



June 8, 2023

This week at FPC

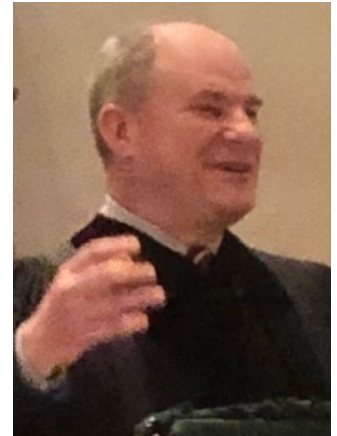
"We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure." Hebrews 6:19

Worship June 4—on being grateful

"And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ..." Philippians 1:9-10

Reverend Jeff Hutchinson expressed his gratitude for the welcome he has experienced as our Pastor in Residence and for our support of his church plant in New Haven. His sermon, "I Thank My God Every Time I Remember You" recalled Paul's uplifting letter to the Philippians (Scripture reference Philippians 1:1-11). It was a musical morning led by Angel Conwell, Juno and Eden Conwell, and Brian Ross., with songs ranging from favorite traditional hymns, classical violin and cello, and a special praise song, "What a Beautiful Name."

Pastor Hutchinson will continue to moderate our Session meetings and be in Newport once a month to preach and serve Communion. Sean Bland will preach most Sundays, and we look forward to welcoming many visitors during summer



When you can't be at church, join those who view our worship service online through Youtube. Watch the weekly e-Blast for a direct link that you can click on or copy and paste into your browser. When you are at the site, be sure to subscribe, making it easier the next time. You can also access it through Facebook or our fpcnewport.org.

On the Journey

We pray that the Lord would make us a blessing to our neighbors and prepare the way for our Sidewalk Prayers event.



Moving forward! The Pastor Nominating Committee thanks all who have been praying for us and ask for continued prayers as we finalize the job description, which will soon be sent to the Session for approval and then to ECO for posting on ECO's electronic Job Board. We are updating the FPC web site. Both the job posting and web site will be instrumental in our

search for our new pastor. *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 seek to discern His will for our church in this time and place. We are working to 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. Our results will also provide context when the new pastor comes into our community and begins working with our leadership and members. *Chip Wilson, Tim Schultz, Stacie Schultz, Rachel Nerheim, Mike Ricci, Phil Kaun, and Daryl Kolator*

Fellowship Hour after worship is a happy tradition at FPC. Come to 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.



Come join the spring clean up day at FPC on SAT, 17 Jun from 9am-1pm. Bring your comfy work clothes, gloves, and sunscreen to have some fellowship and fun with others as we "shine up" the church and make it more welcoming

for all this summer. There will be in-door and out-door tasks, no experience needed. Coffee and snacks will be served.

Be Involved

Sidewalk Prayers

What can we do for our neighbors? PRAY!

This **Friday, June 9 at 11:30 a.m.**, we will walk along Calvert and

Cranston Streets 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

Several men from our church attended the June 3 *Iron Sharpens Iron* conference in Uxbridge. They enjoyed the fellowship, speakers and seminars for men of all ages.



Sing with us this summer!

This is a good time to try singing with the choir. We 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. The music is also available to take home for practice. We plan to 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).



Reaching out

**"And the second commandment is ...
'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"**

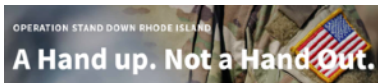
Deacons attend the monthly Off Broadway Neighborhood Association (OBNA) meetings to strengthen our outreach and service to nearby businesses and residents. Congregation members are invited to attend, the last Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. at The Parlor Restaurant.

Helping our neighbors to help others



We recently learned about **Conexion Latina Newport**, a new Broadway neighbor

(across the street) whose mission is to meet the needs of Newport's Hispanic community. Darien Petit's daughter tutors for this organization and brought it to our attention. As a result, during the month of June Deacons are requesting donations of diapers, wipes, and formula to support the needs of new mothers and their babies. These will be collected in a donation playpen in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you all for the continuing support of our Deacon projects.



In May the Deacons purchased Stop and Shop gift cards to be given to military veterans in need at **Operation Stand Down** (also across Broadway from church) for purchasing food and/or gas.



