

DANGERS OF CHRISTIAN NATIONALISM

FPC will be presenting a "Dangers of Christian Nationalism" class on Tuesdays, October 1, and possibly October 8 at 6:45 p.m. in the church Fellowship Hall. We'll define the terms, discuss how it is dangerous, and provide ways to address this danger in our country. Contact the church to RSVP or ask questions.

CALENDAR

Sunday, September 29

9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School Class
11:00 a.m. Worship and Godly Play
12:00 p.m. F.I.S.H. Service Project and I Street Potato Digging Service Project
12:30 p.m. Middle School Youth Afternoon at St. Mary's Episcopal Church

Tuesday, October 1

5:30 p.m. CE Committee Meeting (zoom)
5:30 p.m. Worship Committee meeting
6:45 p.m. Dangers of Christian Nationalism

Wednesday, October 2

5:00 p.m. Mission Committee meeting
6:00 p.m. Handbells
7:00 p.m. Choir

Thursday, October 3

10:00 a.m. Pioneer Home service

Friday, Oct. 4

5:30 p.m. Children in Worship/Godly Play Training

Saturday, October 5

9:00 a.m. Children in Worship/Godly Play Training

Sunday, October 6 – World Communion Sunday

9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School Class
11:00 a.m. Worship and Godly Play

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Announcements September 29, 2024

Faith Formation for Children (formerly called Godly Play) will meet following the "Time with Children" today. Parents should come and pick up children in the downstairs classrooms 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.

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F.I.S.H. and I Street Garden Service Projects Today

The children (and anyone else interested) have two service projects today.

- **F.I.S.H.:** Come to Fellowship Hall following worship to help bag rice for F.I.S.H.
- **I Street Garden:** Children will be harvesting the potatoes and carrots from the I Street Garden (behind City Market) if it is not raining. Come and check it out!

GODLY PLAY-CHILDREN IN WORSHIP TRAINING IS THIS FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

First Presbyterian Church will be offering a Godly Play-Children in Worship Training October 4-5 for those who are interested in learning the Godly Play-Children in Worship method for supporting children in their faith formation. The training will be taught by Carol Jones, Western Regional Children in Worship trainer. The training will be on Friday (October 4) from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. and Saturday (October 5) from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. The Christian Education Committee is inviting members of FPC to come to the training (all or part of it) and help us in our faith formation for children. Our goal is to train 8 -

10 teachers so one can commit to helping with our Godly Play time no more than once every 2 months. Please consider being one of our teachers or assistant teachers. Volunteers from St. Mary's Episcopal Church and Trinity Presbyterian Church will be joining us for the training. Contact Margaret Young or Danna Larson for more information.

PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING

Sowing Seeds of Peace is the theme for this year's PC(USA) Peace and Global Witness Offering which will be taken on October 6 at First Presbyterian Church. The offering supports the church in promoting peace by addressing systems of injustice around the world. Twenty-five percent 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 giving our 25% to Catholic Social Services to use to support their Refugee Assistance and Immigration Services (RAIS); one of which is their Far North Farm and Fresh International Gardens. Donations to the Peace and Global Witness Offering can be made to First Presbyterian Church through the end of October by either writing a check or giving online and designating it "Peace and Global Witness Offering."

SOWING SEEDS OF PEACE

"We are the peacemakers, sowing seeds of peace in every interaction and decision we make." What does peace mean to you? Share your thoughts with others on the Peace Tree in the narthex. Read what others (including our children and youth) have written.

YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITIES

TODAY (September 29): **Middle School Game Afternoon** at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. MS Youth will meet at St. Mary's from 12:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. A pizza lunch will be provided. Bring a friend and a board game to play if it is raining!

Saturday, October 12: UAA Volleyball Game at Alaska Center. We will meet at Alaska Center at 6:45 p.m. RSVP to Danna for a group ticket. Parents or others from church are welcome to join us. Bring a friend!

EMERGENCY COLD WEATHER SHELTER FOR FAMILIES

The Emergency Cold Weather Shelter for Families (ECWS) opens on October 1. The shelter is open during the colder months of the year to make sure any family who is experiencing homelessness has a warm and safe place to be. FPC along with eight other churches staffs the shelter on Monday nights beginning Oct. 7. Volunteers are needed to staff the shelter each Monday night. Opportunities include providing an evening meal for 15-20 guests, providing evening or overnight hospitality, or donating snacks and other food for the residents. Each

night we have teams of about ten people fulfilling these roles. Check out the ECWS display in the narthex to learn more about how you can volunteer.

F.I.S.H. OPPORTUNITIES

F.I.S.H. is an all-volunteer food pantry that delivers food to those who cannot get to a food bank. Here are ways you can help:

1. Donate pasta to help FPC reach its monthly donation goal of 100 pounds of pasta.
2. Become a F.I.S.H. volunteer: deliver food baskets; pack food baskets; make phone calls to clients; help with the grocery shopping.

Commitment: 2-3 hours per month.

Email: info@fishcharity.org for more information.

SAVE THE DATE:

What: Presbyterian Women's Monthly Bible Study.

When: 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. (beginning October 17).

Where: First Meeting will be at Immanuel Presbyterian Church (2311 Pembroke Street).

Join others for fellowship and conversation. We will be using the Presbyterian Women's study "Let Justice Roll Down: God's Call to Care for Neighbors and all Creation." Contact the church office for additional information.

FOOD BANK BOX BUILD

We have Wednesday, October 23, 2024 reserved from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. If this is your first time volunteering at Food Bank, you'll need to complete a profile as part of getting registered as a volunteer. Please contact Rich Jackson with any questions at 907-727-9217 (cell/text) or by email at rjackson6098@gmail.com.

THANK YOU FROM DIANE SIEWERT

Thank you to all my church family for the support and encouragement I have received the last few weeks through knee surgery and learning to heal while hosting a dear friend from out of state who came up to assist. Your thoughts, prayers, notes, meals and encouragement have been so generous!! God is good! I am humbled. You all are amazing!!