



Your  
Weekly News  
from  
First Presbyterian  
Church  
St. Petersburg

June 7, 2019

**This Sunday's Worship Services at FPC**  
*Day of Pentecost*

**Worship Services:**

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

The sermon for this Sunday is "Believing Is Seeing and Doing"  
Scripture: [Psalm 104:24-34](#), [Romans 8:14-17](#) and [John 14:8-15, 23-27](#)  
Guest Minister, Rev. William J. Cowfer

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

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**This Sunday, June 9, is the Day of Pentecost.  
Wear something red.**

*When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Acts 2:1-4*

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**Pentecost Offering**

This Sunday we have the opportunity to participate in a special "Pentecost Offering." A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps the Presbyterian Church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also address the needs of at-risk children.

Local congregations can retain 40% of the Pentecost offering to make an impact in the lives of young people within their own community. The remaining 60% is used to support ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency. By giving to the Pentecost Offering, you are nurturing the faith of those who are the church to come — children, youth, and young adults.

**Session Highlights**

[Link](#) to highlights of the June 3, 2019 Session Meeting.



## New Beth Moore Bible Study

*When Godly People  
Do Ungodly Things*  
*Arming Yourself in the  
Age of Seduction*

June 11 – July 23

You are invited to join us in  
the Youth Center on either

Tuesday mornings

9:15 - 11:30 AM

or

Tuesday evenings

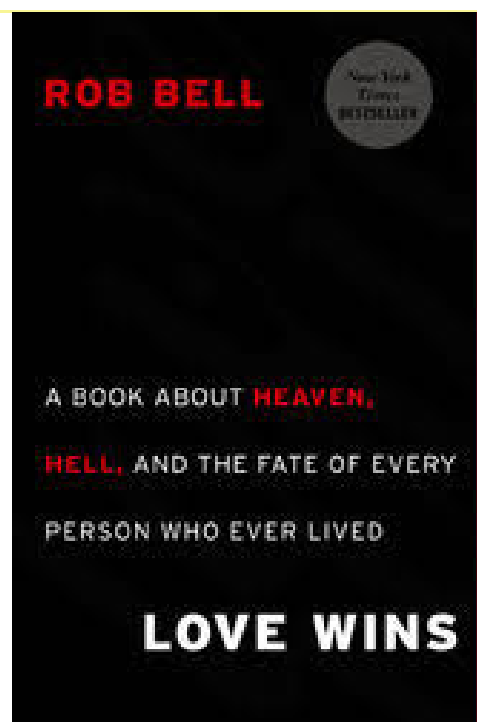
6:30 - 8:45 PM

(a light dinner will be served)

This 7-week study examines why devoted followers of Christ fall into the traps of Satan. The study is written in 3 parts. The 1<sup>st</sup> part is a warning to believers, while the 2<sup>nd</sup> shows women how to prepare for attack by the Enemy and the 3<sup>rd</sup> part is for those who have been snared by seduction, and point the way back to God.

Workbooks will be available for \$20. No previous Bible study experience is needed. Free childcare is available by reservation – email [childcare@fpc-stpete.org](mailto:childcare@fpc-stpete.org) or call/leave a message with child care at (727) 828-3971 (sign up for all 7 weeks or call on Tuesday morning if you are unable to come).

Questions? April Hussung,  
727-420-1758, [stapler39@aol.com](mailto:stapler39@aol.com)



## New Rob Bell Bible Study, *Love Wins*

June 12 - July 31  
Wednesday mornings  
10:00 AM  
in Room N123

Rob Bell boldly wrestles with questions that Christians have asked – and feared – throughout the ages:

Who will be saved?

What do we have to do to be saved?

Will we see all the people we've ever loved when we go to heaven, or will some of them not make it there?

How can heaven be a joyous place for us if those we love are in "the other place?"

Come and consider questions about the Good News, the really, really Good News of the salvation that Christ offers.

