

FIRST NEWS



Your Weekly News from
First Presbyterian Church
St. Petersburg

September 25, 2020

Online Worship This Sunday

Join us for our 10 AM Online Worship Service
this Sunday, September 27!
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

This Sunday's Sermon: "Showing Kindness"
Pastor Dawn Conti
Scripture: [Micah 6:1-8](#), [2 Samuel 9:1-13](#)

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) - "Click Here to Watch Sunday Services") 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!

Prayer Concerns

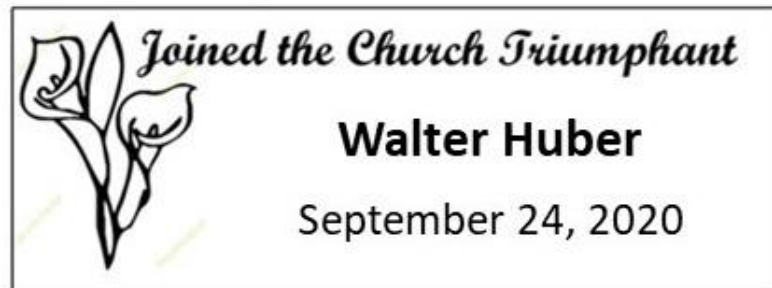
Please remember in prayer: Carol Abernathy, Ron & Millie Bradley,

Bob Burkhardt, Gordon Crane, Carol Daniel, Joan Evans, Julie Evans, Sandra Fay, Frank Fox, Teresa Gasper, Ron Hall, John & Dorothy Harte, Larry & Diane Heath, Jim & Iberia Johnston, Kathy Jose, Anne Justiss, Glenice Kelley, Margie Laughlin, Dave & Pam Malone, Nancy McLaughlin, Howard Moser, Peter Pav, Alan Pfeider, Richard Pfeider, Del & Janet Poling, Jane Pruitt, Jean Schultz, Judy Smith, Hildegard & Will Sondermann.



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.

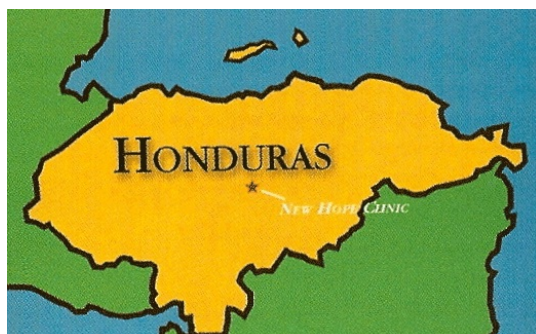
Please also keep in prayer everyone who has been affected by Hurricanes Laura and Sally.



Please pray for our family and friends serving in the military: Marc-Antoni Julia', USN LT; James Loeblein, USN; 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.



Last Week from Honduras, (9/22/2020)

Greetings,

Thanks to the Lord all went well with my trip to see the clinic. Doctor Veronica, who was the last social service microbiologist went with us to the clinic so she could train the new social service microbiologist, Gabriela Asseneth Martinez Palma.

With the rest of the clinic staff we dedicated ourselves to cleaning and organizing a little in the clinic. We did an inventory of materials and meds on hand and made a list of the biosecurity materials that we will have to buy in order to reopen the clinic. We also made a list of meds that we will have to buy for patient care.

I gave a talk with the staff about the biosecurity norms that we have to comply with to avoid covid-19 contagion and the use of biosecurity materials.

I was very emotional on seeing the clinic again, the community and the people. It made me feel very special when they greeted me with so much respect and happiness to learn that the clinic will be functioning again. We are doing everything possible to reopen the clinic.

We are grateful for your continued prayers.
Greetings and Blessings,
Dr. Davila

Meet FPC Member, Alice Winters

*Here I am Lord, Is it I Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if you lead me, I will hold your people in my heart.**
....and that is exactly what Alice Winters has done with her life...
holding God's people in her heart.



"I am so glad that the Lord called me into this work. I had the most wonderful time meeting people who loved the Lord."

Born in Ann Arbor Michigan, Alice moved to Illinois when she was in the eighth grade. Finishing high school, she attended Wheaton University and also the University of Michigan Law School. She worked with the IRA as a Tax Specialist for about five years. After attending an inner city church in Washington D.C., she began working with impoverished families in that area. It was during this time that she felt God calling her to become a Pastor.

Attending Gordon Cornwall Theological Seminary near Boston, she heard God calling her to participate in the GCTS exchange program in Costa Rica. Reflecting on her experience there, she said, "I discovered just how terrible the poverty is in Latin America and how God is at work among the poor." During her senior year at Gordon Cornwall, she accepted a call from the Presbyterian Church of Colombia, South America. Her call was to teach Evangelism and theological education by extension. "Out in the jungle, the Lay Pastors I was teaching could not baptize, ordain Elders, or conduct Communion, so I was the person they depended on." The people in the jungle were hungry for the Gospel and this was a way to spread the Good News.

