



October 17, 2024

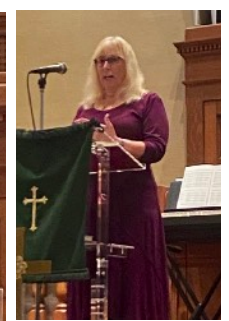
This Week at FPC

Worship: October 13

“Meanwhile a Jew named Apollos, a native of Alexandria, came to Ephesus. He was a learned man, with a thorough knowledge of the Scriptures. He had been instructed in the way of the Lord, and he spoke with great fervor and taught about Jesus accurately, though he knew only the baptism of John. He began to speak boldly in the synagogue. When Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they invited him to their home...”

Acts 18:24-26

Pastor Appreciation Day



Jesus' Team

This week Sean preached from Acts 18, which introduces Priscilla, Aquila, and Apollos, Christian teachers mentioned a number of times in Paul's New Testament letters. Like these early Christians, we ought to spend time with one another, encourage one another, and teach one another.

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.

Some of our Elders are reading a book together entitled *A Church Called Tov*. In this book, the authors write that "'church' is not an event, and it is not about the pastor's sermon. Church attendance is about joining a community of believers and being nurtured in the faith. Church is about soul work and confession of sin. Church is about relationships and community - which take time to build. Church is about knowing and being known, loving and being love, serving and being served."



Fall Retreat – October 12, 2024

Over thirty people gathered Saturday at Canonicus Camp and Conference Center in Exeter, RI for our church retreat. We enjoyed the ideal conditions of fantastic weather, excellent food, a roaring fireplace, and Christ-centered fellowship in their rustic meeting lodge. The retreat combined FPC's tradition of an annual disciple-building event with the culmination of the FPC Vision Framing process.

Attendees explored what it means to be disciples of Christ who worship, serve, grow — and in all things, love — in a church which is "a beacon on the rock of Christ, shining God's love into our Newport community and beyond."

The Vision Framing Team has been working to develop FPC's missional mandate: "Guiding all to Christ's safe harbor, encouraging all to shine forth Jesus' light." Inherent to this purpose are the foundational values of the church, summarized by the BEACON acronym: Beloved by Christ... Energized by worship and prayer... Anchored in God's Word... Committed to service... Overjoyed in fellowship... Nearer to God together.

The retreat was organized by the Inner Life committee in collaboration with the Vision Framing Team and led by Pastor Jeff Hutchinson.



It's already time to be thinking about the **FPC Advent Devotional!** As we journey through Advent, it is such a blessing to daily read a devotional created by our fellow worshipers. **You** can be part of this year's booklet. Your devotional can be about your personal Christmas tradition or experience, scripture, stories or poetry, or other evidence of God's love to fit on a 5 ½ x 8 ½ page.

- Begin with a scripture verse
- Main story or content (one to three paragraphs)
- End with a short prayer



The Inner Life Committee will format and assemble the booklets. To be ready for the first Sunday in Advent (December 1st) we **need your contribution no later than November 20** (the earlier the better!) Please drop it off at the church office or email Daryl Kolator at dakolator@gmail.com. We would love to hear from you.

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

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 more information 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.

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.

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 group has paused and will resume meeting on November 3.

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 meets on the first Tuesday of the month from 6:30 - 8 p.m. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Rachel Nerheim at fpcmomco@gmail.com.

'The Story' Study

This group meets on Friday evenings using THE STORY, an abridged chronological Bible. 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 michaelhicks89@gmail.com.

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight."

Proverbs 3:5-6

Pray...

...for our pastor. Ask God to provide for the financial needs of Sean. Pray that he will be a wise steward of personal finances and church funds (Ps. 37:25; Phil. 4:19; Heb. 13:5).

...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:

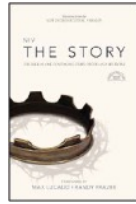
- Janet Champagne
- Larry and Lynn Chase
- Traci Dalton and family
- Family of Becky Farwick
- Bonnie Haun
- Melissa Ferreira
- Bruce and Jan Jones
- Ida Lash
- Odile Mukiza
- Stacey Ruff
- Ken Scigulinsky
- Diane Sommerset
- Lilia Svizzera Merrill and daughter Dana
- Ralph and Alice Thomas
- Roger Ward's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



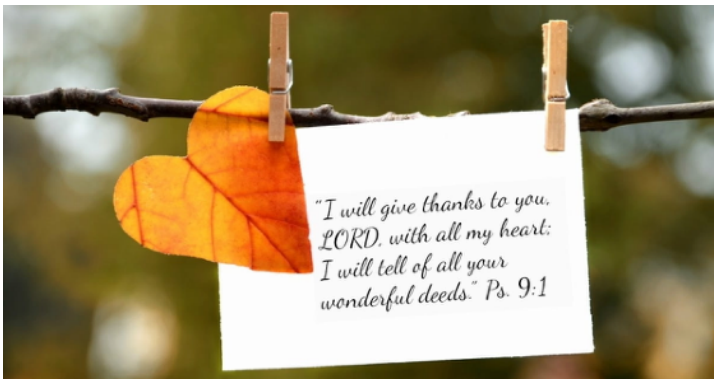
MEN'S MINISTRY

Two new men's study groups are now meeting on alternating Thursdays at the church at 7:00 p.m.

"The Story" is a 31-lesson study of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation, led by Mike Hicks. Please email michaelehicks89@gmail.com or call 612-393-9298 for details.



BetterMan is an 11-session study devoted to being better men, husbands, fathers, servants and followers of Christ. Don Fennessey is the leader. Please contact him at fenns@hotmail.com or 401-855-6716 for info.



With Gratitude

We received the following thank you note from The Salvation Army for a recent gift from FPC through the Deacons:

Thank you for your generous donation. The financial support of \$500 that you so kindly offered is going toward our youth programs. It is generous donors like yours that make these programs possible. Through these programs children have a safe environment to go to. Your support is highly impactful for our community. We are blessed to have such wonderful churches in the community coming together for those in need. Thank you for all that you do through First Presbyterian Church.

THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

Thursday, October 17

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)*
7 p.m. *The Story Men's Group*

Friday, October 18

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

Saturday, October 19

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

Sunday, October 20

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*

Monday, October 21

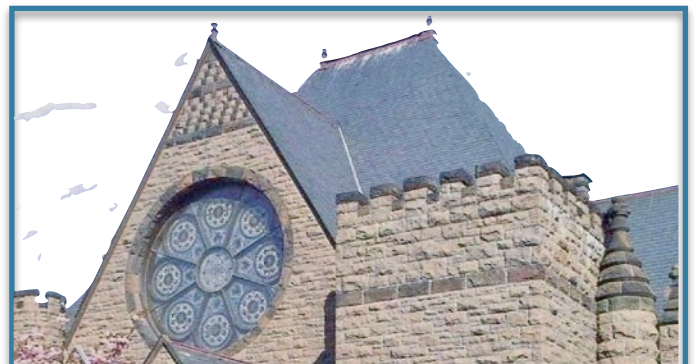
9 a.m. - 1 p.m. *Church office open*
9 a.m. - 5 p.m. *Pastor Office Hours (appt. only)*

Tuesday, October 22

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*

Wednesday, October 23

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



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Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School 9:15 a.m.



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