

FOOD BANK BOX BUILD

Reminder that the FPC group volunteer team has reserved Wednesday, September 11, 2024, from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. for the Senior Box Build at Food Bank of Alaska.

We also have Wednesday, October 23, 2024 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. reserved. 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.

CALENDAR

Sunday, September 8

11:00 a.m. Worship Service and Godly Play
12:00 p.m. Fall Picnic

Tuesday, September 10

6:00 a.m. Mission Committee meeting

Wednesday, September 11

9:00 a.m. Senior Box Build at the Food Bank
6:00 p.m. Handbells
7:00 p.m. Choir

Thursday, September 12

12:00 p.m. AMEN lunch, Village Inn, 1130 E. Northern Lights
5:00 p.m. Trustees meeting

Saturday, September 14

10:00 a.m. Yukon Presbyterian Women's Gathering, First Presbyterian Church, Wasilla

Sunday, September 15

9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School Class
11:00 a.m. Worship and Godly Play
1:00 p.m. Youth Group Hike (meet at Kincaid Chalet)

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Announcements September 8, 2024

GODLY PLAY will meet today following the "Time with Children." Parents should come and pick up children in the 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.

JOIN US TODAY FOR:

11:00 a.m. Worship and Godly Play
12:00 p.m. Fall Picnic

YOUTH GROUP HIKE AND GATHERING

All youth (6th - 12th grade) are invited to join us **Sunday, September 15** for a hike and get together gathering at Kincaid Park Chalet. We will meet at **1:00 p.m.**, play some games and hike together. Bring a snack/water bottle. Parent pick up will be at **3:30 p.m.** Bring a friend! If it rains, we will instead gather in Jim Powell's basement for foosball, pool and other games.

HOW CAN YOU HELP NURTURE OUR YOUTH?

The Christian Education Committee is looking for people to partner with us in youth ministry this year. Two of our requests currently are:

1. Individuals or families to help organize a fun and meaningful youth activity that will foster relationships among our youth and their faith community; this could be hosting a youth gathering in your home, organizing a service project youth could participate in, leading a hike or other outside activity, planning a game night, use of your cabin for a retreat, organizing to attend an event at the

Performing Arts Center, UAA sports event, etc. What gifts could you offer to support our youth in faith formation?

2. Young adults to help with our youth programming. Who do you know that could be a mentor for our youth?

Please contact Margaret Young (mblabey@gmail.com) or Danna Larson (dllsitka@gmail.com) with your ideas.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS SEPTEMBER 15

The adult Sunday School class will kick off its fall study on **September 15 at 9:30 a.m.** in the library. Join others for a four-week study exploring what living in community as a Christian means as we of the faith community gather together across differences, feast and listen together, care for those in need and support those in different stages of life.

IN OUR BACKYARD

In our Backyard is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit initiated by Central Lutheran Church to provide safe interim supportive housing and connections to supportive services for our houseless senior neighbors as they work to obtain a permanent home. On **Saturday, September 14, 2024** “In Our Backyard” will be doing a one day building blitz to build the six tiny housing structures that they hope to have available in October for residents. Volunteers (both skilled and energetic) are needed to help with the building of these homes. If you are interested in learning more about this volunteer opportunity or about other ways to be involved email: info@inourbackyard-ak.org or check out the website: <http://inourbackyard-ak.org/>

YUKON PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN’S GATHERING

Join other women from our presbytery for the fall gathering to be held at First Presbyterian Church in **Wasilla Saturday, September 14, 2024**. The gathering will be from **10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.** and includes a potluck lunch. Guest speakers will include Karri Wicka (2023 USA Mission Experience to Arizona/Mexico Border) and Barbara Brown (2024 Presbyterian Women Churchwide Gathering). If you are interested in carpooling contact the church office.

MONTHLY PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY AND GATHERING

All women are invited to join other women from Immanuel and First Presbyterian Churches for a monthly gathering. We will meet the third Tuesday of each month from **7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. beginning on October 15th** for study and fellowship. We will be using the Presbyterian Women’s annual study “Let Justice Roll Down: God’s Call to Care for Neighbors and all Creation.” The first study will be held at Immanuel Presbyterian Church. If you are interested in purchasing a book or learning more, please contact the church office.

GODLY PLAY-CHILDREN IN WORSHIP TRAINING FOR VOLUNTEERS

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. to 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.

CHILDCARE STAFF IS NEEDED

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) or Diana Rotkis (email church office) for more information.