



Our Common Life

Week of March 14, 2021

VIRTUAL 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.

Nominating Committee - It is that time again to consider your role in church leadership. We are looking for nominations for Elder and Deacon for the coming years (a three-year term). Consider nominating yourself or a friend or a spouse. Church leadership has changed a bit this past year, but it has never been more important as we look to how the pandemic has shaped how we do church together, and how we serve those in need. Send nominations to Elder chair Rick Baer at rickbaer2112@gmail.com

Adult Faith formation

"Entering the Passion of Jesus"

New Lenten Adult Faith Formation Class - Join us for this six-week class, led by Pastor Jeff, as we explore Holy Week together, drawing on this excellent book by New Testament scholar, Amy-Jill Levine. The class is held on Sundays, from 8:30-9:30 am over Zoom, ending on March 28. Each week, we'll explore biblical texts and reflect together on the risk Jesus took to love us and set the world to rights. No reading is required for the class, but we will provide handouts if you wish to prepare

ahead of time. We're all students here - come to learn, be challenged, and grow in faith, hope, and love! Join us Sundays via Zoom. The link will be in the Saturday evening email.



The Way to Shalom

A Lenten Journey to Peace and Wholeness

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Lent 2021 - "The Way to Shalom" Last year, it was during the second week of Lent that our lives suddenly turned upside down due to the coronavirus. As a church, we did our best to pivot and "build the airplane as we were flying it." We are still learning and striving to be faithful agents of God's love to our neighbor amid the ongoing pandemic. This year for Lent, we're leaning into a theme created by the devotional recently published by *Presbyterians Today* magazine, "The Way to Shalom: A Lenten Journey of Peace and Wholeness." is free to download and you're encouraged to use it throughout this season. The link is located on the PCUSA website or click on the link in the Tuesday, Daily Bread to access the devotion. The Hebrew word "shalom" is more nuanced than the English word "peace." It means something closer to "holistic well-being." It's not just the absence of conflict, but the active presence of peace and flourishing, com-

munal integrity, mutuality and hope. It means being a peacemaker – vertically with God, horizontally with neighbor, internally with oneself, and externally with all of creation. Throughout these 40 days, we will explore themes of justice, peace, healing, hope, repair and reconciliation.

Community Caretakers:

Connecting Our Elders & Vulnerable Populations with the Vaccine

The Wilmette Village Caretakers program is working with the Women's Club of Wilmette to assist our elderly, at-risk, and less tech-savvy populations navigate the difficult online landscape of booking a vaccine appointment. They are also coordinating transportation options for those who have secured an appointment. If you are in need of help signing up

for a vaccine appointment or getting to your appointment, please contact Alex Arteaga at (847) 853-7502 or arteaga@wilmette.com. If you'd like to sign up as a volunteer to help others schedule their appointments, please [click here](#). Thank you for supporting the health and safety of our community!





Loop Group Reboot

Even though many of us are still working from home, we are rebooting the “Loop Group” that meets monthly for fellowship, connection and prayer. We know many of us are stressed at work and could use a small group to be supported and encouraged by. Led by Pastor Jeff, our first gathering was held on Wednesday, March 3, from 12 - 1pm, over Zoom. Our plan is to gather on the first Wednesday of the month going forward (April 7, May 5, etc). There is nothing to prepare. We hope to “see” you there! The Zoom Link is available in the Daily Bread. (Meeting ID: 834 2370 6195; Passcode: 680391; Call In: 312-626-6799)



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*.



FPCW WOMEN'S MINI RETREAT 2021

“Seven Spiritual Gifts of Waiting:
Waiting’s Gifts for a Different Kind of Lent”
with Rev. Holly Whitcomb

- **March 19-20, 2021**
Friday evening social gathering
7-8 pm via Zoom
- **Saturday program**
9:45 am - noon, 1-2 pm via Zoom

Please register by Sunday, March 14 to receive your “special retreat” kit. Also, you may register for either Friday, Saturday or both.

To register please email Sue Sklansky at suesklansky@gmail.com.



Slowing Time

1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 7 pm via Zoom (Sue Sklansky), this spring we will be reading the book studying “Seven Spiritual Gifts of Waiting: Waiting’s Gifts for a Different Kind of Lent” by Rev. Holly Whitcomb 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: *Seven Spiritual Gifts of Waiting* by Holly W. Whitcomb 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. 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 discussion 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 March 14, 2021

Sunday, March 14th

8:30 am	Adult Faith Formation	via Zoom
4:00 pm	Confirmation	fpcw Sanctuary
5:00 pm	Tower Youth	fpcw Sanctuary

Monday, March 15th

Tuesday, March 16th

10:00 am	Staff Meeting	via Zoom
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Wednesday, March 17th

6:15 pm	Book and Dinner Group	via Zoom
7:30 pm	Abigail Group	via Zoom

Thursday, March 18th

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

Friday, March 19th

7:00 pm	Women's Retreat	via Zoom
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Saturday, March 20th

8:00 am	Men's Council	via Zoom
9:45 am	Women's Retreat part 1	via Zoom
1:00 pm	Women's Retreat part 2	via Zoom

Sunday, March 21st

8:30 am	Adult Faith Formation	via Zoom
11:00 am	Nominating Committee	via Zoom
4:00 pm	Confirmation Class	fpcw Sanctuary
5:00 pm	Tower Youth	fpcw Sanctuary



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