



Your weekly news from ...

## First Presbyterian Church St. Petersburg

March 15, 2019

### This Sunday at FPC

*Second Sunday in Lent*

#### Worship Services:

- 8:15 a.m. Early Worship in the Chapel
- 9:00 a.m. Contemporary Service in Fellowship Hall
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Service in the Sanctuary

**This Sunday**, we welcome **Becky Higman** to the pulpit. She will speak about Esther courageously risking her own life to save her people ([Esther 4:9-17](#)).

Becky is an active ruling elder at the church and is also completing one of her units of "supervised practice of ministry" (internship) at FPC. She is in the middle year of the MDiv program at the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary and pursuing ordination in the PC(USA).



**Rebecca Higman**

[Click here](#) for Sunday's bulletin and announcements.

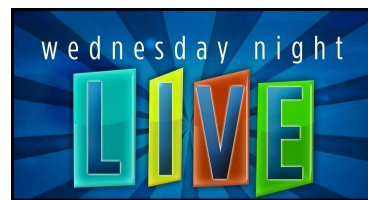
Will you be in attendance at one of the services, or will you catch a replay on the [FPC YouTube Channel](#)? We hope to see you live and in person this Sunday at worship.

## Church News and Events

#### Summary of what you will see below:

- Wednesday Night Live
- FPC 2018 Annual Report
- There's a volunteer opportunity just for you
- FPC Day School Summer Camp - Time to Register
- Lunch Pals Mentoring Workshop
- Senior Luncheon hosted by the Deacons
- Bunco Night at FPC - A fun night out for singles & couples of all ages
- Eggstravaganza
- Dedication Sunday - Courageous Living, Courageous Giving
- All-church retreat at Cedarkirk
- Youth activities during Spring Break

# Wednesday Night Live



**5:00 p.m. Children's Choir** with Mrs. Carol in the choir room. Children 4—10 years old

**5:30 p.m. Dinner** - Chicken, noodle & broccoli casserole & a child-friendly meal

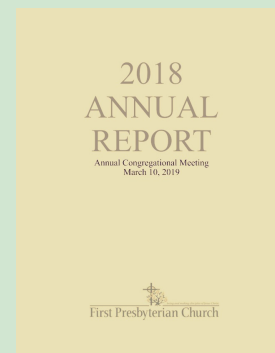
**6:00 p.m.**

- **Messy Church** room S-106
- **Adult Bible Study** with Pastor Dawn and Becky Higman in Fellowship Hall
- **Financial Peace** in the Chapel

Please notify the church office if you plan to have dinner. The number is (727) 822-2031.

## FPC 2018 Annual Report

The annual congregation meeting was on March 10, 2019 immediately following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. [Click here](#) for a copy of the annual report that was shared at this meeting. As you read through this report, you may see an opportunity where you could join a committee or help in the mission and ministry of FPC.



## There's a Volunteer Opportunity Just for You

[Click Here](#) for details.

## FPC Day School Summer Camp

It's time to register!



Registration opens to the community on March 5, 2019. Early Registration

Discount available until March 8, 2019.

Please complete the [Registration Form](#) in its entirety and deliver it to the Day School Office with a check made payable to "FPDS".

Full payment is due at registration. 50% of registration is non-refundable.

Children must have completed a two, three or four year old program and be fully potty trained. (this is different from what is up there – we are no longer taking children who finished kindergarten)

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## 'Lunch Pals' Mentoring Workshop

March 18th at 1:00 in FPC Room S-100

Make a difference; be a friend to a student at Lakewood Elementary.

Lunch Pals is a mentoring program to provide students with an additional presence of a caring, consistent and committed adult in their lives. [Click here](#) for additional details.

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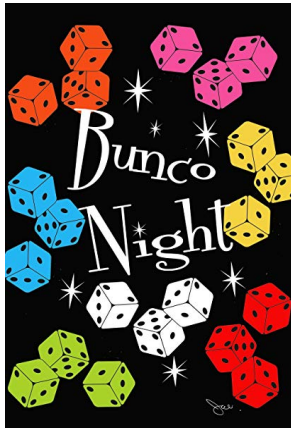
**Annual Senior Luncheon**  
**Honoring our Seniors**  
**Hosted by your FPC Deacons**

**Thursday, March 21st**  
**11:30 a.m.**  
**Fellowship Hall**

The program "A Broadway Melody" will include songs that you know and love!

All seniors (60 +) are invited to a luncheon in the Fellowship Hall. The Deacons will serve a delicious lunch of chicken salad, croissants, chips, dessert and beverages.

