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**PUBLICATION NOTICE:** Your pastor, the Editor-in-Chief of this Newsletter, will be away on vacation for three Sundays in June. Erica Colding, however, will make sure that an abbreviated edition of the Newsletter will be prepared and circulated according to our normal schedule.

If you have an article to be published in the Newsletter, please send it directly to Erica ([info@fpcovictoria.org](mailto:info@fpcovictoria.org)) by no later than *Tuesday at noon* in the week you *want it to be published*.

Meanwhile, even if our Newsletter may at times be shorter than usual, it is only because things generally slow down a bit in the summer (for instance, PW does not meet, PDS is not in session, and our Adult Sunday School Class is going to take a break for a bit this summer).

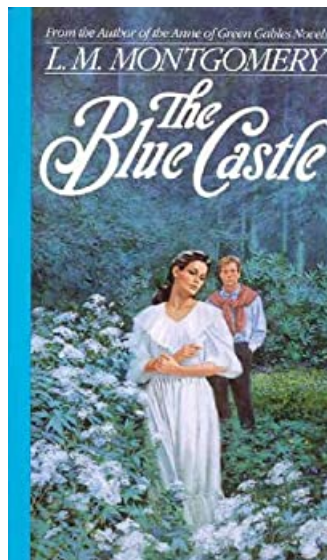
Faith never takes a vacation, however. Exciting things are happening at FPC, and we hope you will continue to worship with us this summer so that you may be aware of the dynamic things that are happening as we continue to contemplate and implement the next steps in *Our Journey Forward!*



**PLEASE JOIN US FOR WORSHIP ON  
SUNDAY MORNING, JUNE 4, 2023, AT 10:30 A.M.  
AS WE ALSO CELEBRATE  
THE LORD'S SUPPER**

Please join us this Sunday on June 18, 2023, at 10:30 a.m. The Scripture readings are Matthew 9:35-38, 10:7-14 and Genesis 18:1-4, 9-15, 21:5-7. The title of the sermon is "It's All About The Timing," and a copy of the Bulletin for this service can be found here: <https://fpcofvictoria.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/2023-6-18-Bulletin-PDF.pdf>

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**BOOK CLUB RESUMES**  
**TUESDAY, AUGUST 22, 2023, AT 1:00 P.M.**

It's summer, and thus time to find and read a good book (or several!). On Tuesday, August 22, 2023, at 1:00 p.m., the Book Club will convene to discuss *The Blue Castle*, by L.M. Montgomery. Now is a good time to get your copy and spend some leisure time reading it (you know you want to!).

Plan to gather with friends at the end of summer to share your love of reading and to trade reviews of *The Blue Castle*.

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**HEADS UP:**  
**ANOTHER RUMMAGE SALE**  
**IS BEING PLANNED FOR**  
**FRIDAY, JULY 28, THROUGH SATURDAY, JULY 29, 2023!**

As the dates for our rummage sale get closer, we want to mention that volunteers are needed to make our tasks lighter as we engage in the preparations necessary to make this event as successful as it was last year.

We will be arranging and pricing items for sale during the week of July 24 – 27, Monday through Thursday, during the church's normal office hours (9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.). The sale itself will take place over two days, specifically, Friday, July 28 and Saturday, July 29, each day from 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon. Please bring your donated items to the church during office hours anytime between now and July 26th (the earlier the better), and if possible, please plan to come help us to get things ready during the week of the sale.

Meanwhile, keep your eye out for those things that you believe deserve a new home and a fresh start with some other happy owner who will be looking for bargains at our rummage sale!

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**OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL  
FOR AGES 5-12**



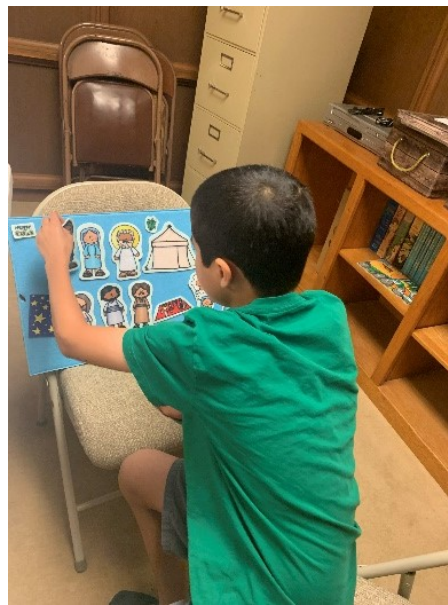
Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these". Matt 19:14

"I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky . . .". This past Sunday we concluded our lesson on Abraham and Sarah. Using our felt story characters, we read all about God's promises to Abraham and Sarah. We also learned the children's song "Father Abraham", which was fun to sing and dance to - which we did several times in a row. For snack we used a cookie cutter and some gold glittery sprinkles to make "the stars in the sky", promised to Abraham by God.

We will be back on 06/25, so join us as we start our new lessons on Joseph and the coat of many colors.

Join us on Sunday mornings from 9:45 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. Children ages 5-12 are welcome. Contact Leila Galvan at 956-367-2234 if you have questions or would like to participate. All are welcome!





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## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

- The Nellie Hudson Adult Sunday School Class will resume on Sunday, July 23, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. in the Parlor.
- Kingdom Kids: We are taking a break this Sunday June 18, 2023. Please join us again June 25 at 9:45 a.m.



**PRESBYTERIAN  
WOMEN**

**PW WILL RESUME MEETINGS  
AND BIBLE STUDY IN SEPTEMBER**

PW Purpose:

Forgiven and freed by God in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves

to nurture our faith through prayer and bible study,  
to support the mission of the church worldwide,  
to work for justice and peace, and  
to build an inclusive, caring community of women that strengthens the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and witnesses to the promise of God's kingdom.

PW's new bible study will begin in September along with their new schedule of monthly mission focus projects. PW would love for all the women of FPC, Victoria to join them and, of course, to bring a friend!

Please call any of the PW Coordinating Team officers if you have any questions: Dawn Neel; Martha Tarkington; Sally DeMent; Paula Leske; Frances Miller; Lynn McAuley, Hellen Williams, and Bonnie Wilkinson.

Peace, grace, mercy,

Pastor Jim

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