

# FIRST NEWS



Your Weekly News from  
First Presbyterian Church  
St. Petersburg

June 19, 2020

Special Video Message From Pastor Dawn



Online Worship  
This Sunday

Join us for our 10 AM Online Worship Service  
this Sunday, June 21!

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time / Father's Day

This Sunday's Sermon:  
"God's Resilient People Forgive"

Pastor Dawn Conti

Scripture: [Psalm 145:8-9; 14-21](#), [Genesis 33:1-15](#)

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](http://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, Teresa Gasper, James Gonzales, Nancy Grandoff, Peter Gulbis, Ilda Hall-Littell, Ron Hall, 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, Lynn Kiehne's father Merle, 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](mailto:amyg@fpc-stpete.org).



## *Sometimes A Light Surprises*

You are invited to familiarize yourself with a new hymn, *Sometimes A Light Surprises*, which will be sung during this Sunday's (June 21st) service. It is based on Salley Gardens, an old folk song.

This is one of the few hymns rooted in what can happen during worship, and that experience - gaining a spiritual insight while singing - is no less possible now than when this text was written in the 18th century. It is set here to a folk song variously Irish or English.

Matt Clear has provided [this video](#) for you to review prior to the service.



**Financial Snapshot  
May 2020**

	<u>Month</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Gifts	\$ 42,877	\$ 271,091
Other Income	7,184	51,299
Total Income	50,061	322,390
Expenses	65,044	398,156
Income (Loss)	<u>\$ (14,983)</u>	<u>\$ (75,766)</u>

Reverted to calendar year retroactive to January.

Virtual services continued due to coronavirus restrictions.

Gifts were \$18,100 under budget in May and \$10,900 under YTD.

Expenses were about \$15,000 lower this month than usual.

THANK YOU for your gifts online, by mail, or dropping at office!

## 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 on the link in the calendar below.

## A Video Update from Becky Higman, Recent Graduate of Dubuque Theological Seminary



**Congratulations Becky!**

## "Oh the Places We Have Been" Meet our Members Dottie and Ned McClure



"Love at first sight and still going," says Dottie McClure, when asked about her 60-year marriage to Ned. "Neighbors brought us together and we talked for hours!"

Ned McClure has been part of FPC since he was two years old. His father, Dr. McClure, accepted a call to become the pastor and Ned just "tagged" along!

Ned and Dottie made the exciting walk from the "old red brick building" to the new church so long ago. They both have been active in many, many ministries of our church: Sunday School, Create to Share, serving as Deacons, Elders, and of course a lot of committees.

Dottie served as the Sunday School secretary for years and Ned worked with Bob Aucreman in the sound booth, taping and recording the worship service.

Dottie and Ned enjoyed camping out West in their "Bedbug" pop-up VW. However their favorite place they visited on the many cruises was Bali.

"We loved it," replied Dottie when asked about our church camp, Cedarkirk. Canoeing, home-cooked meals, churning ice cream, and playing "Dirty Bingo"...(don't even ask!)... Ned and Dottie have shared these memories and many more for 60 years!

Submitted by Diane Zuercher

## From Former Parish Associate Ruth Elswood

Dear FPC Friends,

I am overwhelmed by the generosity of your Love Gift that I have just received. It was an honor to be able to minister to you, and I count you all among my friends. You welcomed me with open arms and allowed me to walk beside you for a time. My time at FPC was a gift from God that I will treasure always. I see such an abundance of love within the church that will, I know, get you through these very hard days.

I had so hoped to be able to visit one Sunday morning in June to say my farewells in person, but it may be some time before Lon and I will be able to come to St. Petersburg again. Meanwhile, you are in my prayers daily. May God bless each one of you.

In Christ,  
Ruth

**ISOLATION NEWS**



Have you discovered a new hobby?

How have you been exercising?

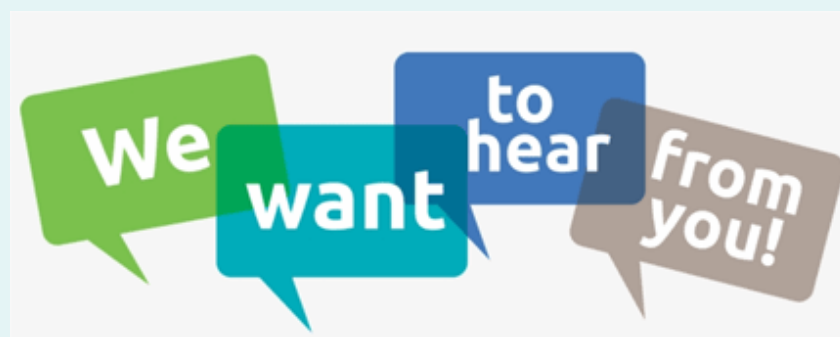
How did you celebrate Father's Day?

Have you created new art or craft items?

Have you discovered new recipes? Have you been baking?

How does your garden grow?  
Any new discoveries?

Send a picture and brief explanation of your activities to appear in *First News* to [Mary Johnson](#) and [Amy Grossenbacher](#).



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.*
- [June 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, following the 10 AM Worship Service, Contemporary Faith Sunday School Class. For Zoom sign-in information, email Lynn Kiehne ([lkiehne@gmail.com](mailto:lkiehne@gmail.com)).
- Sundays, 11:15 AM, Westminster Sunday School Class. For Zoom sign-in information, email Jim Garnett ([jim.garnett237@gmail.com](mailto:jim.garnett237@gmail.com)).
- Sundays, 4 PM, GriefShare Support Meeting. For Zoom sign-in information, email Petra Garnett ([petra.garnett@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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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