

FIRST NEWS



June 30, 2023

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

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

this Sunday, July 2, 2023

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost / Lord's Supper

CONNECT SERVICE at 9 AM (Youth Center)

or

SANCTUARY SERVICE at 11 AM (Sanctuary)

Rev. Jeanie Barnes

Sermon: "Wrestling with Romans"

Scripture: [Matthew 10:40-42](#), [Romans 6:12-23](#)

Click [HERE](#) to watch the 9 AM service online.

Click [HERE](#) to watch the 11 AM service online.

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. The service is also available for viewing on [our YouTube channel](#) throughout the week. Feel free to share the link with family and friends!

Click [HERE](#) for the 9 AM worship service bulletin.

Click [HERE](#) for the 11 AM worship service bulletin.



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.

July Music

Click [HERE](#) to see the exciting line-up of music for our 11 AM Sanctuary Service in July.



Please remember in prayer: Millie Bradley, Joan Evans, Julie Evans, Sandra Fay, Teresa Gasper, Jane Harris, Margo Hart, Dorothy Harte, Larry & Diane Heath, Agnes Ingles, Iberia Johnston, Anne Justiss, Susan Key, Alisa Keys, Taffey Lichter, Dave & Pam Malone, Ginger McCoy, Nancy McLaughlin, Nancy Ogden, Alan Pfleider, Richard Pfleider, Henry Shaw, Jane Snoke

Please pray for our family and friends serving in the military: LT Marc-Antoni Juliá, USN; CPT Taina Specie, USA; CPT Liam Shelton, USA; 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.



A Special Red, White, and Blue Sunday - This Sunday, July 2

Wear your RED, WHITE and BLUE and come worship the FREEDOM God gives us on Sunday, July 2 at 9 a.m. in the Youth Center CONNECT Service (with coffee and donuts served all morning) and at 11 a.m. in the SANCTUARY Service (with a lemonade, tea and cookie reception following). Please join us in praising God together.

The Church Office will be closed **Tuesday, July 4**, in observance of Independence Day.



Church *Shine* Day –
Next Friday, July 7



Would you like to help us honor God by *shining up* our church... that is cleaning, clearing out unwanted stuff and organizing the things we need to do our ministry in the best way possible? To that end, we are scheduling a Church "Shine" Day on Friday, July 7 from 9:30 am till we break for lunch! Serious shiners may choose to work into the afternoon! You may drop by for as long as you are able to help us get started on this BIG project! Some of the work will be physical, while other jobs can be

done seated at a table. With many hands, food, drink, and music, it is going to be a FUN shine day! Please mark your calendars and plan to come!

MissionSunday on July 30 – Backpacks!

You will soon be hearing more about our MissionSunday for July 30. But here is a quick preview: On that Sunday, we will be helping

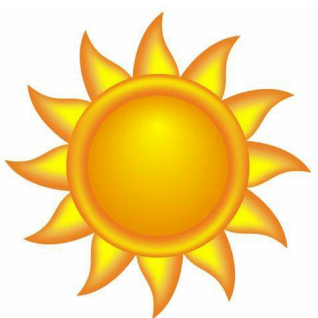
[LiveLoveStPete](#) pack 400-500 backpacks for under-served K-5

students in our community. That's a lot of work, requiring a lot of hands! No need to buy supplies, as the materials have already been purchased. However, if you would like to sponsor a backpack (or more than one!), the cost is \$15 per backpack, and includes all the school supplies we'll be packing in them! You can click [HERE](#) to donate online, or you can give a check to the church with "backpacks" in the memo line.



Seeking Church Van Drivers!

If you might be ready, willing, and able to drive the church van one Sunday a month, please reach out to the Church Office (727-822-2031). We are in need of more drivers. Thanks!



Save the Dates for Summer Family Fun at FPC!

Come beat the heat in cool air conditioning with your family and friends!

