

FIRST NEWS



Your Weekly News
from First Presbyterian Church
St. Petersburg

June 12, 2020

Join us for our 10 AM Online Worship Service this Sunday, June 14!
11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The sermon for this Sunday: "God's Resilient People Give Generously"
Pastor Dawn Conti
Scripture: [Psalm 112](#), [Acts 9:36-42](#)

Click [HERE](#) to watch the service online.

This link may also be found on the home page of the church's website (www.fpcstpete.com - click the "Watch Here" button) as well as on the church's Facebook page.

If the 10:00 hour on Sundays does not fit your schedule, the service is available for viewing on our YouTube channel throughout the week. Feel free to share the link with family and friends!

Prayer Concerns

Please remember in prayer: Carol Abernathy, Ron & Millie Bradley, Bob Burkhardt, Katy Churchil, Kat Cline, Carol Daniel, Joan Evans, Julie Evans, Teresa Gasper, James Gonzales, Nancy Grandoff, Ilda Hall-Littell, Ron Hall, Larry and Diane Heath, Margaret Hewitt, Ann Holifield, Jean Howie, Walter & Marie Huber, Gary Hunt, Bonnie Jackson, Shirnice Johnson, Jim and Iberia Johnston, Kathy Jose, Anne Justiss, Glenice Kelley, Lynn Kiehne's father Merle, Taffey Lichter, Tom and Marie Machuga, Dave and Pam Malone, Nancy McLaughlin, Camille Moran-Styles, Howard Moser, Tamara Murphy, Nancy Ogden, Peter Pav, Alan Pfleider, Del and Janet Poling, Jane Pruitt, Lil Reid, Jean Schultz, Jane Snoke, Gwen Tuthill, Carol Lee Wathen. Please keep in prayer all those who have been physically, emotionally, and financially affected by the coronavirus, and join us in praying for a quick end to this situation.



Please pray for our family and friends serving in the military: James Loeblein, USN; CPT. Taina Specie, USA; 1st LT. Liam Shelton, USA; 2nd LT. Mallory Wasik, USMC; CPT. Robert Wilson, USAF. *Please provide us with mailing addresses for our card ministry.*

Thank you for choosing to use your time to give this important gift of prayer to our church family. *The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.* - James 5:16

If you have any additions, deletions, or updates to the weekly prayer concerns, please contact Amy Grossenbacher at amyg@fpc-stpete.org.



Sometimes A Light Surprises

You are invited to familiarize yourself with a new hymn, *Sometimes A Light Surprises*, which will be sung during next Sunday's (June 21st) service. It is based on Salley Gardens, an old folk song.

This is one of the few hymns rooted in what can happen during worship, and that experience - gaining a spiritual insight while singing - is no less possible now than when this text was written in the 18th century. It is set here to a folk song variously Irish or English.

Matt Clear has provided [this video](#) for you to review prior to the service.

Preparing To Welcome You Back!

Upgrades & cleaning the church campus in preparation for your return continues, & we know you will be impressed when that glorious day arrives!



Johnny "THE MAN" has pressure-washed the entire property



New carpet outside the doors of the Sanctuary provides a welcoming path for a new beginning at FPC

Although we haven't had gatherings on the FPC campus the past few months, lots of hard work has been done! Highlights of some of the work appear below.

- The carpet outside the front entrance of the Sanctuary has been replaced (see photo above)
- Parking stripes, arrows, and curbs have been painted
- All windows have been washed (that's a lot of windows!)
- The entire property has been pressure-washed (see photo above)
- The concrete in front of the Sanctuary has been replaced (see pictures in *First News, May 1*)

- All paint has been touched-up and small repairs made throughout the property



“Oh the Places We Have Been” Meet our Members - Jean McCammon

“Can you believe it?” exclaimed Jean McCammon. “Only one more year to go and I will be 100!”

Jean and her late husband Sam have been members of FPC since 1966. Reverend Sam McCammon was called by the Presbytery to be the executive Presbyter for this area. His job was to work with the ministers and sessions and he loved it!

Sam and Jean came from Richmond Virginia, and if you listen closely, you can still hear that Southern drawl! After teaching for a few years, Jean stayed home to raise their two children and soon became Sam’s “backup in his church work.”

