

# FIRST NEWS



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

**June 18, 2021**

## WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

Join us at 10 AM in the Sanctuary  
for an In-Person or Online Worship Service  
this Sunday, June 20  
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Megan H. McMillan

Scripture: [Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32](#) , [2 Corinthians 6:1-13](#), [Mark 4:35-41](#)

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If you feel uncomfortable or are unable to worship with us in person, you can  
click [HERE](#) to watch the service online.

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*As a reminder, we will begin the organ prelude just before 10 AM,  
so please plan to arrive a few minutes early!*



Our guest musician this Sunday is soprano Chelsea Gentner. Chelsea is the Choir Director at Hollins High School in Pinellas County Schools and taught for several years in New York prior to living in St. Petersburg. She completed her Bachelor of Music degree at SUNY Purchase in Opera Performance and completed her teacher certificate in Music Education at Central Connecticut State University. During the Offertory portion of our service, Chelsea will sing "Ave Maria" arranged by Charles Gounod.



*In Need  
of Your  
Prayers*

**Please remember in prayer:** Ron & Millie Bradley, Bob Burkhardt, Carol Daniel, Pat Eckert, Joan Evans, Julie Evans, Sandra Fay, Sarah Fechter, Teresa Gasper, Margo Hart, John & Dorothy Harte, Larry & Diane Heath, Agnes Ingles, Russ Johnson, Iberia Johnston, Anne Justiss, Alisa Keys, Margie Laughlin, Dave & Pam Malone, Nancy McLaughlin, Peter Pav, Alan Pfleider, Richard Pfleider, Janet Poling, Jane Pruitt, Ken Robinson, Henry Shaw, Judy Smith, Jane Snoke

Please continue to lift our church up in your prayers during this time of transition.

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; 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](mailto:amyg@fpc-stpete.org).

### Love Offering for Dawn

The session has approved a love offering in gratitude for Dawn's service to First Presbyterian Church-St Petersburg. Any checks should be made payable to FPC-St Pete and noted as "love offering" in the memo line, so that they can be correctly processed through the office. If you prefer to donate online, you can access Online Giving [HERE](#). Please use the drop-down box to designate your gift as a Love Offering.



If you would like to write notes of appreciation for Dawn, they may be deposited in the pink boxes in the Church Office or the back of the Sanctuary. Blank notecards, envelopes and pens are available near the drop boxes. Gifts

may be left near the boxes or delivered to the Church Office during business hours. If you would like to mail anything, please use the church address: 701 Beach Drive NE, St. Petersburg, FL 33701.

## Listening and Assessment Team Update

The Listening and Assessment Team authorized by the Presbytery of Tampa Bay's Commission on Ministry (COM) last week in response to the session's request for assistance during the transition has been named. The team will be having its first meeting shortly and will be in touch with the session soon after that to begin its work with our church, including opportunities for the team to hear from members of the congregation and others as appropriate.



### Deacons' Corner

Submitted by Marilyn Mulcahy

Summer is upon us and your Deacons are busy.....caring for others is a 24-hour mission. Your own deacon prays for you and your family daily. This would be a great day to call or write your deacon if you have a specific prayer request that they could join with you in praying for daily. There is great power in group prayer! If you forgot your Deacon's name or contact info, please call me, Marilyn, at 714-580-5619 or email me at [mmulcahyfl@gmail.com](mailto:mmulcahyfl@gmail.com). I am happy to give you the info or pray for you.

Your Deacons also deliver flowers weekly to church family members who are in need of a lift or friendly smile. One doesn't have to be sick to receive flowers. Here's our dilemma: not everyone shares hard times in their lives with their Deacons. Can YOU help us by calling your Deacon, me, or Amy in the Church Office to let us know of someone who would appreciate a short visit and maybe a small vase of flowers? We don't want to miss or overlook anyone so please consider sharing a name or two with us.

Also, we are lacking small vases so if you have some stored under the kitchen sink, please bring them to the church office or call me, and I will come pick them up. Yes, I will.

