



Your weekly news from ...

First Presbyterian Church St. Petersburg

March 8, 2019

This Sunday at FPC

First Sunday in Lent

Worship Services:

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



Daylight Saving Time - Be sure to set your clock ahead 1 hour this Sunday.

This Sunday, Pastor Dawn's sermon will be "Facing Down your Giants" with selected verses from [1 Samuel 17](#).

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

The Annual Congregational meeting will be held in the Sanctuary immediately following the 11:00 a.m. service.

Church News and Events

Summary of what you will see below:

- A Celebration fitting for Jack Rains 50th Anniversary
- Survey request for 9:00 Praise Service Congregation
- FPC Day School Summer Camp
- Lunch Pals Mentoring Workshop
- Senior Luncheon hosted by the Deacons
- Bunco Night at FPC - A fun night out for singles & couples of all ages
- There's a Volunteer Opportunity Just for YOU!
- Save the Date: FPC Work Day

A Celebration fitting for Jack Rain's 50th Anniversary



If you attended last Sunday's Festival of Praise concert honoring Jack's 50 years at FPC, you know it was a celebration to beat all celebrations! What a tribute to our very fine and talented organist, Jack Rain.

A special thank you to our guest artist, Michael Hey, our Director of Music, Matthew Clear, our Chancel Choir and visiting singers for helping to make this celebration so special.

And, a huge thank you to the *unsung* heroes behind the scenes who organized, set up and hosted a beautiful reception after the program. Thank you to Chris Agee, Karen Kirsten, Sally Horrell, Joel Cohen (fabulous slideshow), Diedra Flora, the Circle ladies who made cookies and especially Margaret Ann's Catering & Gourmet Cookies who donated many dozens of cookies.

If you missed the concert, you can listen to a recording on the FPC YouTube channel by [clicking here](#).

Also, you can view a slide show of Jack Rain over the years at FPC by [clicking here](#).

This concludes the 2018-19 Concert Series. Seven exceptional concerts were included in this season's Concert Series. They were:

- October - A Hymn Sing & Ice Cream Social
- November - New Renaissance Artist Elizabeth A. Baker
- December - Christmas with the Master Chorale
- December - The Many Moods of Christmas, a standing-room-only performance.
- January - Con Brio! - The Brass Roots Trio
- February - St. Olaf Choir Concert.

What a wonderful gift to this congregation and to our community.

Watch for the announcement of next season's concert series!

Wednesday Night Live

[Click here](#) for this week's menu and programming.





What You Think Matters

Survey of 9 a.m. Praise Service Congregation

Members and friends, please take a few moments to complete the survey about the 9 a.m. worship service. You may also download a copy of the survey by [clicking here](#). Deadline for completing the survey is Sunday, March 10.



FPC Day School Summer Camp

It's time to register!

Registration opens to the community on March 5, 2019. Early Registration Discount available until March 8, 2019.

Please complete the [Registration Form](#) in its entirety and deliver it to the Day School Office with a check made payable to "FPDS".

Full payment is due at registration. 50% of registration is non-refundable.

Children must have completed a two, three or four year old program and be fully potty trained. (this is different from what is up there – we are no longer taking children who finished kindergarten)



'Lunch Pals' Mentoring Workshop

March 18th at 1:00 in FPC Room S-100

Make a difference; be a friend to a student at Lakewood Elementary.

Lunch Pals is a mentoring program to provide students with an additional presence of a caring, consistent and committed adult in their lives. [Click here](#) for additional details.



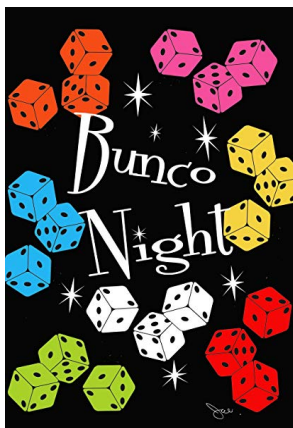
Senior Luncheon
Honoring our Seniors
Hosted by your FPC Deacons

Thursday, March 21st
11:30 a.m.
Fellowship Hall

The program "A Broadway Melody" will include songs that you know and love!

All seniors (60 +) are invited to a luncheon in the Fellowship Hall.
The Deacons will serve a delicious lunch of chicken salad, croissants, chips, dessert and beverages.

The event is FREE but we do need your reservation so we can plan. To make a reservation, call the church office at 727-822-2031 or [click here](#) for the reservation form. Reservation forms will also be included in Sunday's bulletin.



BUNCO NIGHT at FPC

March 30, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.
Youth Center

What is it? A fun evening for singles and couples of all ages. It is designed to gently mix us up with one another with the roll of a die. No gambling; just good fun! Bring a small snack to share if you can. Come, relax and laugh!

FPC Work Day

Save the Date!