The event is FREE but we do need your reservation so we can plan. To make a reservation, call the church office at (727) 822-2031 or [click here](#) for the reservation form. Reservation forms will also be included in Sunday's bulletin.



## **BUNCO NIGHT at FPC**

**March 30, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.**  
*Youth Center*

What is it? A fun evening for singles and couples of all ages. It is designed to gently mix us up with one another with the roll of a die. No gambling; **just good fun!** Bring a small snack to share if you can. Come, relax and laugh!



## **Eggstravaganza**

**Saturday April 13th at 10:00 a.m.**  
*(Note: This is the week before Easter)*

Plans are under way for another fun-filled **Eggstravaganza**; a great time for kids (and adults) of all ages.

## **How can you help?**

We need:

- candy and stuffed plastic eggs
- volunteers to assist on April 13th

You can drop off your candy donations in the designated box in either Fellowship Hall or the Sanctuary. The stores are selling many eggs that are already stuffed. These are welcomed!

If you can volunteer to help out with the event on April 13th, please contact Carol Riley at [criley@fpc-stpete.org](mailto:criley@fpc-stpete.org).

## **Courageous Living, Courageous Giving**

**Palm Sunday & Dedication Sunday**  
**April 14, 2019**

We will have one worship service on April 14th at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. In addition to Palm Sunday, this will be Dedication Sunday where you will return your pledge card for the coming



year (July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020).

This will be a joyous service with waving of palm branches, music by the Chancel and Children's Choirs and a wonderful rendition of "The Holy City" by a guest soloist as we celebrate our ministry with our commitment of time, talent and financial resources.

## All Church Retreat at Cedarkirk April 27 - 28, 2019

### Grow Your Faith!

Keynote Speaker: Lynn Kiehne

Cedarkirk Camp and Conference Center, Saturday and Sunday, April 27-28, 2019.  
([Click here](#) for directions to the camp.)

Enjoy fellowship and spiritual renewal in a comfortable, beautiful environment. Everyone is invited! Spend the night at the retreat center or just come for the day. Activities are available for all ages including hiking, zip-line, ropes course, crafts and swimming in a child-friendly pool. On Saturday evening there will be a campfire, hayride and line-dancing. Children and students age 17 and under are FREE.

Registration forms are available in the church office and as bulletin inserts each Sunday through Palm Sunday. There will also be opportunities to register before the 9:00 church service each Sunday. For questions or more information about registration, contact Kathy Bardin, (727) 418-4577, or email [stpetebardin@gmail.com](mailto:stpetebardin@gmail.com).



## Youth Activities during Spring Break "A balance of work & play every day!"

The youth, under the direction David Aumack, have had a busy week doing local mission work in the morning and a fun outing in the afternoon. Their work at FPC Day School, on our church grounds, and at the St. Petersburg Free Clinic was balanced by outings to the beach, Putt-Putt, the movies and Vertical Adventures. What a week!!!

Thank you to David and the Youth Group for some outstanding work (and fun) this week! You all are AWESOME!!!





## Calendar at a Glance

*[Click here to view the full church calendar online.](#)*

### Coming up in March

- [Click here](#) for March Child Care Calendar
- [Click here](#) for Youth Newsletter for March
- Tuesdays thru May 7th - [GriefShare Support Group](#), 10 a.m. in the Chapel
- **March 18** - 'Lunch Pals' Mentoring Workshop, 1:00 p.m. in S-100
- **March 21** - Celebrate Our Seniors: Deacons' Senior Luncheon, 11:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall
- **March 30** - Bunco Night at FPC for singles & couples of all ages. 6:30 p.m. in the Youth Center

### Coming up in April

- **April 6** - Church Work Day
- **April 7** - WNL Children's Choir sings during Contemporary Service
- **April 13** - Eggstravaganza, 10:00 a.m. (Note: this is 1 week earlier this year.)
- **April 14 - 20** - Holy Week
- **April 14** - Palm Sunday Combined Service at 10:00 a.m. in Sanctuary. This is also [Dedication Sunday](#).

- **April 18** - Maundy Thursday Service
- **April 19** - Good Friday Service
- **April 21** - Easter
- **April 27-28** - Cedarkirk Churchwide Retreat.

### Coming up in May

- **May 3** - Day School Art Show in Fellowship Hall
- **May 4** - Day School 50th Anniversary Celebration

### Coming up in June

- **June 9-16** - Honduras Mission Trip. Contact [Susan Schlecht](#) for details.

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