

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.

BOOK STUDY ON CHRISTIAN NATIONALISM

You are invited to join us for an upcoming small group book study: *American Idolatry: How Christian Nationalism Betrays the Gospel*, by Andrew Whitehead. We will meet over zoom at 6:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m. on the first Tuesday for three months starting in December (December 3, January 7, and February 4). To participate, sign up in the lobby or send an email to the church office, fpchurch@firstpresanchorage.org, and we will send you the link to participate. We'll be doing a group book order - if you want to purchase a paperback copy of the book for \$10, let the church office know by November 1. Alternatively, a copy can be purchased on Amazon. Hosted by the FPC Mission Committee as part of our Matthew 25 initiative, the group will be facilitated by Larry Michael, wildflower@foxnflower.com, 907-317-3151; and Kay Brown, kaybrown14@gmail.com, 907-529-6970.

MERRY MAKERS

Merry Makers' sewers and knitters from First Presbyterian Church will be selling their handmade items on November 2, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Begich Middle School. There will be many wonderful items for sale to help raise money for the church. If you have questions, please contact Susan Schnering, 907-231-9030.

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FAITH FORMATION FOR CHILDREN (formerly called Godly Play) will meet following the "Time with Children" today. Today the children will be doing their monthly service project in Fellowship Hall. Parents may 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 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.

This notice was accidentally left out of last week's bulleting and we apologize!

Share our joy at the baptism of Becket Stephen Claus Henrichs, son of Victoria Claus and Kevin Hinrichs, brother to Nicholas, James and Adeline. The whole church joins in the celebration!

JOIN US TODAY FOR:

9:30 a.m.	Adult Sunday School Class - Honor God's Diversity
11:00 a.m.	Worship and Faith Formation for Children
12:00	F.I.S.H. Service Project in Fellowship Hall

DANNA LARSON OUT OF OFFICE

Danna Larson will be on vacation October 21 - 30. In her absence, please contact Margaret Young (faith formation), or Lorissa Jackson (ECWS).

SPREAD SOME JOY TO OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS

Please take some time today to write a note encouragement to the college students from Immanuel and First Presbyterian Churches. You will find the names of the students and a "Greetings" sheet for each person. The college students like hearing from you in the church.

We will be sending college care packages next week.

If you would like to donate items to put in the care packages or money to help with postage, please bring the donations during the week to FPC or go on-line or write a check to FPC and put on the memo line: college care

packages. If you give on-line there are directions if College Care Packages is not listed as one of the donations. Thanks for your help in supporting our college students.

TODAY IS F.I.S.H. SUNDAY

The 4th Sunday of each month is F.I.S.H. Sunday at FPC. The children will be doing their monthly service project of bagging 100 pounds of rice during Faith Formation. The congregation is encouraged to bring pasta or other non-perishable food items to help us reach our goal of donating 100 pounds of food donations to F.I.S.H. each month. If you forgot today please bring next Sunday. Thanks for your support in making sure everyone has enough to eat in our community.

YOUTH GROUP AND PARENT GATHERING- NOVEMBER 3

All 6th-12th grade youth and their parents are invited to a youth group gathering on Sunday, Nov. 3 from 12:30-2:00 in Fellowship Hall. We will have lunch together, pack the college care packages and spend some time talking about youth opportunities for this year including retreats and summer mission trips and the PCUSA Youth Triennium. All youth and parents are encouraged to come and be a part of the conversation.

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 am on Sunday mornings in the library as we continue exploring biblical practices for faithful living. Our lessons this month which focus on the biblical practice of honoring God’s diversity include:

- Affirm people who are marginalized
- Center voices from the margins
- Work for the liberation while challenging the oppression
- Use advantages to overcome inequality

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

There are currently 25 people (16 adults and 9 children) at the Emergency Cold Weather Shelter for Families which First Presbyterian Church staffs on Monday nights. We need more volunteers to help us provide hospitality for the families. Here is how you can help in the next month:

Evening Hospitality: Volunteer interacts with the kids and visits with the parents during the evening. Help serve and clean up the evening meal.

Overnight Hospitality: overnight volunteers staff the shelter from 10 pm – 7 am with one person staying until 8 am. Each volunteer is awake for one three-hour shift (10-1; 1-4 or 4-7) and sleeps onsite when not awake so we always have three staff on site. (two in Duplex A and one in Duplex B). We can accommodate volunteers who stay for one shift and then go home due to work or other personal needs. Check out the following opportunities:

Nov. 4:

Evening Hospitality: 1 volunteer needed

Overnight Hospitality: 2 volunteers needed

Nov. 11:

Evening Hospitality: 1 volunteer needed

Overnight Hospitality: 5 volunteers needed

Nov. 18:

Evening Hospitality: 3 volunteers needed

Overnight Hospitality: 5 volunteers needed

For additional information please contact:

Danna Larson (dllsitka@gmail.com): application, volunteering for evening or overnight; sign up genius link

Marcus Geist (marcus.geist@gmail.com): questions about sign-up genius or general volunteering questions

Lorissa Jackson (lorissatxjacksons@gmail.com) evening meal, donating snacks, evening hospitality

YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITIES

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

Our next Senior Box Build is scheduled for Friday, November 22, 2024 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon. 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.