

August 10, 2020

Thank You!

Thank you to Ruling Elder Terry Widell for preaching and leading worship while Lisa and I were off the last two weeks. We took a week of vacation at home to remodel our family room, and then another week at the beach. We had a great time while away, but it was also good to come home on Friday and be back in church yesterday morning. Thank you also to everyone else who helped to lead worship on Sunday, August 2!

Called Session Meeting – August 16 at 9:00 am

Session will meet in the Gathering Area next Sunday morning at 9:00 am for the purpose of examining Leah and Mary Hylton for membership in the church on the occasion of their professions of faith and baptisms. Folks are welcome to pass through the Gathering Area on the way to Sunday School, and are simply asked to be respectful of the meeting.

Building Maintenance Offering – August 16

Session has authorized a special offering for our Building Maintenance Fund on Sunday, August 16. Several large and expensive projects need to be addressed sooner than later including sealing the rest of the parking lot and driveways, ongoing HVAC improvements, lighting and audio updates in the Worship Center, a new sign, and more. Please pray about making a

special contribution to our special Building Maintenance Fund offering on Sunday, August 16!

Gospel of John Bible Study

Everyone is invited to join our new in-depth study of John's Gospel Wednesday evenings at 6:00 pm! We are meeting in the Gathering Area for safe social distancing. Bring your Bible and invite a friend for a great adventure in exploring one of the best loved books of the Bible together! Study guides will be provided each week, and may also be obtained by email ... speak to the pastor or send a request to peter@fpceden.org.

Sunday, August 16

Join us for worship next Sunday as we take a first look at Gideon, one of the most likeable figures in the Book of Judges. It will be the first of two sermons on Gideon, beginning with his doubts about the Lord's command and his demand for signs: "The Shepherd or the Fleece" (Judges 6:33-40).

Please invite someone to worship with us either IN PERSON (wear face masks, use hand sanitizer at the door, and practice safe social distancing – no handshakes or hugs), or ONLINE at www.fpceden.org – also <https://bit.ly/FPCEden>.

A reminder that we will receive a SPECIAL OFFERING to increase cash reserves in our Building Maintenance Fund. Our building is now more than 15 years old, including all the mechanical systems and infrastructure in the ceilings and behind the walls, which means that every year any number of unexpected expenses arise which are covered by the Building Maintenance Fund. There are also several large projects that need to be addressed in the near future. Please pray about giving sacrificially to our Building Maintenance Fund next Sunday. Thank you for your generosity!

Volunteer Opportunities at FPC:

Are you looking for ways to get more involved in the life and work of First Presbyterian Church? Please speak to the Pastor if you are interested in any of the following ministry opportunities – or if you would like to try something completely new!

- Youth Leaders to assist Leslie and Tra Wyatt with our young but growing Youth Fellowship, which will resume as health precautions permit.
- Children's Church Leaders to assist Jennifer Shafer (primary school children) and Amber Ammons (Discovery Worship for preschool children) with both of our Children's Church programs, which will resume as health precautions permit.
- Sunday School Teachers for children and adult Sunday School classes, which will resume as health precautions permit.
- Tech Booth Workers to help lead worship every Sunday morning behind the scenes. It is not difficult to learn, and training will be provided. Thank you to our faithful team of WC Wrangham, Stephen Castle, and Larry Roberson who are there for us every week!
- Office Volunteers to answer the telephone, greet visitors, proof and fold bulletins, stuff and address envelopes, and many other small tasks associated with the day to day work in our church office.
- Sunday Greeters to form a new Hospitality Team soon to be organized by our Congregational Care and Outreach Committees – speak to Martha Corum!
- Discipleship Leaders and Participants to meet regularly in small groups for the purpose of building each other up in our walk with Jesus Christ. Training and teaching materials will be provided.
- Volunteer Website Manager and Digital Communications Director to help us reach out more effectively in the internet world.

40 Days of Purpose, starting September 13 at 9:00 am!

If you read Rick Warren's The Purpose Driven Life when it first came out 18 years ago, you might benefit from reading through it again. If you were too young or too busy to read it back then, you will definitely benefit from going through it one day at a time, a few pages each day, for 40 days starting Sunday, September 13 during the Sunday School hour. Join Pastor Peter Smith each Sunday morning for seven weeks to discuss what we have read and how to apply Rick Warren's invaluable lessons to our lives. It is only a seven week commitment, but a great way to make Sunday School a new priority for each of us. Books will not be provided; participants are encouraged to find copies of the book online or in some book stores. We will follow up afterward with another short-term adult discipleship study.

Online Giving at FPC – Safe, Easy, and Convenient

Our website (www.fpceden.org) has a DONATE button at the top of the home page, which takes users to a secure site for making financial contributions to the church using credit and debit cards. It is safe and very easy to use. Please remember to support our General Fund for daily operating expenses, as well as our Building Fund for monthly mortgage payments.



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Prayers

Janice McDaniel

Ben Gammon

Elaine Brown

Garry Tilley (Darryl's brother, cancer)

Andrew Cundiff (Pam's uncle, leukemia)

Mac and Sherry McDowell

Paul Brown and family

Rhonda and Denny Hale

Larry and Lib Roberson

Shirley Carter

Ron and Suzon Martin

Mike and Merle Gentry

David and Carol Grogan

Gen Critz

Jeannie Wilde

Joy Outland

Bobbie Felizzi

Karen Dolbere

Joice Pucket

Kevin Thompson

Rosie Morris

Hazel Horton

First Responders

Victims of violence and civil unrest

Local, state, and national leaders

People infected with COVID-19

Families of loved-ones who have died from COVID-19

Health care workers who treat COVID-19 patients

Business-owners and employees who have lost their jobs because of COVID-19

First Presbyterian Church and other congregations

America's health and economic impact from COVID-19