



Your weekly news from ...

First Presbyterian Church

St. Petersburg

January 4, 2019

Happy New Year!

This Sunday at FPC - Epiphany of our Lord

Worship Services:

- 8:15 a.m. Communion Worship in the Chapel
- 9:00 a.m. Contemporary Service in Fellowship Hall
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Service in the Sanctuary



Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at all services.

We welcome back to the pulpit Rev. Libby Shannon. Rev. Shannon is in her ninth year serving as Associate Chaplain at Eckerd College, where she also serves as Director of the Office for Advocacy and Gender Justice. She is also currently serving as Moderator of the Presbytery of Tampa Bay.

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

Other Important Information News and Events

Please make your Interim Pledge



Through December 27th, we have received 128 pledges, totaling \$279,713. This represents 77% of the budget needed to operate FPC for the next six months. Thank you to all who have made your interim commitment.

We are doing great but still remain **23% short of the funds needed to continue providing for God's ministry during the first half of 2019.**

A pledge of only \$15 a week (that's less than having a large pizza delivered) from the remaining 232 families who have yet to pledge, would ensure continued operations. Anything more than that would surpass expectations and allow us to expand our ministry even farther! Everyone's contribution is needed and appreciated. Our goal is 100% participation, regardless of the amount. Each and every one of you can make a meaningful difference in providing for God's ministry. Your church is relying on your continued support.

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ~2 Corinthians 9:7

Please return your pledge cards to the FPC office, as soon as possible. If you have

questions, you may contact [Michelle Carothers](#) or [Rhonda Holifield](#).

Rationale:

In early December, everyone should have received a letter explaining that FPC is transitioning to a July 1st to June 30th budget year. This adjustment is being made to better match the budget cycle to the seasonal nature of our congregation. However, this time of transition leaves us with a fiscal gap between December 31, 2018, and July 1, 2019. [Click here](#) for more info and pledge card.

Creating a Culture of Generosity Program & Dinner

January 16th at 6:00 P.M.
RSVP TO [Donna Bernloeber](#)

The Stewardship Committee and Pastor Dawn invite all leaders of the church to the workshop, "Creating a Culture of Generosity," on Wednesday, January 16th. Robert Hay, a Ministry Relations Officer for the PC(USA), will lead the workshop. Robert assists congregations with financial matters, including changing the conversation about Stewardship in churches.

We will start with dinner at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The Program will begin about 6:30 pm and will end at 8 pm. Please RSVP to Donna Bernloeber at DBernloehr@fpc-stpete.org by January 9th.

Peter Bardin and his crew will be preparing their delicious meatloaf dinner. Your RSVP by Jan. 9, 2019 is necessary so that they will know how much food to prepare. This program is provided by the larger church at no cost to FPC, however, a \$5 donation per person for dinner is suggested.



Concert Series Continues - January 13 at 4:00 p.m.

Brass Roots Trio

Three world-class musicians redefine the chamber music genre with the fusion of classical, jazz, Americana and Latin styles. With trumpet, french horn and piano, plus the bonus of a brilliant operatic tenor, BRASS ROOTS TRIO wraps the audience in exquisite sounds. The trio has dazzled audiences and critics alike with their pyrotechnic virtuosity, artistic passion and adventurous programming.

The BRASS ROOTS TRIO will be performing a light classical/pops program called "Con Brio!"

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13, 2019
4:00 PM—5:30 PM

St. Olaf Choir

February 8, 2019

7:30 p.m.



One of the premier choirs in the US, this 75 voice chorus is the premier a cappella choir in the United States. For over a century, the choir has set a standard of choral excellence and remains at the forefront of choir artistry. The ensemble's annual tour brings its artistry and message to thousands of people around the world.

Tickets are \$35 (discount available for groups of 10 or more and for Students). Get your

tickets by [clicking here](#) then be sure to select the St. Petersburg concert. Tickets should also be available at the door.

In the past, this has been a sell-out event at FPC.

Honduras Mission Trip

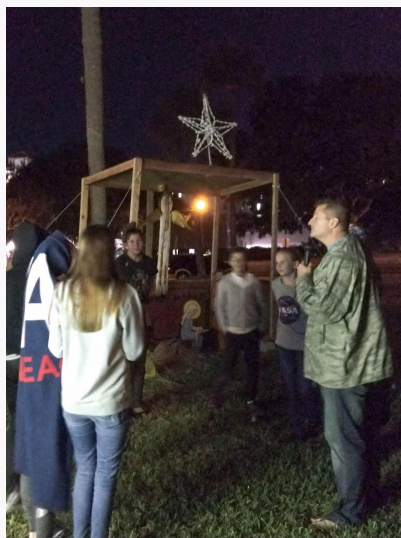
The FPC Honduras Mission trip will be June 9-16, 2019. If you are interested in more information or have questions about participating, contact [Susan Schlecht](#).



[Click here](#) for January birthdays. Happy Birthday everyone!

Youth Lock In Photos from December 30th Lock In

Photos from David Aumack



Calendar at a Glance

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

Coming up in January

- **January 7** - Book Club - **An American Heroine in the French Resistance**, by Virginia D'Albert-Lake. [Click here](#) for details.
- **January 8** - Beth Moore Bible Study: The Patriarchs Encountering the God of Abraham, Isaac & Jacob. Runs thru March 19. [Click here](#) for more info or contact April Hussung: 420-1758 or Marie Huber: 515-8355.
- **January 13** - Concert Series - Brass Roots Trio at 4:00 p.m.
- **January 16** - Creating a Culture of Generosity program & dinner. RSVP by 1/9
- **January 28** - Presbyterian Women Craft Day. [Click here](#) for details.

Coming up in February

- **February 3** - Yoga with Adam returns after an extended holiday break.
- **February 8** - Concert Series - St. Olaf Choir at 7:30 p.m.
- **February 21** - Stated meeting of the Presbytery of Tampa Bay - 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Reminders:

- Return your interim pledge to the office or offering plate ASAP.
- Check out the new FPC website (fpcstpete.com)
- Subscribe to the [FPC YouTube channel](#).

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