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Calendar

Sunday, November 3 Daylight Savings begins 2:00 a.m. Saturday

9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School Class – Honor God’s Diversity
11:00 a.m. Worship and Faith Formation for Children
12:30 p.m. Youth Group and Parent Lunch and Planning Meeting

Monday, November 4

5:00 p.m. Emergency Cold Weather Shelter
5:30 p.m. Legacy Committee meeting
5:30 p.m. Nominating Committee meeting

Tuesday, November 5

5:30 p.m. Christian Education Meeting (zoom)
5:30 p.m. Worship Committee meeting

Wednesday, November 6

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

Thursday, November 7

12:00 p.m. Christian Education Budget Meeting (FH)

Sunday, November 10

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

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Announcements November 4, 2024

FAITH FORMATION FOR CHILDREN (formerly called Godly Play) will meet following the “Time with Children” today. Children will return to worship 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 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 - Honor God’s Diversity
11:00 a.m. Worship and Faith Formation for Children

YOUTH GROUP AND PARENT GATHERING TODAY

All 6th-12th grade youth and their parents are invited to a youth group gathering today, November 3, from 12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. 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.

THANKSGIVING BLESSING DONATIONS NEEDED

FPC and other faith communities are working together with the Food Bank of Alaska and Lutheran Social Services to provide a complete Thanksgiving dinner to our neighbors in need.

Here is how you can help:

1. **DONATE CANS OF CORN:** Help us reach our goal of donating 500 cans of corn for the Thanksgiving Blessing. Bring your donations of corn to the church by Sunday, November 24. They will be delivered to the Mt. View Thanksgiving Blessing site for distribution.
2. **VOLUNTEER:** We hope to volunteer on Saturday, November 23 at Central Lutheran Church to help pack the non-perishable food items for the

Thanksgiving food boxes either at 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. or 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. We are waiting to confirm volunteers will be needed on this day from Lutheran Social Services. More information will be available next week.

JOIN US FOR ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Join us at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings in the library as we continue exploring biblical practices for faithful living. We will conclude our series on Honoring God's Diversity today. Next Sunday we will begin a four-week series on Practicing Generosity. All are welcome!

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

Can you lend a hand and help us with the Emergency Cold Weather Shelter on Mondays?

Check out the following opportunities:

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 10:00 p.m. – 7:00 a.m. with one person staying until 8:00 a.m. Each volunteer is awake for one three-hour shift (10:00 p.m. – 1:00 a.m.; 1:00 a.m. – 4:00 a.m., or 4:00 a.m. – 7:00 a.m.) 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:

November 4:

Evening Hospitality: 1 volunteer needed

Overnight Hospitality: 2 volunteers needed

November 11:

Evening Hospitality: 1 volunteer needed

Overnight Hospitality: 2 volunteers needed

November 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.

WOMEN'S MONTHLY BIBLE STUDY MEETS NOVEMBER 19

All women are invited to join us for our monthly Bible study on Tuesday, November 19 at 7:00 p.m. at FPC. We are partnering with Immanuel Presbyterian Church for this study and using the PW curriculum: *“Let Justice Roll Down: God's Call to Care for Neighbors and all Creation.”* Sandy Haldane (Immanuel Presbyterian Church) and Danna Larson (First Presbyterian Church) are leading the study. Invite a friend!

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.

DEACONS' GOODIE BAGS

The Deacons are looking for volunteers to help deliver Goodie Bags. If you can help deliver them, please stop by the desk and pick one or more. Please visit and pray with the recipient of the bag if you can. Thanks for your help. You will make someone's day brighter and you will be rewarded with cheer yourself!

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