

FIRST NEWS



Your **Weekly News** from
First Presbyterian Church
St. Petersburg

June 25, 2021

WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

Join us at 10 AM in the Sanctuary
for an In-Person or Online Worship Service
this Sunday, June 27
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Guest Preacher: Rev. Libby Shannon
Scripture: [Psalm 130](#), [Mark 5:21-43](#)

If you feel uncomfortable or are unable to worship with us in person, you can
click [HERE](#) to watch the service online.

*As a reminder, we will begin the organ prelude just before 10 AM,
so please plan to arrive a few minutes early!*

Updated Mask Policy

On June 24, session approved the motion to change the FPC St. Petersburg Mandatory Mask policy to a **Mask-Optional** policy for fully vaccinated individuals. This applies during worship service and while on church campus.

Courtesy reminder: There are many reasons an individual may choose to wear a mask. Everyone is welcome to wear a mask in any setting and that choice should not be questioned by others.

This Sunday, our Chancel Choir Alto Section Leader Victoria Stout will sing "Meditation" by Marshall A. Portnoy. Victoria is a longtime member of St. Petersburg Opera Chorus and has sung regularly with Opera Tampa Chorus as well. She has sung at a number of area churches including several in Sarasota. She continues to sing at Temple Emanuel in Sarasota for regular services and High Holy Days. Victoria greatly enjoys her membership in the Tampa Spiritual Ensemble, a diverse group that specializes in gospel music. She is a former longtime member of Master Chorale of Tampa Bay.



Please remember in prayer: Ron & Millie Bradley, Bob Burkhardt, Carol Daniel, Pat Eckert, Joan Evans, Julie Evans, Sandra Fay, Sarah Fechter, Teresa Gasper, Margo Hart, John & Dorothy Harte, Larry & Diane Heath, Agnes Ingles, Russ Johnson, Iberia Johnston, Anne Justiss, Alisa Keys, Margie Laughlin, Dave & Pam Malone, Nancy McLaughlin, Peter Pav, Alan Pfeider, Richard Pfeider, Janet Poling, Jane Pruitt, Ken Robinson, Henry Shaw, Judy Smith, Jane Snoke



Joined the Church Triumphant

Herbert (Herb) Anderson
June 22, 2021

Please continue to lift our church up in your prayers during this time of transition.

Please keep in prayer all those who have been physically, emotionally, and financially affected by the coronavirus, and join us in praying for an end to this situation.

Please pray for our family and friends serving in the military: Marc-Antoni Juliá, USN LT; CPT. Taina Specie, USA; 1st LT. Liam Shelton, USA; 1st 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.

Parking Fundraiser - Help Needed Tomorrow (Saturday, June 26)

We will park cars in our lot tomorrow in order to raise funds for a new music scholarship offered to local high school students. If you are interested in volunteering anytime from 2:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. tomorrow, Saturday, June 26th, please contact Matt Clear (mclear@fpc-stpete.org) ASAP!

From Dick Luehrs, volunteer

The Welcome Desk is located on your right as you enter the Beach Drive doors of our sanctuary. For your safety, comfort, convenience, education, and enjoyment we have:

- Hearing assists
- Cushions that connect to the back of the pew
- FPC General information brochures to share/invite others
- Welcome bag for new people registering interest in our church
- Church Building information, with a printed article researched by Jack Rain, our amazing church organist for over 50 years!
- Complimentary Daily Devotion booklets: *Our Daily Bread* and *Presbyterian These Days*
- Stick-on temporary name tags, for visitors and members whose name tag is 'at home'
- Sign up list for a permanent name tag
- First Aid Kit
- Directions to Restrooms
- Emergency help: 'If you See something, Say something'

Please wear a name tag! Even if you have been a church member for 50 years, there can be new people who don't know you. If you see someone with a stick-on name tag, greet them! Help us practice the "radical hospitality" that is in our Mission Statement!

I look forward to welcoming you to church! Hope to see YOU on Sunday!



From Our Stephen Ministers

Slowly but surely the world and our community is returning to "normal" – except that it really is questionable whether we can go back to "normal." We've lost so much, missed out on important family occasions, spent more time at home than many of us ever imagined...the list goes on and on. And the world around us has changed.

Are you feeling exhausted or sad or angry from all the disruptions and changes to life brought on by the pandemic and events closer to home? Are you or someone you know struggling with challenges such as:

- Isolation and loneliness?
- Anxiety over health?
- Grief due to many different kinds of losses?
- Tension from juggling work or family responsibilities?
- Financial strain or job loss?
- Uncertainty about the future?
- Other unexpected life challenges?

If so, you do not have to face it alone!

Our Stephen Ministers are ready to listen, care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support.

A Stephen Minister will meet with you privately -- in person, by phone, by video chat—to offer care and support. And it is completely confidential.

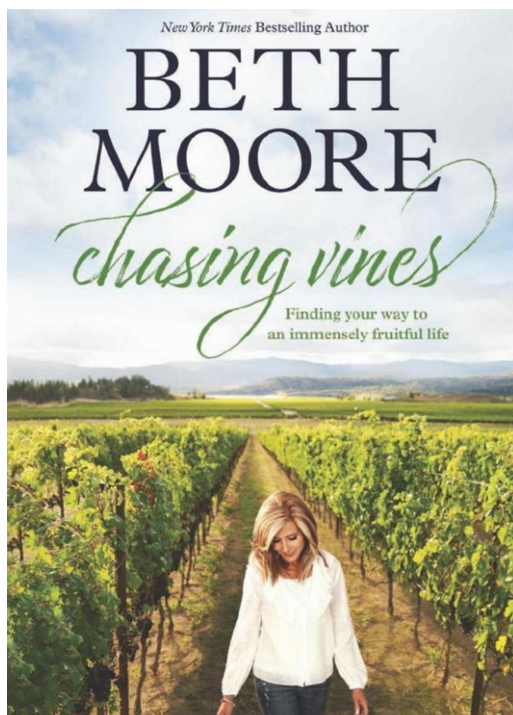
For more information, please call the Church Office (727-822-2031). Your call is confidential.

