (the Mason Lodge). This food bank reaches out across Rhode Island and at this time the need is great. Our donations are truly appreciated. You can help by picking up a few extra non-perishable items when you go grocery shopping. Collection baskets are available all month in the fellowship hall to receive your items.

Supporting our missionaries

Matthew 28:19. *"Therefore go and make disciples of all the nations..."*

Here at FPC we are committed to making disciples of all the nations! Throughout our history we have partnered with missionaries both locally and around the globe. Your support helps us to keep our commitment.

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 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 Cindy Wilson and her family, as her father has passed away. May they feel the Lord's presence with them as He comforts them. May they find joy in their memories.

...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.

Janet Champagne and family
Tristan, Linda Conheeny's
grandson
Judy Graves' son Daniel
Bonnie Haun
Ida (Stacie Schultz's mother)
Lilia Svizzero Merrill

Lynn and Larry Chase's
son-in-law Mark
Graciela Emerick
Bonnie Haun's brother Mike
Bruce and Jan Jones
Ken Scigulinsky
Ralph and Alice Thomas



John 14:27 reminds us that Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid."

Funeral services for
Norman Champagne will be
Saturday, January 14 at 11:00 a.m. at
our church. The Deacons will host a
reception in the Fellowship Hall
following the service.





Learn and grow!

Sunday School classes for all at 9:15

Adults: Join Rev. Hutchinson and other teachers in the Hometime Room for "Essential Tenets of our ECO denomination."

Junior and Senior High: Join Dave Kolator in the Samuel Room to view and discuss the Pastor Louie Giglio video, "I am not OK but Jesus is."

Elementary students: Join Cindy Wilson in the Sanctuary at 9:15 a.m. to sing and then go to the first floor of the Christian Ed building for a Bible lesson.



Our little ones are in good hands!

Thanks to the coordination of Cindy Wilson and willingness of volunteers, we now have a full slate of caring hearts and hands to look after our littlest ones during service on Sunday mornings. We thank Deb MacDowell, Karyn Straka, Ben and Charlotte Ricci, Judy Graves, and Kristen Aleicho—and many others who have volunteered to help in the Nursery in the past year.

Weekly Meetings and Activities

Thursday, January 12

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

Friday, January 13

7:00 p.m. Small Group Bible Study

Saturday, January 14

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

Sunday, January 15

9:15 a.m. Sunday School all ages
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, January 16

9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. office open*
7:00 p.m. 20s & 30s Small Group

Tuesday, January 17

7:00 p.m. Inner Life

Wednesday, January 18

6:30 Choir practice



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Sunday Worship Service 10:30 am
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.

