



September 26, 2024

# This Week at FPC

## Worship: September 22

*“Now the Berean Jews were of more noble character than those in Thessalonica, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true. As a result, many of them believed, as did also a number of prominent Greek women and many Greek men.”*

Acts 17:11-12



### Searching the Scriptures for the Truth

This week Sean preached from Acts 17:10-15. Like the Bereans who were receptive to the Apostle Paul's message about Jesus, we should search the Scriptures as often as we can for the truth and to grow in our

knowledge of Christ Jesus (about whom the whole Bible of both Old and New Testaments speaks).

### 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.*

The Bereans in this passage of Acts give us a good example of how we should listen to preachers. As theologian Derek Thomas puts it, the Bereans 'receive, research, and respond to Paul's preaching. Likewise, the Westminster Larger Catechism says that we should all "receive the preached word" with "diligence, preparation, and prayer," and that we should examine what we "hear by the Scriptures, receive the truth with faith, love, meekness, and readiness of mind, as the Word of God, meditate, and confer of it, hide it in our hearts, and bring forth fruit of it in our lives."



# Learn and Grow...

## Sunday School

- **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
- **Adults:** Meet in the Hometime Room to study Proverbs

## Young Adult Small Group

Young adults (20s, 30s and up), single and married, meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 the book of 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.

## 'The Story' Study

A new adult study is meeting 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 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. in the Hometime Room. 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.

*"For,*

*'Who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?'*

*But we have the mind of Christ."*

1 Corinthians 2:16



## Pray...

**...for our pastor.** Pray that Sean will earnestly seek God's will and be committed to instant and complete obedience (Luke 9:23-24; 2 Cor. 10:3-5).

**...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
- Family of Becky Farwick
- Bonnie Haun
- Melissa Ferreira
- Bruce and Jan Jones
- Ida Lash
- Odile Mukiza
- 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



## Deacons Donation

Because of the generosity of the FPC congregation, the Deacons were able to donate \$500 to the Salvation Army. This money will be used to start new youth programs including after school care, tutoring, youth gatherings.

## THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

### Thursday, September 26

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 27

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

### Saturday, September 28

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

### Sunday, September 29

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 30

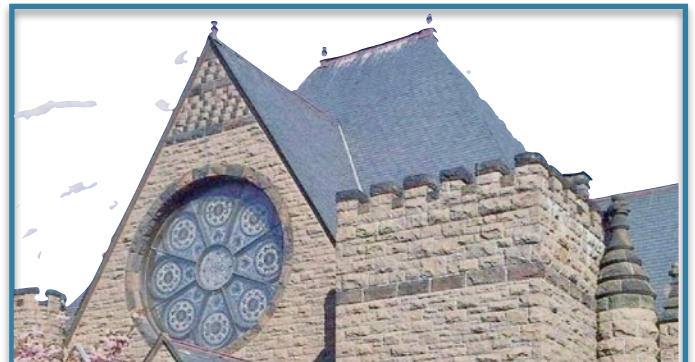
9 a.m. - 1 p.m. *Church office open*  
9 a.m. - 5 p.m. *Pastor Office Hours (appt. only)*

### Tuesday, October 1

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*  
6 p.m. *FPCN MomCO*  
7 p.m. *Inner Life Committee*

### Wednesday, October 2

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



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



## FPC 2024 FALL RETREAT

*Lighting the Way  
for Our Life in Christ*

**October 12, 2024, 9 am to 2:30 pm**  
**Canonicus Camp and Conference Center, Exeter, RI**

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](mailto:adminassistant@fpcnewport.org). Snacks and lunch will be provided. Driving directions will be available.

## 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 at 401-835-0193 or email [nancykayaks@cox.net](mailto:nancykayaks@cox.net).

## Email Update

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



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