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**Announcements July 28, 2024**

**GODLY PLAY** will meet today following the “Time with Children.” The children will be bagging rice in Fellowship Hall for F.I.S.H. today. Parents are welcome to pick up their children in Fellowship Hall following worship.

The **CHILDCARE CENTER** is open today. Children five and under are welcome to go to the childcare center during the worship service. Parents need to take your children down so you can sign them in with our childcare providers. You can watch the service with your cell phone in the childcare room if you want to stay with your children.

**JOIN US TODAY FOR:**

**10:00 a.m.    Worship and Godly Play**

**BREAD FOR THE WORLD, GUEST SPEAKER**

On Sunday, August 4, David Gist, Senior Organizer for Bread for the World ([www.bread.org](http://www.bread.org)), will be visiting Alaska. Bread for the World helps congregations and faith leaders carry out education and advocacy to end hunger and to advance understanding about the root causes of hunger such as the racial wealth gap, wages and jobs, and other drivers of hardship and injustice. Bread works to influence federal action on food and child-support programs. Bread is organizing “listening sessions” to help inform its upcoming campaign, Nourish Our Future, which is launching this fall.

The FPC Mission Committee is hosting a Bread listening session on Sunday, August 4 after worship. People who have experienced food insecurity and individuals who work to meet the needs of the hungry are encouraged to attend. If you would like to participate in this discussion, or know someone who could provide insight on these topics, please sign-up in the lobby or email the church office at

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### **GRANDPARENTS – PARENTS: YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!**

The Christian Education Committee invites anyone who has children or grandchildren who are connected to First Presbyterian Church to fill out a survey to help us better understand what's important for your family as we plan for faith formation here at First Presbyterian Church. It will take less than ten minutes to do. You can find the survey by clicking this QR code or by picking up a paper survey on the information table. Please complete the survey by this Sunday, August 4. Questions: Talk to Larry Micheal, Margaret Young or Danna Larson.



### **BACK TO SCHOOL "SUNDAE"!**

Join us on Sunday, August 18 as we celebrate children and staff going back to school during our 10:00 a.m. worship service; followed by a "Make Your Own Sundae" ice cream bar at 11:00 a.m. All students are invited to bring their backpacks for the "Blessing of the Backpacks" during the worship service. Following the worship service, join us for sundaes and games on the lawn organized by the Christian Education committee. If you would like to lend a hand with the ice cream sundae bar or games, please contact Danna Larson or Margaret Young.

### **CHILDCARE POSITION OPEN AT FPC**

We are still looking for two adults to staff our childcare center on Sundays from 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Occasionally there are other events at the church that need childcare as well. Please share this information with the childcare centers your children go to as well as others in your neighborhood who you think may be interested in this part time opportunity. Please contact Danna Larson ([dllsitka@gmail.com](mailto:dllsitka@gmail.com)) or Diana Rotkis (email church office) for an application.

### **SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED**

School starts for our Anchorage School District on August 15! Each year our community works together to make sure all children in Anchorage have the school supplies they need to begin the school year. If you would like to help with school supplies the following are needed and are being collected at the church for the community distribution in August.

Backpacks (Elementary, Middle School and High School)	Pencils (#2 pencils)
Crayons	Glue Sticks
Scissors (blunt tip, metal)	Markers (washable/not permanent)
Erasers	Rulers
Pocket folders	Binders
Notebook dividers (8 tab)	Composition books
Ball point pens	Colored pencils
Notebook paper (wide-ruled and college-ruled)	White liquid glue

### **Calendar**

#### **Sunday, July 28**

10:00 a.m. Worship Service and Godly Play  
11:00 a.m. F.I.S.H. Service Project

#### **Thursday, July 25**

10:00 a.m. Pioneer Home Service

#### **Sunday, August 4**

10:00 a.m. Worship Service and Godly Play  
11:15 a.m. Bread for the World Listening Circle