Tues. July 25, 5 -7 p.m.
Christmas in July

Sandwich & Ice Cream Bar
Come make your own classic sandwich, sundae, and some special Christmas ornaments!



Sun. July 30
8 - 11:30 a.m.
MissionSunday:
Backpack PACK
AND Crazy Hat Day!

Fri. Aug. 4, 5-7 p.m.
Pizza & A Movie

Bring your sleeping bag, teddy bear, and pillow if you want to lounge on the floor during a movie in the Youth Center!



LOOKING FORWARD to fall...

Starting in September, every 2nd Wednesday. Forget the cooking and bring your gang! 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

- **Sept. 13** - Kyle's World-Famous BBQ and Mac Night
 - **Oct. 11** - Mothers' Home Cooking Night
 - **Nov. 8** - Men's Meatloaf & Mashed Potato Night
 - **Dec. 13** - Hohoho Holiday Special
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Pride Parade (June 24)

This past weekend, First Presbyterian took a several steps towards spreading God's Love to the community of St Pete. Over twenty-two thousand steps (according to Dave Aumack's Apple Watch!), along the downtown waterfront amidst thousands. Passing out hundreds of colorful wristbands with the words, "First Presbyterian Church Loves You" and over a thousand "Icee Pops" to a hot, yet, excited crowd. The words "Thank you" echoed over the music and cheers. Rising above all the noise, God's presence and love was truly felt.

A special thanks to those who helped decorate and un-decorate the church bus, readying it for the largest parade in Florida and staying after to clean up for service the next morning. A special thanks to Jessie Sereda for the use of her golf cart, which enabled us to shuttle folks from the church down to the airport starting line where the bus awaited in the hot sun and a special thanks to Wayne for driving our bus.

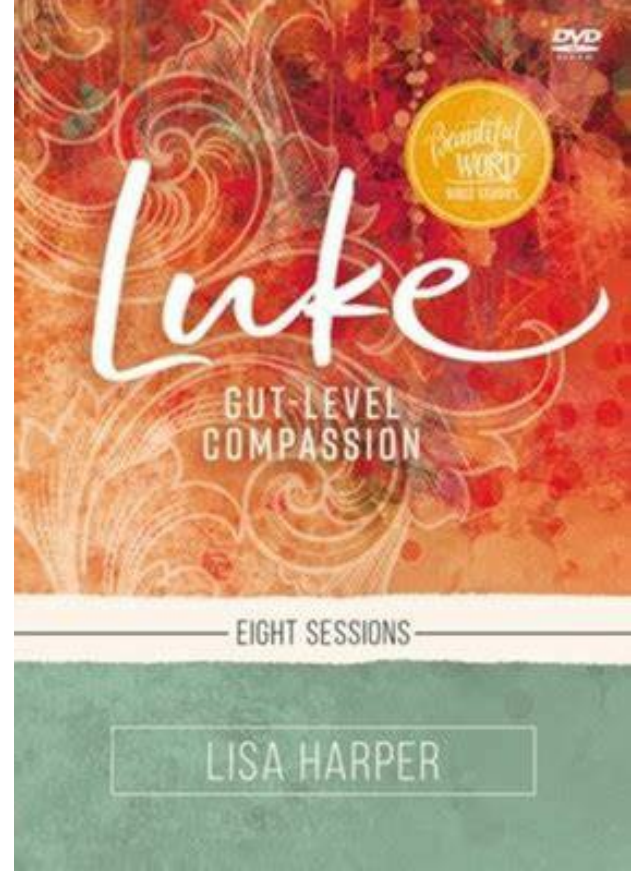
**Ladies, you are invited to
Lisa Harper's new Bible Study!
Luke: Gut-Level Compassion**

We will be studying the humanity and compassion of Jesus shared by Luke. The great news woven throughout the Gospel according to

Luke is that perfection is not a prerequisite for deep and personal relationship with Jesus!

