

Your
Weekly News
from
First Presbyterian Church
St. Petersburg

August 16, 2019

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

WORSHIP SERVICES:

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

The sermon for this Sunday is "Just Two Midwives?"
Scripture: [Psalm 138:1-8](#); [Exodus 1:8-22](#)
Dr. Dawn Conti

Special Music: Nicholas Ivy, horn and Jack Rain, piano
Horn Concerto No. 1, Op. 11, II Andante by Strauss

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

High School Sophomore Presents Special
Music
At 11 AM Service This Sunday



Nicholas Ivy is a sophomore at Pinellas County Center of the Arts at Gibbs High School where he studies horn. An active performer, he has been a member of many ensembles, including the Florida All-State Concert Band, Pinellas Youth Symphony, and Kinhaven Symphony Orchestra. A student of Carolyn Wahl, Nicholas plans to pursue horn performance after high school.

God Has Provided

In 1966, the First Presbyterian congregation marched from its old building to its new site in celebration of the completion of our beautiful sanctuary and in anticipation of fulfilling God's call to service. Thanks to the generosity of the growing congregation, FPC prudently paid off its construction debt and over the decades built up a cushion of reserve savings for lean times.

Historically, FPC has made every effort to pay operating expenses (utilities, personnel costs, supplies, insurance, ongoing maintenance, etc.) using current income from pledges and loose cash contributions. The recent decline in pledge dollars means that we will likely not have enough current income to cover all our expenses for fiscal year 2019-2020. However, through God's providential care and as has been the case in past lean years, we have on hand enough unrestricted savings to supplement our members' gifts

so that we can sustain and also grow the missions and ministries of the church.

Please be assured that while the shortfall in pledges is a concern for us all, we have adequate resources. We are grateful to our current givers and to the previous generations who helped build our nest egg. Because of them, we can continue to focus on growing God's church, spreading the good news and caring for our congregation and our community through practical, hands-on service.

Click on the following links to learn more about FPC's budget and endowment: [Permanently Restricted Funds / Endowment, Pledge & Non-Pledge Offerings](#), [Temporarily Restricted Funds](#) and [Fixed Expenses](#)



**Presbyterian
Peace
Fellowship**

Gun Violence Prevention Discussion

In the wake of the two recent mass shootings, our nation once again finds itself mourning the senseless loss of innocent life. In response to these tragedies, we will be holding a five-week study and discussion (using the "Gun Violence Prevention Congregational Toolkit" by Presbyterian Peace Fellowship as a resource), on Wednesday mornings from 10:30 AM – noon, starting on September 18 in Room N-123. If you have any questions, or if you would like to participate in this discussion, please contact Amy Grossenbacher at 727-822-2031 or amyg@fpc-stpete.org.

Overnight Youth Lock-In Celebrates The Last Friday of Summer





Games, Delicious Food,
Fun With Friends



Who To Call With Pastoral Emergency

Pastor Dawn will be out of the office for the next few weeks on study leave (August 18-24) and then vacation (August 25-September 1). In the event that there is a pastoral emergency during that time, there are two people filling in (see below):

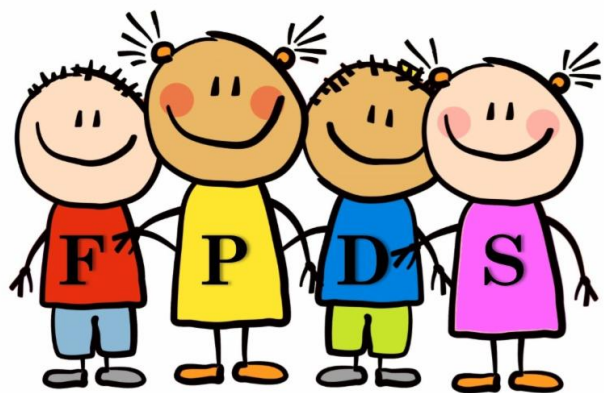
August 18-August 21 - Rev. Ruth Elswood, Parish Associate (352) 278-0757

August 22-August 24 – Rev. Ken Young (207) 841-8562

August 25-August 28 - Rev. Ruth Elswood, Parish Associate (352) 278-0757

August 29-August 31 – Rev. Ken Young (207) 841-8562

You can also call the Church Office (727-822-2031) during regular business hours.



First Presbyterian Day School

Please Help Greet Day School Students & Parents On Their First Day Of School, Thursday, August 22

We would love to have some of our FPC members here to greet the students and their parents on the first day of school! If you would like to join us for this exciting time, please contact Amy in the Church Office (727-822-2031, amyg@fpc-stpete.org). You will need to arrive at 8:15 AM the morning of the 22nd, and you will report directly to the Day School office.





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.

New Bible Study Begins August 20

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?

April Hussung: (727) 420-1758 or stapler39@aol.com

Susan Schoenberg: (727) 560-2892 or susansch@tampabay.rr.com

FPC Calendar At A Glance

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

Coming up in August

- [August Birthdays](#)
- [August Parent Calendar](#)
- 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 20 - Meditation for Christians, 7 PM, Chapel (Contact: [Carlen Maddux](#))

- Sunday, August 25 - Favorite Hymn Sunday

- Tuesday, September 3 - Meditation for Christians, 7 PM, Chapel (Contact: [Carlen Maddux](#))

Wednesday mornings from 10:30 AM – noon, starting on September 18 in Room N-123. I

- Sunday, September 8 - Rally Day! One service at 10 AM
- Wednesday, September 11 - Congregational Dinner & Town Hall Meeting, 5:30 PM, Fellowship Hall
- Sunday, September 15 - Commissioning of Stephen Ministers
- Wednesday, September 18, 10:30 AM until noon, Room N-123 First of "Five Week Study, Gun Violence Prevention Discussion". Meets every Wednesday through October 16.
- Sunday, September 22 - New Sermon Series begins, "Unraveled"
- 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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