



Congregational Meeting

Wednesday, July 8
6:00 pm (church sanctuary)

The purpose for the meeting is the election of Officers and approval of Congregational By-Laws for First Presbyterian. If you are unable to attend in person, there will be an option to join the meeting via ZOOM.

If you would like a copy of the slate of officers or of the new set of By-laws, please contact the church office. There will also be copies of the documents at the meeting.

First Light Newsletter

July 2020

Attending Sunday Services

- Call Marta at the church office (452-2406) and make a reservation to attend the Sunday Service. In order to maintain social distancing, we will be limiting the number of people in the building to 65 people.
- Enter the church only through the doors adjacent to the administrative office.
- All participants will wear a mask. Anyone with an elevated temperature or signs of a COVID19 infection is asked to worship online. Additionally, Session asks that anyone who has travelled out of state follow State guidelines before returning to church.
- Proceed directly to the sanctuary. The rest of the building, other than the bathrooms in the Narthex, will not be available for use. Session requests that no one other than elders on Session or active Deacons go into other areas of the building, and that they only go into other areas of the building as absolutely necessary.
- Ushers at the sanctuary will help people with seating and maintaining social distancing. Seating will be in every other row, starting with Row 2. Household units are encouraged to sit together and to maintain a 6-foot distance to other household units.
- At the end of the service, everyone will exit the building through the Narthex and the outside doors adjacent to the administrative office.
- Session asks that people fellowship in the parking lot outside the church after the service.

OFFICE CLOSURE: FRIDAY, JULY 3 and Monday, July 6

Indoor First Presbyterian Church-Sponsored Activities COVID-19 Response Form

First Presbyterian Church of Fairbanks, Alaska (FPC) is re-opening in phases. This form is required for church sponsored activities that occur outside of the Sunday morning service. The purpose of this form is to identify the number of activities that occur at the church and the measures required to maintain CDC guidelines for minimizing exposure and spread of COVID-19.

1. What is the purpose of your gathering?
2. Who is the main contact person for the event (please list name and phone number)? Will this person be attending all of the meetings? If no, who will be the on-site contact?
3. When will you be meeting? Please list time, date, and note if it is recurring.
4. How many people do you expect to be in attendance?
5. What entrance and exit will you be using?
6. What room/s do you plan to use?
7. What bathroom will you instruct your attendees to use?

Please initial that you agree to the following terms of use:

- _____ 1. Our group will take attendance (names and phone numbers) of each person attending the gathering and turn it into the church office weekly.
- _____ 2. Our group will use only the entrance, exit, rooms, and bathrooms listed on the form.
- _____ 3. Our group will have hand sanitizer, tissues, no-touch trash cans readily available in the room for attendees. These items will be provided by the church. The group is responsible for emptying the trash into the outside dumpster at the end of the gathering.
- _____ 4. Our group will avoid physical contact and practice social distancing, that is, maintain at least six feet between people not living in the same household.
- _____ 5. Our group encourages the use of cloth face coverings among attendees, noting that cloth face coverings should not be placed on children younger than 2 years old, anyone who has trouble breathing or is unconscious, or anyone who is incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove it without assistance.
- _____ 6. Our group will have no shared food or drinks during our gathering.
- _____ 7. Our group agrees to clean the room and bathrooms that were used during our meeting with cleaning materials provided by the church. High touch areas should be cleaned hourly during the meeting time.

By signing this form, I agree to:

Abide by the agreement

Share, in detail, the agreement with participants

Prohibit attendees who are exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms from attending the meeting until symptoms have abated.

