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Commitment: 2 - 3 hours per month.

Email: info@fishcharity.org for more information.

SAVE THE DATE:

What: Presbyterian Women's Monthly Bible Study

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

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.

DANNA OUT OF THE OFFICE

Danna Larson will be out of the office Thursday - Saturday of this week to attend the Yukon Presbytery meeting in Fairbanks. She will be back to join the youth and parents for the UAA Volleyball game on Saturday evening. Danna will also be out of the office October 21 - 30 on vacation.

DANGERS OF CHRISTIAN NATIONALISM

FPC will be presenting the third "Dangers of Christian Nationalism" class on Tuesday, 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.

HURRICANE ASSISTANCE

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance has deployed National Response Team members to Tampa Bay Presbytery, the Presbytery of Western North Carolina, and Northeast Georgia Presbytery this week. They have approved grants and will approve more to respond to response needs. Please continue praying for everyone affected & everyone responding. Gifts to support this response can be made online at bit.ly/DR000169.

We, of course, pray for ALL areas that are impacted, but there is a deep Presbyterian connection in North Carolina. Many of us have spent important times in our lives at the Montreat retreat center.

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Announcements October 6

FAITH FORMATION FOR CHILDREN (formerly called Godly Play) will meet following the "Time with Children" today. We will be considering what peace means to each of us and enjoying breads from around the world as we celebrate World Communion Sunday. We will return for communion today.

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:

9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School Class

11:00 a.m. Worship and Faith Formation for Children

WELCOME CAROL JONES!

We welcome Carol Jones to worship today. Carol has been a trainer-coordinator for Children in Worship congregations for over 25 years for the western region of the USA. She led our Children in Worship training held at First Presbyterian Church this past Friday evening and all day yesterday which was attended by members of First Presbyterian Church, Trinity Presbyterian Church and St. Mary's Episcopal Church. She will be sharing with the children during the Kids Time today.

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

Sowing Seeds of Peace is the theme for this year's PC(USA) Peace and Global Witness Offering which will be taken today at First Presbyterian Church. The offering supports the church in promoting peace by addressing systems of injustice around the world. Fifty percent of the offering 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, 25% is given to the Yukon Presbytery, and 25% is used locally. 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 this offering can be given by check or by going to our website

I STREET GARDEN

Thanks for your support of the I Street Garden this year. Our youth harvested the potatoes and a few carrots last week. During the summer kale, lettuce, radishes, carrots, broccoli, peas, spinach and potatoes have been delivered to Lutheran Social Services for their food distribution.

SPREAD SOME JOY TO OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS

Each Fall FPC sends care packages to our college students. If you would like to donate supplies for the care packages you can drop them off at the church this week or next Sunday. The youth will be assembling the packages on October 20 following worship. If you would like to donate money to help with the postage, you can write a check to First Presbyterian Church and put college care packages on the memo line. If you have a daughter or son (or yourself!) who is in college, please send Danna Larson the contact information.

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 FH 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.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Join others each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the library for small group discussion on topics that support you in your faith formation. Next Sunday we will begin a four-week discussion that will focus on honoring God's diversity. If you want more information please contact Larry Micheal, Donna Mong, or Danna Larson.

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FOOD BANK BOX BUILD

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

There are still seven slots available for FPC. 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.

EMERGENCY COLD WEATHER SHELTER FOR FAMILIES

The Emergency Cold Weather Shelter for Families (ECWS) opened on October 1 and last Wednesday there were two families (6 people) in the shelter. First Presbyterian Church hosts the shelter on Monday nights. Volunteer opportunities include:

1. Preparing an evening meal (Sign up at the ECWS display in the narthex).
2. Evening Hospitality (Provide hospitality and security from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. (3 hour shift).
3. Overnight Hospitality (Provide security and hospitality from 9:30 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. – spend the night awake for a 3 hour shift or come for your 3 hour shift).
4. Morning Hospitality: Help with morning routines (7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.).

FPC has 8 people filling these different roles each Monday night. Check out the ECWS display in narthex for additional information or contact Marcus Geist, Lorissa Jackson or Danna Larson.