



Your
Weekly News
from
First Presbyterian Church
St. Petersburg

October 11, 2019

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:15 AM Communion Service, Chapel

9:00 AM - Contemporary Worship Service, Fellowship Hall

11:00 AM - Classic Worship with Choir, Sanctuary

The sermon for this Sunday is
"Plant Gardens & Build Houses"

[Psalm 111](#); [Jeremiah 29:1-7](#)

Dr. Dawn Conti

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



A Minute For Missions This Sunday

Anne Osborne, Director of Volunteers at Westminster Palms Retirement Community, will present some unique volunteer opportunities for us during 2019 Mission Week. A major part of Anne's role at Westminster Palms is to find people from the outside community who want to share a part of themselves with the residents. Anne does outreach in the St. Pete community with a goal of attracting new volunteers. She carefully matches the volunteers interest, skill and hobbies with the needs of the community. And when it's a good fit, it's a win-win for all.

Anne has been in her current role at Westminster Palms since 2010. She truly cherishes her work with the residents and the many non-resident volunteers who serve in the Continuing Care Retirement Community.



Visit a Westminster Palms Resident

FPC's "Mission of the Month" is Westminster Palms. As our church neighbors, many of the Palms residents would love to spend time with friends from our church. Several opportunities are available this month.

Westminster Palms is located at 830 N Shore Drive NE—Spend 15 minutes or more visiting with a resident in the Health Center at Westminster Palms, especially those who have few visitors.

Sign up sheets are available in the Sunday bulletin and/or the church's front office for the following dates and times:

Sunday, October 20, between 10:00 – 11:00 AM
Wednesday, October 23, between 3:00–5:00 PM
Thursday, October 24, between 3:00–5:00 PM

Children are welcome but homemade treats and your colds are not. Please ask for Anne Osborne, Director of Volunteers, when you arrive for specific instructions.

For additional information call Anne at (727) 894-2102 or Sarah Fechter at (727) 290-9902.



Presbyterian Heritage Sunday October 27

We will celebrate Presbyterian Heritage Sunday with an outdoor solo bagpipe concert for those leaving our 9:00 AM contemporary worship and those arriving for Sunday School.

If you have Scottish attire, you are invited to wear it to church on that day.



Ladies, you are invited to a Priscilla Shirer Bible Study:

One of the greatest challenges among women in our culture is taking time to cease from all the activities and just breathe. We are in bondage to busyness. The Sabbath was given to the Israelites as a gift, and it is still a gift to us today. If you are weary, worn out, and exhausted, then the concept of Sabbath can change your life.

Join us!
November 5 - December 3, 2019, 5 Sessions

Choose between Tuesday mornings, 9:15 – 11:30 a.m. in the Youth Center
Or, Tuesday evenings, 6:30 – 8:45 p.m. in the Youth Center
At First Presbyterian Church

Study journals will be available for \$15. No previous Bible study experience is needed. Bring a friend!

Free child care is available by reservation – email childcare@fpc-stpete.org or call/leave a message with child care at 828-3971 (sign up for all 5 weeks or let child care know if you are unable to come for specific dates).

Questions? April Hussung: 420-1758 or stapler39@aol.com
Susan Schoenberg: 560-2892 or susansch@tampabay.rr.com



Attention Facebook Followers & 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!

Lunch Pals Mentor Training

Northeast Presbyterian Church will be holding a Lunch Pals workshop on October 17 for anyone who would like to be trained as a Lunch Pal in Pinellas County Schools. This mentor training lasts approximately an hour and a half and is open to the public.

For more information on this training, please contact Gail Michael at (727) 896-4630.



5:00 PM Children's Choir, Choir Room
For ages 4 - 10 years old

5:30 PM Dinner catered by the fantastic
Debbie Brown

Dinner: Taco / Burrito Bar, Brownies
+ a child-friendly meal option*

6:00 PM Choose from the following meetings:

Welcoming The Stranger
Offered by Rev. Ruth Elswood, Fellowship Hall

Christian Coupling: A Way to Better Relationships
Offered by Dave Aumack, room S-100

Messy Church for Children: Super Heroes of the Bible

* Call the church office if you will be joining us for dinner (727) 822-2031

These programs run Wednesday nights through October 30.

Join Us As A Chorister At **The Many Moods Of Christmas** Concert

Announcing our annual celebration of The Many Moods of Christmas on December 15. You are invited to participate as a chorister. Please access Upcoming Music Events at this [link](#) to sign up to participate. At the same link you can find additional information and a rehearsal schedule.

Last year, we sang to a full house and raised over \$13,000 for the St. Petersburg Free Clinic. This year, we will continue our collaboration with the orchestra and choirs from Pinellas County Center for the Arts at Jonathan C. Gibbs High School to create an unforgettable musical experience. The pieces for this year's concert feature a diverse repertoire of choral and orchestral works.

The music packet for this concert is free to you as a local singer (we simply ask that you return your music at the end of the concert). If you are unable to register online for any reason, please contact me in the office and I can walk through the steps with you.

Matt Clear, Director of Traditional Worship Music and the Arts
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Saturday Evening Faith, Fun and Fellowship

If you were unable to join in the worship and fun last Saturday evening at the Out of the Box worship service and fellowship opportunity afterward, you missed a great time, and we missed you! This was a great way to try something new; check out the photos from dinner after worship at Hawkers Asian Street Fare.

Contemporary worship resumes at 9 AM this Sunday. We'll be sure to keep you posted about the next Outside the Box opportunity.



TRUNK OR TREAT AND CHILI COOK-OFF

Join us for Trunk Or Treat on Sunday, October 27 from 5:00 - 7:00 PM! Don't miss the games, hot dogs, and drinks, as well as plenty of "trunks" where the kids will find "treats!" We will also have our annual chili cook-off, so fire up your crock pots!

Those who would like to participate by decorating their car (trunk), entering our chili cook-off, or donating candy, please call the church office (727) 822-2031 or email

FPC Calendar At A Glance

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

Coming up:

- [October Birthdays](#)
- 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)
- Gun Violence Prevention Discussion, Wednesdays through October 16, 10:30 AM, Room N-123.
- Wednesday Night Live (Wednesdays 5:00 PM Children's Choir, 5:30 PM Dinner in Fellowship Hall followed by study groups)
- Tuesday, October 15, 10 AM, GriefShare Support Group, Chapel (meets Tuesdays, refer to church calendar for any variation)
- Tuesday, October 15, Meditation for Christians, 7 PM, Chapel (Contact: [Carlen Maddux](#))
- Sunday, October 27, Presbyterian Heritage Day and Reformation Sunday
- Sunday, October 27, Trunk Or Treat, 5 PM, Fellowship Hall

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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