

July 13, 2023



This week at FPC

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

Worship July 9

*"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.

Reviewing Acts 2:22-36, the sermon looked at the questions: "How do we live well in the face of death? How do we keep going when death is a part of life?"

We saw that because Christ died and rose, going on a rescue mission even to 'Hell and back' as the Apostle's Creed says, we can trust and worship him, and in so doing face death unafraid ourselves and have peaceful hearts.

We are fortunate as we search for our new pastor, that Sean Bland continues to provide pastoral care and Sunday sermons this summer. An ECO ordination applicant and Navy Chaplain candidate, he brings much appreciated enthusiasm and caring to our congregation.



Also, Rev Jeff Hutchinson will continue to 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...

Congregational meeting on budget this Sunday!

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

Sidewalk Prayers

Join us Wednesday, July 26 at 6:00 p.m. to walk and pray for our neighbors. Email Deidra Ricci for more details. (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

Let us Give thanks and Praise to the Lord for his many blessings and answers to prayer.

Pastor Search

The PNC met July 13 to discuss the updates and changes that have been made to the FPC website, greatly improving its appeal and effectiveness. The updated job description has been sent to Session for review and approval.



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, Rachel Nerheim, Mike Ricci, Phil Haun, and Daryl Kolator



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

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.



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.

Reaching out

We are helping our neighbors help others

Getting to know our neighbors: If you are interested in joining a Deacon representative at an Off Broadway Neighborhood Association (OBNA) meeting, the schedule has been changed to the third Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m. at The Parlor Restaurant.

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, including The Outreach Foundation, which answers needs in many parts of the world. 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.

Soup Kitchen

On Wednesday, July 5, we started our summer outside bag meals by serving 20 guests a meal of Italian sub with lettuce and tomato, applesauce, cookies, pretzels, fruit chewy and water. The meal was planned by Alice Hand and prepared and served by our faithful volunteers. Regina Skudera, Julie Ward, Paul Cabral, Robert & Christine Sahms, Dick Price and Coleen & Jerry Spencer. We also took leftover meals to Lucy's Hearth, a 24-hour emergency and transitional shelter that serves children and their families who are experiencing homelessness.

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 is serving with the Coast Guard in 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.

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| 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 |
| Bruce and Jan Jones | Elaine Ruggiero |
| Glenna Malkemes | Ida (Stacie Schultz's mom) |
| Lilia Svizzero Merrill | Ralph and Alice Thomas |

John 16:33 33: reminds us:

"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

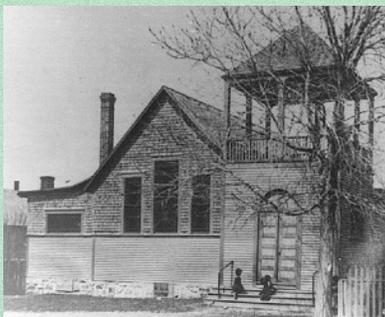


An editorial in the July 8, 1888, issue of the Newport Mercury, local newspaper

The steady advance of the Presbyterian movement in New England has reached Newport, and a self-supporting and vigorous church of our order is now in existence at this important center of influence. The church was formally organized June 19, under the approval of a commission sent down by the Presbytery of Boston.

It takes the name of the First Presbyterian Church of Newport, has an earnest pastor in the person of Rev. R. Gordon Mackay, and begins life with a membership of fifty-four: thirty-six by letter and eighteen on the confession of their faith. This new church is a natural and entirely peaceful outgrowth from a chapel congregation, originally established by Congregationalists, from whom the chapel building was bought, and with whose Godspeed the new enterprise began. Many Newporters have long anxiously scanned the horizon for this finally completed work, but they were conservative and left to the moulding hand of a kindly Providence the control of the future.

Newport was felt to be the key to the new Presbyterian position in New England. This great summer resort is full of Presbyterians and people of Presbyterian sympathies. Many prominent New Yorkers who have their summer homes have already shown their interest, not only in sympathy, but also in a more substantial way. Thus begins a work which, by God's grace, has every promise of a rapid growth.



This Presbyterian "Grace Chapel" was built before 1891 at the corner of Wellington and Thames St. as a one-story chapel with a two-story tower. This structure was purchased by the Ancient Order of the Hibernians in the 1900s and exists today in altered form. The first congregation had separated from the Congregational Church on Spring Street and eventually grew enough to build a beautiful church at Broadway and Everett. The lower photo shows Grace Chapel (Hibernian Hall) as it appears today.



Weekly Meetings and Activities

Thursday, July 13

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

Saturday, July 15

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

Sunday, July 16

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

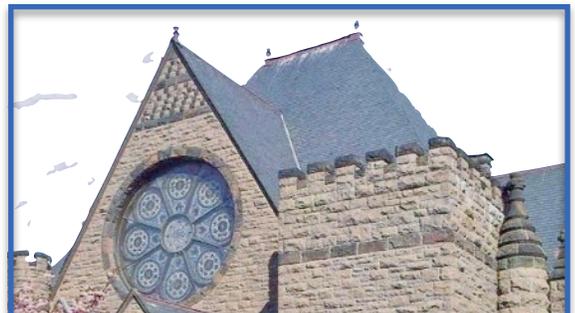
Tuesday, July 18

9:00-4:00 Summer Pastor office hours
7:00 p.m. Session



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.



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