Since Columbia did not have a Seminary, she was asked to organize and lay the foundation for the first Seminary in Bogota, the capital. Alice was the first woman President of a university in ALL of Latin America. She retired in 2011 and came home to the "good old USA."

Doctor of Law, Ordained Presbyterian minister, teacher, educator, and friend, Alice has answered God's calling.

* Daniel Schutte, 1981

Submitted by Diane Zuercher

Last Sunday's Worship Service Soloists



Last Sunday's online worship service special music was "Maestoso" from Duo in C Major, Op. 18, No. 1 by Carl Stamitz presented by Emma Harrison, violin, and Eric Wilson, viola.

Please Give To Local People In Need

**FREE CLINIC
"HUNGER FREE 2020"**



"As a result of the COVID pandemic and its resulting economic impact, ... [the St. Pete Free Clinic...] has served over 83,000 people since March in the We Help FRESH Pantry. Families are finding it more and more difficult to afford food and are relying on the FRESH Pantry to meet basic nutritional needs.

The Free Clinic reports that: Over 70% of the food we distribute is FRESH produce, meat, and dairy. We make sure families are not just fed, but that they are healthy.

You can help make sure families do not have to choose between keeping a roof over their heads or putting food on the table by contributing to Hunger Free 2020."

**Hunger Free 2020 will take place on
October 10, 9 a.m. - 12 noon
at the Jared S. Hechtkopf Food Bank
3115 44th Ave N St. Pete FL 33714**

Go to the Hunger Free 2020 website (link is below) to donate money, food, time or to become a sponsor of the event.

<https://stpetersburgfreeclinic.org/events/hunger-free-2020/>

Find many more ways you can give by contacting Julie Bostick, Director of Development Operations, at julie.bostick@stpetersburgfreeclinic.org



Lakewood Elementary School Uniforms Drive

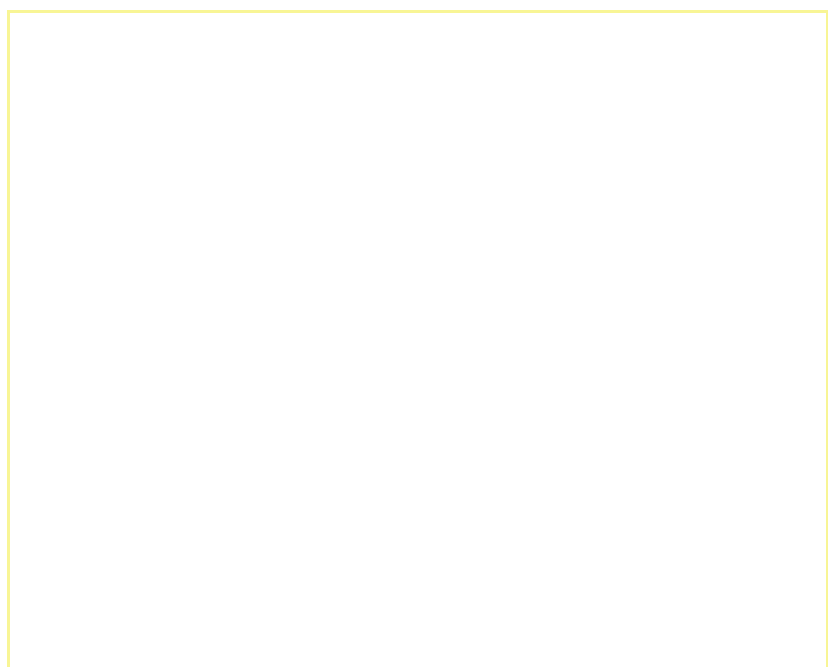
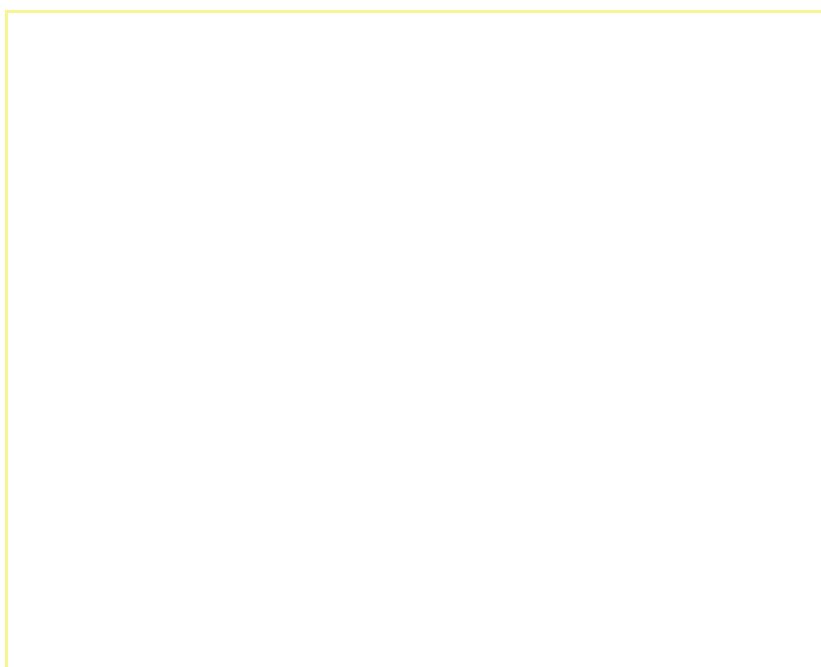
The principal at Lakewood Elementary School, Mrs. Stephanie Woodford, informed the FPC Mission Committee that the "clothes closet is running low, especially for our boys. We are reaching out to see if you...would consider making a donation to our clothes closet. Lakewood is a uniform school with students wearing Navy or White Polos and Khaki or Navy Bottoms."