Over the years they traveled to Europe, Holy Lands, and Canada. However, their favorite experience was being involved with Friendship Force, which was an exchange program. One hundred families from South Korea would exchange places with 100 American families. So off to South Korea they went!

Over the years, Jean has been involved in teaching Sunday School, as well as sewing baby blankets and clothes for the Create to Share ministry. She and Sam were faithful members of the Highlander Class for many years. You may not know it, but Jean is an “artist at heart.” After attending an Art class here at FPC, she discovered she was a “natural” with paints.

Believing that church camp is so important to the life of the church youth, Sam, Jean, and A.T. Brown were asked to locate land for such a purpose. So the next time you are enjoying the beauty of Cedarkirk, thank Sam and Jean McCammon...they found the perfect spot!

Submitted by Diane Zuercher

Need To Find Someone To Listen?

Life is such a wonderful gift from God but honestly, there are times in many of our lives when we have difficulty seeing the “gift.”

Those are the events such as job loss, a break-up, divorce, death of a loved one, relocation, unwanted retirement, illness, or a child’s move on a questionable path, to name a few. What makes those times even more difficult is that we are reluctant to share our fears, disappointments, and maybe anger, with others because we want to look like “good” Christians. We want/need to find someone we really trust with our deepest thoughts and our perceived spiritual shortcomings. We want that someone to be consistent, compassionate, and caring.

I know of a care receiver, whom I will call Anna, who found herself in that predicament. She finally called her pastor who suggested and led her to a Stephen Minister, someone who has trained for over 50 hours to walk along someone during his/her troubles. This is what Anna said after she finished her relationship with her Stephen Minister: “ I realized that my Stephen Minister was a safe person who wasn’t going to share what I told her with anyone else. From there we developed a deep relationship until I felt like I could truly share anything with her.”

If you find yourself in one of life’s stalemates, pray about it and then please pick up the phone to call the church (727-822-2031) for a Stephen Minister. Our people are caring and are trained listeners. And, just as importantly, what you say to your person is confidential. Confidential.



You don't have to suffer alone. Let a Stephen Minister help you.

Submitted by Marilyn Mulcahy

WNL Reruns

A series that Kyle Brinkman did for our Wednesday Night Live earlier this Spring, titled "Heritage and Hope," is about the history of the Presbyterian Church in Florida, and is now available on FPC's YouTube channel. You can access this and another Christian Education programming through our website ([HERE](#)), or by using the links below.

- [Part 1](#) - Settlement through 1860
- [Part 2](#) - 1861 to 1940
- [Part 3](#) – Post-WWII to Modern Time

All of us at First Presbyterian
are working to stay as connected as possible
during this time of social distancing.



- If you need anything – a phone call, a prayer, a friendly conversation, or a few errands run – PLEASE call the Church Office at 727-822-2031! Our staff and volunteers are happy to help during this time.
- Help us stay connected by sending us your pictures and prayer requests!

FPC Calendar At A Glance

- [Click here](#) to view the full church calendar online. *Groups may not appear on the online church calendar. Please contact the Church Office if you would like to update our online calendar with your meeting.*
- [June Birthdays](#)

All groups are currently meeting virtually (online). Please contact the Church Office (727-822-2031) for access information for any of these meetings, unless specified below. If you need help navigating the Zoom conference call technology, we will be happy to help you with it so that you can join meetings and/or stay better connected. Please contact the Church Office for more information.

- Sundays, 9 AM, Faith Journey Sunday School Class
- Sundays, 10 AM, [Online Worship Service](#).
- Sundays, following the 10 AM Worship Service, Contemporary Faith Sunday School Class. For Zoom sign-in information, email Lynn Kiehne (lkiehne@gmail.com).
- Sundays, 11:15 AM, Westminster Sunday School Class
- Sundays, 4 PM, GriefShare Support Meeting
- Mondays, 10 AM, Online Devotional with Pastor Dawn. Click [HERE](#) to join.
- Tuesdays, 7 PM, Weekly Virtual Meditation, online. For sign-in information, contact Carlen Maddux (cmaddux@maddux.com).

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. Please submit copy which is as concise as possible. Send copy to [Mary Johnson](#) and [Amy](#)

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