

FIRST NEWS



Your Weekly News from
First Presbyterian Church
St. Petersburg

July 10, 2020

Online Worship This Sunday

Join us for our 10 AM Online Worship Service
this Sunday, July 12!
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

This Sunday's Sermon:
"God's Resilient People Honor God's Creation"
Pastor Dawn Conti
Scripture: [Romans 8:18-25](#), [Psalm 8:1-9](#)

Click [HERE](#) to watch the service online.

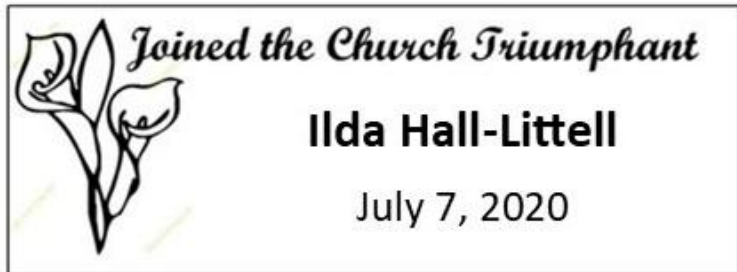
This link may also be found on the home page of the church's website (www.fpcstpete.com - click the "Watch Here" button) as well as on the church's Facebook page.

If the 10:00 hour on Sundays does not fit your schedule, the service is available for viewing on our YouTube channel throughout the week. Feel free to share the link with family and friends!

Prayer Concerns

Please remember in prayer: Carol Abernathy, Ron & Millie Bradley, Bob Burkhardt, Katy Churchil, Kat Cline, Carol Daniel, Joan Evans, Julie Evans, Sarah Fechter's son Gordon, Teresa Gasper, James Gonzales, Nancy Grandoff, Peter Gulbis, Ron Hall, Cliff Hanks'

daughter Sandra Fay, Larry and Diane Heath, Margaret Hewitt, Ann Holifield, Jean Howie, Walter & Marie Huber, Gary Hunt, Bonnie Jackson, Shirnice Johnson, Jim and Iberia Johnston, Kathy Jose, Anne Justiss, Glenice Kelley, Taffey Lichter, Tom and Marie Machuga, Dave and Pam Malone, Nancy McLaughlin, Camille Moran-Styles, Howard Moser, Tamara Murphy, Nancy Ogden, Peter Pav, Alan Pfleider, Del and Janet Poling, Jane Pruitt, Lil Reid, Jean Schultz, Jane Snoke. Please keep in prayer all those who have been physically, emotionally, and financially affected by the coronavirus, and join us in praying for a quick end to this situation.



Please pray for our family and friends serving in the military: James Loeblein, USN; CPT. Taina Specie, USA; 1st LT. Liam Shelton, USA; 2nd LT. Mallory Wasik, USMC; CPT. Robert Wilson, USAF. *Please provide us with mailing addresses for our card ministry.*

Thank you for choosing to use your time to give this important gift of prayer to our church family. *The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.* - James 5:16

If you have any additions, deletions, or updates to the weekly prayer concerns, please contact Amy Grossenbacher at amyg@fpc-stpete.org.

Introducing our *Summer Music Series*



Throughout the next several weeks, the Chamber Singers will take a well-deserved break and summer hiatus. During that time, guest musicians will provide special music during our weekly 10 AM Online Worship Service on YouTube.

In addition to our weekly service music, our special guest musicians will record a second piece of music which will be posted online mid-week for you to enjoy as part of our *Summer Music Series*. We will provide information on how to access our mid-week *Summer Music Series* performances on the church website, in *First News*, and on our social media pages.



"Oh the Places We Have Been" Meet our Member: Barbara Mauger

"The Lord is my strength and my song." (Exodus 15:2) Barbara has been singing God's praises for 70 years here at FPC.

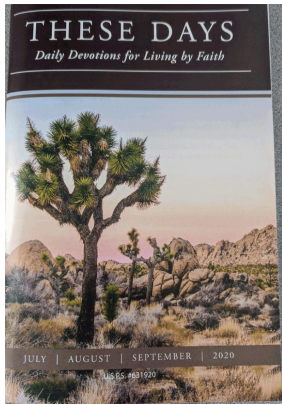
A true native of Florida, she was born at Mound Park Hospital right here in St. Pete. When she was just three years old she started to attend FPC...82 years ago. She is a graduate of St. Pete High School ("once a devil, always a devil"). After high school she worked for Union Trust in the clerical department and took a job at Florida Power in the meter division.

She was introduced to her future husband Russ Mauger by Gina Albertson Hanks. Russ and Barbara had three children: Danny, Susan and Glenda. Over the years Barbara has traveled to California, Germany, Canada, and finally a trip to Italy with the choir. Being a member of the choir for so long, she has had the pleasure of singing for 10 different music directors at FPC. She has been the hostess for the annual choir party for 35 years!

Barbara has wonderful memories of Weeki Wachee Choir camp (started by former Director of Music Don Mathis). Campfires, swimming in the clear, cold springs, and good home-cooked meals. Of course choir practice came first!

I asked Barbara this question. "Why do you sing?" Barbara replied sweetly, " I love music, and I sing with my heart, but mostly, I feel closer to God."

Submitted by Diane Zuercher



Devotionals Available For Pick-Up

The July/August/September edition of "These Days" devotionals have been delivered to the Church Office and are available for pick-up during normal business hours!

Change In Church Financial Year

The church financial year has been changed back to calendar year, rather than a July-June fiscal year. [This letter](#) explains the reasons for this change and that records have been modified to reflect fiscal year pledges as calendar year pledges for the year 2020.

Online Devotional With Pastor Dawn Mondays at 10 AM

Pastor Dawn invites you to join an online time of devotion, discussion, and prayer where we connect with God and each other as we read and discuss the sermon text that will be preached the following Sunday. All are welcome!

For sign-in information to the Zoom call, please contact the Church Office at 727-822-2031 or click [HERE](#) to join.

All of us at First Presbyterian
are working to stay as connected as possible
during this time of social distancing.

- If you need anything – a phone call, a prayer, a friendly conversation, or a few errands run – PLEASE call the Church Office at 727-822-2031! Our staff and volunteers are happy to help during this time.

- Help us stay connected by sending us your pictures and prayer requests!



FPC Calendar At A Glance

- [Click here](#) to view the full church calendar online. *Groups may not appear on the online church calendar. Please contact the Church Office if you would like to update our online calendar with your meeting.*
- [July Birthdays](#)

All groups are currently meeting virtually (online). If you need help navigating the Zoom conference call technology, we will be happy to help you with it so that you can join meetings and/or stay better connected. Please contact the Church Office (727-822-2031)

for more information.

- Sundays, 9 AM, Faith Journey Sunday School Class. For Zoom sign-in information, contact the Church Office.
- Sundays, 10 AM, [Online Worship Service](#).
- Sundays, 11:15 AM, Contemporary Faith Sunday School Class. For Zoom sign-in information, email Lynn Kiehne (lkiehne@gmail.com).
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- Sundays, 4 PM, GriefShare Support Meeting. For Zoom sign-in information, email Petra Garnett (petra.garnett@gmail.com).
- Mondays, 10 AM, Online Devotional with Pastor Dawn. Click [HERE](#) to join.
- Tuesdays, 7 PM, Weekly Virtual Meditation, online. For sign-in information, contact Carlen Maddux (cmaddux@maddux.com).

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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