



July 6, 2023

This week at FPC

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

Worship July 2

*"And everyone who calls
on the name of the Lord will be saved."*

Acts 2: 21

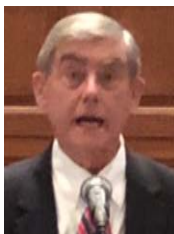
Sean Bland continues to provide pastoral care and Sunday sermons this summer. An ECO ordination applicant and a Navy Chaplain candidate, he brings much appreciated enthusiasm and caring to our congregation.

Moving on through Acts, Sean Bland's sermon last Sunday was titled, "The Mighty Deeds of God Manifested in the Many Tongues of Man," referencing Acts 2:1-21. He spoke of our call to share the good news with those near and far, and how the message will be heard in many languages.

We welcomed old friends Meg and Dan Smith. In keeping with the spirit of celebrating our country's 247th anniversary, Meg played "Oh, Beautiful For Spacious Skies" on the clarinet, and Dan led us in a spirited rendition of "God Bless America."

The beautiful flowers were provided by Richard and Cindy Price.

Rev Jeff Hutchinson will be at FPC once a month to bring a sermon and serve communion. We look forward to seeing him and his wife, Troy, on a regular basis. They are a tremendous blessing to us as while we search for a new, permanent pastor!



Looking ahead.

MARK YOUR
CALENDAR

Congregational Meeting.

We will meet after worship Sunday, July 16, for a Midyear Budget Review led by the Finance and Personnel committee.

Summer Sunday School

Join us to review a new Psalm each week this summer—studying, praying, and applying them. Come any Sunday at 9:15 in the Hometime Room.



Sidewalk Prayers

We are seeking a convenient date and time to walk and pray. If you have a suggestion email Deidra Ricci (pamperedee@aol.com).

Summer Fun —

Gooseberry Beach picnic!

August 27—Everyone is invited. Hamburgers and hotdogs will be provided. Bring a salad, side dish, or whatever you like. Enjoy the sun, sea and sand, or relax in the comfort of the deck umbrellas or indoor shelter!

Game Nights

are planned for August 18 and November 17. Come at 5:30 p.m. for food, fellowship, friends, and fun for the whole family! Pizza is provided and you're welcome to bring a salad or dessert to share.



On the Journey

*Daniel 9:18 tells us that we can come to God
NOT on our merits but because of God's great
compassion. We acknowledge our sin and seek
Your best for FPC Newport.*

Pastor Search



We continue our work on the FPC website and the job description. If you have comments, suggestions or questions about our progress, please email PNC@FPCNewport.org. *Greg Bloom,*

Deidra Ricci, Jamie Landsman, Barbara Ross, Mark Barnes, Nancy Burgess, Susan Fennessey

The Vision Framing Team (VFC) leans on your prayers as we seek to discern His will for our church in this time and place, and why people should call FPC their spiritual home. Our efforts have helped finalize a posting for ECO's Job Board and will serve as a foundation for our new pastor to begin working with our leadership and members. *Chip Wilson, Tim Schultz, Stacie Schultz,*



Pastor Office Hours — Sean Bland is available in the church office Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. He invites everyone to "Please drop by and chat sometime this summer!" At other times, if you need to contact him, simply leave a voice message or email pastor@fpcnewport.org.



When you can't be here to worship in person



View our worship service online through Youtube. You can access it through Facebook or our web site, fpcnewport.org. The weekly e-Blast has a direct link that to clic or copy and paste into your browser. When you are at the site, be sure to subscribe, making it easier the next time

Parking Challenges

The parking lot across Everett is not no longer available on Sunday mornings. If you cannot find parking on nearby streets, you may use the Newport Hospital parking lot at Broadway and Rhode Island Avenue (free).



Be Involved

Hosts needed



Fellowship Hour is a happy tradition at FPC. Come to the Fellowship Hall after our Sunday worship service to enjoy coffee, tea, snacks and most of all, great conversation. It's the time to catch up with friends and welcome new visitors. If you'd like to help, select an available Sunday on the sign up list near the coffee pot. If you have questions about what's involved, you'll find it's very simple—keep the coffee pot filled and bring in a few treats—and there's always someone willing to help.

Sing with us this summer!

We meet in the choir loft at 9:45 to "pick up" a piece of music to quickly learn and sing that morning. No robes, no midweek rehearsals, just an opportunity to enjoy singing from the choir loft and enriching our worship service. The music is available to take home for practice. We plan to sing July 9, 16, 23 and 30; August 13, 20 and 27. Check with Angel Conwell for more information (music@fpcnewport.org).

