



April 25, 2024

This Week at FPC

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

Worship: April 21

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

Matthew 11:28-30



Roll Away the Stone

This week Elder Tim Schultz brought a message reminding us that God is a remover of barriers. With the recent Easter story fresh in our minds we remember the large boulder in front of Jesus' tomb was moved and Christ was risen from the dead.

Because God cares for us, and knowing we cannot lift the weight of life's difficulties by ourselves, we can look to him for help. If there is a stone weighing us down, we can give it to the Lord and find rest in him. In 1 Peter we are reminded to 'cast all our anxieties on him because he cares for you'. Christ is the true cornerstone which cannot be moved, and we can build our lives upon him.

"The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone..."

Psalm 118:22



Spring has sprung!



Rose Window Restoration Project

The Rose Window Restoration has begun. This project is scheduled to be completed in about a month, weather permitting. The work is being coordinated by Mancini Construction. As currently planned, the stained glass window will not have to be removed and there should not be any scaffolding on the interior of the church.

Session has approved \$110,000 for this repair of which \$44,100 was provided by a grant from the Champlin Foundation. The goal is to repair the window sills and framing, and replace the protective glass so that it will last for another 100 years. Everyone is reminded to stay clear of the worksite and not to climb the scaffolding. If you would like to contribute financially to this project, please mark your check and/or offering envelope "Rose Window Restoration."

Ladies Spring Fling Tea

Ladies, please join us for food, friends, flower activities and more! The Ladies Spring Fling Tea is Saturday, April 27 at 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. You will take home a small bouquet that you make yourself plus a surprise gift. To join this very fun time, please contact Darien Petit at dspetit55@gmail.com or call 401-323-0077.



Pray for the Pastor

There is no better way to support our pastor than to pray for him. Pick up one of the brochures as we embark on this 30-week journey to pray for Sean. Each week's prayer will be in the Sunday bulletin and in the weekly e-news.



Calling All Men of the Church!

You are invited to a free men-only BBQ in the Petit's back yard at 415 Seaside Drive, Jamestown on Saturday May 18 at 4:00 p.m. We will enjoy men's fellowship and plan the way ahead for men's ministry at FPC. Expect manly burgers, hot

dogs and other food with little or no nutritional value plus fun guy stuff, good conversation and, hopefully, deeper friendships. BYOC (bring your own chair)! Kindly RSVP yes or no to Don Fennessey at fenns@hotmail.com or 401-855-6716.

Parking Update

The Newport City Council approved the construction of a Bay Coast Bank branch in the old Dunkin' property. The owner has given permission to park there during non-banking hours for the foreseeable future, except when demolition and construction are going on. Once complete, we will be able to use the lot again. If street parking is not available, we are able to park in the lower hospital parking lot on Rhode Island Ave.



Submit Your Recipes for the 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 contributions to Jen Bloom at Jen.bloom@cox.net.

"Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth."

2 Timothy 2:15

Pray...

...for our pastor. Pray that Sean will counsel and teach with discernment through the wise use of Scripture and faith in God's power to work. Pray that he will be protected from the effects of sinful or negative attitudes he encounters as he counsels (Mal. 2:7; John 17:15; James 1:5-6).

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

...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:

- Sean Bland and family
- Brenda (Troy Hutchinson's mother)
- Janet Champagne
- David Chase
- Becky Farwick and family
- Bonnie Haun
- John (Nadira Ferreira's father)
- Bruce and Jan Jones
- Jamie Landsman and brother-in-law Stacey Ruff
- Ida Lash (Stacie Schultz's mom)
- Family of David Price
- Ken Scigulinsky
- Diane Sommerset (Brian Petit's sister)
- Jerry Spencer
- Lilia Svizzero Merrill and daughter Dana
- Ralph and Alice Thomas
- Roger Ward's mother Shirley and sister Heather
- Robert White
- The church neighborhood



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 flower arrangements. Flowers can be designated in memory or honor of someone or in celebration of a special event.

Learn and Grow...

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 meet in the Hometime Room.

Young Adult Small Group

All young adults, single and married, are invited to this time of Bible study and fellowship. The group meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays at Brian Fennessey's. Speak with Brian or reach out to the church office for more information.

Small Group Bible Study

This group meets on the 2nd and 4th Fridays at 7 p.m. at rotating home locations of the members. Email Daryl Kolator at dakolator@gmail.com for details.

Women's Bible Study

Join other ladies on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. in the Hometime Room or on Thursdays at 2 p.m. on Zoom.

Pastoral Office Hours

Sean has office hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Please stop by to share your thoughts about a recent sermon, discuss the life of the church or just say hi. Sean is also available on Mondays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. by appointment only.



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

THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

Thursday, April 25

9 a.m. - 5 p.m. *Pastor office hours*
9 a.m. - 1 p.m. *Church office open*
2 p.m. *Women's Bible Study (Zoom)*

Friday, April 26

7 p.m. *Small Group Bible Study*

Saturday, April 27

7 a.m. *Promise Keepers breakfast*
11 a.m. *Ladies Spring Fling Tea*

Sunday, April 28

9:15 a.m. *Sunday School*
10 a.m. *Pre-worship Prayer*
10:30 a.m. *Worship Service*
11:30 a.m. *Fellowship Time*
6:30 p.m. *Evensong (Zoom)*

Monday, April 29

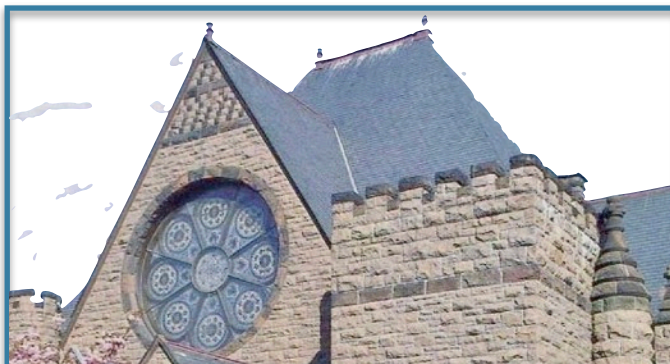
9 a.m. - 5 p.m. *Pastor office hours*
(by appointment only)

Tuesday, April 30

9 a.m. - 5 p.m. *Pastor office hours*
10 a.m. *Women's Bible Study (at FPC)*

Wednesday, May 1

6 p.m. *Choir rehearsal*
5 p.m. *Soup Kitchen*



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

