



May 2, 2024

This Week at FPC

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

Worship: April 28

“Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.”

1 Timothy 4:12

Church Leadership and Ordination for God's Glory

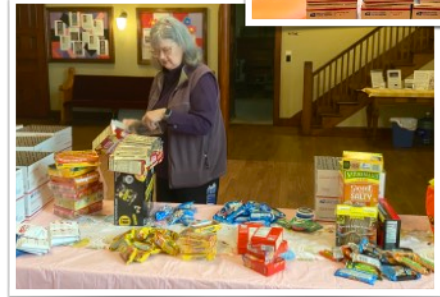
On Sunday, Sean shared about his experience the week prior at the ordination retreat for our denomination (ECO). ECO outlines four areas of 'competencies' that ordained pastors must uphold. Sean showed how each of these areas of competency are found in Paul's first letter to Timothy:

1. Healthy Emotionally and Spiritually
2. Integrated Biblically and Theologically
3. Proficient in Ministry
4. Skilled in Leadership

Pastor Sean often has more to share with us than he is able to fit in his sermon on Sundays. Here he shares “a few odds and couple ends” for our further understanding and contemplation.

The second 'competency' for an ECO Ordained pastor, to be integrated biblically and theologically, means to have studied the word of God well. Seminary trains pastors to read the Bible in the original languages (Hebrew, Greek, and sometimes Aramaic). Seminary trains pastors in doing 'grammatical-historical' exegesis of the text. But does a Christian *need* this kind of training to understand the Bible? No. In fact, while these tools are important, the one thing we were taught to do in seminary that is the most important for understanding the Bible is something we can all do - just read it. Read it again and again. In English. There is nothing more helpful for a pastor or 'regular' Christian than doing this. So, as a voice came to St. Augustine saying 'take and read!', let us all 'take and read.'

CARING FOR OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS



Many thanks to all who donated items and to those who helped with the assembly and shipping of care packages for our college students.

IRON SHARPENS IRON



Five men from the church recently attended the 'Iron Sharpens Iron' event in Uxbridge, MA.



Parade Parking Alert

The Aquidneck Island National Police Parade will take place this Sunday, May 5. The parade route includes Broadway, which will be closed from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Any cars parked on Broadway on Sunday morning will be towed. You may park on side streets or in the Newport Hospital employees' parking lot at Rhode Island Avenue.



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.

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. 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."



The Changing Table

In April the Deacons donated \$300 to the United Baptist Church's *The Changing Table* which provides diapers and wipes to those in need from the community. This much-needed community resource makes a difference in the health and well-being of families on Aquidneck Island.



If you receive an email that appears to be from Pastor Sean asking for gift cards, or any other financial support, kindly delete and mark as spam.

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.

National Day of Prayer

Today, Thursday, May 2, 2024, is the 73rd Annual National Day of Prayer. This year's theme is "Lift Up the Word – Light Up the World" with 2 Samuel 22:29-31 as the theme verses. Please join this national observance and pray for our church, the cities and towns of our members, and our country.



"My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one."

John 17:15

Pray...

...for our pastor. Ask God to protect Sean's relationship and make him a strong model of Christ's relationship with the Church. Pray that your pastor will tenderly cherish and lead his significant other, and that she will respect and encourage him, submitting to his leadership (Eph. 5:23-33).

...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)
- Lilia Svizzero Merrill and daughter Dana
- Ralph and Alice Thomas
- Roger Ward's mother Shirley and sister Heather
- Robert White
- The church neighborhood

Ladies Spring Fling Tea

Thank you to the Deacons for a lovely event!



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 homes 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.

Naomi Circle

The Circle will meet on Tuesday, May 7 at 10:00 a.m. at the home of Ellie Green. For more information, please contact Ellie at 401-236-1399.

THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

Thursday, May 2

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)*

Saturday, May 4

7 a.m. *Promise Keepers breakfast*

Sunday, May 5

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, May 6

9 a.m. - 5 p.m. *Pastor office hours*
(by appointment only)
6:30 p.m. *Worship Committee*

Tuesday, May 7

9 a.m. - 5 p.m. *Pastor office hours*
10 a.m. *Women's Bible Study (at FPC)*
10 a.m. *Naomi Circle*
7 p.m. *Inner Life Committee*

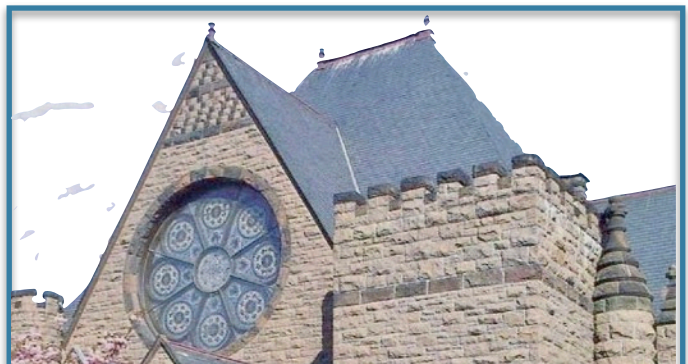
Wednesday, May 8

6 p.m. *Choir rehearsal*

LOOKING AHEAD

Friday, May 17: Game Night

Saturday, May 18: Men's BBQ



A friendly place to grow in Christ and serve with joy

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Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School 9:15 a.m.



Future members of the Buildings & Grounds committee?



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.