Our church family is on a journey, let's do it together, sharing our concerns, hurts, hopes, and God's vision for us. We have an opportunity to be beacons of light to downtown St Pete and none of us want to miss His calling!

### Children's Ministry

From Rev. Megan McMillan

We have made the difficult decision to pause the Children's Message time during our Sunday worship services for the summer. We are so grateful for all those who have been volunteering their time and gifts to this ministry. However, in this time of major transition in the life of this congregation, like many other things, the Children's Ministry programming is in a period of discernment and prayer.

I (Pastor Megan) am looking forward to when we kick-off Children's Messages, Children's Church, and Children's Sunday School once again. In order for all this to happen, we will need a team of collaborative volunteers who are passionate about making this a thriving ministry for our church community. I invite those who are willing and able to walk alongside me on this journey to please contact me (727-828-3972 or [meganm@fpc-stpete.org](mailto:meganm@fpc-stpete.org)) over the summer months.

In the meantime, the "Kids Korner" in the Sanctuary is still an available and welcome space for your children to come and worship on Sunday mornings with the FPC community. For kids worshipping at home on Sundays, Pastor Megan will be happy to email out some activities and coloring pages to you. If you are interested in receiving these, please email Megan.

## Beth Houghton Presented Key to the City of St. Petersburg



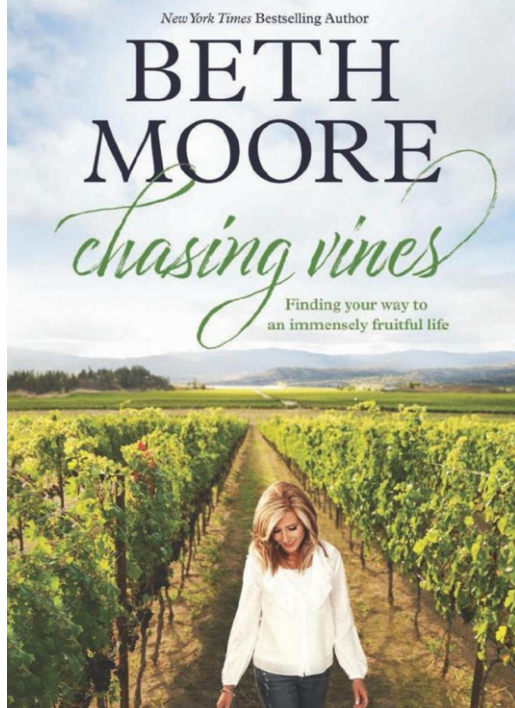
Beth Houghton was presented the Key to the City of St. Petersburg on Thursday, June 10, by Mayor Rick Kriseman. "We are grateful for the many contributions she has made to our community," says Kriseman. "Thank you to both Beth and Scott Wagman for making St. Pete better." The Key is the highest honor the City can bestow on one of its residents.

Beth is currently the CEO of the Juvenile Welfare Board of Pinellas County, overseeing an annual impact budget of \$79.3 million and a workforce of 62 persons. Previously she was CEO of the St. Petersburg Free Clinic. Prior to that, she served as CFO and General Counsel of what was then known as All Children's Hospital. Beth also serves as Chair of the Moffitt Cancer Center Hospital Board and Vice Chair of Moffitt's parent board.

A member of First Presbyterian for 37 years, Beth leads the Faith Journey class and has served on the session and numerous committees. She's visited the Honduras Clinic more than 25 times while serving 16 years on the Foundation for International Missions (FFIM) board and is currently its president.

While all these are important community tasks and jobs, Beth says her most significant work (and joy) lies in embracing her grandkids Emmett, 2 months; Vander, 4; Noah, 8; and Ezekiel, 9, all while also mothering Noah and Ezekiel.

## Beth Moore Bible Study on Tuesday Mornings



Our study is Beth Moore's "Chasing Vines – Finding Your Way To An Immensely Fruitful Life". It is on Tuesday mornings from 9:15 – 11:30 AM June 15 – July 20, 2021 in the Youth Center. Even if you are going to be on vacation during any part of this study, we want to encourage you to come when you can!

