



Your
Weekly News
from
First Presbyterian Church
St. Petersburg

November 8, 2019

Veterans' Day Sunday
Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:15 AM Communion Worship, Chapel
9:00 AM Contemporary Worship, Fellowship
Hall
11:00 AM Classic Worship with Choir, Sanctuary

The sermon for this Sunday is "Sacrifice," Dr. Dawn Conti

[Psalm 84](#); [Ephesians 6:10-20](#)

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



Thanksgiving Meals For
Lakewood Elementary
Here's how you can help...

As part of our ongoing support of Lakewood Elementary, we will be collecting gift cards to help with a Thanksgiving meal.

Next Sunday, November 17 we will be collecting \$25 Publix or Walmart gift cards to share with these families so they can purchase a meal for Thanksgiving.

The Mission Committee will match each card with an additional \$25 gift card. We will include a note..."From your friends at First Presbyterian Church".

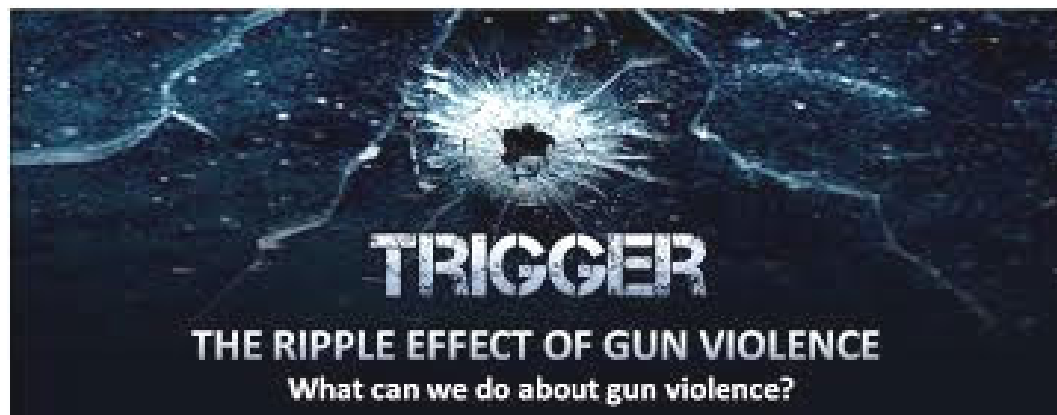


The Associate Pastor Nominating
Committee
Is Making Good Progress

The Associate Pastor Search Nominating (Search) Committee started work on September 4, meeting with Pastor Dawn and Presbytery officials for a briefing on the process and to get organized. Since then, the Committee has met almost every week (eight times) and calls and emails have also been flying back and forth.

The committee's first task has been crafting a Ministry Information Form in consultation with Pastor Dawn and the Session's job description. This Ministry Information Form profiles our congregation's composition and programs, describes how a new Associate Pastor would fit into our efforts, and identifies desired skills and the duties the Associate Pastor is expected to perform. The Presbyterian Church requires that congregations think carefully about church priorities and needs before conducting a candidate search.

The Ministry Information Form was approved by our Session on October 28 and now goes to the Presbytery's Commission on Ministry for its review on November 6. After both Session and Presbytery approve the form, the Associate Pastor position can be posted for applicants to consider. The next phase will be identifying and screening applications for further consideration.



The movie "Trigger: the Ripple Effect of Gun

Violence" addresses the critical issue of gun violence prevention by moving the conversation away from the polarizing extremes that have long dominated the debate and lifting up the voice and experiences of those who seek common ground and a new way forward. Join us on Sunday, November 10 at 1:30 PM in the Youth Center for the viewing or on Wednesday, November 13 at 6:30 PM in Fellowship Hall.

On Wednesday, November 20, at 6 PM, Officer William "Chip" Wells will speak in the Fellowship Hall about making FPC as safe as possible.

Child care will be available by reservation only (as follows):

For the Sun. Nov. 10 "Trigger" movie, RSVP by Fri. Nov. 8 at noon.

For the Wed. Nov. 13 "Trigger" movie and the Wed. Nov. 20 Meeting with Officer Wells, RSVP by Tues. (day before) at noon.

One More Opportunity to Say "Thank You"

The Gratitude & Generosity (G2) Committee would like to take one more opportunity to say "thank you" to all who attended the Time, Talent & Treasure Appreciation Brunch on Sunday. We had a great time planning the event and hope you had just as much fun participating in it.