Signature: _____ Date _____

Printed Name: _____

Approved by: _____ Date _____

~~ Directions ~~

- The group leader may pick up a copy of the Response Form (front desk) for using the building during COVID-19 pandemic and work out their plan.
- The plan must be submitted to Session for approval. Session has appointed Barbara Page and Jim Williams to receive the plan.
- Return completed form to Marta. Please ensure that contact number has been provided.



children's MINISTRY

A Children's Director Search Committee has been meeting for the past year. The group is composed of Stephanie Rozell, Christy Repasky, Terry Reichardt, and myself. We have been advertising on local sources (Craigslist, Facebook, community posting boards) and national resources (Indeed, Global Youth Specialties). In the past year, we have had quite a few candidates, conducted about 7 interviews, and hosted one site visit. However, God's timing doesn't always go as we plan. With the changes to travel and COVID creating uncertainties, we have had reduced interest in the past few months. We trust that God is faithful and does have a plan for FPC Children's Ministry, and we will keep you updated as it unfolds.

Mikaila Holt
Elder Children's Ministry

Scriptural Freedom *

John 8:31-32

So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are truly My disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.

2 Corinthians 3:17

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

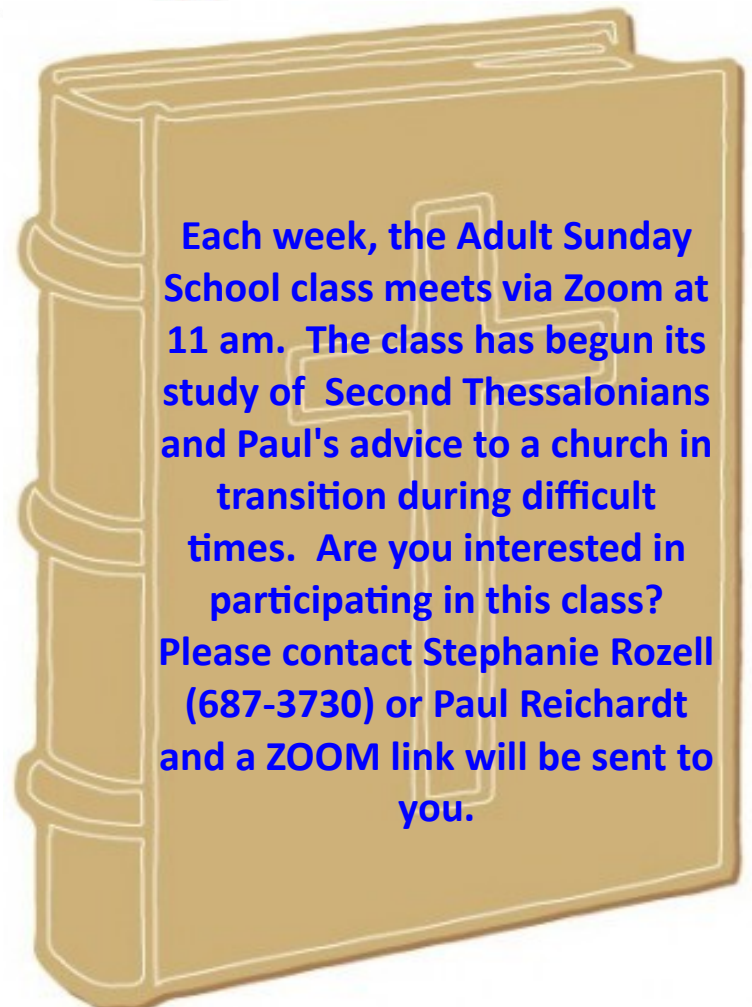
Psalms 118:5

Out of my distress I called on the Lord, the Lord answered me and set me free.

2 Timothy 1:7

For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

Scriptures are taken from the
English Standard Version



Each week, the Adult Sunday School class meets via Zoom at 11 am. The class has begun its study of Second Thessalonians and Paul's advice to a church in transition during difficult times. Are you interested in participating in this class? Please contact Stephanie Rozell (687-3730) or Paul Reichardt and a ZOOM link will be sent to you.

International Friends of Compassion



Dear Friends at FPC —

Thank you for your prayers and heart for our efforts in Indonesia.

In these uncertain time we need your support and love means so much.

