

FIRST NEWS



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

June 4, 2021

WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

Join us at 10 AM in the Sanctuary
for an In-Person or Online Worship Service
this Sunday, June 6
Second Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor Dawn Conti
"Last Words"

Scripture: [Genesis 1:1-2:4a](#), [Psalm 8](#), [Matthew 28:16-20](#)

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

COMMUNION SUNDAY: We will be celebrating the Lord's Supper this Sunday during our worship service. If you are joining us online, please gather bread, crackers, or rolls and something to drink (juice, wine, milk, water) ahead of time for all in your home who will be participating.



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

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 Pfleider, Richard Pfleider, Janet Poling, Jane Pruitt, Ken Robinson, Henry Shaw, Judy Smith

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 Julia', 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.

Lunch Following Service This Sunday 11:30 AM in Fellowship Hall

Lunch will be offered for all from 11:30 - 12:30 PM in Fellowship Hall, especially for those who will be staying for the congregational meeting at 1 PM. All are welcome! This will also be a time of fellowship and an opportunity to wish Pastor Dawn well as she leaves on vacation with her family, followed by study leave.

If you plan to join us for lunch, please [CLICK HERE](#) or call the Church Office by noon today so we have an idea of how much food we will need.

Called Congregational Meeting June 6, 2021 at 1:00 PM

The congregational meeting at 1 PM has been called by the session for the purpose of asking the congregation to support Pastor Dawn's request to ask the Presbytery to dissolve her call as our senior pastor. The Rev. Dr. John DeBevoise has been appointed by the Presbytery to moderate the meeting, which will include both on-site and online opportunities for those on the active members' role to attend and participate.

Voting will be limited only to active members who attend the meeting on-site or online, just as it is in any meeting. The session has decided not to require a written ballot by mail-in or drop-off, which would have delayed learning the results of the vote for a week or more.

On-Site Participants

If you will be joining us **IN PERSON** for the congregational meeting at 1 PM in the Sanctuary, please let us know you are coming by calling the Church Office before 5 PM today or [CLICK HERE](#).

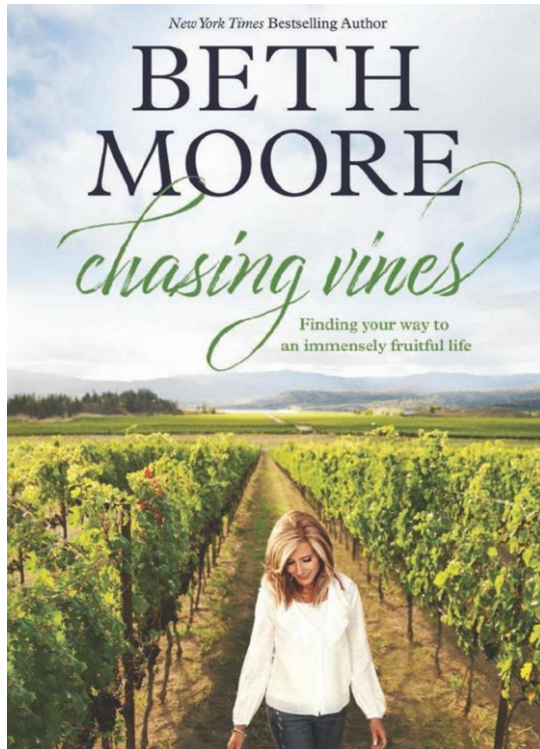
Online Participants

If you plan to join us **ONLINE** for the congregational meeting at 1 PM on Zoom, please [CLICK HERE](#) to pre-register.

At the request of the presbytery-appointed moderator and consistent with Presbytery of Tampa Bay practice for online presbytery meetings, pre-registration is required to join the congregational meeting online, participate in the discussion, and vote.

Pre-registration is a simple, but multi-step process. Please don't wait until Sunday at 1 PM to pre-register; please do it today if at all possible!

For more information about how the Zoom meeting and voting process works, including Frequently Asked Questions, you can click [HERE](#).



Beth Moore Bible Study Starting in June

Ladies, it is with much joy and anticipation that our Beth Moore Bible study is opening up once again!

Our study is Beth Moore's "Chasing Vines – Finding Your Way To An Immensely Fruitful Life". It will be on Tuesday mornings from 9:15 – 11:30 AM June 15 – 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 pre-register with April Hussung (at stapler39@aol.com or 727-420-1758) and let her know if you need a workbook, which will be available for \$15. You can also contact April if you have any questions.

Please note:

- At this time, there is no childcare available.
- We will follow Church policy requesting that you wear a mask at the Bible study.

New Parenting Class Starting in June!

Jules Menke is starting up another series on Peaceful and Powerful Parenting. The series will run for 4 weeks, starting on Monday, June 14th. The dates will be 6-14, 6-21, 7-12 and 7-19, all from noon-1 PM. The first class will explore how to handle challenging behavior, especially in the context of siblings and friends. If you are interested, you can reach her at the contact information below:

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**Grieving? Know someone who is?
Join our GriefShare group on Sundays at
4 PM (via Zoom)**

Whether your bereavement experience is recent or not so recent, you will find encouragement, comfort and help in grieving the death of a spouse, child, parent, sibling, other family member, or friend.

This program features biblical, Christ-centered teaching that focuses on grief topics associated with the death of a loved one. The 13-week DVD seminar features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories of people, followed by a small group discussion about what was viewed. This is a great opportunity to be around people who understand what you are feeling. Don't allow fear of what others may think to keep you from what could help you. Confidentiality is very much a part of this program.

Need more information? Want to sign up? Call the Church Office at 727-822-2031.

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

The logo for "Stay Connected" features the word "Stay" in a blue, cursive script font, with "CONNECTED" in a smaller, blue, sans-serif font below it. The background is a light blue gradient with a subtle pattern.

- 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!

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

The logo for "Online Giving" features the text "Online Giving" in a white, sans-serif font on a blue rectangular background. To the right of the text is a small illustration of a green plant with two leaves growing out of a mound of dark soil.

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 June Birthdays



Most 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.
- **Sundays, 4 PM,** GriefShare. For Zoom sign-in information, email Petra

Garnett (petra.garnett@gmail.com).

- *Monday morning online devotionals will take a break for the summer.*
- **Tuesdays, 7 PM, Weekly Meditation, virtual.** For more information, contact Carlen Maddux (cmaddux@maddux.com).
- **Fridays, 7:30 AM, Men's Bible Study, in-person, Room N-123.**
- **Sunday, June 6, 11:30 AM, Lunch in the Fellowship Hall**
- **Sunday, June 6, 1 PM, Called Congregational Meeting, in-person in the Sanctuary and online**
- **Monday, June 14, 12 PM, Peaceful and Powerful Parenting class starts**
- **Tuesday, June 15, 9:15 AM, Beth Moore Bible study starts**

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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