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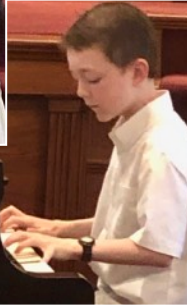
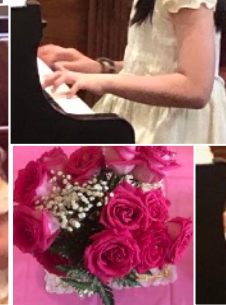
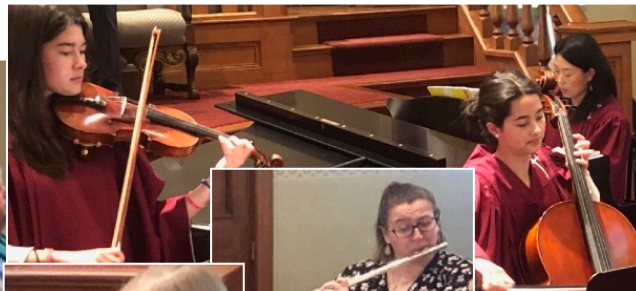
This week at FPC

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

Mothers' Day at First Presbyterian Worship, music, roses, treats, and love abounding

"In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." John 1:4-5

Elder Tim Schultz offered the message, "Let There Be Light," referencing Genesis 1:3-4 and John 1:4-5. Zelda Conwell, Lillian Ross, and Frank Ross provided piano music for gathering, Juno and Eden Conwell, along with Rachel Schulz, enhanced the hymns and choral anthem with beautiful accompaniment of violin, cello, and flute. The musical talent at FPC glorifies God in many ways. Stacie Schultz served as lay leader.



Friday evening fun!

GAME NIGHT

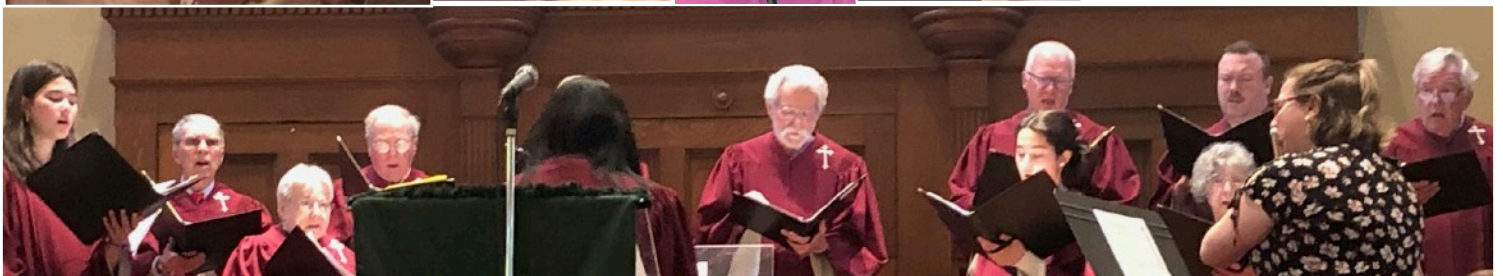
**Friday, May 19
5:30 p.m.**

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, watch the fun, and enjoy the fellowship.

To reserve your pizza slice, call Barbara at 904-742-9626.



On the Journey

Father God we come with joyful hearts with thanks and praise for your faithfulness to FPC Newport throughout our history.



Moving forward! The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) has good news to share! The Church Information Form (CIF) was submitted to both the Session and to ECO's Ministry Partnership Team (MPT) during the weekend of May 5-8. Both the session and the MPT reviewed it and

declared the document to be acceptable, with a few corrections needed. The PNC will meet May 18 to review the document and make the requested changes. During this meeting members will identify further tasks that need to be completed before the CIF is posted on ECO's electronic Job Board. *Greg Bloom, Deidra Ricci, Jamie Landsman, Barbara Ross, Mark Barnes, Nancy Burgess, Susan Fennessey*

The Vision Framing Team (VFC) asks for continued prayers as they continue seeking to discern His will for our local expression of His Church in this time and place. We are creating a document that will clarify why people should call this church their home. Our efforts are helping the PNC finalize the information to be posted on ECO's Job Board. Most importantly, it provides context for the new pastor to come into our community and work effectively with our leadership. *Chip Wilson, Tim Schultz, Stacie Schultz, Rachel Nerheim, Mike Ricci, Phil Haun, and Daryl Kolator*



Sunday Flowers!

