



Our Common Life

Week of October 18th, 2020

ONLINE SUNDAY WORSHIP www.fpcw.org/worship

If you have not had an opportunity to check out our online worship services please do so. The most recent videos are available on our website. We have a main worship service as well as a family worship service. Click on the Worship and Music tab on our website and scroll down to Worship Services. There are many services available for you to watch.

Outdoor Worship

We offer in-person outdoor worship at the church grounds at *fpcw*! We ask if you wish to attend the outdoor service please pre-register on our Sign Up Genius link in the Daily Bread and on the front page of our website. If you're unable to pre-register no problem, please come we have space available for all. Services begin at 10 am in our Fellowship Garden.

Moving Forward in Faith

Will be a twice monthly email with updates from Strategic Planning and Session with links to reports, pertinent articles, relevant resources, plans for what we are doing to connect with one another and how you can help us as we move towards in-person worship and gatherings.

Sunday School (age 3 - 4th grade)

Lindley Traynor, Director of Children and Family Ministries, along with Peggy Massello and Scott McElhenie have developed a creative and interactive video for our children. This video is available for families on Sundays in the worship email sent to you each week.

Singers & Ringers

Will meet from 3:30-4:15 pm on the following WEDNESDAYS (change of day from previous years) 10/21. Our focus will be singing fun songs and playing games as well as filming parts of our movie Christmas Pageant.

Adult Faith Formation Class

Held over Zoom, Sunday, 8:30 – 9:30 am
9 Weeks (Through – November 15)

Out of the Depths: The Psalms Speak for Us Today

Few books of the Bible capture the full range of human emotion like the Psalms. From the highest highs to the lowest lows, the Psalter has been the prayer book of God's people for centuries. It models for us how to pray – with lament and praise, by looking back and looking forward, with faith and doubt, etc. These 150 prayer poems have a rich and varied history, and they have much to speak to us today. In the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic and economic hardship, in the midst of our country's inequalities and polarization, the psalms provide a guiding light and a provocative word. They invite us to bring all that we are to God in prayer, to rest in God, "our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble" (Psalm 46:1). Join us for this nine-week class as we study different genres of psalms (lament, thanksgiving, hymn, narrative, etc.) and apply them to our personal and communal lives of faith. The class will meet over Zoom for at 8:30 am for an hour each Sunday (from September 20 through November 15).

Zoom Meeting Link

Meeting ID: 832 3379 4440

Passcode: 389051

Call In: 312-626-6799 (then enter Meeting ID and then Passcode)

Mission Opportunities



October is Mission Month at FPCW and will offer opportunities for our congregation to actively participate in something "Together, While Apart" while also respecting CDC guidelines.

The Mission Committee has created an easy on-line sign-up for several ways you can engage in an active life of faith and help us accomplish something together.

Volunteer opportunities will include providing breakfast for residents at Connections for the Homeless, donating household supplies for the bi-weekly pop-up store at C24/7, assisting with the distribution of produce at Interfaith Action's Producemobil in Evanston, and providing dinner for families at Family Promise. Sign Up Genius is available on our website and in the weekly Daily Bread.

STOCK THE SHELVES

With the pandemic curtailing the usual monthly in-person distribution of household and personal hygiene items to Chicago area refugees and their families, instead for the past few months Stock the Shelves has provided \$25 gift cards to refugee families so they can do their own shopping. While we are hoping to return to direct distribution in the future, for the time being issuing gift cards is the safest and most effective way to continue to meet the needs of this community. However, "cash" dispersal has turned out to be a more expensive model than product supply, and Stock the Shelves coffers are running low. The more dollars we have for purchasing gift cards, the more we will be able to continue meeting the needs of Chicago's refugee community. Please consider making a donation to Stock the Shelves today by sending a check to the church with Stock the Shelves noted in the memo line. Thank you for your continued support.



The Family Matters community house in Rogers Park is looking for tutors. The school year has begun and there is a waiting list of students who need support. With remote learning it is more important than ever to help students keep up with their studies. A tutor's commitment is 1 ½ hrs per week, in one-on-one evening tutoring sessions. Interested in making a difference in a young student's life? Please contact Greg Korak (847-256-7251) and learn more about this opportunity.



Connections for the Homeless have several opportunities for volunteers to help support their mission. One option is to make breakfast sandwiches for their guests. To check out their website google Connections for the Homeless, Evanston. You'll find a full array of opportunities to help support this important organization.