Special thank you to: Lynn Mormino – for being a fantastic MC; Johnny Miller – for setting up and breaking down all those tables & chairs; Debbie Brown and her husband – for providing such wonderful food; Terry Schoenberg – for running all of the AV equipment; Amy Grossenbacher – for being a huge help with all the logistics; Mary Johnson – for all the First News announcements; Jack Rain – for providing wonderful music; Blanche Ganey – for securing the free night at the Vinoy gift card, bulletin inserts and so much more; and to all who donated the gift cards that were given out as door prizes.

We look forward to celebrating all of you and the amazing things we will accomplish together in 2020!

Looking forward to
AMAZING ACCOMPLISHMENTS in 2020

Considering Becoming A Church Member?
Prospective New Member Luncheon, Sun., Nov. 17

On Sunday, November 17 at 12:30 PM join Pastor Dawn and the New Member Commission in the Youth Center for a Prospective New Member Luncheon where you will learn about our faith, what it means to be a Presbyterian, and how to join and be a part of downtown St. Pete's most welcoming church!

Reserve a spot by calling the church office at (727) 822-2031. Call Karen Mossman (727) 400-5079 with questions.

Day School Students Show Off Their Creative Halloween Costumes





ST. PETE FUN RUN SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17 ONLY TWO SERVICES

Due to the Fun Run there will not be a 9 AM service on November 17. We will have the 8:15 AM and 11 AM services. We are hoping many of our members will volunteer to assist runners by passing out water as they pass the church on North Shore Drive.

Piano Perfection Featuring: Vanessa Wei, piano

Our inaugural concert in this year's concert series features local pianist Vanessa Wei performing classical piano repertoire on the Steinway Grand Piano in our Sanctuary. **Sunday, November 17, 2019, 4 PM.**



Be sure to come, and invite your friends and neighbors to the concert.

[Here](#) are further details of the entire Concert Series



When you are grieving a loved one's death, the holiday season can be especially painful.

Our Surviving the Holidays seminar helps participants discover:

- How to deal with emotions
- Helpful tips for surviving social events
- What to do about traditions
- How to find hope for the future





Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service Tuesday, November 26 at 7 PM

First Presbyterian Church will join three other St. Pete congregations (Trinity Lutheran, First United Methodist, and St. Peter's Episcopal Cathedral) in an ecumenical Thanksgiving service on Tuesday, November 26 at 7 PM at First United Methodist Church (212 3rd St. N.). The FPC chancel choir will be singing. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

FPC Calendar At A Glance

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

Coming up:

- [November Birthdays](#)
- [November Parent Calendar](#)
- First Monday of each month, 7:30 - 8:30 PM, Faith & Fiction, Room N-123. [Here](#) is the Reading List.
- Faith Development Bible Study, S-100, 9:30 AM (Tuesdays)
- Yoga With Adam, 3 PM, Fellowship Hall (Sunday afternoons, refer to church calendar for any variation)
- Tuesdays, 10 AM, GriefShare Support Group, Chapel (meets Tuesdays, refer to church calendar for any variation)
- Tuesdays through December 3, "Breathe" Bible Study
- Sunday, November 10, "Trigger: The Ripple Effect of Gun Violence" movie, 1:30 PM, Youth Center
- Tuesday, November 12, Meditation for Christians, 7 PM, Chapel (Meets on alternate Tuesdays. Contact: [Carlen Maddux](#))
- Wednesday, November 13, "Trigger: The Ripple Effect of Gun Violence" movie, 7 PM, Fellowship Hall
- Sunday, November 17, St. Pete Fun Run 9 AM Please note: Contemporary Worship Service, 8:15 AM and 11 AM Services will be held
- Sunday, November 17, Prospective New Member Luncheon, 12:30 PM
- Sunday, November 17, Inaugural Concert Series Performance, "Piano Perfection," Vanessa Wei, pianist, 4 PM, Sanctuary
- Tuesday, November 19, Surviving The Holidays, GriefShare, 10 AM
- Wednesday, November 20, Police Officer Wells speaks on Making FPC Safe, 6 PM
- Tuesday, November 26, Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service, First United Methodist Church, 7 PM
- Wednesday, December 11, Surviving The Holidays, GriefShare, 6 PM

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 Grossenbacher](#).

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