Love Offering for Dawn



The session has approved a love offering in gratitude for Dawn's service to First Presbyterian Church-St Petersburg. Any checks should be made payable to FPC-St Pete and noted as "love offering" in the memo line, so that they can be correctly processed through the office. If you prefer to donate online, you can access Online Giving [HERE](#). Please use the drop-down box to designate your gift as a Love Offering.

If you would like to write notes of appreciation for Dawn, they may be deposited in the pink boxes in the Church Office or the back of the Sanctuary. Blank notecards, envelopes and pens are available near the drop boxes. Gifts may be left near the boxes or delivered to the Church Office during business hours. If you would like to mail anything, please use the church address: 701 Beach Drive NE, St. Petersburg, FL 33701.



Beth Moore Bible Study on Tuesday Mornings

Our study is Beth Moore's "Chasing Vines – Finding Your Way To An Immensely Fruitful Life". It is on Tuesday mornings from 9:15 – 11:30 AM through July 20, 2021 in the Youth Center. Even if you are going to be on vacation during any part of this study, we want to encourage you to come when you can!

Please register with April Hussung (at 727-420-1758 or stapler39@aol.com) and let her know if you need a workbook, which will be available for \$15, or if you

have any questions.

Please note:

- At this time, there is no childcare available.
- We will follow Church masking policy.

Online Parenting Class On Mondays!

Jules Menke is running a series on Peaceful and Powerful Parenting. The series will run another 2 weeks (July 12 and 19), from noon-1 PM. If you are interested, you can reach her at the contact information below:

Juliana Menke, MS, LMHC | Therapist
t (727) 327-7656 ext. 4160 | f (727) 896-1426
juliamenke@suncoastcenter.org
www.suncoastcenter.org

All of us at First Presbyterian are working to stay as connected as possible.



- 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!

New Pastoral Emergency Number

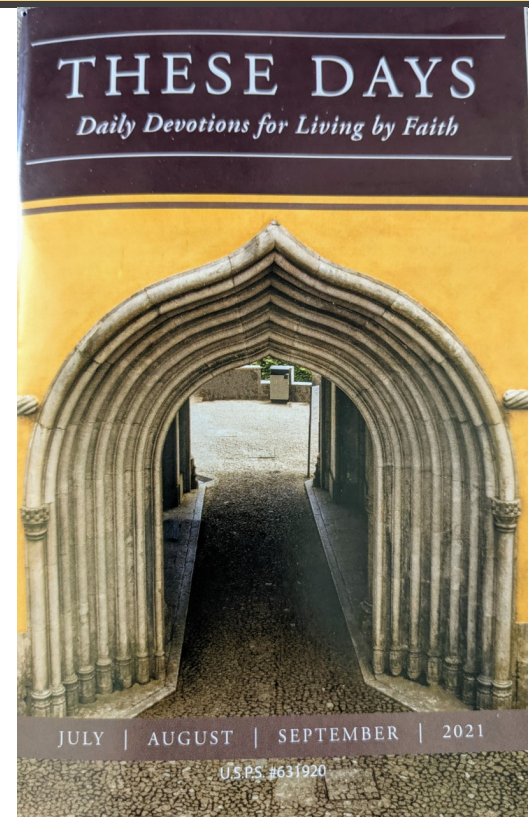


If you have a pastoral emergency during the next few weeks while Pastor Dawn is away on vacation and study leave, please call (561) 805-1514.



Devotionals Available

Copies of the July/August/September edition of "Our Daily Bread" and "These Days" devotionals are now available for pick-up from the Church Office during normal business hours or at the Welcome Center on Sunday mornings.



During this season, we are especially thankful for the generosity of all of the people who continue to financially contribute to the church.

Online Giving 

For your convenience, there are several ways which you can give:

- (1) Give online using a credit card or bank transfer ([click here](#) for the link). For assistance using the online system, please call the Church Office or
- (2) Send a check through the U.S. mail or
- (3) Drop by the Church Office and slip an envelope through the mail slot in the front door.

Thank you for the many ways you support the work of God's church at FPC – St. Petersburg!

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.*
- [Click HERE](#) for July Birthdays



Some groups are continuing to meet 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, 8:30 AM**, Faith Journey Sunday School Class, meeting in-person, Room S-202.
- **Sundays, 10 AM**, In-Person Worship Service, Sanctuary or [Online](#).
- **Sundays, 11:15 AM**, Westminster & Contemporary Faith Sunday School Classes will not be meeting again until Fall.
- *Monday morning online devotionals are taking a break for the summer.*
- **Mondays, 12 PM**, Peaceful and Powerful Parenting class (online)

- **Tuesdays, 9:15 AM**, Beth Moore Bible study, Youth Center
- **Tuesdays, 7 PM**, Christian Meditation, meeting in-person every other week in the Chapel at 7 PM (next meeting is July 6). For more information, contact Carlen Maddux (cmaddux@maddux.com).
- *Fridays, 7:30 AM, Men's Bible Study will be taking a break for the summer...will start back up after Labor Day.*
- **Fridays, 12 PM**, Men's Bible Study; the last Friday of the month is in-person in Room N-123 (Today, June 25); otherwise, via Zoom. For more information, contact John Underwood (pjfwon@gmail.com)
- Church Office will be closed **Monday, July 5** for the Independence Day holiday

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 [Amy Grossenbacher](mailto:Amy.Grossenbacher).

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