

Your
Weekly News
from
First Presbyterian Church
St. Petersburg

July 26, 2019

Seventh 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 "We Will Serve the Lord"

Scripture: [Luke 11:1-13](#); [Joshua 24:14-28](#)

Rev. Ruth Elswood

Special Music: Marcia Emma Barbiero, Soprano

"The New 23rd" by Ralph Carmichael and "The Lord's Prayer" by Albert Hay Malotte

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

Marcia Emma Barbiero, Soprano
To Provide Special Music
At Sunday's 11 AM Service

Chancel Choir soprano section leader, Marcia Emma Barbiero, moved to St. Petersburg in 2015 from New Haven, Connecticut. Recently she sang with the St. Pete Opera's chorus in a production of *Madama Butterfly*.

Update On FPC Budget and Giving
From The Finance Committee

FPC has been blessed with many generous and gracious givers. Thank you to all who have pledged, those have fulfilled their pledge and those who are in the process of giving. For the interim period of January – June 2019, just over \$301,000 was pledged. We have received 99% of these commitments!

For the 2019-2020 fiscal year that began July 1, we have received pledges for more than \$589,500 from 164 givers. Many have increased the amount of their pledge, and of the pledges received, 19 are from new members or members who have not given in the past. For this, your church is truly grateful!

Regrettably, the above figure represents a 19% decline in dollars and a 14% decline in giving units compared to the \$723,000 pledged by 191 households in calendar year 2018. Furthermore, it is 32% below what is needed to fulfill the 2019-2020 ministries of First

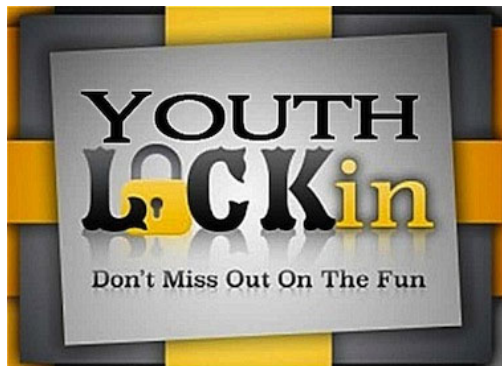
Presbyterian Church.

If you are still prayerfully considering submitting a written estimate of giving for this fiscal year, please know that your gift will be thankfully received. A written estimate of giving (aka pledge) helps the church plan outreach for the year. Your estimate is not binding, but it allows us to better project our income for the year.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if 100% of our members pledged their financial support to the missions and ministries of First Presbyterian Church? Together we can do so much to help our community, our church family and the world.

May grace and blessings be in your path,

The G2 (Gratitude & Generosity) Committee



Last Friday of Summer, August 9

5 PM Friday through 7 AM Saturday
In the Youth Center

5th – 12th Graders

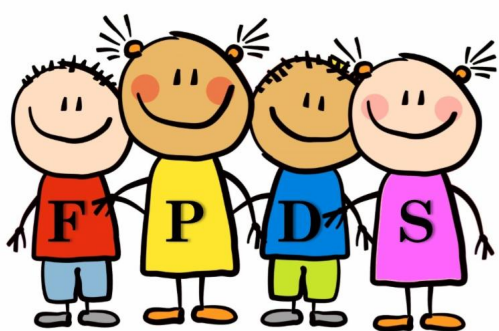
Youth Enjoying Summer Activities



Beach Day



A Watermelon Challenge!



First Presbyterian Day School

Fun Times In Day School

Summer Explorer's Program

Another enjoyable and educational First Presbyterian Day School summer program has concluded. Pictures below show some of the highlights of the session.

The school office is open the rest of the summer as preparations are made for the 2019-2020 school year. Limited openings are available in the 2s, 3s and KPREP classes. Tours are available by appointment by calling the Day School Office at (727) 894-5889.

New staff members return on August 9 and all staff return on August 12. Meet and greets for all students and parents are scheduled on August 20. The first day of school is August 22.



Students Created Beautiful Butterflies



Construction Camp - What Fun!



Creative Young Artists At Work



Working On An Important Project!



Making New Friends of Ducklings



Adorable Baby Rabbits Were Fun To Pet



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).

Highlights of Last Sunday's 9 AM Service



Christie Vetter delivered the children's message.



We said farewell to Jonathan Rine on his last Sunday as our Contemporary Worship Leader.



We reaffirmed the covenant of baptism.



Pastor Dawn with Lynne Mormino



Pastor Ruth Elswood with Christie and Victoria Vetter

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](#)
- Wednesday, July 31 - Rob Bell Bible Study, Room N123 (Contact: [Rev. Ruth Elswood](#))
- Sunday, July 28 - Operation Attack Clothing Drive collection of donated items for needy school children in Pinellas County at tables outside of both services
- 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 - 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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