



Your
Weekly News
from
First Presbyterian Church
St. Petersburg

September 27, 2019

Twenty-sixth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM - Contemporary Worship
Service, Fellowship Hall

11:00 AM - Classic Worship with Choir,
Sanctuary

The sermon for this Sunday is
"Moving Beyond Thoughts and Prayers"
Scripture: [Isaiah 58:1-12](#); [2 Samuel
3:7](#); [21:1-14](#)

Dr. Dawn Conti



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Art: "Step Into the Swell"

by Lisle Gwynn Garrity © A Sanctified Art LLC, sanctifiedart.org

Our Sanctuary's Sound System Improvements and Challenges

Last month, the congregation at the 11 AM service was invited to participate in a sound survey. The goal of the survey was to gain feedback about the sound quality on Sunday mornings. The results have helped fine-tune the sound system week after week. David Aumack, who is running the system and working hard to make it better, wrote a more thorough explanation of the work being done and the limitations we have. To view his article, click [here](#).

Thank you for providing your feedback and for your patience while we strive to make the sound the best that it can be. Additional feedback is always welcome and appreciated.

September Session Meeting Highlights

[Click here](#)

“See, the Lord is doing a new thing!”



JOIN US FOR AN OUT-OF-THE-BOX WORSHIP SERVICE

A TIME WITH GOD AND GOD'S WORD, AND HOLY COMMUNION

SATURDAY, OCT. 5, 5 P.M. IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

FOLLOWED BY SATURDAY NIGHT FUN DOWNTOWN FOR ALL AGES!

LET US KNOW HOW MANY WILL ATTEND SO WE CAN PLAN OUR OFF-SITE SUPPER LOCATION

(PLEASE PLACE THIS FORM IN OFFERING PLATE OR TAKE TO THE CHURCH OFFICE)

I (WE) WILL ATTEND _____ HOW MANY _____

Blessing of the Animals Service

Saturday, October 5, 10 AM
On the Front Lawn of First Presbyterian Church



Bring your pets for a short service and individual blessing. If you can't bring your animal, bring a picture! All sizes, shapes, and species are welcome!

Drawing for gift basket!



5:00 PM Children's Choir, Choir Room
For ages 4 - 10 years old

5:30 PM Dinner catered by the fantastic
Debbie Brown

Dinner: Beef Stew, Rice, Bread, Cookies *

6:00 PM Choose from the following meetings:

Welcoming The Stranger
Offered by Rev. Ruth Elswood, Fellowship Hall

Christian Coupling: A Way to Better Relationships
Offered by Dave Aumack, room S-100

Messy Church for Children: Super Heroes of the Bible

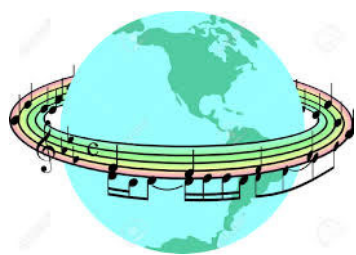
* Call the church office if you will be joining us for dinner (727) 822-2031

These programs run Wednesday nights through - October 23.



Help set up, serve, and clean up at Wednesday Night Live

If you are ready, willing, and able to be part of a team which serves on at least one Wednesday night, please email Amy Grossenbacher at amyg@fpc-stpete.org



Presbyterian Women's General Meeting Tomorrow "Sing The World Round"

Rev. Noel Koestline will present the program about Sacred Song Uniting Global People of Faith, Worship Songs from Five Continents. The event will begin at 10:30 AM in Fellowship Hall with brunch provided.

Lunch Pals/Mentor Training Held At FPC

More than 20 church and community members attended the Lunch Pals/Mentor training at First Presbyterian Church on September 18. Representing Pinellas County Schools, Lunch Pal Coordinator Keosha Simmons enthusiastically shared the positive impact that school mentors continue to have in the lives of students in our county.



Seminar attendees will complete an online volunteer application form and will be notified of "student match" in a couple of weeks. Currently, over 1500 students in Pinellas County have been partnered with a Lunch Pal. "We hope to make that 2000 this school year," said Keosha with a smile. It certainly looks like that will happen!



Lakewood Elementary School Uniforms Provided by First Pres

Thanks to the generosity of First Presbyterian Church, our Mission Committee provided school uniforms to children at Lakewood Elementary School. Pictured are Karen Mossman, Miss Attilus, Miss K, Stephanie Lucas, Nurse Lori Whitaker and grateful Kindergarten students.

Faith and Fiction Begins October 7

First Monday of Every Month, 7:30 - 8:30 PM in Room N-123



For book titles, synopses, dates of meetings and discussion leaders' names, [click here](#).

Another 'First' for FPC, Live Streaming Of The 11 AM Worship Service

We are now live-streaming the 11:00 AM worship service every Sunday morning, which means people will be able to see everything our cameras see in "real time." If you are unable to make it to church, but would still like to view the service on Sunday morning, you can go to our YouTube channel (https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYcYHUzgbUrt_w04s4Vb5_g/featured?disable_polymer=1) and watch live. The services are also archived on our channel, and you can go back and watch them at your leisure.

If you would like to get a notification every time the service is about to go "live," you can click on the red "Subscribe" button on our YouTube channel. It will ask you to set up an account if you don't have one already. Once you have subscribed, click the bell icon to receive notifications.



Gun Violence Prevention Discussion Group

Plan to be part of the group studying and discussing gun violence. Meetings are on Wednesdays at 10:30 AM in Room N-123 for the next 3 weeks.

FPC Calendar At A Glance

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

Coming up:

- [October Birthdays](#)
- Beth Moore Bible Study, Youth Center, 9:15 AM or 6:30 PM (Tuesdays through October 8)
- 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)
- Gun Violence Prevention Discussion, Wednesdays through October 16, 10:30 AM, Room N-123.
- Wednesday Night Live (Wednesdays 5:00 PM Children's Choir, 5:30 PM Dinner in Fellowship Hall followed by study groups)
- Saturday, September 28, 10:30 AM, Fellowship Hall, Presbyterian Women's General Meeting, Rev. Noel Koestline presents "Sing the World Round." Brunch is provided.
- Tuesday, October 1, 10 AM, GriefShare Support Group, Chapel (meets Tuesdays, refer to church calendar for any variation)
- Tuesday, October 1, Meditation for Christians, 7 PM, Chapel (Contact: [Carlen Maddux](#))
- Saturday October 5, 10 AM, Blessing of the Animals
- Saturday, October 5, 5 PM, Fellowship Hall, Out-Of-The-Box Worship Service
- Monday, October 7 - Faith & Fiction, 7:30 - 8:30 PM, Room N-123 (meets the 1st Monday of each month through April 2020). [Here](#) is the Reading List.

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. Send copy to [Mary Johnson](#) and [Amy Grossenbacher](#).

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