



Fircrest Presbyterian Church

FPC Update April 10, 2024

Easter tide

Hey FPC!

What a fun week this was with all the excitement over the solar eclipse! I heard from friends in the path of totality who were so excited to see this rare occurrence. There was no end to the social media posts, some playfully mocking the eclipse-mania and others truly informative. In our family we spent some time learning about how a solar eclipse happens and how difficult they are to calculate. I had hoped the clouds would part long enough to let us glimpse the partial eclipse through the shadow of a strainer, but alas, we missed it! Did we waste our time learning about the eclipse even though we didn't get to see it on Monday? No! That learning gave way to a fun conversation with my daughter about a solar eclipse I remembered from childhood, the fearful threat of burning your retinas, and some rumination on what it must have been like to experience an eclipse before people knew what was actually happening. We even wrote some poetry about it!

This week we are continuing our journey through 1 John (specifically chapter 3) and we're going to talk about cultivating virtue. In some ways this reminds me of preparing for the eclipse. You might not know exactly how the virtue you cultivate will work itself out, but the habits that lead us to virtuous living can result in beautiful and unexpected things.

In other news: we've got an upcoming New Members class on May 4th – sign up on Sunday or email the church office to register for that.

Bells and Choirs begin again this Wednesday night (the 10th), and we'll gather for a spontaneous potluck after service on Sunday.

Don't forget that we are still working on doubling our food bank donations, in honor of Sylvia and Nancy, through the month of April.

Grace & Peace,
Pastor Taeler



There is a new Phishing email being sent to members. Remember, Pastor Taeler will **NEVER** ask you to "**do her a favor**" and purchase and send pictures of gift cards for staff or fellow church members.

Also, please forward any emails asking for a copy of the directory by a "New Member" to the office.

Opportunities / Events

New Member Class

Are you interested in becoming a member of FPC? A New Member Class will be held Saturday May 4, 2024 from 10am-1pm at Pastor Taeler's house. Please sign-up in the Narthex or contact the office.

Volunteer to lead the **kids JOY program** on Sunday morning: this is a great opportunity for the kids to get to know you better and it is a gift to families to experience the value of intergenerational relationships here at FPC. Sign up on Sunday morning!

We Dig Fircrest Presbyterian Church Community Garden

Our Garden committee is busy working on the watering system upgrade and this year's garden layout. Weekly Saturday morning garden fellowship is about to begin soon and we would love to have you join us. Watch for more information!

Worship

We worship each Sunday at 10:30 am both in person and via Zoom. If you would like to worship via Zoom, [click here to join Sunday morning worship](#). Or you can join worship by calling 253.215.8782 and using Meeting ID: 986 5172 9320 and Passcode: 423758.

Bookkeeper/Treasurer Email

Please use this email to contact Robin for any financial communications: **Bookkeeper/Treasurer email: fircrestbooks@gmail.com.**

Church Calendar

You can find the church calendar [here](#). Please let us know if you have any problem accessing the calendar, and/or whether you have any updates for us to add.

UPCOMING GATHERINGS AND EVENTS

Wednesdays at 5:00pm: Kids Group.

Wednesdays at 6:00pm: Youth Chimes Choir.

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm: Adult Bell Choir.

Wednesdays at 7:10pm: Adult Singing Choir.

Tuesday, April 16th at 6:30pm: Session meeting via Zoom.

Saturday, April 27, 2024 at 2:00pm: Memorial Nancy Caughlan.

Saturday, May 4th at 10am: New Member Class.

April Food Bank Donations:

Families Unlimited: *Cereal, Pop-top Pasta Dinners, Canned Fruit, Pancake Mix, Baby Wipes.*

Proctor Food Bank: *Heavy plastic and paper bags.*

Oasis: *Individually packaged snacks.*

We are still collecting egg cartons!

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