



September 12, 2024

This Week at FPC

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

Worship: September 8

“Some time later Paul said to Barnabas, “Let us go back and visit the believers in all the towns where we preached the word of the Lord and see how they are doing.” Barnabas wanted to take John, also called Mark, with them, but Paul did not think it wise to take him, because he had deserted them in Pamphylia and had not continued with them in the work. They had such a sharp disagreement that they parted company. Barnabas took Mark and sailed for Cyprus, but Paul chose Silas and left, commended by the believers to the grace of the Lord. He went through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches.”

Acts 15:36-41



FPC Annual Meeting THIS SUNDAY

Please join us in the sanctuary immediately after the Sunday, September 15th service for the 137th Annual Meeting. It will be a time for celebration as we highlight the many ways that the Lord has touched us in 2024 and how we plan to continue to glorify him in this new fiscal year. Pick up an Annual Report today or call the office this week to get an electronic copy. There will be no luncheon.

Learn and Grow...

Adult Sunday School

Adults meet in the Hometime Room at 9:15 a.m. to study Proverbs.

Young Adult Small Group

Young adults (20s, 30s and up), single and married, meet on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month for a time of Bible study and fellowship. For questions or more information please contact Rachel Schulz at rachelschulz23@gmail.com.

Women's Bible Study

Groups meet on Tuesday at 10 a.m. in person or on Thursday at 2 p.m. on Zoom to study Hebrews. 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.

God's Authority over Church Splits, Missions, and Conversion

This week, we returned to our study in the book of Acts. In Acts 15:36-41, we saw how Paul begins his Second Missionary journey, spreading the gospel into Europe. From this we saw that God has authority over our disagreements, our doctrine, our evangelism, and our conversion.

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.

In my last sermon point, I highlighted how God 'opened' Lydia's heart to Paul's preaching. The church Father Augustine wrote about this change of heart that God grants sinners, saying "Divine grace, which out of divine generosity, is bestowed secretly in human hearts, is rejected by no one, no matter hard-hearted they may be, for it is given so that hardness of heart may be removed ... faith in its beginning and end is a gift of God."



CLASSES FOR PRESCHOOL AND SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN START SEPTEMBER 22!

- **Pre-School/Lower Elementary with Cindy Wilson:** Meets in the room off the main nursery room
- **Upper Elementary/Middle School with Dave Kolator:** Meets in the Resource Room
- **Grade 9-12 with Dan Yates-Berg:** Meets in the Lynch Room



THE STORY

ENGAGE THE BIBLE AS A
SEAMLESS COMPELLING STORY...

A new adult study is beginning on Friday evenings using THE STORY, an abridged chronological Bible. For those who are new to the Bible or more seasoned students, this study drives home a greater love of God's Word and deeper understanding of the divine narrative spanning all time. Join us Friday evenings from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. in the Hometime Room starting September 13. Childcare is available for ages 2-12. Questions? Email Michael Hicks at michaelehicks89@gmail.com.

FPC's The MomCo

The MomCo is a place where moms of little ones from infants through middle school gather and support one another through the motherhood journey. The MomCo by MOPS International provides a curriculum that is designed to spark deep conversations. It's through these conversations and friendships that we believe we can grow God's Kingdom. The group is a blend of bible study, fellowship and outreach. MomCo meets on the first Tuesday of the month with a few additional family fellowship times sprinkled in. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Rachel Nerheim at fpcnmomco@gmail.com.

Dinner Club

The next round of Dinner Club will run from October 2024 – February 2025. You will be grouped with other adults in our church family. The host (assigned by Inner Life) will contact those in your group to choose a date for the first meal. The "meal" can be a formal dinner or a casual picnic. Traditionally the host provides the main course and other guests bring and appetizer, side dish or dessert. Each group will meet as many times as they wish taking turns hosting. Sign up by contacting Nancy Burgess by text 401-835-0193 or email nancykayaks@cox.net.



"Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain."

1 Corinthians 15:58

Pray...

...for our pastor. Pray that Sean will seek God for personal, church, and community revival (2 Chron. 7:14; Ps. 69:32).

...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:

