

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. Fifty percent 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.

CALENDAR

Sunday, October 13

9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School Class – Honor God's Diversity
11:00 a.m. Worship and Faith Formation for Children

Monday, October 14

Indigenous Peoples' Day (Church Holiday)
5:00 p.m. Emergency Cold Weather Shelter

Tuesday, October 15

7:00 p.m. Presbyterian Women's Bible Study at Immanuel

Wednesday, October 16

5:00 p.m. M&O Meeting
6:00 p.m. Handbells
7:00 p.m. Choir

Thursday, October 17

5:00 p.m. Trustees' meeting
5:00 p.m. Deacons' meeting

Sunday, Oct. 0ber 20

9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School Class – Honor God's Diversity
11:00 a.m. Worship and Faith Formation for Children
12:00 p.m. Youth assembling college care packages

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Announcements October 13

FAITH FORMATION FOR CHILDREN (formerly called Godly Play) will meet following the "Time with Children" today. K - 2nd will be looking at the story of Creation and the 3rd - 5th graders will be looking at Abram and Sarai. Parents may pick up their 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 their 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:

9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School Class
11:00 a.m. Worship and Faith Formation for Children

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.

PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING

Thanks for your contributions to the Peace and Global Witness offering that was taken Sunday. Donations are welcome through October 27 and can be given by either writing a check to First Presbyterian Church and designating it for the Peace and Global Witness Offering or giving online on the FPC website. Twenty-five percent of the offering will be given to Catholic Social Services to support their Refugee Assistance and Immigration Services (RAIS). The remaining offering is shared between the Yukon Presbytery and the PC(USA) Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own, through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness.

SPREAD SOME JOY TO OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS

Each Fall FPC sends care packages to our college students. If you would like to donate supplies to the care packages you can drop your donations off at the church through October 20. If you would like to donate money to help with the postage supplies you can write a check to First Presbyterian Church and put college care packages on the memo line.

Addresses needed for college students: If you have a daughter or son (or yourself!) who is in college, please send Danna Larson (dllsitka@gmail.com) the contact information.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS – HONOR GOD’S DIVERSITY

Honoring diversity -- as opposed to just seeing or having diversity – requires the difficult work of striving toward justice and equality.

Join us at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings in the library as we continue exploring biblical practices for faithful living. This month “Honor God’s Diversity” is the biblical practice we will focus on.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF OUR FAMILIES WHO ARE HOUSELESS

Last Monday night FPC hosted our first night of the season for the Emergency Cold Weather Shelter for Families. We will continue to provide a safe and warm place for families experiencing homelessness through the end of April each Monday night.

It takes about ten volunteers each Monday night to provide hospitality for the families. A volunteer brings a warm meal, volunteers interact with the kids (games, crafts, recreation) and visit with the parents and we share the overnight fire watch. In the morning we serve a simple breakfast and support parents as their children go to school and they go to work or other appointments.

Ways to help:

- 1. Prepare an evening meal for 15 people:**
Meals needed on October 20 and October 27. (Sign up at the ECWS display in the narthex).
- 2. Evening Hospitality** (Provide hospitality and security from 5:30p.m. - 9:30 p.m.--divided into 3-hour shifts).
3 volunteers needed for October 10, 21 and 28.
- 3. Overnight Hospitality** (Provide security and hospitality from 9:30 p.m. –7:00 a.m. – spend the night and be awake for a 3-hour shift or come for your 3-hour shift).
1 volunteer needed for October 10; 3 volunteers for October 21 and 3 volunteers for October 28.

For evening and overnight hospitality, one needs to fill out an application if a new volunteer.

Contact Danna Larson for the application (dllsitka@gmail.com).

Contact Marcus Geist, Lorissa Jackson or Danna Larson for additional information.

JOIN OTHERS FOR THE PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY THIS WEEK

What: Presbyterian Women’s Monthly Bible Study

When: October 15 at 7:00 p.m. (3rd Tuesday of each month)

Where: 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 Danna Larson for additional information.

DANNA LARSON OUT OF OFFICE

Danna Larson will be on vacation October 21 - 30. Please contact her this week if you need help with something she is responsible for. In her absence please contact Margaret Young (faith formation), or Lorissa Jackson (ECWS).

YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITIES

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!

Sunday, October 20: Assembling College Care Packages. We will meet after worship in Fellowship Hall to do this.

Saturday, November 23: Service Project – Thanksgiving Blessing. 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. We will meet at Central Lutheran Church to help pack Thanksgiving food boxes for our community and come back to FPC for snacks and games.

FOOD BANK BOX BUILD

We have Wednesday, October 23, 2024 reserved from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. for the senior box build. 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.