

May 25, 2023



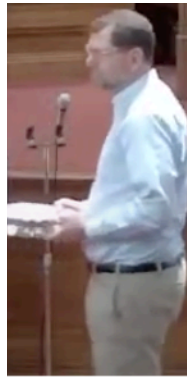
# This week at FPC

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

## Worship May 21

*"The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen." Galatians 6:18*

Reverend Jeff Hutchinson continued his sermon series on Paul's letter to Galatians with a message titled, "What Counts Is a New Creation" from Galatians 6:11-18, and served communion. Eden Conwell provided gathering music, "Arabesque," by Debussy. We celebrated communion and prayed for the many within and beyond our walls, who are in need of God's comfort, love, and guidance.



## Memorial Day

### Honoring those who served

As you pause this weekend to remember those who lost their lives serving our country, consider visiting the Operation Stand Down RI *Boots on the Ground for Heroes Memorial*. May 26-28 at Fort Adams. Each of the 7,000 combat boots on display, adorned with American flags and placards, represents the life of a service member killed in action since September 11, 2001. To learn more or sign up to help set up the boots May 25 or 26, please visit at [www.osdri.org](http://www.osdri.org).



### Meet our missionaries

Come to the fellowship hall Wednesday, May 7, at 7 p.m. for Coffee with the Callisons. These Presbyterian missionaries, currently serving overseas, have long been friends of FPC, and they look forward to sharing what has been going on in their lives and renewing their ties to FPC. During their visit, they are staying with Ruth and Roland Chase, who have long been active in supporting and communicating with our domestic and international missionaries.



# On the Journey

*We pray that we are trusting the the Lord,  
seeking His will and waiting on His timing for  
everything at FPC.*



**Moving forward!** The Pastor Nominating Committee thanks all who have been praying for us as we work on writing a job description for our future pastor as well as updating the information on our website. Both tasks will be instrumental in our search for our new pastor. The Church Information Form (CIF) has been submitted to

ECO's Ministry Partnership Team (MPT) and we hope to complete the job description very soon so that FPC information can be 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 we continue seeking to discern His will for our church in this time and place. We are creating a document that will clarify why people should call this church their spiritual home. Our efforts are helping the PNC finalize 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 Kaun, 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](mailto:littleauntalice@yahoo.com).

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

Join those who view our worship service online through Youtube. You can access it through Facebook or our web site, [fpcnewport.org](http://fpcnewport.org). A direct link is available on our weekly e-blast or you can copy and paste it into your browser.



# Be Involved

## Sidewalk Prayers

Working to become more involved with our neighborhood, the question becomes, "What can we do for our neighbors?" The answer: PRAY! So, we will walk along Calvert and Cranston Streets **Friday, June 9, at 11:30 a.m.**, praying for the people in each home we pass and leaving a note on the door telling the people they have been prayed for by First Presbyterian Church.

We will gather at the church at 11:15 to pray as a group, then divide into pairs to cover the streets. If walking is difficult, anyone who would still like to participate can pray at the church while the 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 the *Iron Sharpens Iron* conference in Uxbridge. The half-day gathering includes speakers and seminars for men of all ages. If you are interested, email Don Fennessey at [fenns@hotmail.com](mailto: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. 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.

## Join our summer "pick-up" choir!

This is a good time to try out singing with the choir. On the Sundays listed here, we will meet in the choir loft at 9:45 to "pick up" a piece of music that we will quickly learn and sing that morning. No robes, no rehearsals, just an opportunity to enjoy singing from the choir loft and enriching our worship service. After Thursday, June 1, (last rehearsal) the choir will sing June 11, 18 and 25. July 9, 16, 23 and 30. August 13, 20 and 27. Check with Angel Conwell for more information ([music@fpcnewport.org](mailto:music@fpcnewport.org)).



# 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— or baked beans, St. John's Lodge

Food Bank in Portsmouth supplements the diets of more than 100 households every week. To help fill their shelves, we are collecting peanut butter during the month of May to fill the baskets in Fellowship Hall. In June we will focus on baked beans. Of course, other perishables are greatly appreciated as well. If you are unable to shop for these items, consider a monetary donation to the Deacons fund.