Music is an important part of our services. We invite all who love singing or playing an instrument to participate in our tradition to incorporate traditional, classical and contemporary songs in our Sunday worship.

Sunday Flowers! If you would like to contribute flowers to beautify our sanctuary each Sunday, either from your garden or by donating funds, contact Alice Hand at littleauntalice@yahoo.com

"He who has ears, let him hear."

Matthew 13:43 This little fellow was spotted on the Cranston side of the church, Sunday morning, very alert and appearing to try to hear a bit of the sermon.



Reaching out

We are helping our neighbors help others

Keeping current: Deacons attend the monthly Off Broadway Neighborhood Association (OBNA) meetings to strengthen our outreach and service to nearby businesses and residents. If you would like to join them, it's the last Thursday of the month, 6 p.m. at The Parlor Restaurant.



Praying for neighbors: During our recent Sidewalk Prayers neighborhood walk, we left door hangers that feature a new QR code to make it easier to access the FPC website. This will soon appear on more of our communications.



Supporting local programs: As part of July's outreach efforts, FPC Deacons will donate snacks and water for the Newport Police Department summer camp for children ages 10 to 14 during the second week of July and August. Also this month, we are collecting jars of spaghetti sauce for the local food pantry.



Rev. Hutchinson's church plant: If you would like to contribute to Rev. Jeff Hutchinson's new church plant, House of Mercy in East Greenwich, CT, you may write a check payable to FPC, designating House of Mercy on the memo line.

Beyond our borders:



FPC supports a variety of global mission efforts. The Outreach Foundation answers

needs in many parts of the world—most recently the devastation of recent storms and flooding in Haiti. A population already struggling with crime and poverty now is mired in mud, disease crime, and sorrow. Their faith is strong but they need help. Contact Phil Thow, Missions Elder, for more details. Help our missions team work with organizations like this to spread God's love by designating a portion of your weekly offering for Missions.

Pray...



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

"May the Lord, the God who gives breath to all living things, appoint someone over this community to go out and come in before them, one who will lead them out and bring them in, so the Lord's people will not be like sheep without a shepherd." Numbers 27: 16-17

...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 has returned from a year of overseas duty with the Coast Guard and will soon be heading to Guam.

...for the **family of George Landis**, who passed away June 24. May they be comforted by their memories and time spent with George.

...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. As you pray, please remember these and many others in our church family and beyond.

Andrew and Kristen Aleicho	Janet Champagne
Marcia Clark	Rich and Karen Dagrosa
Nadira Ferreira's father	Julie Finnegan (Jones)
Bonnie Haun and Sadie	Bonnie's brother Mike
Karen Jenkins	Ray Janssen
and Jan Jones	Bruce
Glenna Malkemes	Elaine Ruggiero
Lilia Svizzero Merrill	Ida (Stacie Schultz's mom)
	Ralph and Alice Thomas

Deuteronomy 33: 26-27 reminds us:

"Your arms hold me close, as there is no one like the God of Israel. You ride across the heavens to help me, across the skies in majestic splendor. The eternal God is my refuge, and your everlasting arms are under me."





How shall we record the history of a church?

*It is a matter of wood and stone, glass and
metal, of facts and figures and statistics,
but it is much more.*

*It is first of all the Church of Jesus Christ,
built of the lives of people committed to a
faith which carries them through good
times and bad, through successes and
failures, committed not just to a statement
of doctrine but to the principle of putting
righteousness first in their personal and
communal lives, and to spreading abroad
the good news of the love of Christ.*

These words from
A Brief History of the First Presbyterian Church,
written by member Clara Emerson in 1973,
inspired the congregation as we celebrated our
125th anniversary in 2013, and they are equally
important and inspiring to consider today.

Weekly Meetings and Activities

Thursday, July 6

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

Saturday, July 7

7:00 a.m. Promise Keepers breakfast
at Chelseas

Sunday, July 8

9:15 a.m. Sunday School (Psalms)
9:45 a.m. Pick-up choir rehearsal
10:30 a.m. Worship service
(nursery care available)
11:30 Fellowship time
6:00 p.m. Evensong (Zoom)

Monday, June 9

6:00 p.m. Building and Grounds
7:00 p.m. Twenties and 30s Small Group
7:00 p.m. Finance and Personnel

Tuesday, July 10

Independence Day —Holiday



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.

When you have news to share, send it to
Stacie Schultz at secretary@fpcnewport.org.
Include dates, times, details, and contact
information. She will ensure that it appears
in the FPC communications platforms.



A friendly place to grow in Christ and serve with joy

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

