



Your  
Weekly News  
from  
First Presbyterian Church  
St. Petersburg

November 15, 2019

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Two services:

8:15 AM Communion Worship, Chapel

11:00 AM Classic Worship with Choir, Sanctuary

The sermon for this Sunday is "What About the Pigs?" Dr. Dawn Conti

[Psalm 113](#); [Mark 5:1-20](#)

Vanessa Wei, the concert pianist at Sunday's 4 PM recital, will play "Impromptu in A-flat Major," Op. 142, No. 2, by Franz Schubert during the 11 AM service as a preview of the afternoon concert.

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



St. Pete Fun Run  
Sunday, November 17

Only Two Services at First Pres

Due to the Fun Run there will not be a 9 AM service on November 17. We will have the 8:15 AM and 11 AM services. We are hoping many of our members will volunteer to assist runners by passing out water as they pass the church on North Shore Drive.

Thanksgiving Meals For  
Lakewood Elementary  
Here's how you can help...

As part of our ongoing support of Lakewood Elementary, on Sunday, November 17, we will collect \$25 Publix or Walmart gift cards to help the Lakewood families purchase a Thanksgiving meal.



The Mission Committee will match each card with an additional \$25 gift card. A note saying "From your friends at First Presbyterian Church" will be included with each gift card.

Considering Becoming A Church Member?  
Prospective New Member Luncheon, Sunday, Nov. 17



Join Pastor Dawn and the New Member Commission in the Youth Center at 12:30 PM on Sunday, November 17 for a Prospective New Member Luncheon at which you will learn about our faith, what it means to be a Presbyterian, and how to join and be part of downtown St. Pete's most welcoming church.

Reserve a spot by calling the church office (727) 822-2031. Have questions? Call Karen Mossman (727) 400-5079.

## Piano Perfection

Featuring: Vanessa Wei, piano  
Sunday, November 17, 4 PM



Our inaugural concert in this year's concert series features pianist Vanessa Wei performing classical piano repertoire on the Steinway Grand Piano. Dr. Muen Wei, a native of China, has performed internationally as a soloist, chamber musician, orchestral pianist, and jazz pianist. She has been applauded by critics for her "delicate playing" and "admirable virtuosic skills." (*The News-Gazette*) [www.muenwei.com](http://www.muenwei.com)

Be sure to come, and invite your friends and neighbors to the concert.

[Here](#) are further details of the entire Concert Series



## Local Police Expert Will Share Safety Information

On Wednesday, November 20, at 6 PM, Officer William "Chip" Wells, who has been a member of the St. Petersburg Police Department for almost 35 years, will speak in the Fellowship Hall about making First Presbyterian Church as safe as possible.

For almost 22 years Officer Wells has been specializing in security and crime prevention education. Currently, he does all of the active shooter and workplace violence training in and for the City of St. Petersburg.

He was the recipient of the St. Petersburg Police Department's Officer of the Year Award in 2002 and was chosen the State of Florida's Crime Prevention Practitioner of the Year in 2004. A past president of the Florida Crime Prevention Association, he served on the Association's board for 14 years. Additionally, he is the former president of the Suncoast Crime Prevention Association.

Wednesday Night Live Dinner will be served at 5:30 PM. Menu is: chicken & cheese enchiladas, yellow rice, salad, dessert. Please call the church office (727) 822-2031 to RSVP.

**Child care will be available** by reservation only for the Wed. Nov. 20 meeting with Officer Wells. Please RSVP by Tues. (day before) at noon for child care.

## Men's Cooking Group Prepares A Miracle for 200 Homeless

Once each month, a group of men from FPC gather in the kitchen of Fellowship Hall. They take 80 pounds of fresh ground beef, bags of chopped onions, 12 bell peppers, 6 dozen eggs, breadcrumbs, spices, and other ingredients and expertly turn them into nearly 200 servings of delicious meatloaf! Along with green beans, mashed potatoes with sour cream, tossed salad, and a small dessert, a nutritious and exceptionally tasty meal is ready to be

served, offering a bright spot in many lonely lives. The food is transported, delivered, and served at Pinellas Hope, an encampment located off 49th Street just south of Ulmerton Road. All meals at Pinellas Hope are provided by volunteers. The men and women residents of Pinellas Hope receive valuable social services and assistance to break their cycle of homelessness.

### PLEASE HELP

Your church's Men's Meal Ministry, led by Peter Bardin and Brad Hussung, has been overseeing this mission outreach for several years. But your help is needed. Less than \$500 a month is spent, which breaks down to approximately \$2.50 per meal. Please consider making a contribution to help us continue feeding the less fortunate in our midst. Simply include "Men's Meal Ministry" on your check and know that it will make a difference!



