

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 2 at the Emergency Cold Weather Shelter for Families. 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 5-6 other adults to provide hospitality to the families. We have different volunteer opportunities from 5:00 p.m. Monday to Tuesday 9:00 a.m. Check out the table display in the narthex for more information.

2. Donate needed food items for evening or breakfast meals.

Donations of granola bars, snack sized containers of fruit, mac and cheese individual servings, hot chocolate, cups of noodles, muffins, cookies, baked goods, orange and apple juice, fresh fruit, peanut butter or cheese-filled crackers or string cheese, breakfast food, oatmeal, etc., are always welcome.

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

Prepare a meal for 15-20 people to be served in the evening for the families at the shelter. The meal can be dropped off at the shelter on Mondays between 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Questions: Talk to Marcus Geist or Danna Larson

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CALENDAR ITEMS

Sunday, September 24

9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School Class – The Third Festival
11:00 a.m. Worship and Godly Play, F.I.S.H. Service Project
12:00 noon Coffee, Fellowship
12:00 noon Merry Makers Luncheon
1:00 p.m. Youth/Parent Planning Meeting

Monday, September 25

Tuesday, September 26

5:30 p.m. CE Committee meeting

Wednesday, September 27

6:00 p.m. Handbells
7:00 p.m. Choir

Thursday, September 28

12:00 noon AMEN Lunch, Village Inn, 1130 E. N. Lights Blvd.
5:30 p.m. Session meeting

Friday, September 29

Saturday, September 30

2:00 p.m. Chottie Angst Funeral

Sunday, October 1

9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School Class - The Third Festival
11:00 a.m. Worship and Godly Play
12:00 p.m. Coffee, Fellowship
12:15 p.m. “Understanding our Past, Growing Into Our Future”
Lunch and Discussion

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Announcements for September 24

Godly Play will meet today following the “Time with Children.” Today the children will be doing their monthly service for F.I.S.H. in Fellowship Hall.

The **childcare center** is open each Sunday during our worship service and staffed by two caring childcare providers, Andrea Dixon and Jennifer Clark. All children ages 3 months to 5 years are welcome to enjoy this space during the service. Parents are welcome to stay with their children or sign them in and pick them up after the service.

Join us Today for:

Adult Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. The Third Festival: Three times a year the Jews were commanded to journey to Jerusalem to celebrate major events in their history – and also explore the deeper meanings that God had hidden within those events. Christians participate in forms of two of these celebrations, Passover (Maundy Thursday / Good Friday) and Pentecost. What about the third? Join our Sunday School class this fall as we explore the many lessons from the Feast of Booths and the Day of Atonement that ushers it in. We enjoy learning from each other in this discussion-oriented class. Join us; we'd love to get to know you better and learn from you!

Worship and Godly Play at 11:00 .m. Children will go to Godly Play following the Children's Time in worship for their own faith formation experience.

Invitation to Gather: "Understanding our Past, Growing into the Future: Presbyterians Untangling Colonialism in Alaska"

When: Next Sunday, October 1 after worship (12:15 p.m.- 1:45 p.m.)

What: Lunch, presentation on Alaska history from Indigenous perspective, followed by small group discussion and prayer.

Why: This event is the result of the Mathew 25 Initiative group of members and friends who met at FPC over the past year.

Who: All are welcome. Bring a friend! The gathering will be facilitated by:

Celia Denton and Olivia Franke of Native Movement and is hosted by the FPC Mission Committee.

Where: Fellowship Hall.

Food: We will provide pizza, salad and cookies; potluck dishes welcome.

Please RSVP to Danna Larson (dllsitka@gmail.com) by noon on Thursday, Sept. 28.

F.I.S.H. Sunday is Today!

We welcome Raissa D'Antonio from F.I.S.H. (Friends in Serving Humanity) to our worship today. Thanks to those of you who brought pasta to help us reach our goal of providing 100 pounds of pasta each month to F.I.S.H. and to the children for bagging rice each month. Join the children in Fellowship Hall following the service and help them with this service project.

Our Community Garden and Mini-Orchard were a Success!

THANK YOU TO:

Donald Hennessey, Charlene Carman and April Hoffman for your help with the I Street Community Garden this summer. We donated lots of vegetables from the garden to Lutheran Social Services for their food distributions. We still have potatoes to dig but hope to finish this project in the next week. Liz and Ken Sherwood for your help with the mini-orchard which produced a great number of apples that were shared with neighbors and friends as they walked by the church. Special thanks for providing and nurturing the beautiful flower beds in the entry way this summer and for taking care of the ferns around the church building in preparation for winter.

Peace and Global Witness Offering

First Presbyterian Church will be taking the PC(USA) Peace and Global Witness Offering next Sunday, October 1 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. Twenty-five per cent 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. The Mission Committee will determine how FPC will use it's 25% at their Mission Committee meeting in October. Donations can be made to First Presbyterian Church either by check or online and marked "Peace and Global Witness Offering."