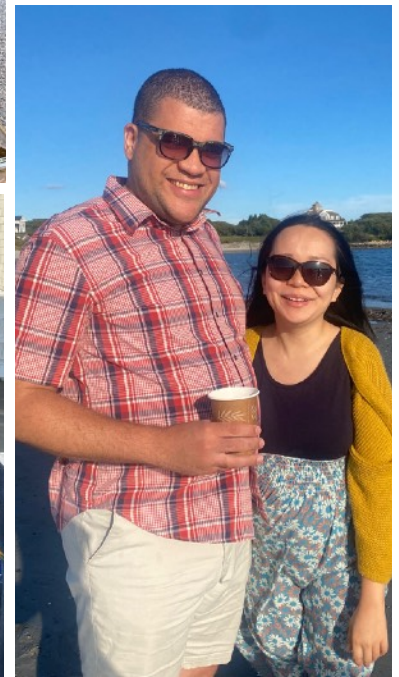
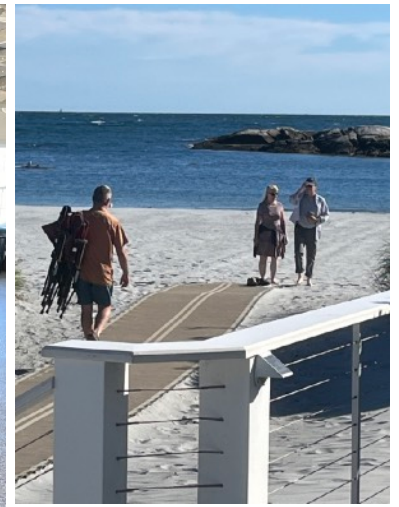
- Janet Champagne
- Lynn Chase
- Traci Dalton and family
- Becky Farwick and family
- Bonnie Haun
- Melissa Ferreira
- Bruce and Jan Jones
- Ida Lash
- Stacey Ruff
- Ken Scigulinsky
- Diane Sommerset
- Lilia Svizzero Merrill and daughter Dana
- Ralph and Alice Thomas
- Roger Ward's sister Heather
- Robert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

Fall Retreat

Join us as we explore our path to becoming a beacon to all who seek safe harbor through Christ. Rev. Jeff Hutchinson will lead a discussion of the mission, values, strategies, and measures we will follow to accomplish Christ's vision for our next season together. Fellowship, discovery and teamwork in a beautiful setting of fields, woodlands and trails. There is no cost to attend. Please sign up in the fellowship hall or call Kendra, Church Administrative Assistant, at 401-847-1749 or email adminassistant@fpcnewport.org. Snacks and lunch will be provided.



FPC Church Picnic 2024 · Gooseberry Beach



Soup Kitchen Report

On Wednesday Sept. 4, 2024 we returned to the dining room for a sit-down meals consisting of hot dogs, potato salad, baked beans, coleslaw and dessert of ice cream with a brownie or chocolate chip cookie.

We prepared 50 meals and gave out 26 to guests plus 8 take-out meals. The leftovers were taken to Lucy's Hearth.

The meals were prepared and served by Julie Ward, Linda Conheeny, Robert and Christine Sahms, Coleen Spencer, Paul Cabral and Alice Hand.

The guests were greeted and welcomed by Jerry Spencer and Roger Ward.

Guests were thankful and happy to be back in the dining room.

Shop for a Cause

Throughout September 2024, the FPC Soup Kitchen will receive \$1 for every specially marked \$10.99 Bloomin' 4 Good bouquet purchased from the Bellevue Avenue Stop & Shop location.

Nominating Committee Update

This year's Nominating Committee includes Mark Barnes, Janice Kinder, Deb MacDowell, Richard Price and Brian Ross. We have been hard at work since April looking for next year's servant leaders (Elders and Deacons). We are wrapping up the process but if there are any last minute recommendations please reach out to one of the committee members this week. The final candidates will be presented to the congregation for approval on Sunday, November 10. Thank you for your prayerful support.



Email Update

Please note that the email address for Kendra Fleming, FPC's Administrative Assistant, has changed from secretary@fpcnewport.org to adminassistant@fpcnewport.org.

THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

Thursday, September 12

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, September 13

9 a.m. - 12 p.m. *Church office open*
6:30 p.m. *'The Story' Bible Study*

Saturday, September 14

7:30 a.m. *Promise Keepers Breakfast*

Sunday, September 15

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

Monday, September 16

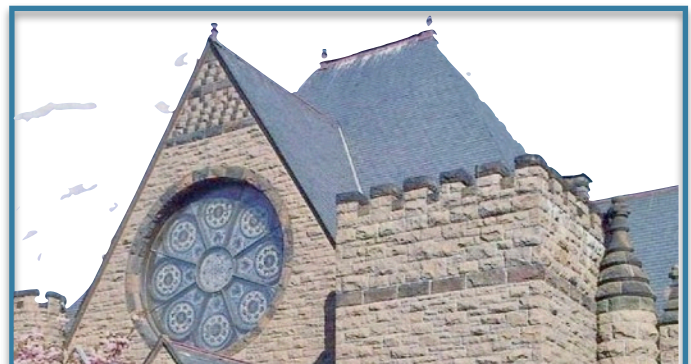
9 a.m. - 1 p.m. *Church office open*
9 a.m. - 5 p.m. *Pastor Office Hours (appt. only)*

Tuesday, September 17

9 a.m. - 2 p.m. *Church office open*
9 a.m. - 5 p.m. *Pastor Office Hours*
10 a.m. *Women's Bible Study at FPC*
7 p.m. *Session*

Wednesday, September 18

9 a.m. - 2 p.m. *Church office open*
6 p.m. *Choir Rehearsal*



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Sunday School 9:15 a.m.



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