



November 1, 2024

This Week at FPC

Worship: October 27

“So then, about eating food sacrificed to idols: We know that “An idol is nothing at all in the world” and that “There is no God but one.”

For even if there are so-called gods, whether in heaven or on earth (as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords”), yet for us there is but one God, the Father, from whom all things came and for whom we live; and there is but one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all things came and through whom we live.”

1 Corinthians 8:4-6



Idolatry and the One True God

This week Sean preached from Acts 19:21-41; here Paul's preaching has disrupted the sale of goods connected to the worship of Artemis in and around Ephesus. This incident reminds us that idols are fragile, small, and powerless, but the real true God is strong, great, and capable.

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 Reformer John Calvin once said that the human heart is "an idol factory." We may not worship Artemis today, but we produce new idols to worship all the time. God enables us, however, to turn from these new idols again and again.





Fall Work Day Helpers Needed THIS SATURDAY

On Saturday, November 2 we will come together in fellowship and service for the annual FPC fall work

day. Helpers are needed to perform cleanup, simple maintenance, and prepare our facilities for winter services from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Fun for the whole family! Rain or shine! No prior experience needed! How about free coffee and donuts!? Contact Roger Ward for details.

Officer Election Meeting

An Officer Election Meeting will be held on **Sunday, November 10** immediately following worship service. At that time, the nominating committee will recommend that the following covenant partners be elected:

Elders for the Class of 2027: Janice Kinder, Brian Fennessey and Deidra Ricci

Deacons for the Class of 2026: Julie Ward

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Minute For Mission: Global Focus

FPC supports a variety of global mission organizations who share the Good News of the gospel in different ways. The organizations include: The Outreach Foundation, Wycliffe Bible Translators, CrossWorld, Frontier Fellowship and World Renew.

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 1/2 x 8 1/2 page.

- Begin with a scripture verse
- Main story or content (1-3 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.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

A project by Samaritan's Purse, delivers shoeboxes filled with gifts to children in need around the world. Their mission is to



demonstrate God's love to children in need and share the Good News of Jesus Christ. Thanks to the generosity of the FPC congregation, the Deacons were able to contribute \$300 toward supplies.

Gift Box Packing Party

On Saturday, November 16 from 9:30 to 11 a.m. we will pack 200 boxes. All we need are willing hands. Supplies have already been purchased. If you can help, please contact Nancy Browne at 401-835-3461 or email pnsjbrowne@msn.com.

Volunteer Shifts for Drop Off

FPC has been selected to be an area drop off site for Operation Christmas Child boxes again this year. Volunteers who wish to do one of the 2 hour shifts (listed below) to receive and log boxes from other organizations, please contact Daryl Kolator at 401-339-7625 or email dakolator@gmail.com. This requires no experience or talent, just a willing heart to serve others.

- Monday, November 18: 6 - 8 p.m.
- Tuesday, November 19: 5 - 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, November 20: 9 - 11 a.m.
- Thursday, November 21: 6 - 8 p.m.
- Friday, November 22: 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- Saturday, November 23: 9 - 11 a.m.
- Sunday, November 24: 1 - 3 p.m.
- Monday, November 25: 8 - 10 a.m.

Shoeboxes Due by November 18

Shoeboxes are sprinkled around the church if you would like to fill your own! Please return by the week of November 18. We will have a dedication on Sunday, November 24.

Compline Service

Join us on Thursday, November 7 from 7 to 7:30 p.m. for a Compline Service in the sanctuary. A Compline Service includes prayer, scripture and meditation.

Pick Up An FPC Cookbook

Looking for some fresh ideas at the dinner table? Stop by the Fellowship Hall to pick up a copy (or two) of the church cookbook. Thanks to all who contributed delicious recipes! Donations can be made in the Sunday offering plates. (Suggested donation: \$10 each).



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 second Thursday 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.

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.

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 fpcnmomco@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 michaelehicks89@gmail.com.

"The Story" is a 31-lesson study of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation. This group for men meets every other Thursday and is 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 of this group meeting on alternating Thursday evenings. Please contact him at fenns@hotmail.com or 401-855-6716 for more info.



FPC MANLY MEN FELLOWSHIP AND FIRE

DATE: Saturday, November 9

TIME: 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

WHERE: Brian Petit's home (415 Seaside Drive, Jamestown)

PROGRAM:

- Social hour
- Cook hot dogs over fire
- Devotion
- Prayer

FOOD and DRINKS: Will be provided

BRING: Lawn chair

BRING: Two or more items for food bank

BRING: Male friends and relatives

PRAY: For good weather

RSVP: Don Fennessey 401-855-6716 or fenns@hotmail.com



MomCo at The Maze

FPCN MomCo and families had a blast recently at the Escobar Corn Maze!

“The joy of the Lord is your strength.”

Nehemiah 8:10



Pray...

...for our pastor. Pray that Sean will love God with all his heart, soul, mind, and strength. Pray that God will work powerfully in his heart, and that he will follow biblical priorities (Deut. 6:5; Matt. 6:33).

...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:

- Janet Champagne
- Larry and Lynn Chase
- Marcia Clark
- Traci Dalton and family
- Family of Becky Farwick
- Bonnie Haun
- Melissa Ferreira
- Bruce and Jan Jones
- Ida Lash
- Peggy Leino
- Odile Mukiza
- Brian Petit
- 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

THIS WEEK’S MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

Friday, November 1

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

Saturday, November 2

7:30 a.m. Promise Keepers Breakfast
9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Fall Church Work Day

Sunday, November 3

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 (Zoom)

Monday, November 4

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

Tuesday, November 5

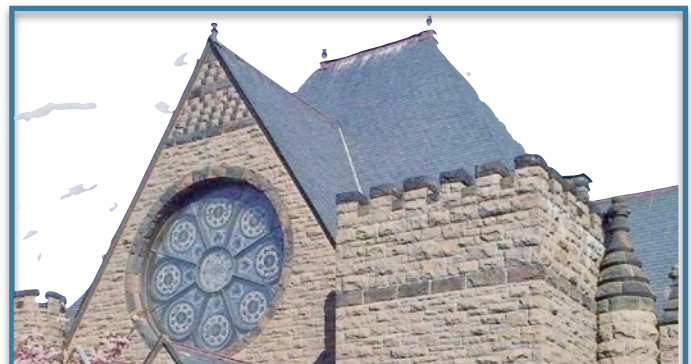
9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Church office open
9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Pastor Office Hours
10 a.m. Women’s Bible Study at FPC
6:30 p.m. MomCo
7 p.m. Inner Life Committee

Wednesday, November 6

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

Thursday, November 7

9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Pastor Office Hours
9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Church office open
2 p.m. Women’s Bible Study (Zoom)
7 p.m. Men’s Bible Study
7 p.m. Compline Service



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Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School 9:15 a.m.



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