For more information, please contact Rev. Ruth Elswood 727-822-2031, [relswood@fpc-stpete.org](mailto:relswood@fpc-stpete.org)

*Please bring a copy of the book with you. Amazon has the paperback for around \$12.*

## Vacation Bible School

Thank you to all the FPC members and friends who stepped forward to volunteer in a supportive role for this year's VBS with Cedarkirk Traveling Day Camp. Your enthusiasm and willingness to help is much appreciated!

Unfortunately, due to the low number of registrations, we have had to cancel this year's camp.

## Understanding Fixed Expenses in FPC's Budget

From the Finance Committee

In an effort to help everyone understand the various components of FPC's annual budget, the Finance Committee has provided this 4-part series of short articles. This [fourth and final article](#) in the series addresses Fixed Expenses.

Missed one of the first three articles? Click to read [Part 1](#), [Part 2](#), or [Part 3](#) in the series.

## Meditation Group

You are invited to experience meditation in a small group which meets on alternate Tuesday evenings. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, June 11 in the Chapel from 7 to 8 PM. For more information, contact group leader Carlen Maddux (727-504-8201, or [cmaddux@maddux.com](mailto:cmaddux@maddux.com)). We welcome your inquiries and presence.

## Weddings at First Presbyterian Church

First Presbyterian Church is a beautiful place for a wedding ceremony! This past year FPC has been the place for six wedding ceremonies, three of which have been for members of our church. (See pictures below) Linda Santoro, FPC Wedding Coordinator, along with a team of dedicated church members (Lou Santoro, audio and video; Jack Rain, organist; Janis Clark and Diedra Flora, assistants; Bob Langley, custodian) work together to make each event a very special memory. If you wish to know more about having a wedding at FPC, [click here](#) to visit the wedding page on the church website.



Natalie Hussung & Jarrod Schneider, November 3, Pastor Dawn officiating

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Megan Crowley & Dale Fineran,  
January 26, Pastor Dawn officiating



Jennifer Verser & Jason Brauer, April 6, Jennifer's father, Jim Verser, officiating



## Deciding what to read next?

The summer is a great time to read some new books and think about joining FPC's book club called Faith and Fiction. [Click here](#) to find the list of books for 2019-2020. Faith and Fiction will resume its monthly meetings on October 7 from 7:30 - 8:30 PM in Room N123. Everyone is welcome!

## Mentors Needed for Probationers and At-Risk Youth

Fresh Start Ministries and Mentoring ([freshstartmentorship.com](http://freshstartmentorship.com)) is a faith-based non-profit organization mentoring non-violent, non-predatory men, women, and at-risk youth who are serving court-ordered probation under the supervision of the Florida Department of Corrections.

Mentoring is often required by the terms of probation and the need for women and men mentors is urgent, as the number of people adjudicated to probation in St. Petersburg has increased.

For more information about this program, [click here](#).

Congratulations to Henry Zuercher (son of Dennis & Annie,



grandson of Dennis & Diane) on his graduation with high honors from Osceola High School. He will be attending the University of North Florida starting this August.

To submit 'proud of you' news for graduates and families, email [Mary Johnson](#) and [Amy Grossenbacher](#).

## FPC Calendar At A Glance

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

### Coming up in June

- [June Birthdays](#)
- [June Parent Calendar](#) for Child Care
- June 9-16 - Honduras Mission Trip. (Contact: [Susan Schlecht](#))
- June 11 - Meditation for Christians, 7 PM, Chapel. (Contact: [Carlen Maddux](#))
- June 11 and following Tuesdays through July 23, Beth Moore Bible Study, Youth Center. (Contact: [April Hussung](#))
- June 12 and following Wednesday mornings through July 31, Rob Bell Bible Study, Room N123. (Contact: [Rev. Ruth Elswood](#))
- June 14 - Bunco, 6:30 PM, Youth Center
- June 15 - Faith Day with the Rays, game time 1:10 PM. (Contact [Amy Grossenbacher](#))
- June 16 - Father's Day
- June 25 - Meditation for Christians, 7 PM, Chapel (Contact: [Carlen Maddux](#))

NewsLetter  
**DEADLINE**

### Do You Have News?

If news of your FPC activity isn't covered in "First News," please be sure to submit a short news item as well as pictures within the deadline below.

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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