Our mission partner and friends at **C24/7** have set up a free store to serve those in their neighborhood who have been negatively impacted by COVID-19. Let's help stock their store! Here's what they need:

Hand and dish soap, deodorant, toothpaste, paper towels, toilet paper, spaghetti, pasta sauce, cereal, cooking oil, diapers, wipes, laundry detergent. Please put donations in the black box, labeled C247, outside the parking lot door at *fpcw*.



Slowing Time

1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 7 pm via Zoom (Sue Sklansky), this fall we will be studying Mary Magdalene beginning October 7 suesklansky@gmail.com

Moms and Psalms

1st and 3rd Wednesdays is currently “under construction.” If anyone would like to take the lead, please contact Sue Sklansky for support. Any current members are welcome to join another group in the meantime. Possible discussion: Joyce Rupp’s book, *The Circle of Life: The Heart’s Journey Through the Seasons* suesklansky@gmail.com

Lunch Group

(without lunch during this time): 2nd Wed of the month at noon. Currently meeting via Zoom (Mary Watt), each month a member takes the responsibility to lead the discussion. Mhw1117@gmail.com Nancy Freeman coordinates njwfreeman@gmail.com

Book and Dinner

(without dinner during this time): 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7 pm, Carol Korak provides the Zoom link. October is *The Dutch House*, November is *Lillian Boxfish Takes a Walk*, and December is *To Repair the World*. ckorak@comcast.net

Senior Suppers

(discussion without supper): 3rd Tuesday Greg Michel provides the Zoom link. michelga@me.com

Men's Hour

Every Thursday at 7 pm via Zoom (Paul Traynor) The group will discussion *The Prodigal Son Returns* by H. Nouwen. No homework required! paultraynor@haymoon.com

Men's Council

This month they will begin meeting every week via Zoom (Frank Panzica) from 8-9:30 am every Saturday morning. Frank.d.panzica@gmail.com

Bible Study

Thursdays at 10 am via Zoom, Jeff provides the link. jlehn@fpcw.org

Adult Faith formation

Sunday, 8:30 – 9:30 am, 9 Weeks (September 20 – November 15) *Out of the Depths: The Psalms Speak for Us Today*. Jeff provides the Zoom link jlehn@fpcw.org

Pres Homes Spoke

1st Thursday of the month at 10 am via UberConference. Jeff provides the link and discussion includes a Bible Study guide. Coordinator: Joyce Dunn. redun1@juno.com jlehn@fpcw.org

Abigail Group

This group has not been active for the past year, but there is likely a need to restart it, with new members. If they are women in the church or outside of the church that are in the process of separation and/or divorce, join this group for support, caring and strength through your faith journey. We will meet over zoom, date and time TBD Interested, email Sue Sklansky at suesklansky@gmail.com



Church Calendar

Calendar for the week of October 18th

Sunday, October 18

8:30 am	Adult Faith Formation	via Zoom
10:00 am	Worship Service	Fellowship Garden
5:00 pm	Confirmation Class	Fellowship Garden
6:00 pm	Tower Youth	Fellowship Garden
7:00 pm	Dinner	Fellowship Garden

Monday, October 19

7:30 pm	Troop 5 scouts	Fellowship Garden
8:30 pm	Crew 5	Fellowship Garden

Tuesday, October 20

10:00 am	Staff Meeting	Fellowship Garden
5:00 pm	Senior Supper	via Zoom

Wednesday, October 21

10:00 am	Moms & Psalms	via Zoom
6:00 pm	Chancel Choir	Parking lot
7:00 pm	Book & Dinner Group	via Zoom
	Slowing Time	via Zoom

Thursday, October 22

10:00 am	Bible Study	via Zoom
3:30 pm	Singers & Ringers	Parking Lot/Fellowship Garden
7:00 pm	Men's Hour	via Zoom

Friday, October 23

No meetings scheduled this week

Saturday, October 24

8:00 am	Men's Council	via Zoom
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Sunday, October 25th Commitment Sunday

8:30 am	Adult Faith Formation	via Zoom
10:00 am	Worship Service	Fellowship Garden
5:00 pm	Confirmation Class	Fellowship Garden
6:00 pm	Tower Youth	Fellowship Garden
7:00 pm	Dinner	Fellowship Garden



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