

FIRST NEWS



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

August 5, 2022

WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

Join us for our Worship Service at 10 AM
this Sunday, August 7, 2022
in the Sanctuary or online
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost / Lord's Supper

Rev. Ginny Ellis
Sermon: "How God Calls: JONAH"
Scriptures: [Jonah 1:1-12](#), [Jonah 3:1-5](#), [3:10-4:1](#)

Click [HERE](#) to watch the service online.
Click [HERE](#) for the worship service bulletin.

This link may also be found on the home page of the church's website
(www.fpcstpete.com - click the "Watch Here" button)
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!

**PLEASE NOTE: we have a MASK-OPTIONAL policy
for worship services and on-campus activities.**



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.

Praise Band Preview - Back to the Sanctuary

After a wonderful Sunday in Fellowship Hall, we're moving back upstairs this week for combined worship in our beautiful sanctuary. Your FPC Praise Band is bringing two "fan favorites" to the service: *Friend of God* and *Will You Come and Follow Me*. Click the links below to hear the tunes and we'll be seeing you on Sunday!

[Friend of God](#)

[Will You Come and Follow Me](#)



Please remember in prayer: Millie Bradley, Leah Cutting, John Daniel, Joan Evans, Julie Evans, Sandra Fay, Teresa Gasper, Margo Hart, John & Dorothy Harte, Larry & Diane Heath, Agnes Ingles, John Johnson, Russ Johnson, Iberia Johnston, Anne Justiss, Susan Key, Alisa Keys, Jean Kohler, Margie Laughlin, Taffey Lichter, Dave & Pam Malone, Nancy McLaughlin, Alan Pfeider, Richard Pfeider, Janet Poling, Henry Shaw, Judy Smith, Jane Snoke, Wellons family

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 Juliá, USN LT; CPT Taina Specie, USA; CPT 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 McCutcheon at amym@fpc-stpete.org.

From the Desk of Pastor Ginny

First Church Friends,

What fun we had with the MissionSunday! Worship was grand, with energy and engagement. It was amazing to do the Psalm 107 litany with Kirby and with the congregation. We packed 500 hygiene bags for CASA and 350 school backpacks for Live Love St. Pete. It was an ambitious project, but this church jumped in to

make it happen. Thank you!

We begin a new sermon series this week: I'll be looking at God calling us: how God calls, what God might ask, how we answer, how the call changes us. The sermons are based on the stories of Jonah, Ruth, Paul and Peter. Read ahead if you like, and let your prayers focus on how God might be calling you, me and this church for the days ahead.

Have you walked around the church lately? Johnny Miller has cleaned and painted and things look really good. The Memorial Garden has gotten significant work: go see how inviting it looks. There's always something going on around here!

Blessings, Ginny

MISSIONSUNDAY



All Praise to God!

We had an amazing MissionSunday this past weekend! Good music, good food, a great message on *ANDRA TUTTO BENE* (if you don't remember, go to YouTube and watch!), and two great mission projects helping our community. A huge thanks to all who came out and helped, and a special thanks to Susan Schlecht and Melody Proud and their teams. With all your support, we met our goal of for hygiene kits for CASA and backpacks for students!

Reminder: MissionSunday is the 5th Sunday of every month with 5 Sundays. The next MissionSunday will be Oct 30th and will be held upstairs in the Sanctuary and Youth Center combined! Mark your calendars and we will see you there!



So many volunteers!



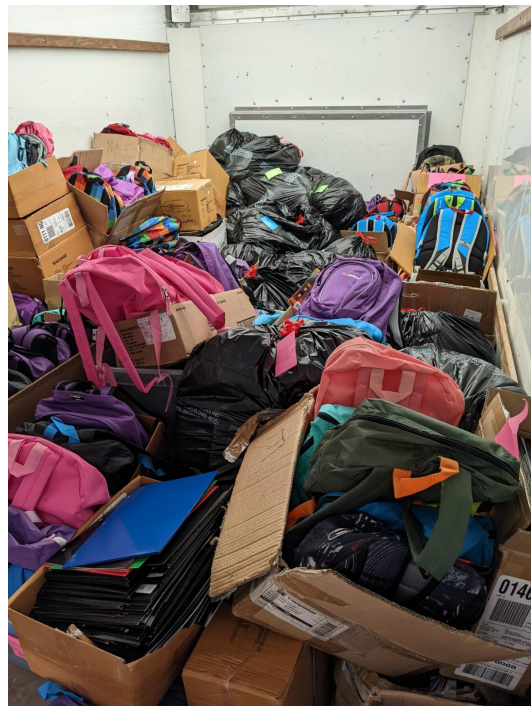
Assembly line for packing hygiene kits



Assembly line to stuff backpacks



Just a few backpacks...