FPC has donated uniforms each year since our partnership with Lakewood Elementary School began in 2018.

The School has established a registry with Walmart. You can use the following link to access the Lakewood Elementary School registry and select the items you wish to donate. You can also see which items have already been purchased and which remain. All items will be mailed directly to the school.

<http://www.walmart.com/lists/view-events-registry-items?id=3a8cca0f-f1c9-4aea-9be4-e7b6213b4d29>

Information from the FPC Mission Committee





Niko, who helped with the children's message last Sunday, wears his "redesigned heart" t-shirt.

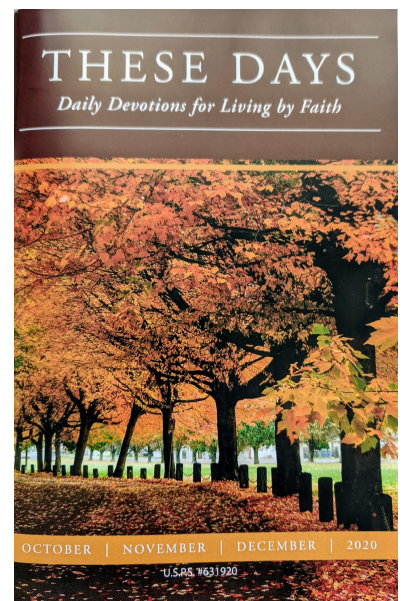


Kaden says, "Thank you Pastor Dawn for my blessed backpack tag."



Devotionals Are Available For Pick-Up

Copies of the October/November/December editions of "Our Daily Bread" and "These Days" devotionals are available for pick-up from the Church Office during normal business hours. If you have concerns about social distancing, call ahead, and a copy can be left outside for



you.

SURVIVING THE STORM... IT'S EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY **HOST HOMES** *shelter from the storm*

When a hurricane threatens and an evacuation is ordered, church members living in evacuation areas have options such as a hotel/motel, or they can evacuate out of town if they leave soon enough. The best choice is to evacuate to a friend or family's home in a non-evacuation area of our community.

We would like to create a volunteer Host Homes program for those who will need to move to a non-evacuation area, may have pets (members can offer if they are willing to take pets), or have other needs that will require special consideration.

If you are interested in becoming a Host Home or are someone who would need to move to a non-evacuation location, please email Lynn Kiehne at lkiehne@gmail.com or call the Church Office at 727- 821-2031, and we will get the right form to you.

Once these are completed, we will work to match hosts and guests, and, of course, there will be an opportunity to speak to each other to see if this match would work. We will also keep the information on file at the church via a spreadsheet and we will update the following year as needed.

All of us at First Presbyterian
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!**

Pastor Dawn invites you to join us for a time of devotion, discussion, and prayer where we connect online 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:** Zoom is now requiring a password for all meetings. If Zoom prompts you to enter a password, the password for Monday devotionals moving forward will be "prayer."



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

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.*
- [September 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).
- Sundays, 11:15 AM, Westminster Sunday School Class. For Zoom sign-in information, email Jim Garnett (jim.garnett237@gmail.com).
- Sundays, 4 - 5:30 PM, GriefShare Support Group. For Zoom sign-in information, contact Petra Garnett (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).
- Monday, October 5, 7:30 PM Faith & Fiction group discusses "Becoming Mrs. Lewis." Contact Linda Santoro at (727) 897-9543 with questions or to receive Zoom connection information.

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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