

# Worship: January 5

### Lessens and Carols

This week was a special service with scripture and Christmas hymns, and a testimony of God's great faithfulness in her life by Bunny Miller.



#### Soup Kitchen Report

Our January Soup Kitchen fell on the New Year's Day Holiday. As such, a bag meal was served rather than our usual sit-down meal. A total of 40 bag meals consisting of ham & cheese sandwich, potato salad, chips, fruit cup, cookies and candy canes were prepared and given out by Daryl and Dave Kolator. 25 meals were given to 17 guests and 15 leftover meals were taken to McKinney Shelter. Thanks to the Kolators for their efforts on a holiday.

thankyou

Congratulations to **Darien Petit** who has completed her sixth year of service as a deacon, and to **Brian Petit** who completed his third year of service as an elder on Session.

"But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen."

2 Peter 3:18

# Pray...

...for our pastor. Pray that Sean's family will grow in the Lord. (2 Cor. 3:17-18, 2 Peter 3:18, Col. 3:12-14)

...for our church as we rely on our faith in God's plan for all of us and reach out to those around us.

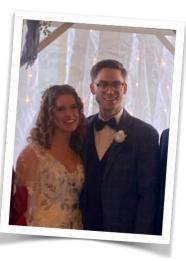
...for our nation and its leaders, for our first responders and for all those who serve our nation in dangerous parts of the world.

...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
- Family of Becky Farwick
- Bonnie Haun
- Dick and Margaret Falb
- Melissa Ferreira
- Ellie Green and family
- Bruce and Jan Jones
- Ida Lash
- Peggy Leino
- Odile Mukiza
- Beverly Pascoal
- Brian Petit
- Stacey Ruff
- Ken Scigulinsky
- Diane Sommerset
- Lilia Svizzero Merrill and daughter Dana
- Ralph and Alice Thomas
- Phil Thow
- Roger Ward's sister Heather
- Robert White
- The church neighborhood



Pastor Sean and Mary were married on Sunday in Salisbury, MA. Congratulations!



#### Women's Bible Study

A new women's Bible study will be offered in February. "The God of His Word" is a 6-week video Bible study that explores some of the names for God used in scripture and what they say about his nature and character. It will be available in person at FPC on Tuesdays from 10 to 11:30 a.m. or by Zoom on Thursdays from 2 to 3:30 p.m. If you would like to attend or have any questions, please contact Deidra Ricci at Pamperedee@aol.com. Study guides will be ordered by mid-January.

#### Attention FPC Men



Save the date! You are invited to breakfast in the church dining room at 8:30 on Saturday, January 25. We will kick off 2025 with

fellowship, pancakes, eggs and meat! Pastor Sean will present his vision for men's ministry for next year, and we will enjoy a presentation by Thomas McMillan from Iron Sharpens Iron. Contact Don Fennessey at 401-855-6716 or fenns@hotmail.com if you plan to be hungry that day!



Our deepest gratitude to all who came out last Saturday to "un-deck the halls"! Many hands make light work, as everything was put away and cleaned up in just 1 1/2 hours!

# Learn and Grow...

#### Sunday School/Childcare for Infants, Toddlers, Preschool and Lower Elementary:

- Childcare is provided from 9:15-10:30 a.m. in the nursery rooms.
- During the service childcare for infants and toddlers is provided in the nursery room.
- Instruction for pre-school and lower elementary children will follow the children's message in the room off the main nursery room.

#### Sunday School

- 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 and 30s+), single and married, meet on the second Thursday of each month for a time of Bible study and fellowship. 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. Contact Deidra Ricci at Pamperedee@aol.com or 401-447-3833 for more info.

#### Small Group Bible Study

This group meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays at 7 p.m. at rotating homes of the members. Contact Daryl Kolator at dakolator@gmail.com.

#### Evensong

Join us Sundays at 6 p.m. on Zoom for worship with songs, scripture, and fellowship. Contact Cindy Wilson or Kendra Fleming (adminassistant@fpcnewport.org) for the link.

### The MomCo

The MomCo (for moms of infants through middle schoolers) meets on the first Tuesday of the month from 6:30 - 8 p.m. 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. 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. 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. The group meets on alternating Thursday evenings. Contact Don Fennessey at fenns@hotmail.com or 401-855-6716.

# THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

Please note, there will be no pastoral office hours January 5-17.

Friday, January 10 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Church office open 6:30 p.m. 'The Story' Bible Study

Saturday, January 11 7:30 a.m. FPC Men's Breakfast

#### Sunday, January 12

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, January 13

9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Church office open 6 p.m. Building & Grounds Committee meeting 7 p.m. Finance &Personnel Committee meeting

### Tuesday, January 14

9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Church office open 10 a.m. Women's Bible Study (at FPC) 6:30 p.m. Deacons meeting

#### Wednesday, January 15

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

### Thursday, January 16

9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Church office open 2 p.m. Women's Bible Study (Zoom)

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7 p.m. Men's Bible Study



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