

# FIRST NEWS



Your Weekly News from  
First Presbyterian Church  
St. Petersburg

July 17, 2020

## Online Worship This Sunday

Join us for our 10 AM Online Worship Service  
this Sunday, July 19!  
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

This Sunday's Sermon:  
"God's Resilient People Befriend"  
Pastor Dawn Conti  
Scripture: [Psalm 146](#), [Ruth 1:1-18](#)

Click [HERE](#) to watch the service online.

This link may also be found on the home page of the church's website ([www.fpcstpete.com](http://www.fpcstpete.com) - click the "Watch Here" button) as well as on the church's Facebook page.

If the 10:00 hour on Sundays does not fit your schedule, the service is available for viewing on our YouTube channel throughout the week. Feel free to share the link with family and friends!

**Special Video Message from Pastor Dawn**



## Prayer Concerns

**Please remember in prayer:** Carol Abernathy, Ron & Millie Bradley, Bob Burkhardt, Katy Churchil, Kat Cline, Carol Daniel, Joan Evans, Julie Evans, Sarah Fechter's son Gordon, Teresa Gasper, James Gonzales, Nancy Grandoff, Ron Hall, Cliff Hanks' daughter Sandra Fay, Larry and Diane Heath, Margaret Hewitt, Ann Holifield, Jean Howie, Walter & Marie Huber, Gary Hunt, Bonnie Jackson, Shirnice Johnson, Jim and Iberia Johnston, Kathy Jose, Anne Justiss, Glenice Kelley, Taffey Lichter, Tom and Marie Machuga, Dave and Pam Malone, Nancy McLaughlin, Camille Moran-Styles, Howard Moser, Tamara Murphy, Nancy Ogden, Peter Pav, Alan Pfeider, Del and Janet Poling, Jane Pruitt, Lil Reid, Jean Schultz, Jane Snoke. Please keep in prayer all those who have been physically, emotionally, and financially affected by the coronavirus, and join us in praying for a quick end to this situation.



**Please pray for our family and friends serving in the military:** James Loeblein, USN; CPT. Taina Specie, USA; 1st LT. Liam Shelton, USA; 2nd LT. Mallory Wasik, USMC; CPT. Robert Wilson, USAF. *Please provide us with mailing addresses for our card ministry.*

Thank you for choosing to use your time to give this important gift of prayer to our church family. *The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.* - James 5:16

If you have any additions, deletions, or updates to the weekly prayer concerns, please contact Amy Grossenbacher at [amyg@fpc-stpete.org](mailto:amyg@fpc-stpete.org).



## Our Church Is Busy

Did you know that we have wonderful people in our church who have been busy since the beginning of the pandemic? Busy taking care of the needs of our church family!

There is a group who has faithfully filled grocery orders for 9-12 members EVERY week since March. They also do pharmacy runs for meds pick-up and have transported some to necessary doctor appointments. Whew!

This same group organized a Sidewalk Chalk Drawing Cheer Up for the residents at Westminster Palms that was well-received. Messages of encouragement were drawn all around the complex. That's no easy task on a hot day.

Our Stephen Ministers continue to take care of the needs of their care receivers through weekly Tele-Care or what was formerly called "phone calls." Just because the world seems to be in lock down doesn't mean that some of us aren't grieving or hurting. Please call the Church Office (727-822-2031) if you need a Stephen Minister.

Our deacons and other volunteers have been diligent in regularly calling targeted people who have difficulty getting out, to make sure they are alright and to chat. Want to be on that list to receive a call? Please contact the Church Office.

And finally, Pastor Dawn and the Rev. Ken Young, like every great Pastoral Care team, have been on 24-hour duty this whole time, to minister to those who have been hospitalized, ill, or sadly, for families who have experienced the death of a loved one. Life's events continue to happen. If you need a pastoral call, please contact the Church Office.

When you call the office, most likely you will speak with Amy Grossenbacher, who is friendly, helpful, and a gift to our church staff. Thanks, Amy.

Your church is busy during this pandemic. How blessed we are!



## "Oh the Places We Have Been"

### Meet our Member: Mary Anne Mulder

Teaching children to read for over 23 years in Pinellas County as a Title 1 teacher, Mary Anne is passionate about reading. Her favorite topic to read is history! "To read history is in my blood," she said.

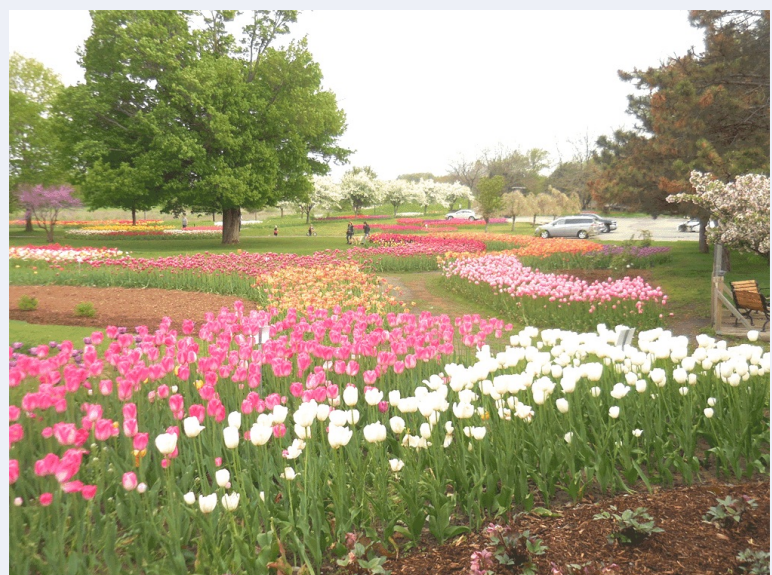
Mary Anne was born in Holland, Michigan. She and her late husband, John, moved to St. Pete in 1968. John traveled doing auditing work for the Anaconda Copper Mining and Wire Company, while Mary Anne stayed home and took care of their four children. All four children graduated from Hope College in Holland, Michigan making four generations of her family to attend Hope College!

