



February 8, 2024

# This Week at FPC

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

## Worship: February 4

*"Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends."*

John 15:13

### Remembering the Four Chaplains

Eight-one years ago during World War 2, while on their way to Europe aboard the troopship S.S. Dorchester, four chaplains provided calm guidance and gave the ultimate sacrifice when the ship was sunk by a German submarine.

Recounting this story and using John 15:13 and Galatians 5:13-14, Pastor Sean shared three things the chaplains modeled which we can use as an example:

1. **Hope in God's providence.** In the midst of fearful situations, we can have peace and encourage others.
2. **Pray for God's peace.** We have this hope through the peace that passes understanding (Phil. 4:7).
3. **Love others in God's name.** Our greatest example of sacrificial love is Jesus (John 15:13).



*"You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"*

Galatians 5:13-14



### FPC Cookbook!

It's time to search out your favorite recipes and beloved food and nourishment related scriptures for a new church cookbook! Send your recipes and scriptures to Jen Bloom at

Jen.bloom@cox.net. Thank you in advance for participation in this exciting Inner Life project!

### Sarah Beck Hill Scholarship

The Sarah Beck Hill Scholarship Committee administers the trust established by Ralph Hill in memory of his mother, Sarah Beck Hill. It provides grants, renewable each semester for eight semesters, to students attending the University of Rhode Island. Since its establishment in 1991 the trust has distributed \$466,750 to such students. Scholarship recipients for 2023 were Victoria Johnson, Abby Bloom, and Melissa Ferriera. The Scholarship Committee will be reviewing applications and transcripts for the Spring 2024 semester on February 15th. Application forms and additional information are available on the church website. *2024 Committee Members: Jen Bloom, Nancy Browne, Mike Ricci, Brian Ross (chair), Phil Thow, Julie Ward*

## Be Involved...

**Evensong** meets on Sundays at 6 p.m. on Zoom for worship with songs, scripture, and fellowship. Email Brian Ross at mm9616b@gmail.com for the link.

### Music Notes

Love to sing? Join the choir! The choir meets in the choir loft at 6 p.m. on Wednesdays and Sundays at 10 a.m. to warm up before the service. Contact Angel at music@fpcnewport.org for more info.

### Sunday Flowers

If you would like to contribute financially to the flowers that beautify our sanctuary each Sunday, contact Emily Holley at 408-668-4977. Emily and Bunny Miller are coordinating the weekly flower arrangements. Flowers can be designated in memory or honor of someone or in celebration of a special event.



The first Game Night of 2024 will be on Friday, February 16 at 5:30 p.m. at the church. This is a family-friendly-pizza-packed-fun-fellowship evening. Join us to play or just observe! Mark your calendar for the rest of 2024: May 17, August 16, and November 15.



*"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."*

Joshua 1:9

## Pray...

...for our church as we rely on our faith in God's plan for all of us and reach out to those around us.

...for Sean Bland as he moves into his new role as Pastoral Resident.

...for our nation and its leaders, for our first responders and for all those who serve our nation in dangerous parts of the world.

...for spoken and unspoken needs in our church family: for health and healing, comfort in grief or hardship, and in praise for answered prayers and God's omnipresence. As you pray, remember these and many others in our church family and beyond.

- Tony Aleicho
- Mark Bland (Sean's father)
- Les Bloom
- Janet Champagne
- Lynn Chase
- Marcia Clark
- Becky Farwick and family
- Nadira Ferreira's father John and daughter Melissa
- Bonnie Haun and brother Mike
- Brenda (Troy Hutchinson's mother)
- Ray Janssen
- Bruce and Jan Jones
- Johnny and Julie Lairsey's granddaughter "B"
- Jamie Landsman and grandson Max
- Ida Lash (Stacie's mom)
- Peggy Leino Hicks
- Ken Scigulinsky
- Rob Silvia
- Lilia Svizzero Merrill and daughter Dana
- Ralph and Alice Thomas
- Roger Ward's mother Shirley and sister Heather



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## Free Bible Study Videos & Resources

We're excited to share that our church now has unlimited access to RightNow Media—the world's largest streaming library of video Bible study resources. This extensive library has more than 25,000 videos taught by leaders like Tim Keller, Jennie Allen, J.D. Greear, Dr. Tony Evans, Francis Chan and many more. These Bible study videos can be used as part of a group study or for personal devotions, and many series include free discussion guides and handouts.

You should have received an email invitation for FREE access to RightNow Media. (If you didn't, be sure to check your spam or promotions folder.) To get started, simply click the link in the email. If you don't want to wait for the email, you can also get started 3 other ways:

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2. Texting the code FPCNEWPORT to 49775 and you will have a link sent to your phone, or
3. Hover over this code with your phone's camera:



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## Learn...

### Sunday School – 9:15-10:15 a.m.

- Elementary school age students meet in the sanctuary to sing, then have a lesson with Cindy Wilson in the room off the nursery.
- Middle Schoolers meet with Dave Kolator in the Resource Room for a study on John.
- Adults are continuing through the Psalms with sessions led by Sean Bland and Chip Wilson.



The **Women's Bible Study** meets in person on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. in the Hometime Room or on Thursdays at 2 p.m. on Zoom.



**When you can't be at church**, view our livestream worship service through Facebook or our web site, [fpcnewport.org](http://fpcnewport.org). Be sure to subscribe for easier access. This QR code will take you directly to our website.



## Join the Team as FPC Secretary!

After five wonderful years as secretary, Stacie will be stepping down from the role at the end of March and would love to train our next secretary! This part-time position has flexible work hours, requires some in-person office time, but much of the job can be accomplished remotely. A healthy combination of organizational, computer, and people skills is desired. Email Stacie at [secretary@fpcnewport.org](mailto:secretary@fpcnewport.org) for further details.

## THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

### Thursday, February 8

9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Church office open  
2 p.m. Women's Bible Study (Zoom)

### Friday, February 9

7 p.m. Small Group Bible Study

### Saturday, February 10

7 a.m. Promise Keepers Breakfast

### Sunday, February 11

9:15 a.m. Sunday School  
10 a.m. Pre-worship Prayer  
10:30 a.m. Worship service  
(nursery care available)  
11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time  
6:00 p.m. Evensong (Zoom)

### Monday, February 12

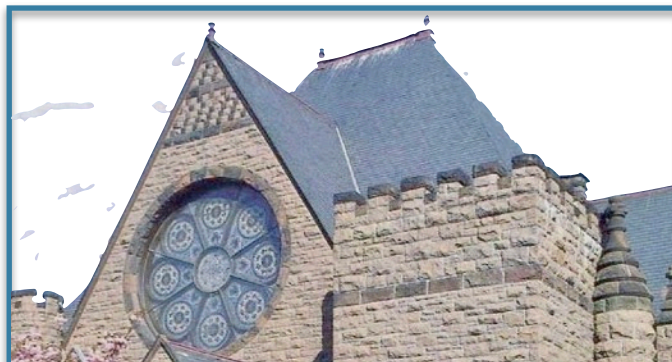
6 p.m. Buildings & Grounds Committee  
7 p.m. Finance & Personnel Committee  
7 p.m. 20s & 30s Small Group

### Tuesday, February 13

10 a.m. Women's Bible Study (at FPC)

### Wednesday, February 14

6 p.m. Choir rehearsal



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

