



Your
Weekly News
from
First Presbyterian Church
St. Petersburg

August 9, 2019

Ninth 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 "Five Sisters"
Scripture: [Amos 5:21-24](#); [Numbers 27:1-11](#)
Dr Dawn Conti

Special Music: Kevin Clark, Trumpet, and Jack Rain, Piano
"Jesus Paid It All" and "Be Thou My Vision/My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"
both arranged by Brant Adams

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



**This Sunday, Special Music
By Kevin Clark, Trumpeter**

Trumpeter Kevin D. Clark is an active freelance musician, educator, and clinician. He studied music education at Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, Louisiana, and trumpet performance at the University of North Texas.

Kevin has toured Europe with the Texas/Florida Baroque Trumpet Ensemble and has performed in over 70 musical theater productions serving as musician, musical director, as well as on-stage performer. From 2005-2008, he was a musical director for Carnival Cruise Lines. A military veteran, he was a ceremonial bandleader and trumpeter in the U.S. Naval Reserve. In addition, Kevin will be performing in the 2019 Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade with the Second Time Arounders Marching Band.

Our August Sermon Series



August 11 - Daughters of Zelophehad
August 18 - Shiphrah & Puah

From Pastor Dawn:

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer for the people of El Paso and Dayton . . .

In the wake of the two recent mass shootings that occurred this past weekend, our nation once again finds itself mourning the senseless loss of innocent life. Click on the link below for one Presbyterian minister's response to gun violence in America. She advocates a discussion, regardless of your position on guns.

If you would be interested in participating in a five-week study and discussion on this topic, please contact Amy Grossenbacher at amyg@fpc-stpete.org.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Dawn

'Thoughts and Prayers' Aren't Enough, America's First Gun Violence Minister Says.

The Rev. Deanna Hollas was recently named the first minister of gun violence prevention by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). "No matter where you fall on this issue," she said, "the important thing is that we remain in conversation with one another."

Credit: Tamir Kalifa for *The New York Times*

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/07/28/us/minister-gun-violence-church.html?smid=nytcore-ios-share>



MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) Plan To Attend or Help!

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) has been meeting at our church for over 10 years! This worldwide ministry partners with local churches on a mission to encourage and equip moms of young children to realize their potential as mothers, women, and leaders, in relationship with Jesus. The MOPS program provides 16 lessons for the months of September-May and has a leadership team that leads the discussions, manages membership fees, hospitality, communication, and creative activities.

The FPC MOPS group meets on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday morning of each month from 9:15-11:30 AM in the Youth Center. There are usually about 25 moms who attend. Each year has a different group of moms as the children grow up! Many of these moms have children in our Day School and Mothers Mornings Out programs, but ALL are welcome!

If you are currently a mom with a preschooler, please consider joining this wonderful group of women! For more information, visit our Facebook page

(facebook.com/stpetemops) or contact Heather Page
(heather.page@acornhealthandwellness.com or (727) 641-1755).

Ways You Can Help

If you would like to be a part of the MOPS ministry at FPC, here are some ways to participate:

- Rock a baby during the meeting times.
- Donate money to pay for childcare (provided by our Childcare Ministry) so moms with financial hardships can attend.
- Donate diapers and/or baby wipes.
- Be a mentor to moms by coming to meeting and visiting with them.
- Pray for these moms and their family's spiritual growth.

NEW HOPE CLINIC, HONDURAS, MONTHLY REPORT for APRIL & MAY

From Susan Schlecht:

Our brothers and sisters in Christ in Honduras are grateful for your prayers and support for the medical and dental clinic and the compassionate care of Dr. Davila and his staff.

[Here](#) is the New Hope Clinic's most recent report.



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) 667-1023.



**Tonight
at 5 PM
through 7 AM on
Saturday**

In the Youth Center

5th – 12th Graders

New Bible Study Begins August 20



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?

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

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

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 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](#))
- Tuesday, September 3 - Meditation for Christians, 7 PM, Chapel (Contact: [Carlen Maddux](#))
- Sunday, September 8 - Rally Day! One service at 10 AM
- Sunday, September 15 - Commissioning of Stephen Ministers
- Sunday, September 22 - New Sermon Series begins, "Unraveled"

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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