Please pre-register with April Hussung (at [stapler39@aol.com](mailto:stapler39@aol.com) or 727-420-1758) and let her know if you need a workbook, which will be available for \$15. You can also contact April if you have any questions.

Please note:

- At this time, there is no childcare available.
- We will follow Church policy requesting that you wear a mask at the Bible study.

## Parenting Class On Mondays!

Jules Menke is running another series on Peaceful and Powerful Parenting. The series will run another 3 weeks (6-21, 7-12 and 7-19), from noon-1 PM. If you are interested, you can reach her at the contact information below:

Juliana Menke, MS, LMHC | Therapist  
t (727) 327-7656 ext. 4160 | f (727) 896-1426  
[julienmenke@suncoastcenter.org](mailto:julienmenke@suncoastcenter.org)  
[www.suncoastcenter.org](http://www.suncoastcenter.org)

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



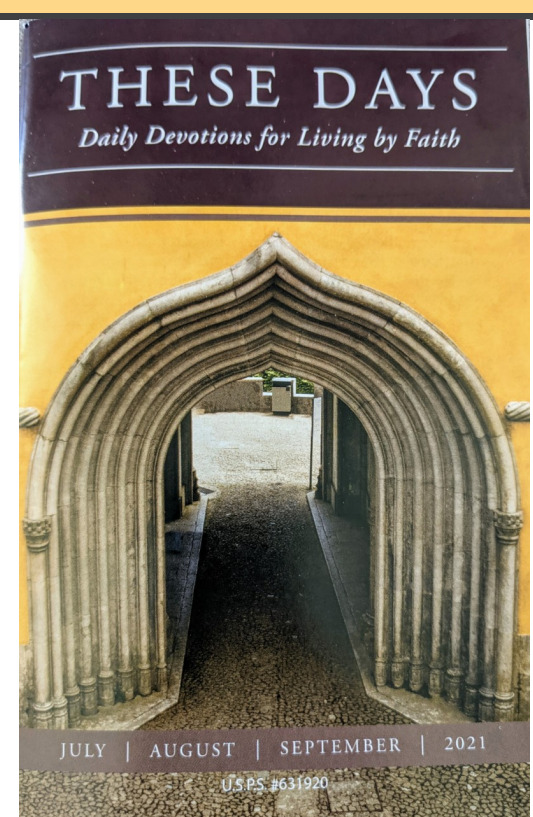
## New Pastoral Emergency Number

If you have a pastoral emergency during the next few weeks while Pastor Dawn is away on vacation and study leave, please call (561) 805-1514.



## Devotionals Available

Copies of the July/August/September edition of "Our Daily Bread" and "These Days" devotionals are now available for pick-up from the Church Office during normal business hours or at the Welcome Center on Sunday mornings.



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

Online Giving



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 June Birthdays



Some groups are continuing to meet 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, 8:30 AM**, Faith Journey Sunday School Class, meeting in-person, Room S-202.
- **Sundays, 10 AM**, In-Person Worship Service, Sanctuary or [Online](#).
- **Sundays, 11:15 AM**, *Westminster & Contemporary Faith Sunday School Classes will not be meeting again until Fall.*
- *Monday morning online devotionals will take a break for the summer.*
- **Mondays, 12 PM**, Peaceful and Powerful Parenting class (online)
- **Tuesdays, 9:15 AM**, Beth Moore Bible study, Youth Center
- **Tuesdays, 7 PM**, Christian Meditation, meeting in-person in the Chapel at 7 PM. For more information, contact Carlen Maddux ([cmaddux@maddux.com](mailto:cmaddux@maddux.com)).
- **Fridays, 7:30 AM**, Men's Bible Study, in-person, Room N-123.
- **Fridays, 12 PM**, Men's Bible Study; the last Friday of the month is in-person in Room N-123; otherwise, Zoom. For more information, contact John Underwood ([pjfwon@gmail.com](mailto:pjfwon@gmail.com))

## 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 Grossenbacher](#).

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