

Your  
Weekly News  
from  
First Presbyterian Church  
St. Petersburg

September 20, 2019



Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
9:00 AM - Contemporary Worship Service,  
Fellowship Hall  
11:00 AM - Classic Worship with Choir, Sanctuary

The sermon for this Sunday is  
"Get Out of the Boat"  
Scripture: [Psalm 105:1-4,12-28](#), [Matthew 14:22-33](#)  
Dr. Dawn Conti  
[Click here](#) for Sunday's bulletin & announcements

Art: "Step Into the Swell"

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New Sermon  
Series:



FPC's "Mission of the Month" for September is CASA (Community Action Stops Abuse). You can help break the abuse cycle by placing a donation in one of the fishbowls located in the Sanctuary or Fellowship Hall. Your donation will help CASA provide services, outreach, counseling, and shelter.

# *“See, the Lord is doing a new thing!”*



JOIN US FOR AN OUT-OF-THE-BOX WORSHIP SERVICE

*A TIME WITH GOD AND GOD'S WORD, AND HOLY COMMUNION*

SATURDAY, OCT. 5, 5 P.M. IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

FOLLOWED BY SATURDAY NIGHT FUN DOWNTOWN FOR ALL AGES!

*LET US KNOW HOW MANY WILL ATTEND SO WE CAN PLAN OUR OFF-SITE SUPPER LOCATION*

*(PLEASE PLACE THIS FORM IN OFFERING PLATE OR TAKE TO THE CHURCH OFFICE)*

*I(WE) WILL ATTEND \_\_\_\_\_ HOW MANY \_\_\_\_\_*

## **The Master.. and Future Masters**

Eric Wilson, 16 year-old viola student at Pinellas County Center for the Arts, inspires First Presbyterian Sunday School children.



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: BBQ Chicken/Black bean  
burger - baked beans - coleslaw - corn bread - cake

6:00 PM Choose from the following meetings:

## Welcoming The Stranger

### Christian Coupling: A Way to Better Relationships

### Messy Church for Children: Super Heroes of the Bible

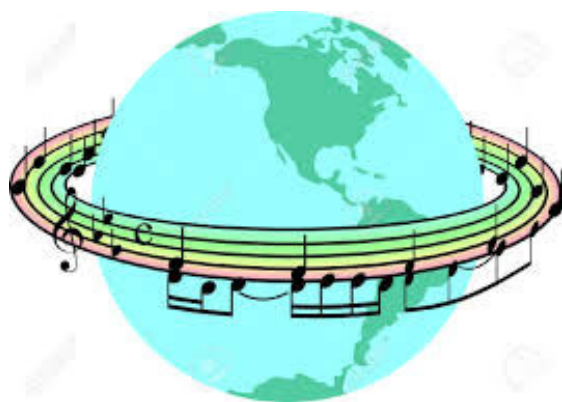
\* Call the church office if you will be joining us for dinner (727) 822-2031

These programs run Wednesday nights through - October 23.



### Help set up, serve, and clean up at Wednesday Night Live

If you are ready, willing, and able to be part of a team which serves on at least one Wednesday night, please email Amy Grossenbacher at [amyg@fpc-stpete.org](mailto:amyg@fpc-stpete.org)



### Presbyterian Women's General Meeting "Sing The World Round"

Rev. Noel Koestline will present "Sing the World Round," Sacred Song Unites Global People of Faith, Worship Songs from Five Continents. The event will be held on Saturday, September 28 at 10:30 AM in Fellowship Hall with brunch provided.

RSVP through your circle or to Rachel Bowron ([rbowron@aol.com](mailto:rbowron@aol.com) or (727) 433-0571) by September 23.

## Stephen Ministry Leaders Commissioned Last Sunday

At both worship services, the commissioning of Chris Agee and Ann Krueger as Stephen Leaders was led by Pastor Dawn Conti; confirmed by the laying on of hands of elders, deacons and Stephen Ministers; and celebrated by fellowship with the entire congregation. Ann and Chris have been serving as Stephen Ministers for the past two years, meeting weekly with care receivers, participating in supervision one night a month, and growing in skill through study one night a month. Now they are Stephen Leaders, joining Ellen Carnahan, Ginger McCoy, Sherry Oliver, Terry Schoenberg and Susan Hudson.