Our medical staff are doing the best they can responding to coronavirus with limited resources.

Blessings—
Carl Cady

FPC Family,

Because of the pandemic, we were unable to give proper goodbyes to Dave Stephenson, our church treasurer and accountant for over 40 years and our interim pastor, Dr. Donald Baird. We would like to encourage you to write a card of thanks and blessings to both of these faithful servants.

In addition, a gift was purchased for Dave Stephenson and a gift will be purchased for Pastor Don to be presented when he comes back to pick up his belongings. If you are able to contribute to these gifts, please note specifically who/what it is for when you mail or drop your donation off at the church.

David and Linda Stephenson
6147 W. Drummond Drive
Meridian, ID 83646

Dr. Donald Baird
561 Pico Way
Sacramento, CA 95819

If you have questions, please contact Stephanie Rozell, 907-687-3730

GOD AT WORK IN OUR CHURCH

Our congregation should be very proud of one of our own. David McConnell-Booher has set a wonderful goal that everyone associated with our church needs to be familiar with. He has started a very demanding and difficult task that will take about three years to complete and require a huge amount of study and effort.

He has decided to become an ordained Christian Minister of Word and Sacrament and has been accepted into the program at Fuller Seminary. Part of the requirements he must meet include completing the candidacy process with Presbytery. This process was started when Session recently submitted his name to Presbytery.

The courses are offered on a quarter system with each class lasting 11 weeks. He plans to take two courses a quarter until he finishes. He has finished four courses so far out of a total of 28 to 30 to complete the program. Each course costs \$1,500 to \$1,700 depending on text books and other fees.

His plans are to become an EPC Ordained Pastor and to continue to serve as the Youth Minister at FPC, while providing whatever assistance in ministry he can as a pastor.

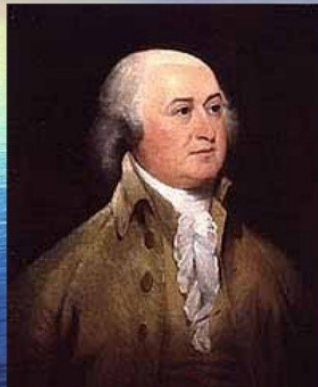
David is willing to do the required reading, study, papers, and to take all of the tests necessary to accomplish his goal. He plans to pay his own way, but we would like to help him and Session has set up an account that he can use to help fund his education. Please consider donating to the "Seminary Reserve Fund" to help him pay for his education. We would like to use this fund to bless him and further our Lord's work through him.

Respectfully,
Jack Schnurr

Biblical...
Inspiring...



John Adams on Independence Day



- "I am apt to believe that it [the 4th of July] will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the Great Anniversary Festival. It ought to be commemorated, as the Day of Deliverance, by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty...



2 Billy Brewer
 4 Rebekah VanderLugt
 5 Lori Davis
 6 Janette Hanneman
 7 Charlotte Wilbur
 Judy McNinch
 9 Diane Miller
 10 Scott Gilbert
 11 Margaret Vander Lugt
 13 Sarah Albert
 14 Cindy Aldrich
 Roxie Fink
 15 Aidan Moody
 16 Oliver Brewer
 17 Barbara Moody
 Jill Gates
 18 Kathy Rahmandar-Halfhill
 Jerod Dunlap
 19 Bob VanHatten
 Ian VanHarper
 20 Heidi VanHarper
 23 Michele Marney
 Amy Logan
 Elsa Beene
 26 Walter Lord Jr.
 31 Allyson Benson



3 Beth & Glenn Brummond
 Steve & Elsa Beene
 Jerry & Susan Freel
 6 Thaddeus & Debra Lynn Bush
 7 Debby & Marty Foster
 9 David and Nancy Dreydoppel
 12 William & Brenda Satterberg
 15 Michael & Christy Repasky
 16 John & Thelma Pierce
 17 Leah & Isaac Mackey
 18 Brian & Sarah Albert
 24 Dan & Linda Wells