Before coming to FPC, she and John were long-time members of Garden Crest Presbyterian Church here in St. Pete. Their entire family was involved in many, many activities, and John served as an Elder.

Mary Anne joined FPC in 1995 and soon joined the choir and the Women's Circle. "I love FPC...the people are wonderful and I feel blessed to be part of it."

Submitted by Diane Zuercher

Holland, Michigan  
2019



## July's Minute For Mission

The cornerstone of our faith at First Presbyterian is caring for others, both within and outside of the church. First Presbyterian St. Petersburg currently supports approximately twenty agencies and institutions with our time, talents, and treasure. During this time of pandemic, though we cannot serve in all of the face-to-face ways that we may be used to, you can still donate to these agencies through their individual websites or through our church website at [www.fpcstpete.com](http://www.fpcstpete.com). A complete listing of all our mission partners can be found on the church website under

["Ministries/Missions."](#) For a short video highlighting FPC's goals for risk-taking mission, click [here](#).



## Gifts Of Comfort, Hope, and Peace

Calling All Knitters/Crocheters! We are starting a Prayer Shawl Ministry here at FPC, and we would love for you to be a part of it! Prayer shawls made by the group will be blessed by the church then given to FPC members, friends, and to those in need.

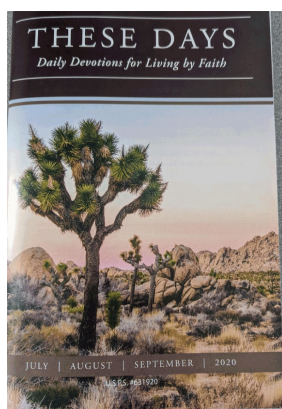
Shawls have come to symbolize shelter, peace, and spiritual sustenance. Today, knitters and crocheters of all faiths are creating handmade shawls for people in need, as gifts of comfort, hope, and peace.

If you are interested in participating, please call the Church Office (727-822-2031) for more details!

We would like to update our church records to include all men and women from our congregation who are currently serving or who have served in any branch of the military, including the National Guard. Most of us are unaware of the men and women who have served in this capacity for whatever the reason, and we would like to be able to acknowledge and honor all of you during this November's Veterans Day.



Please email or call Amy in the Church Office ([amyg@fpc-stpete.org](mailto:amyg@fpc-stpete.org), 727-828-3795) with your branch of service, years of service, rank, and where you served. We look forward to hearing from you, and thank you for your service!!!



## Devotionals Available For Pick-Up

The July/August/September edition of "These Days" devotionals have been delivered to the Church Office and are available for pick-up during normal business hours!

Copies of the July/August/September edition of "Our Daily Bread" are also available.

## Online Devotional With Pastor Dawn Mondays at 10 AM

Pastor Dawn invites you to join an online time of devotion, discussion, and prayer where we connect with God and each other as we read and discuss the sermon text that will be preached the following Sunday. All are welcome!

For sign-in information to the Zoom call, please contact the Church Office at 727-822-2031 or click [HERE](#) to join. PLEASE NOTE, as of July 19, Zoom is requiring a password for all meetings. If it prompts you to enter one, the password for Monday devotionals moving forward will be "prayer."

are working to stay as connected as possible during this time of social distancing.

- If you need anything – a phone call, a prayer, a friendly conversation, or a few errands run – PLEASE call the Church Office at 727-822-2031! Our staff and volunteers are happy to help during this time.
- Help us stay connected by sending us your pictures and prayer requests!



## FPC Calendar At A Glance

- [Click here](#) to view the full church calendar online. *Groups may not appear on the online church calendar. Please contact the Church Office if you would like to update our online calendar with your meeting.*
- [July Birthdays](#)

All groups are currently meeting virtually (online). If you need help navigating the Zoom conference call technology, we will be happy to help you with it so that you can join meetings and/or stay better connected. Please contact the Church Office (727-822-2031) for more information.

- Sundays, 9 AM, Faith Journey Sunday School Class. For Zoom sign-in information, contact the Church Office.
- Sundays, 10 AM, [Online Worship Service](#).
- Sundays, 11:15 AM, Contemporary Faith Sunday School Class. For Zoom sign-in information, email Lynn Kiehne ([lkiehne@gmail.com](mailto:lkiehne@gmail.com)).
- Sundays, 4 PM, GriefShare Support Meeting. For Zoom sign-in information, email Petra Garnett ([petra.garnett@gmail.com](mailto:petra.garnett@gmail.com)).
- Mondays, 10 AM, Online Devotional with Pastor Dawn. Click [HERE](#) to join. If you are prompted, use "prayer" as a password.
- Tuesdays, 7 PM, Weekly Virtual Meditation, online. For sign-in information, contact Carlen Maddux ([cmaddux@maddux.com](mailto:cmaddux@maddux.com)).

## Deadline For "First News"

Items for "First News" should be submitted as early as possible with a cut-off for any Friday's "First News" being end of day the Tuesday before publication. Please submit copy which is as concise as possible. Send copy to [Mary Johnson](#) and [Amy Grossenbacher](#).

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