The flowers that beautify our sanctuary each Sunday are enjoyed by all. If you would like to contribute toward flowers for our sanctuary, please contact Alice Hand at littleauntalice@yahoo.com.



Be Involved



Sidewalk Prayers

As we seek ways to become more involved with our neighborhood, we asked: "What is one of the best things we can do for our neighbors? PRAY!" To put this into action, we plan to walk up Calvert Street and Cranston Street **Friday, June 9, at 11:30 a.m.** and pray for the people in each home on those streets. We will pray from the sidewalk and then leave a door hanger note telling the people that they have been prayed for by First Presbyterian Church.

We plan to gather at the church at 11:15 to pray as a group, then divide up into pairs to cover the streets. It should not take much time if we have a decent number of people. If walking is difficult anyone who would still like to participate can pray at the church while others are out walking. We are excited to see the power of prayer at work and what God is going to do in our neighborhood.

Men's Conference

Join us Saturday, June 3, for this conference about an hour from Newport up Route 146. The half-day gathering includes featured speakers and seminars for men of all ages. Cost is only \$39. If you are interested, email Don Fennessey at fenns@hotmail.com.

Fellowship hour after worship is a long tradition at FPC. Be sure to stop in the Fellowship Hall Sunday to enjoy coffee, tea, refreshments and most of all, great conversation—or

Better yet, offer to be a host one Sunday. It's simple: keep the coffee pot filled and bring in a few treats, and there's always someone willing to help you.



If you couldn't make it to church Sunday...

Join those who view our worship service online through Youtube. We just passed the 1,000 view mark! You can access it through Facebook or our web site, fpcnewport.org. A direct link is available on our weekly e-blast or you can copy and paste it into your browser.



Reaching out

Our Deacons work tirelessly to serve the needs of our congregation and our community. Your gift to the Deacons Fund will help continue their thoughtful outreach.

Learn about our neighborhood

Deacons send two representatives to the monthly Off Broadway Neighborhood Association (OBNA) meetings to strengthen our outreach and service to neighborhood businesses and residents. Members of the congregation are invited to attend—the last Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. at The Parlor Restaurant.

If you have an extra jar of peanut butter...

St. John's Lodge Food Bank in Portsmouth supplements the diets of more than 100 households every week. To help fill their shelves, this month we are collecting peanut butter to fill the baskets in Fellowship Hall. If you are unable to shop for these items, consider a monetary donation to the Deacons fund.



A note of thanks

Sunday's flowers were offered in memory of Raphael Sweeney and with gratitude to the FPC congregation. On behalf of my family and myself, I would like to thank you for your many years of support and friendship so graciously offered to Raphael and our family. Rafe loved to come to

church with me and visit with you following the service, and was always grateful for the cards, Christmas gifts, and personal notes he received from the deacons and other members of the congregation. We are forever grateful for your prayers and assistance at the time of his passing: your help with moving his belongings, taking care of Erin's children at Game Night so she could attend visiting hours, and the wonderful reception you provided after his funeral. We have surely been blessed by your friendship and love. Thank you.

Judy Sweeney

Pray...



...for the Pastor Nominating Committee as they seek the Lord's guidance in finding our next pastor.

"Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her." Luke 1:45

...for our church as we rely on our faith in God's plan for all of us and reach out to those around us. Join Deidra Ricci 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; for health and healing, comfort in grief or hardship, and praise for answered prayers and God's omnipresence. And as you pray, please remember these and many others in our church family and beyond.

