



Your
Weekly News
from
First Presbyterian Church
St. Petersburg

August 2, 2019

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

WORSHIP SERVICES:

9:00 AM - Contemporary Worship Service, Fellowship Hall
11:00 AM - Classic Worship Service, Sanctuary

The sermon for this Sunday is "Made for Relationship"
Scripture: [1 Corinthians 12:12-27](#); [Genesis 2:4b-7,18, 21-24](#)
Dr. Dawn Conti

[Click here](#) for Sunday's bulletin and announcements. [Special insert.](#)

New Sermon Series Begins This Sunday



The Grace To Receive

Many of us find it difficult to receive gifts from others. We find it relatively easy to help others, to spend time with them when they are sick, to visit and bring a meal when they are in need, and so on. But, when it comes time for us to be on the receiving end, we often make excuses and even refuse – for their own good, of course! Strange that we Christians should find it difficult to be gracious receivers when we confess that our entire lives, physical and spiritual, are gifts from God's spirit.

When we receive gifts of love from our brothers and sisters in Christ, we are in a real sense also receiving Christ. Jesus is present in both the act of giving and the act of receiving.

-Excerpted from Kenneth C. Haugk, Founder of Stephen Ministries

Do You Know Someone Who Is Going Through A Difficult Time? Are You?

Our Stephen Ministers can provide the comfort, encouragement and support needed during a crisis. They are ready to come alongside you—or others you know. The Christian community grows when we participate in both giving and receiving.

Please contact Pastor Dawn, Ginger McCoy (727) 804-2429 or Terry Schoenberg (727) 323-2380.



Last Friday of Summer, August 9

5 PM Friday through 7 AM Saturday
In the Youth Center

5th – 12th Graders

New Bible Study



JAMES: MERCY TRIUMPHS BY BETH MOORE

James, Jesus' own brother, started out as a skeptic. See how one glimpse of the resurrected Savior turned an unbeliever into a disciple with Beth Moore's 8-session study *James: Mercy Triumphs*. And, in the process, learn how you can put your own faith into action.

August 20 – October 8, 2019

Let's be inspired to put our faith into action in practical ways as we get to know both the man and the book of James!

Join us either on Tuesday mornings 9:15 - 11:30 AM in the Youth Center
or

Tuesday evenings 6:30 - 8:45 PM in the Youth Center

Workbooks will be available for \$20. No previous Bible study experience is needed. Bring a friend! Free childcare is available by reservation – email childcare@fpc-stpete.org or call/leave a message with childcare at (727) 828-3971 (sign up for all 8 weeks or call on Tuesday morning if you are unable to come).

Questions?



Lakewood Elementary improved its performance on the Florida State Assessment by seven points.

Principal Stephanie Woodford

First Presbyterian Church is Honored by Pinellas School District

School Superintendent Michael Grego and Transformation Zone Chief Officer Nikita Reed praised First Presbyterian Church and other faith-based and community partners for the support the organizations have given this past school year to 12 Pinellas County schools with high-poverty populations. The recognition also celebrated the role played by community partners in the success of these schools.

First Presbyterian received a special recognition certificate at the district's community partnership celebration on Saturday, July 27, for its sponsorship of Lakewood Elementary School. The semester starting Aug. 14 will begin the second school year our church has provided mentors, reading buddies, school uniforms, food and much more to the families and staff of Lakewood. The church also recognizes the hard work of Lakewood teachers by providing them gift cards for such things as meals, movie tickets and Google Play.

The community meeting also shared the good news about the Transformation Zone schools' improved scores on this year's Florida State Assessment tests. Family and community engagement plays an important role in school performance, said Chief Transformation Officer Reed, who oversees the improvement efforts at these schools.

"I've never seen such consistent growth as happened in the Transformation Zone," said Dr. Grego. "Our schools are moving in the right direction," including Lakewood Elementary, which improved its performance on this year's Florida State Assessment by seven points.

"We need to celebrate Principal (Stephanie) Woodford for the tremendous amount of work she has done," said Dr. Grego.

"I'm so proud of the progress they've made," he said. "We'll lock arms again" with all who support the school "and we'll be a 'C' next year."

To participate in First Presbyterian's continued support of Lakewood, or to learn more, contact Uneeda Brewer at ndepth@aol.com.

Faith & Fiction

Begins October 7



Faith & Fiction meets the 1st Monday of every month
7:30 - 8:30 PM in Room N-123

[Here](#) is the 2019-2020 Reading List with other pertinent information.



Children's Sunday School Teachers Needed

Do you like growing in your faith and sharing that faith? Do you enjoy children? If so, your talents to lead the children's Sunday School class for ages 4 through 7 are needed. The class is currently made up of five delightful and bright children. We are praying for several volunteers who would be willing to commit to a three-month rotation.

For more information, please contact Sally Baynard (salbay@aol.com) and/or Pastor Dawn (dconti@fpc-stpete.org).



Attention Facebook Followers and Friends

We hope that those of you who are friends of the church's Facebook page have been enjoying all of our recent posts. You can help us expand our efforts by LIKING and SHARING our posts!

If you haven't "liked" our page yet, we invite you to check it out! Please encourage your other Facebook friends to "like" us as well. They need not be members of our church—and if they are young folks, all the better!

**Needed: Director of Children's Ministries
and Special Events**

First Presbyterian Church is seeking a part-time (20 hours per week) Director of Children's Ministries and Special Events. The ideal candidate will be someone who loves the Lord and loves children, has experience in leading children's ministries, and enjoys coordinating special events such as Trunk or Treat and Eggstravaganza.

A complete job description for the position may be found at churchjobs.net.

FPC Calendar At A Glance

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

Coming up in August

- [August Birthdays](#)
- [August Parent Calendar](#)
- Friday, August 9 - Youth Lock-In, 5 PM, Youth Center
- Tuesday, August 13 - Meditation for Christians, 7 PM, Chapel (Contact: [Carlen Maddux](#))
- Tuesday, August 20 - Beth Moore Bible Study, Youth Center, 9:15 AM or 6:30 PM (Continues on Tuesdays through October 8)
- Tuesday, August 20 - Grief Share, 10 AM, Chapel
- Tuesday, August 20 - Melodies for the Mind, 2 PM, Choir Room (Contact: kbenn21188@aol.com)
- Tuesday, August 27 - Meditation for Christians, 7 PM, Chapel (Contact: [Carlen Maddux](#))

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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