Property Committee is hosting an all church work day on **Saturday, April 6**. This is a great opportunity to meet new people and get to know others. More information to follow in the next weeks.

Fearless Living, Fearless Giving Palm Sunday & Dedication Sunday April 14, 2019



We will have one worship service on April 14th at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. In addition to Palm Sunday, this will be Dedication Sunday where you will return your pledge card for the coming year (July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020).

This will be a joyous service with waving of palm branches, music by the chancel and children's choirs and a wonderful rendition of "The Holy City" by a guest soloist as we celebrate our ministry with our commitment of time, talent and financial resources.

There's a Volunteer Opportunity Just for You

Co-Coordinator of Holy Communion

Schedule volunteers to prepare the elements for Communion during all three worship services. Eva Popovich has agreed to serve in this very important job but needs someone to serve with her. Please respond to the church office (or Eva, eva1popo@gmail.com) if you will serve with her as Co-Coordinator.

Once a year, prepare the elements of Communion for the 9:00 and 11:00 worship services

On the Saturday before Communion Sunday, prepare the elements for Communion. Specific directions and

Join the FPC Social Media Team

Interested in editing First News or our church website? Would you like to create posts on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram for the church? Please contact Diedra Flora, diedraflora@aol.com, to volunteer or get more information. Training will be provided.

Interested in becoming a Lunch Pal at Lakewood Elementary School?

If you are free to have lunch with a child at Lakewood Elementary School one day a week, then this might be the opportunity for you. Becoming a

training are provided. This is the perfect opportunity to volunteer with a spouse or friends. The job takes about two hours. Contact Eva Popovich (eva1popo@gmail.com) if you are interested.

Help set up and serve dinner for Wednesday Night Live.

Because we now have a marvelous cook who does all of the cooking and most of the kitchen clean-up, this is an EASY and fun job. Come to the kitchen by 4:45 and set the tables, get the drinks prepared, serve the food, eat a great dinner and then help clear the tables. Stay around for a good time of Bible study and reflection. Call the church office, 727-822-2031, if you are willing to help ONE Wednesday night each month.

“Lunch Pal” requires an hour-long workshop, offered by Pinellas County Schools. This workshop will be provided at the church at a date to be determined. If you are interested in attending a workshop and learning more about this opportunity, please notify Gay Wasik-Zegel at gwzegel@gmail.com.

Interested in becoming a Guardian Ad Litem?

Learn how you can be a voice in court for Florida's abused, neglected and abandoned children by contacting Mary-Linda Armacost at MLSMA@CS.com and/or visiting www.guardianadlitem.org.

All Church Retreat at Cedarkirk April 27 - 28, 2019

Save the date for our annual All Church Retreat at Cedarkirk. [Click here](#) for details.



10 Fascinating Facts about Daylight Saving Time

1. Benjamin Franklin was half joking when he suggested it.
2. Official credit for the idea goes to a bug collector.
3. WWI pushed daylight saving into law.
4. It gained renewed popularity during the energy crisis.
5. It may actually be an energy waster.
6. It's also a health hazard.

7. But, there are some benefits.
8. It's not observed nationwide.
9. It starts at 2 a.m. for a reason.
10. The candy industry lobbied for an extension.

[Click here](#) for the details supporting each of these fun facts. **And, don't forget to set your clocks ahead 1 hour this weekend!**

Calendar at a Glance

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

Coming up in March

- [Click here](#) for March Child Care Calendar
- [Click here](#) for Youth Newsletter for March
- **March 13** - No Messy Church during WNL due to Spring Break
- **March 17** - Becky Higman will preach at all services.
- **March 18** - 'Lunch Pals' Mentoring Workshop, 1:00 p.m. in S-100
- **March 21** - Celebrate Our Seniors: Deacons Senior Luncheon, 11:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall
- **March 30** - Bunco Night at FPC for singles & couples of all ages. 6:30 p.m. in the Youth Center

Coming up in April

- **April 6** - Church Work Day
- **April 7** - WNL Children's Choir sings during Contemporary Service
- **April 13** - Eggstravaganza, 10:00 a.m. (Note: this is 1 week earlier this year.)
- **April 14 - 20** - Holy Week
- **April 14** - Palm Sunday Combined Service at 10:00 a.m. in Sanctuary. This is also [Dedication Sunday](#).
- **April 18** - Maundy Thursday Service
- **April 19** - Good Friday Service
- **April 21** - Easter
- **April 27-28** - Save-the-date: Cedarkirk Churchwide Retreat. [Click here](#) for details.

Coming up in May

- **May 3** - Day School Art Show in Fellowship Hall
- **May 4** - Day School 50th Anniversary Celebration

Coming up in June

- **June 9-16** - Honduras Mission Trip. Contact [Susan Schlecht](#) for details.

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