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Dear congregants and friends of FPC,

As you may know, our dear head pastor Audrey Schindler is retiring as of May 19, 2024. The Fellowship Committee is thrilled to invite you to join us at a lovely garden-themed reception celebrating Audrey's years of ministry at FPC!

The reception will be held on Audrey's final Sunday with FPC – which also happens to be her birthday and Pentecost! Join us that **Sunday (May 19, 2024) in Geneva Hall and Calvin Library from 11:45 AM - 1:00 PM** for a time of good food, fellowship, and appreciation for Audrey's decade of service at FPC. To RSVP please sign up in Geneva Hall during Sunday coffee hour after worship from April 14-May 12. If you're unable to join us for coffee hour but would still like to RSVP, contact Amy Meabe (amymeabe@gmail.com).

There are many ways to honor and celebrate all that Pastor Audrey has brought to FPC. You may use SignUp Genius ([click here](#)) or email Amy Meabe (amymeabe@gmail.com) to sign up for various tasks needed for event successful. Below are some examples of ways you can help:

- Assist with room setup and arrangement on Friday, May 17
- Bring flowers you have picked from your own garden or from a florist (especially blue or purple), by noon on Saturday, May 18
- Prepare a food dish (deliver to the church kitchen before the worship service on Sunday, May 19)
- Pick up and deliver food, plants or flowers from vendors to the church on May 17, 18, or 19.
- For fun, wear Audrey's favorite colors, blue and purple, to add to the festivities!

In addition, we have suggestions if you want to offer a retirement gift to Pastor Audrey, who hopes to travel, develop the skill of watercolor painting, and enjoy lots of reading.

- Personal items such as cards and books.
- Audrey has asked for a book of written thoughts and messages. For that purpose, we have pre-made pages available for you to record a memory, wish, or other messages for her. Please contact Alexis Crawford in the church office (office@firstpresportland.org) to participate in this book.

If you have questions about this event, please contact Amy Meabe (amymeabe@gmail.com). If you have questions about utilizing the SignUp Genius or participating in the book of thoughts and messages, please contact Alexis Crawford in the church office (office@firstpresportland.org).

We look forward to this joyous occasion of celebration with church friends!

On behalf of the Fellowship Committee,
Amy Meabe