...enough to fill a truck!



Melody Proud with the full truck

Lectio Devina on Monday mornings

We would love for you to join us on Monday mornings at 10 AM via Zoom for Lectio Devina, when we reflect on scriptures that will be used in the coming Sunday's worship service. To join, just click the link: [HERE](#).

Fun in the Sun!

Last Saturday, summer-loving FPC friends gathered at Chris and Karen

Mossman's house for a fabulous potluck lunch with delicious food ranging from ham and cheese sliders to strawberry pretzel salad. After we waited 1/2 hour (like our parents used to make us 😊), we then enjoyed boat rides around the island and pool time. It was so fun, everyone stayed until 5 PM! Thanks to all who attended!



The next House Church will be a "Friendsgiving" pot-luck dinner under the light of the moon with stargazing at the Mossman's house in November (date and time TBD).

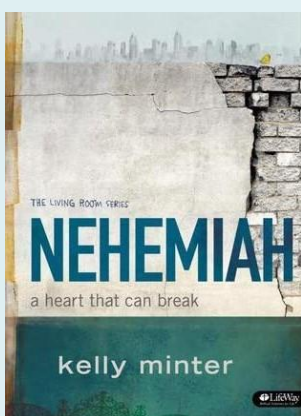
Blessing of the Backpacks Sunday, August 14

As hard as it is to believe, the end of summer is right around the corner! As kids get ready to return to school, we would like to send

them off to the new school year with a blessing! On Sunday, August 14, Pastor Ginny will be blessing backpacks as a part of the Moment for All Ages. So be sure to encourage the school-age kids in your life to join us in the Sanctuary or tune in to our online service that weekend!



Ladies, you are invited to a Summer Bible Study: "Nehemiah – a heart that can break"



Nehemiah's heart was so broken for those in need that he left the comfort of his Persian palace to help them. This study challenges women to let God break their hearts for a hurting, lost world and move them in compassion to lead people to Jesus. This study was written by author, speaker, songwriter, and worship leader, Kelly Minter.

Join us on Tuesday mornings through August 23, 2022
in the Youth Center
9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Everyone is welcome – no previous Bible study experience is required. Workbooks will be available for \$20. Sorry, at this time there is no childcare available. Questions? Contact April Hussung: (727) 420-1758 or



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

- 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.
- Help us stay connected by sending us your pictures and prayer requests!



Have you friended us on Facebook or Instagram?

If you haven't, please do so! Also, be sure to SHARE our Facebook and Instagram posts as much as you can! That can help us increase numbers of followers of the church Facebook and Instagram pages. Thank you for helping us be more visible!



During this season, 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.*
- [Click HERE](#) for August Birthdays



Some groups are still 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.

Regularly Scheduled Events:

- **Sundays, 8:30 AM, Faith Journey Sunday School Class, Chapel**

- Sundays, 9 AM, No Power Hour Sunday School Class, taking a break for the summer
- Sundays, 10 AM, Worship Service, Sanctuary or [Online](#)
- Mondays, 10 AM, Lectio Devina, Zoom
- Tuesdays, 9 AM, Ladies Bible Study on Nehemiah, Youth Center
- Tuesdays, 7 PM, Christian Meditation, Chapel (meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month)
- Wednesdays, 7:30 PM, Praise Band Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- Thursdays, 7 PM, No Chancel Choir Rehearsal, taking a break for the summer
- Fridays, 7:30 AM, No Men's Bible Study, Room N-123, taking a break for the summer.
- Fridays, 12 PM, Men's Lunch Bible Study, via Zoom. For more information, contact John Underwood (pjfwon@gmail.com)

Upcoming Events:

- Monday, August 8, Session Meeting
- Sunday, August 14, Blessing of the Backpacks

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 McCutcheon at amym@fpc-stpete.org.

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