Additional active FPC Stephen Ministers are Bill Shelton, Dottie Young, Judie Underwood, Marilyn Mulcahy, Petra Garnett and Susan Schoenberg. Advising and assisting them is Pastor Ruth Elswood.



Stephen Ministers and Leaders, Left to Right: Dottie Young, Judie Underwood, Petra Garnett, Susan Schoenberg, Ann Krueger, Ellen Carnahan, Marilyn Mulcahy, Chris Agee, Ginger McCoy, Sherry Oliver, Bill Shelton. Not pictured: Terry Schoenberg and Susan Hudson.



Ellen Carnahan, Lay Reader



(Left to right) Pastor Dawn, Sherry Oliver, Ann Krueger, Chris Agee



Laying on of hands



Dottie Young at refreshment table



Mary McLean with Ellen Carnahan,  
Petra Garnett and Susan Shoenberg

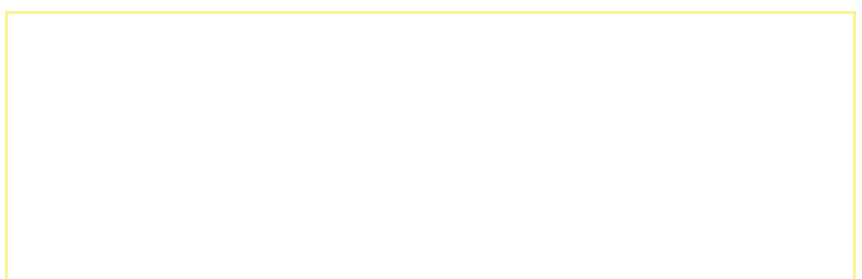
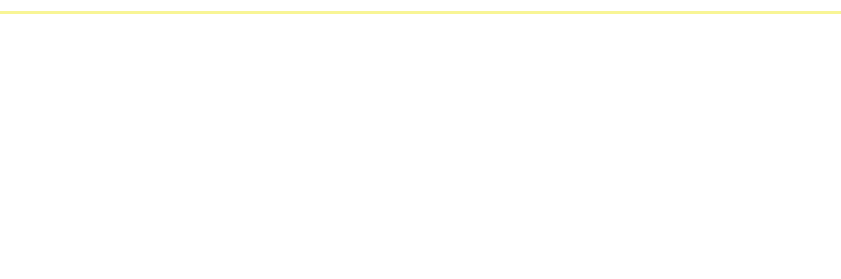
## Blessing of the Backpacks

Children brought their backpacks to services last Sunday for a special blessing. What a great way to start the school year!



## Another 'First' for FPC, Live Streaming Of Worship Service

Youth group members helped Dave Aumack with live streaming the 11 AM service last Sunday.





## FPC Calendar At A Glance

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

### Coming up:

- [September Birthdays](#)
- [September Parent Calendar](#)
- Beth Moore Bible Study, Youth Center, 9:15 AM or 6:30 PM (Tuesdays through October 8)
- 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)
- Saturday, September 28, 10:30 AM, Fellowship Hall, Presbyterian Women's General Meeting, Rev. Noel Koestline presents "Sing the World Round." Brunch is provided.
- Tuesday, September 24, 10 AM, GriefShare Support Group, Chapel (meets Tuesdays, refer to church calendar for any variation)
- Tuesday, October 1, Meditation for Christians, 7 PM, Chapel (Contact: [Carlen Maddux](#))
- Saturday October 5, 10 AM, Blessing of the Animals
- Saturday, October 5, 5 PM, Fellowship Hall, Out-Of-The-Box Worship Service
- Monday, October 7 - Faith & Fiction, 7:30 - 8:30 PM, Room N-123 (meets the 1st Monday of each month through April 2020). [Here](#) is the Reading List.

## 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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