

January 26, 2023



This week at FPC

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

Sunday Worship Service

Paul wrote: "This matter arose because some false believers had infiltrated our ranks to spy on the freedom we have in Christ Jesus and to make us slaves. We did not give in to them for a moment, so that the truth of the gospel might be preserved for you." Galatians 2:4-5

Reverend Jeff Hutchinson's sermon, "The Freedom We Have in Christ," reflected on Paul's letter to the Galatians about the dangers of giving in to false believers (Galatians 1:1-10). The theme was reflected in the children's sermon and in the choir's anthem, "Star In the East."

If you were unable to attend worship service this week, you can watch the live stream on our website, FPCnewport.org.

Looking ahead...

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD," Jeremiah 29:11

Thursday, January 26

Funeral for Graciela Emerick at 12:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 5

Four Chaplains Sunday

Sunday, February 12

Annual lunch and meeting of the congregation

Friday, February 17

Game night and pizza at 5:30 p.m.



On the Journey...

Please pray for the ECO's National Gathering which starts this weekend in California, that the Lord would be glorified as our denomination gathers to worship, learn and grow by time together.

Search for a new pastor—update

The Pastor Nominating Committee (Greg Bloom, Deidra Ricci, Jamie Landsman, Barbara Ross, Mark Barnes, Nancy Burgess, Susan Fennessey) has begun meeting. The congregation is invited to reach out to any committee member with questions, concerns, or suggestions as this process takes shape. The Vision Framing Committee is also getting underway and their work will add valuable insight and information.

For your records

The Finance Committee is preparing the year-end contribution statements. We will email your financial giving statement soon. If your e-mail address has changed, notify Dave Kolator (finsec@fpcnewport.org or 401-225-1544) at your earliest convenience. If you do not have an email address, we will mail your statement via the US Postal Service. If you need envelopes, contact Dave Kolator, with the number of envelopes you would like.

Come sing with us!



If you like to sing and love praising God through song, our choir needs you!

This is a warm and welcoming group, and all you need is to show up at rehearsal Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m.! Music is an important part of our worship service, especially as we approach the season of Lent and Easter.

Faithful Servants...



"In service to our church and our community"

Our board of deacons serves the needs of people within First Presbyterian Church, the ministry of our Soup Kitchen, and support of selected community organizations in many ways:

- ❖ **Visiting** those who are sick, homebound, or in nursing homes
- ❖ **Providing a monthly meal** to needy community members through the Soup Kitchen
- ❖ **Offering help** to those with emergency needs of basic necessities such as food, shelter and transportation
- ❖ **Delivering monthly FPC food collections** to support the local food pantry
- ❖ **Building relationships** with and financially supporting many local community organizations, including Salvation Army
- ❖ **Providing comfort** to those who have lost a loved one by sending a series of booklets
- ❖ **Coordinating receptions** for funeral and memorial services when requested
- ❖ **Maintaining the sanctuary pews** by keeping them well stocked and tidy.
- ❖ **Communicating our love** to our church family through our card ministry
- ❖ **Dinners to Help** – bringing food to those in our church who are experiencing a family illness, incapacity, new baby, or other event where someone could use a little help

We are thankful for our 2023 Board of Deacons.

Daryl Kolator - Moderator
Darien Petit – Vice Moderator
Jamie Landsman - Secretary
Cindy Wilson – Treasurer
Kristen Aleicho, Nancy Browne, Nancy Burgess,
Deb Hoffman, Judy Sweeney

Noticed during coffee hour, happy faces, and a wooden cross hand carved by Norman Champagne.



Reaching Out...

Four Chaplains Sunday



On Sunday, February 5, we will revive our tradition of celebrating Four Chaplains Sunday. This is a wonderful opportunity to invite friends and neighbors to join us in commemorating the selfless service of the chaplains and the 668 other men who died when the Dorchester sank in 1943.

"Soup"er Bowl Sunday Soup Drive!



On Super Bowl Sunday, February 12, (the day of our annual meeting), we encourage everyone to bring in a few cans of soup to contribute to our "Soup"er Bowl

New!

Soup Drive. FPC donates food each month to St. John's Lodge Food Bank in Portsmouth. At this time the need is great, and we are supplementing our regular donations with this special soup drive donation. Collection baskets are available all month in the fellowship hall to receive your items and we'll have additional collection baskets or boxes downstairs as we gather for our annual luncheon. So please check your food cupboards, and pick up a few extra cans of soup next time you shop for groceries.

Serving food to our neighbors

At the January Soup Kitchen, we served 28 meals to those in need, thanks to our energetic team of volunteers. If you would like to join this vital ministry as a cook, server, or cleaner-upper, contact Coleen Spencer, coleenspencer@cox.net, or text/call Darien Petit at 401-323-0077. This can be just a one or two hour one time service or a monthly 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 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 members of our congregation, including for Ralph and Alice Thomas, as Alice is facing surgery to both knees and they seek a reliable caregiver for Ralph.

...with heartfelt love and sympathy to Mark and Paul Emerick, as well as other family and friends of Graciela Emerick, who went to be with the Lord January 19. Graciela was born in Bogota, Columbia, 1934. She worked as a Nursing Assistant at St. Clare-Newport for 30 years. She was an active member of our church, teaching Sunday School, working in the soup kitchen, and serving as a deacon.



Visiting hours are Wednesday from 4-7 p.m. in the O'Neill-Hayes Funeral Home. The funeral service will be at FPC Thursday, January 26, with a reception to follow in the fellowship hall.

...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	Lynn and Larry Chase
Tristan, Linda Conheeny's grandson	Judy Graves' son Daniel
Bonnie Haun's brother Mike	Nadira Ferreira's father
Bruce and Jan Jones	Bonnie Haun
Ida (Stacie Schultz's mother)	Lilia Svizzero Merrill
Ralph and Alice Thomas	Ken Scigulinsky



Psalm 145:18 reminds us, "The Lord is near to all who call upon Him, To all who call upon Him in truth"



First Presbyterian Church Annual Meeting!

Sunday, February 12
in the dining hall, after worship service

Enjoy a lunch of sandwiches and salad as we review the past year and look forward to the challenges, opportunities and blessings God will provide in 2023. As we seek a new pastor, it is important to be present and hear the committee reports, especially the Pastor Nominating Committee and Vision Framing Committee.

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” Jeremiah 29:11



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 Resource Room (next to the pastor's office) to study "What Scripture Says About Heaven," adapted from Randy Alcorn's book, *Heaven*.

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.



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



Fridays at 5:30 p.m.

February 17
May 19
August 18
November 17

Games and activities for all ages, from 2 to 92! Families, singles, all are invited!

We'll provide pizza, and you may bring a salad or dessert if you'd like to. There's something for everyone, even if you just want to eat the pizza, relax and watch the fun, and enjoy the fellowship.

Weekly Meetings and Activities

Thursday, January 26

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

Friday, January 27

7:00 p.m. Small Group Bible Study

Saturday, January 28

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

Sunday, January 29

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 30

9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. office open*

Wednesday, February 1

6:30 Choir practice

* office hours may vary