Andrew and Kristen Aleicho	Nancy Burgess
Janet Champagne	Lynn and Larry Chase
Marcia Clark	Rich Dagrosa
Nadira Ferreira's father	Julie Finnegan
Bonnie Haun	Bonnie Haun's brother Mike
Sadie Haun	Karen Jenkins
Bruce and Jan Jones	George Denise Landis
Glenna Malkemes	Ida (Stacie Schultz's mom)
Lilia Svizzero Merrill	Ralph and Alice Thomas

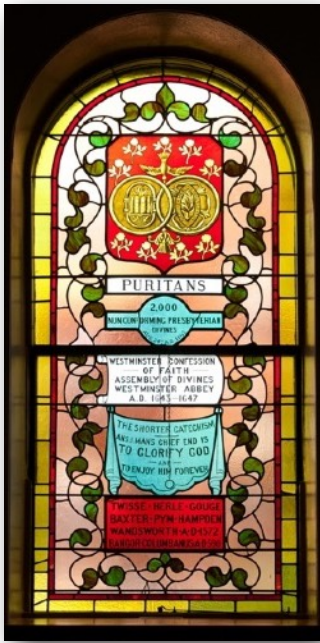


May we all be reminded during the challenging times of life that Philippians 4:13 tells us:

"I can do all things through Him who gives me strength."



Our Windows



Among our 60 beautiful stained glass windows are the eight windows in the sanctuary that illustrate highlights of Presbyterian history in many countries. The World Presbyterian Alliance, established in 1875, included 95 independent church groups. At their 1880 meeting in Philadelphia, the Assembly Hall was decorated with 20-foot canvas representing important religious figures from member countries.

There is a wide-spread impression that Presbyterianism is basically Scottish/Irish Protestantism. Few know about the strong history of Presbyterianism in England, Wales, France, Holland, Germany,

Bohemia, Hungary, Italy and Switzerland—and many other countries throughout the world through missionary and evangelistic labors.

Our windows have recreated these banners in glass. For example, the England window illustrates the rich contributions of English Presbyterians, originally named Puritans. The Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms came from the Assembly of Divines in Westminster Abbey, 1643-1647.

On a scarlet field of gold roses, the double-circle seal of the Presbyterian Church of England includes the seal of the Westminster General Assembly and the “Scotch Kirk,” showing that the church was formed by a union of Scottish Presbyterians, United Presbyterians, and English Presbyterians.

In 1662 the Puritans separated from the Anglican Church. Those Puritans of England were different from the Puritans of New England, who migrated to America before the Great Civil War Cromwell Era of 1642-1658. The circular tablet, inscribed “2000 Non-Conforming Presbyterian Divines, commemorates the ministers who abandoned their churches and manses during that period, rather than conform to the liturgical requirements of King Charles II.

The tablet with two cherubs holding a banner saying, “The Shorter Catechism: Answer—Man’s chief end is to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever.”

The lower red panel lists several distinguished members of the Westminster Assembly. Bangor and St. Columbanus, listed at the bottom, were related in the Christianization of the British Isles as early as 550 A.D.

(This research was done by Norm Champagne.)

Weekly Meetings and Activities

Thursday, May 18

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. office open
2:00 p.m. Women’s Bible Study (Zoom)

Saturday, May 20

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

Sunday, May 21

10:00 a.m. Choir rehearsal
10:30 a.m. Worship service
(nursery care available)
6:00 p.m. Evensong (Zoom)

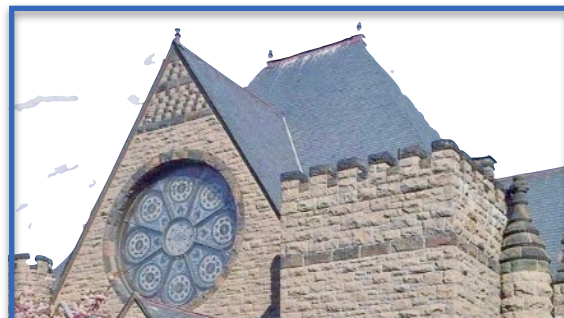
Monday, May 22

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

Wednesday, May 24

6:30 p.m. Choir practice

* office hours may vary



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



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If you have news to share, send it to secretary@fpcnewport.org. Include dates, times, details, and contact information. Stacie Schultz will ensure that it appears in the appropriate communication platforms.