To help fill the shelves at **St. John's Lodge Food Bank** in Portsmouth we are collecting baked beans this month. Donation baskets are in Fellowship Hall. Of course, other perishables are always greatly appreciated as well. If you are unable to shop for these items, consider a monetary donation.



Our Deacons work tirelessly to serve the needs of our congregation and our community. Your gift to the Deacons Fund helps continue their outreach, and they thank the congregation for its ongoing generosity.

Pray...



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

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you."

Deuteronomy 31:6

...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.

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



Let us reflect on these challenging times and see God's hand. Psalm 18:15 tells us

*"Shouts of joy and victory
resound in the tents of the
righteous: 'The Lord's right
hand has done mighty things!'"*

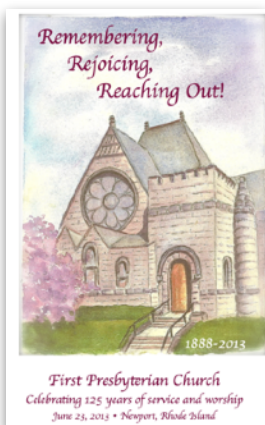


"As it was..." 10 years ago

Planning a Quasiquicentennial Celebration

(This is from a newsletter article in early 2013)

On June 19 FPC will celebrate its 125th anniversary. Our church has a wonderful history that began with a small group of men and women, largely of Scottish background, who banded together to worship in the faith in which they had been raised. Previous anniversaries recognized that there was much to celebrate in our history and in the ongoing life of the church. This year we will have the same opportunity that those congregations had: the opportunity to recognize the commitment, dedication, sacrifices and faithfulness of those who have gone before us, to celebrate our heritage and to express our thanksgiving for God's guiding hand over all the years.



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Here are some of the events and activities that will be take place over the next several months for our anniversary celebration:

- A celebratory worship service June 23. The worship service will be followed by a brunch at the Hotel Viking.
- A cross carved by Norman Champagne will be dedicated and placed above the mantel in the Hometown Room.
- Articles and notes about the history of the church will be featured in the Anchor, This Week at FPC, and the bulletin. A new, 100-page book detailing the church's history.
- A newly published anniversary edition of the church directory.
- A church family picnic Sunday, June 9, at Gooseberry Beach.
- Cheering together at a Newport Gulls game.
- A community service/outreach project to reach out to the local community and assist those in need.
- A capital fund drive to continue the restoration of our beautiful stained glass windows. The windows to be restored will be those in the Hometown Room and the Samuel Room.
- A "Memories of FPC" booklet including remembrances from members and friends

2013 is indeed a special year in the life of our church and all will have the opportunity to participate as we celebrate our rich history.

(More than 300 members and friends attended the June 19 service.)



If you receive an email that seems to be from someone you know at FPC asking for favors, gift cards, or money transfers, or offering photos, do not respond.

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 FPC communications platforms.

Weekly Meetings and Activities

Thursday, June 8

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

Friday, June 9

7:00 p.m. Small Group Bible Study

Saturday, June 10

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

Sunday, June 11

9:45 a.m. Pick-up choir rehearsal
10:30 a.m. Worship service
(nursery care available)
6:00 p.m. Evensong (Zoom)

Monday, June 12

6:00 p.m. Building and Grounds
7:00 p.m. 20s & 30s Small Group

Wednesday, June 14

5:00 p.m. EFC Soup Kitchen Save this date!

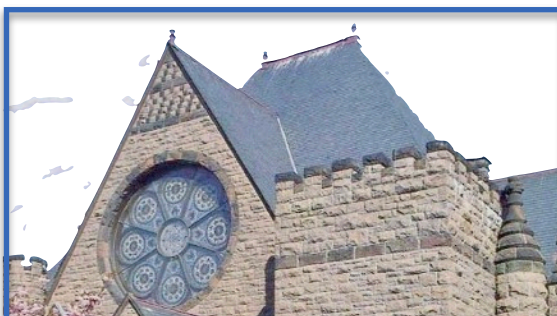
Thursday, June 15

URI Scholarship applications due

Annual Gooseberry Beach family picnic is back!

Everyone is invited August 27 after worship service. Hamburgers and hotdogs will be provided. Bring a salad, side dish, or whatever you like. Enjoy a day at the beach (or the comfort of the deck umbrellas or indoor shelter)!

Save the Date!



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Sunday School 9:15 a.m.

