



Our Common Life

Week of January 10, 2021

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.

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.

Adult Faith formation

In nine months, the pandemic has turned our world upside-down. As people of faith, we've tried our best to love and serve our neighbors with whatever gifts we have. In this four-week adult faith formation class, we'll hear from four different voices who have a particular view of the pandemic. They'll reflect on what they are seeing and hearing in their field of work/ministry, and share how they think God is using them. Rev. Julie-Windsor Mitchell, a chaplain at Northwestern through United Christian Ministry, will be with us this

Sunday, January 10. We meet for an hour on Sunday mornings (8:30-9:30 am) over Zoom, and we'd love to have you join us. Everyone is welcome! Please note the Zoom link is available on the front page of our website, in the worship video email and the Daily Bread.



Sarah's Circle

Helping Women Rebuild Their Lives

For the past 28 years, one of our longtime mission partners Sarah's Circle has sponsored a Winter Walk through their Chicago neighborhood to raise awareness and support for women who are homeless. Like so many other events, this year's walk will be virtual. Between now and **February 28**, we invite you to take the mile-long Walk in her

Shoes with two optional guided audio walking tours that give you the chance to listen to stories from women helped by Sarah's Circle and learn more about the agency's work ending homelessness for women in Chicago. The multi-week fundraising effort will conclude with a virtual event on Sunday, February 28 that will include a ribbon-cutting ceremony of the agency's newest building at 1005 Leland Avenue. To register for the walk, please checkout the Daily Bread for the link to register as a team member. Our team name is First Presbyterian Church of Wilmette and we have set our team's fundraising goal at \$500. The desperate need for affordable housing grows more intense as millions of Americans face eviction. Are you passionate about housing and believe every person deserves a home? If so please consider being a part of this important fundraiser on Sunday, February 28th. If you have questions or would like more information...either about Sarah's Circle or about the walk...please contact Mary Watt at mhw1117@gmail.com.



Pastor Jeff will take the remainder of his parental leave through January 31. After Noah was born in late August, Pastor Jeff took a few weeks of leave to spend time with his family. He will take the remainder of his leave this month. The Session and the Personnel Committee have worked closely with Jeff and Laura, who are coordinating with the staff, to ensure all responsibilities will be covered. Pastor Laura will preach twice in January and two virtual guest preachers will join us the other two Sundays. Confirmation and Bible studies, pastoral care, and committee meetings, along with the Racial Justice Task Force, etc., will continue apace. The main contacts during Jeff's leave for any questions you may have are Pastor Laura, Brian Hughes, and Jane Rankin (Elders on the Personnel Committee). Thank you for supporting this special time of bonding for Jeff and his family!



IMPORTANT STOCK THE SHELVES UPDATE

STS is in need of diapers and volunteers to deliver to Refugee families. Can You Help?

As with many communities affected by the Covid pandemic, most of the refugees have lost their jobs. For the last 9 months Stock the Shelves has delivered to over 130 refugee families diapers and Dollar Tree gift cards to purchase household supplies they need. We do not have enough diapers to get us through this month's delivery. Also, FPCW is in charge of making 130 deliveries this month, and we need 10 "team/family" volunteers. Here are a few ways you can help:

1. Donate to STS's Diaper Donation Drive by clicking on this Sign Up Genius Link <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d45a4aa2ea3f4c43-beadiaper>. The drive will continue through January 15th.
2. Volunteer yourself or your family to deliver diapers and gift cards to 10+ families in the West Ridge, Skokie Evanston area please sending an email to Tiffany Flannagan.
3. Mail a monetary donation to the church or to Stock The Shelves, c/o Rick Drake, 335 Greenleaf Ave, Wilmette, 60091. Make checks out to Stock the Shelves. Thank you for your continued support. Please contact Tiffany Flannagan (847-651-7414) with any questions.



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 suesklansky@gmail.com

Moms and Psalms

1st and 3rd Wednesdays. We invite our past and new members to our Zoom gatherings twice a month. 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. December is *To Repair the World*. carolkorak@gmail.com.

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 discuss *The Prodigal Son Returns* by H. Nouwen. No homework required! paultraynor@haymoon.com

Men's Council

Meets every Saturday morning (8-9:30 am) via Zoom. Frank Panzica 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, (January 10 - January 31) In-depth discussions on the impact of the Pandemic.

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 January 10, 2021

Sunday, January 10th

8:30 am	Advent Study	via Zoom
3:00 pm	Confirmation	via Zoom
5:00 pm	Tower Youth	via Zoom

Monday, January 11th

7:00 pm	Session	via Zoom
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Tuesday, January 12th

10:00 am	Staff Meeting	via Zoom
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Wednesday, January 13th

7:00 pm	Slowing Time Group	via Zoom
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Thursday, January 14th

10:00 am	Bible Study	via Zoom
7:00 pm	Men's Group	via Zoom

Friday, January 15th

Saturday, January 16th

8:00 am	Men's Council	via Zoom
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Sunday, January 17th

8:30 am	Adult Faith Formation	via Zoom
3:00 pm	Confirmation Class	via Zoom
5:00 pm	Tower Youth	via Zoom



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