## Sarah Beck Hill Scholarship opportunity!

Congratulations to Victoria Johnson, Abby Bloom, and Melissa Ferreira who recently received scholarship funds. If you are currently enrolled in, or planning to begin a full-time course of study in a degree program at the University of Rhode Island this fall, please submit an application (for new scholarship) or transcript (to continue current scholarships) by **June 15**. Please email Brian Ross with any questions at MM9616B@gmail.com.

GAME NIGHT



Game night was a lot of fun! The hit of the evening was "Left, Right, Center" with Hershey kisses. It was a fun, easy game allowing lots of opportunity to relax and chat at the same time.

# Pray...



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

*"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding."*

*Proverbs 3:5-6.*

**...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, who joined us last week as he returned from a year of overseas duty with the Coast Guard and will soon be heading to Guam for his next assignment.

**...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.

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| 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 and Denise Landis   |
| Glenna Malkemes            | Ida (Stacie Schultz's mom) |
| Lilia Svizzero Merrill     | Ralph and Alice Thomas     |

As it says in Psalm 22:4-5

*"In you our fathers trusted, and you delivered them. To you they cried and were rescued; in you they trusted and were not put to shame." "I can do all things through Him who gives me strength."*



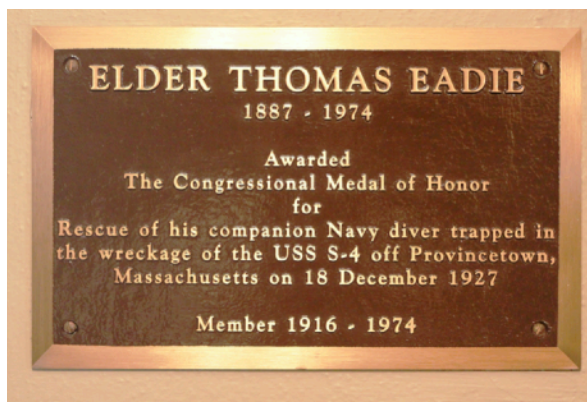
# “As it was...”

## Clouds of war

As the storm clouds foretelling World War II developed in Europe, Navy facilities expanded and Newport became the homeport for more than 100 ships of the Atlantic Fleet. First Presbyterian Church extended a warm welcome and became the spiritual home for many young men and women who passed through Newport. Many of the church programs were redirected to support the war effort and those in the congregation who left to enter the service.

The congregation tried to keep track of all those who had gone to war, and most of the names were faithfully listed in the church bulletin each Sunday. The list became very long and the congregation worked on a big scrapbook with a page for each service person. (The scrapbook can be found in the bookcase in the resource room.) Eventually the task became too big. There were more than 90 names, including the Van Hof brothers: Robert was a Corporal in the Army Air Force, Everett was a Navy Seabees Electrician's Mate, and Klaas was a Sergeant in the Army. Many other names are still familiar to current members: Edward Buckles, Thomas Eadie, Charles Hambly, Fred Kirby, James McPherson, Leon Shaw, Abner Ward, and many more.

Thomas Eadie was considerably older than most of the other names on the list. He joined the Navy in 1905, served in World War I, and retired as a Chief Gunner's Mate in 1939. He was also a deep-sea diver and had already been decorated with the Congressional Medal of Honor for rescuing a fellow diver who had become trapped underwater. When World War II broke out he promptly went back into the service and rose to the rank of Lieutenant. After the war he served as an elder at First Presbyterian. A brass plaque at the Calvert Street entrance of the church still honors the memory of Thomas Eadie.



This plaque is displayed near the Calvert Street entrance to honor the former FPC member and trustee for heroic service.

## Weekly Meetings and Activities

### Thursday, May 25

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

### Friday, May 26

7:00 p.m. Small Group Bible Study

### Saturday, May 27

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

### Sunday, May 28

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

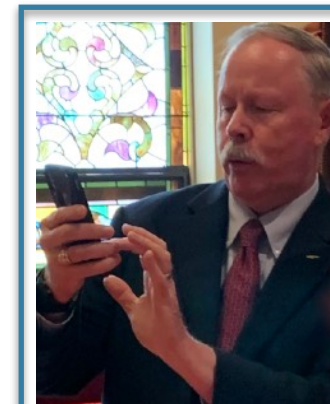
**Monday, May 29 Memorial Day**  
Church office closed



*A friendly place to grow in Christ and serve with joy*

## First Presbyterian Church

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



Ever wonder where most of the photos in this newsletter come from? Here's a hint. Thank you, Don!

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