



August 1, 2024

This Week at FPC

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

Worship: July 28

*“He has shown you, O mortal, what is good.
And what does the Lord require of you?
To act justly and to love mercy
and to walk humbly with your God.”*

Micah 6:8



Purpose in an Age of Purposelessness

This week Sean preached a topical sermon from a variety of passages, including Philippians 1, Micah 6:8, Matthew 22:36-40, Galatians 6:9-10, and 1 Corinthians 10:31-33. Together, these verses teach us about our life purpose - no matter whether we are young or old,

working or retired, married or single, we have the same purpose, which is to love and glorify God and to love and serve our neighbors. We can work, celebrate, and do all things with this purpose in mind.



A Few Odds and Couple of Ends

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

Paul's statement in Philippians 1 that he desires to go on and be with Christ is deeply fascinating to me. He knows that being with Christ is far better than being here, in a world full of pain, loss, setbacks, and even persecution. Yet Paul *also* knows that he cannot just give up on this life, for God gave him a mission.

He gives all of us a mission and purpose, too - let's pray that God would give us a perspective like Paul, that even though we look forward to better things, we also (all of us!) would know that we have things to do and ways to serve others here and now.

Nominating Committee

This year's Nominating Committee members are Mark Barnes, Janice Kinder, Deb MacDowell, Richard Price and Brian Ross. They have been hard at work since April looking for next year's servant leaders. The committee hopes to solidify the list of potential candidates in August and finalize the list no later than October. Please find a committee member to share your recommendations before August 4th. Thank you for your prayerful support.

MomCo Relaunching in September

The MomCo is a place for moms to gather and support one another through the motherhood journey. The group will be a blend of bible study, fellowship and outreach. The group will meet monthly with some additional family fellowship times sprinkled in. The FPC **MomCo Family Cookout** will be Sunday, August 11. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Rachel Nerheim at ryatesberg@gmail.com.

Wild Imagination

Learn about the art and animals of the Gilded Age in a lecture by Isla Stewart next Tuesday, August 6 at 6 p.m. at Rosecliff or on Zoom. Isla has been attending FPC for the past year while doing her fellowship with the Newport Mansions and will soon start her PhD program at Rutgers University. Register for the free lecture and learn more about the upcoming Wild Imagination exhibit at NewportMansions.org/Events.

Sunday Flowers

If you wish to contribute to the flowers that beautify our sanctuary each Sunday, either from your own garden or financially, please contact Alice Hand at 401-439-4663. Flowers can be given in memory or honor of someone of your choosing or in celebration of a special event.

Learn and Grow...

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. Speak with Brian Fennessey or reach out to the church office for more information.

Women's Bible Study

The groups will resume in August. Please reach out to Deidra Ricci at Pamperedee@aol.com or 401-447-3833 for more information.

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.

Sunday School

The adult Sunday School will resume meeting this Sunday. Join us in the Hometime Room at 9:15 a.m.

"Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ."

1 Corinthians 11:1



Pray...

...for our pastor. Pray that your pastor will manage his time wisely and seek God's perspective for his schedule, guarding his time against unnecessary interruptions (Ps. 90:12; John 9:4; Eph. 5:15-16).

...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:

- Janet Champagne
- Traci Dalton and family
- Becky Farwick and family
- Bonnie Haun
- Melissa Ferreira
- Hollyn
- Bruce and Jan Jones
- Ida Lash
- Richard Price
- Stacey Ruff
- Ken Scigulinsky
- Diane Sommerset
- Family of Carol Smith
- Lilia Svizzero Merrill and daughter Dana
- Ralph and Alice Thomas
- Roger Ward's sister Heather
- Robert White
- The church neighborhood



We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of longtime FPC member Carol Smith.



Welcome to Kendra Fleming, FPC's new Administrative Assistant! Kendra's office hours are:

- Monday • 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.**
- Tuesday • 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.**
- Wednesday • 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.**
- Thursday • 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.**
- Friday • 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

Volunteers from FPC and other churches on the island helped pack 154 Operation Christmas Child boxes being sent to 'an unnamed country.' Many thanks to Phil and Susan Thow for coordinating and to all the volunteers for giving their time last Saturday.



THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

Thursday, August 1

9 a.m. - 5 p.m. *Pastor office hours*
9 a.m. - 2 p.m. *Church office open*

Friday, August 2

9 a.m. - 1 p.m. *Church office open*

Saturday, August 3

7 a.m. *Promise Keepers Breakfast*

Sunday, August 4

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

Monday, August 5

9 a.m. - 5 p.m. *Pastor office hours (by appt. only)*
9 a.m. - 1 p.m. *Church office open*
6 p.m. *Worship Committee*

Tuesday, August 6

9 a.m. - 2 p.m. *Church office open*
7 p.m. *Inner Life Committee*

Wednesday, August 7

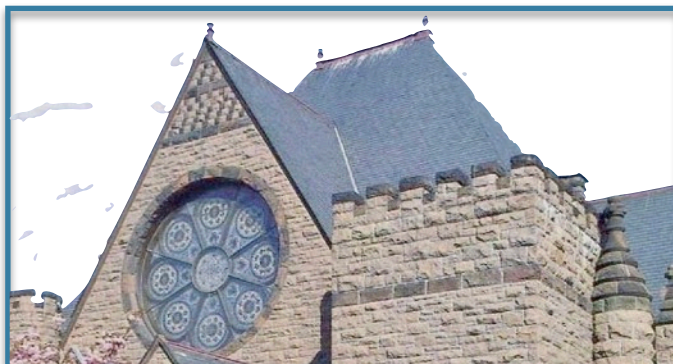
9 a.m. - 2 p.m. *Church office open*

LOOKING AHEAD

Friday, August 16: Game Night

Sunday, September 8: Church Picnic

Saturday, October 12: Church Retreat



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Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School 9:15 a.m.



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