Join us on Tuesday mornings
through August 8 (not meeting July 4)
9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
in the Youth Center

Workbooks (including streaming video access for all sessions) will be available for \$25. We know it's summer – come when you can! No previous Bible study experience is needed. Bring a friend! Sorry, at this time there is no childcare available. Questions? April Hussung: 727-420-1758 or stapler39@aol.com.

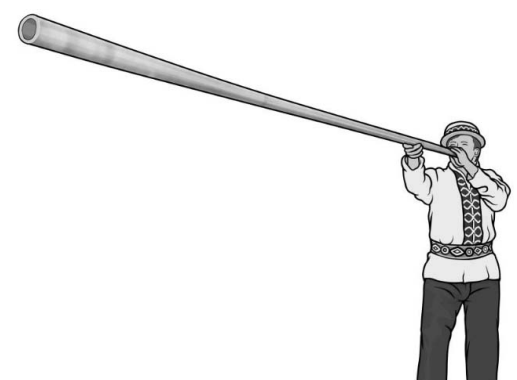


Save The Date: September 17, 4 PM "Hope for Ukraine" Concert

Our church will host a "Hope for Ukraine" concert presented by the Kyiv Symphony Orchestra and Chorus ([click HERE](#) for more information). There are numerous opportunities for you to ensure the success of this event. Watch First News over the next few months to find how you can help!

Fun Facts About the Ukraine – Did You Know?

The world's longest wind instrument is the Ukrainian trembita. Listed in The Guinness Book of Records, the trembita is a wooden trumpet that ranges in length from 8 to 26 feet and has a diameter of roughly 1.2 inches. In mountain villages, the trembita was used as a means of communication sending important or urgent messages from mountain to mountain with the sound reaching as far as 6.2 miles. Today it is enjoying a revival after being embraced by contemporary musicians.



Correction to last week's "Staff Matters" article...

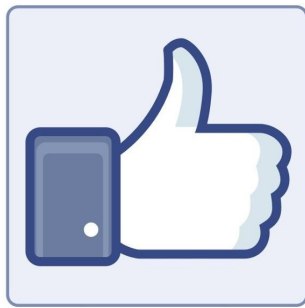
We were just so excited about Jack Rain's birthday that we published his article a week early! His birthday is actually tomorrow, **July 1**. Happy early birthday, Jack, and sorry for the oops!

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!



We continue to be thankful for the generosity of all who contribute financially to our church, along with the other contributions they bring to our ministry.

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 July 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-12:30 PM**, childcare is available, Room 203
- **Sundays, 9 AM**, Connect Worship Service, Youth Center or [Online](#)
- **Sundays, 10 AM**, Faith Journey Sunday School Class, Room S-202
- **Sundays, 10 AM**, Power Hour Sunday School Class, (on summer break until September 10)
- **Sundays, 11 AM**, Sanctuary Worship Service, Sanctuary or [Online](#)

- Mondays, 10 AM, Lectio Divina (on summer break until August 14)
- Tuesdays, 9 AM, Ladies' Bible Study, Youth Center
- Tuesdays, 7 PM, Christian Meditation (on summer break until August 8)
- Wednesdays, 7 PM, Praise Band Rehearsal, Youth Center
- Thursdays, 6 PM, Bell Choir Rehearsal (on summer break)
- Thursdays, 7 PM, Chancel Choir Rehearsal (on summer break)
- Fridays, 7:30 AM, Men's Bible Study, Room N-123
- Fridays, 12 PM, Men's Lunch Bible Study, via Zoom. For more information, contact John Underwood (pjfwon@gmail.com)

Upcoming Events:

- Tuesday, July 4, Church Office will be closed in observance of Independence Day
- Friday, July 7, 9:30 AM, Church "Shine" Day
- Tuesday, July 25, 5-7 PM, "Christmas in July" event, Fellowship Hall
- Sunday, July 30, MissionSunday: Backpack packing and Crazy Hat Day

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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