Left to right: Don Zegel, Bill Shelton, Kevin Conti, Carlen Maddux, Bill Wanless, Peter Bardin, Ronn Johnson, Don Doddridge



When you are grieving a loved one's death, the holiday season can be especially painful.



Our Surviving the Holidays seminar helps participants discover:

- How to deal with emotions
- Helpful tips for surviving social events
- What to do about traditions
- How to find hope for the future

The Seminar will be offered Nov. 19, 10 AM - Noon and Dec. 11, 6 - 8 PM. Call First Presbyterian Office for more information: (727) 822-2031

## Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service Tuesday, November 26 at 7 PM

First Presbyterian Church will join three other St. Pete congregations (Trinity Lutheran, First United Methodist, and St.





Peter's Episcopal Cathedral) in an ecumenical Thanksgiving service on Tuesday, November 26 at 7 PM at First United Methodist Church (212 3rd St. N.). The FPC chancel choir will be singing. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

You can leave your car at First Pres and ride in the church bus to First Methodist. If you wish to take advantage of this, please call the church office to reserve space (727) 822-2031.

## Christmas Pancake Party with Games, Crafts, & A Visit From Santa on December 8



On Sunday, December 8 we will have one combined church service at 10 AM. A Christmas theme will be carried out as the congregation sings beloved carols, and the Day School students present two special Christmas songs.

Following the 10 AM service, a Christmas Pancake Party will be held in the Fellowship Hall. Enjoy a delicious pancake breakfast, fun games, cool crafts, and a special visit from Santa.

Please RSVP by calling the church office (727) 822-2031.



## Christmas Greenery Donations

Christmas is almost here, and it is time to decorate the church. You are invited to make a donation in memory of or in honor of a loved one or friend to help purchase poinsettias and greenery.

Please fill out the green envelope in the pews, and put it in the offering plate. Be sure to designate the individual to be honored or memorialized on the outside of the envelope. An insert listing the names of those honored or remembered will be compiled for inclusion in the bulletin.

## Donations Needed More Than Ever For The Free Clinic

There is never a greater need for donations of food than during the Holiday season. This year the need is greater than ever.

Please donate food to the Free Clinic using the food collection bins in Fellowship Hall and in the Sanctuary (under the north steps to the balcony). The St. Petersburg Free Clinic picks up the donations and distributes the food to those in need and to other charitable organizations.

## FPC Calendar At A Glance

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

Coming up:

- [November Birthdays](#)

- [November Parent Calendar](#)

- First Monday of each month, 7:30 - 8:30 PM, Faith & Fiction, Room N-123. [Here](#) is the Reading List.
- Faith Development Bible Study, S-100, 9:30 AM (Tuesdays)
- Yoga With Adam, 3 PM, Fellowship Hall (Sunday afternoons, refer to church calendar for any variation)
- Tuesdays, 10 AM, GriefShare Support Group, Chapel (meets Tuesdays, refer to church calendar for any variation)
- Tuesdays through December 3, "Breathe" Bible Study
- Sunday, November 17, St. Pete Fun Run - Please note: we will have an 8:15 AM and an 11 AM Service; during the 9 AM hour, the praise band will be playing in the back parking lot, and FPC volunteers will be handing out water to runners.
- Sunday, November 17, Prospective New Member Luncheon, 12:30 PM, Youth Center
- Sunday, November 17, Inaugural Concert Series Performance, "Piano Perfection," Vanessa Wei, pianist, 4 PM, Sanctuary
- Tuesday, November 19, GriefShare: Surviving The Holidays, 10 AM
- Tuesday, November 19, Melodies of the Mind Sing Along, Choir Room, 2 PM
- Wednesday, November 20, Dinner, 5:30 PM Fellowship Hall
- Wednesday, November 20, Police Officer Wells speaks on Making FPC Safe, 6 PM
- Saturday, November 23, "Laugh Your Way to A Better Marriage" Conference, 1 PM
- Tuesday, November 26, Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service, First United Methodist Church, 7 PM
- Tuesday, December 3, Meditation for Christians, 7 PM, Chapel (Meets on alternate Tuesdays. Contact: [Carlen Maddux](#))
- Sunday, December 8, Combined Worship Service, 10 AM, followed by a Christmas Pancake Party
- Wednesday, December 11, GriefShare: Surviving The Holidays, 6 PM

## 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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