

LEND A HAND to the Emergency Cold Weather Shelter (ECWS)!

Want to make a difference for families in our community who are without permanent housing? FPC will be one of the churches providing Emergency Cold Weather Shelter to families beginning Monday, October 3 (pending fire inspection approval.) Sign up to help in one of the following ways:

1. Volunteer to be for one of the overnight volunteers or an evening volunteer

Sign up for one Monday night a month, one night every other month or 2-4 times during the season. You work with a team of 2-3 other adults to provide hospitality to the families. Volunteers come at 6:30 pm and leave around 8:30 am on Tuesday morning.

2. Donate needed food items for evening or breakfast meals

Check the list on the ECWS board (in narthex) for immediate needs. One can always donate granola bars, snack sized containers of fruit, mac and cheese individual servings, hot chocolate, cup of noodles, muffins, orange or apple juice, fresh fruit, peanut butter or cheese filled crackers, or string cheese.

3. Sign up to prepare a hot entrée (casserole, soup, pasta dish, etc.)

In addition to the evening snacks FPC will be offering a simple hot meal for our guests this year. The meal can be brought on either Sunday or Monday and left at the church.

4. Help with the laundry

Each week a volunteer takes the dirty linens (sheets, pillow cases and towels) and launders them.

Questions: Talk to Ralph Duerre, Marcus Geist or Danna Larson

Announcements September 18, 2022

Join us on Sundays for Faith Formation Experiences

❖ **Adult Sunday School-9:30 am**

Join others in the library for study and reflection that will support and challenge you as you strive to be faithful to God's calling. This fall the study will be led by Scott Gruhn.

❖ **Family Faith Formation Fellowship-9:30 am**

An intergenerational gathering for youth, children and adults. Join others for breakfast, fellowship, bible discussions and service projects.

❖ **Godly Play**

Children come to Godly Play following the "Time with Children" in worship. Godly Play teaches children how to listen for God and to make authentic and creative responses to God's call in their lives. Parents pick up children in the Godly Play room following worship.

❖ **Anchorage Presbyterian Youth Group**

All 7th-12th graders are welcome to join other groups for fellowship, service, recreation and biblical reflections each week. We usually meet on Sundays from 12:30-2:00 at one of the churches. Check the calendar for the latest information.

Women Gathering this Friday for Fellowship and Faith

All women are invited to a get-together on Friday, September 23 at 6:30 pm at First Presbyterian Church. Join us for snacks, laughter and sharing. Our hope is to provide monthly gatherings to encourage and equip women seeking deeper connections to God, the church, and one another. You are an important part of this. Bring a snack to share and a friend.

Presbyterian Area Youth Group Gatherings

All youth (7th-12th graders) are invited to join other youth for our regularly scheduled Presbyterian Area youth group gatherings. We meet for fellowship, recreation, service projects and Bible study.

Thanks to those who joined us yesterday at the Eagle River Presbyterian Church and helped with the yard sale and donated for the bake sale sponsored by the youth. Next week we will be meeting at First Presbyterian Church (Anchorage) at 12:30. A simple lunch will be provided followed by other activities.

Be a part of the 50/50 Club!

The 50/50 Club is a fun way of giving part of your Alaska Permanent Dividend to the church each year. Everyone is encouraged to donate 10% (or more) of this year's PFD to First Presbyterian Church for the 50/50 Club. 50% stays with First Presbyterian Church to use for designated projects and 50% goes to the Yukon Presbytery Mission Endowment Fund that provides mission dollars for the Presbytery.

The 50/50 Club was started 30 years ago through the inception of an endowment for the Yukon Presbytery with initial donations of \$500 from First Presbyterian Church-Anchorage and North Pole Presbyterian Church. You can donate to the 50/50 Club by writing a check and designating it 50/50 Club or giving on-line on the FPC website.

Path of Peace Daily Reflections

Join others throughout our PC(USA) Presbyterian Churches this month for a four-week pilgrimage to deepen the pursuit of peace in our congregations and families. Daily "Path of Peace" reflections are available for you to download (or pick up a printed copy in the narthex) to define and deepen your calling as a peacemaker. The daily devotions cover four areas of peace work – climate change, non-violence, the intersection between race and poverty and issues of immigration and migration. The Season of Peace will conclude on World Communion Sunday (Oct. 2) with the taking of the Peace and Global Witness Offering.

Go to:

www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/peacemaking/season-peace to sign up for the daily reflections.

Peace and Global Witness Offering

First Presbyterian Church will be taking the PC(USA) Peace and Global Witness Offering on Sunday, October 2 as part of our

celebration of World Communion Sunday and the culmination of the Season of Peace. This offering enables the church to promote peace by addressing systems of injustice around the world. 25% of the offering will be used locally, 25 % given to the Yukon Presbytery, and the remaining 50 % is used by the PC(USA) Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence through collaborative projects of education and witness. First Presbyterian Church will be designating its 25 % to support Ryan and Alethia White (daughters Ariella and Laila) who have been serving as PC(USA) Co-Mission Workers with the Iranian Presbyterian Church in Berlin since 2013. This year they have also began serving as the Co-regional liaisons for Central and Northern Europe. Ryan grew up in Anchorage and was a member of Trinity Presbyterian Church. Donations can be made to First Presbyterian Church either by check or online and marked "Peace and Global Witness Offering."

Yukon Presbytery Presbyterian Women Fall Tea

Join others from our Presbytery this Saturday, Sept. 24 at Trinity Presbyterian Church for the Presbyterian Women's Fall Tea co-hosted by Trinity Presbyterian Church and the Yukon Presbytery. The event will begin at 11:30 am with a box lunch followed by a silent auction and entertainment by the Irish Dance Academy. Upscale donations for the Silent Auction can be dropped off at Trinity Presbyterian Church through September 20. Please RSVP if you are planning to attend by calling 907-345-4823. This Women's Fall Tea provides a great opportunity for our Presbyterian women to connect with others from the presbytery.

Volunteer ECWS Meeting on September 26

All volunteers and others interested in learning about the ECWS (Emergency Cold Weather Shelter) ministry plans for this year are encouraged to attend our orientation/planning meeting on Monday, September 26 at 6:30 pm in fellowship hall. This meeting will provide an opportunity for all volunteers to learn how we will be running our ECWS this year as well as do the required "Keeping the Church Safe" and "Fire Safety" trainings. If you cannot come to this meeting, please let Marcus Geist or Danna Larson know so we can meet with you at another time. All volunteers will need to fill out this year's volunteer application to participate.