

FIRST NEWS



Your Weekly News from
First Presbyterian Church
St. Petersburg

June 26, 2020

Online Worship This Sunday

Join us for our 10 AM Online Worship Service
this Sunday, June 28!
13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

This Sunday's Sermon:
"God's Resilient People Adapt"
Pastor Dawn Conti

Scripture: [1 Corinthians 9:19-23](#), [Acts 10:25-34](#)

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, Ilda Hall-Littell, 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, 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 Pfeider, 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.

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.

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.



"Oh the Places We Have Been" Meet our Member: Herb Anderson

"If you love your work, then you never have to work," replied Herb Anderson when asked about his career.

Born and raised in Ohio, and after a 20-year career with Nu-Sash, he and his wife, Elizabeth, came to St. Pete. They have been members of FPC since 1971 and attend the 11:00 service. After settling in St. Pete, Herb started a new company, Roll-Away Shutters. These shutters provide security and safety for homes and businesses. They are the shutters that protect our homes from hurricane damage. Thanks, Herb!

After retiring in 1997, Herb and Elizabeth traveled to Switzerland, Germany, and other places in Europe. However, one of their favorite spots was Laguna Beach in California. They now enjoy living at Bayfront Tower where they have a wonderful view of our city. Taking strolls on Beach Drive to enjoy dinner at the Yacht Club, Parkshore, and "The Moon" are all advantages of living downtown.

The next time you are headed for the beach, take a good look at Ted Peters Smoked Fish (Mm mm, good!) in South Pasadena...the shutters that are pulled down at night and in heavy hurricane weather were made by our very own Herb Anderson!

ISOLATION NEWS



Nature Has Given Us A Lovely Free Show!

From late May to early June we have enjoyed the beauty of the Florida flamingo night blooming cereus that entwines around a palm tree next to our house. This year the blooms (each individual one appears one night only) were amazing and put on quite a display for our neighbors! One night alone we had over 80 blooms. They start to open about 8:30 PM and by midnight are huge! The next morning they close up by dawn.

In the year of COVID-19 virus, nature has given us a lovely free show!

Submitted by Lynne Mormino

Planting caladium bulbs is so rewarding when the colorful leaves emerge, overlapping each other artistically and framing our "concrete children!" We are proud of our new "Isolation bed."

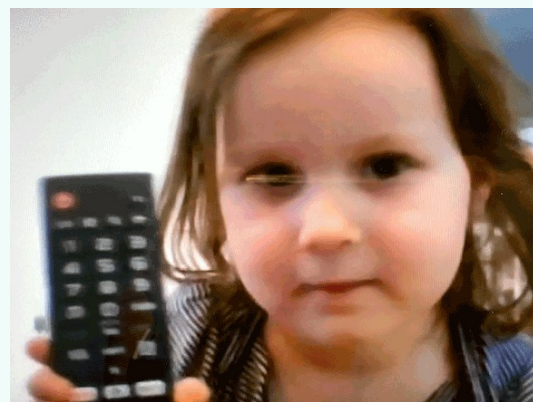
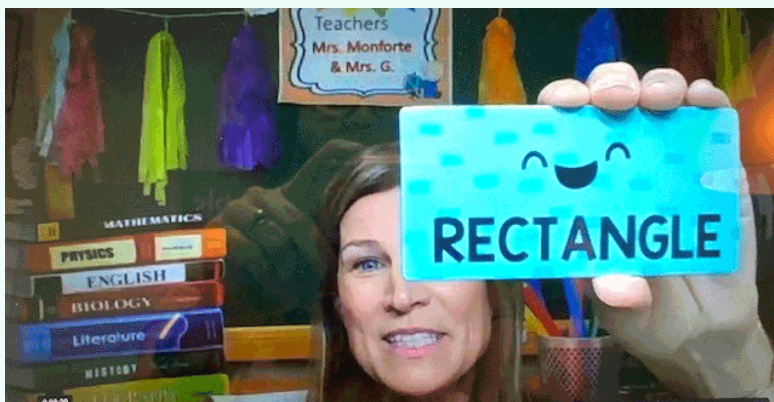


Submitted by Mary and Ronn Johnson

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



Day School Virtual Summer Camp Reaches More Than 60 Children Each Week



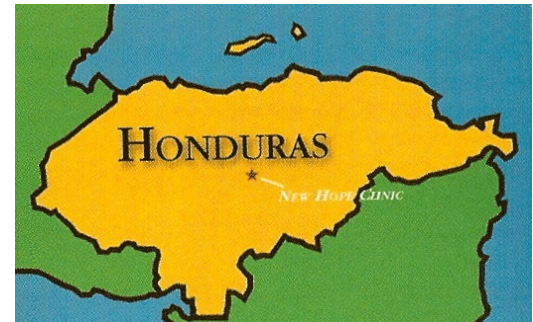
While we don't have the pitter patter of little feet on campus right now, that doesn't mean we aren't actively engaged with our students. In keeping with the current socially distant guidelines, we decided to offer a virtual camp to our families instead of an in-person camp like we had originally planned. Because this version no longer provided the needed child care for our families, we offered the camp at no cost.

For six weeks this summer, our currently enrolled families have the opportunity to

participate in three hours of live, daily, virtual camp via Zoom. Children who pre-register receive a specially prepared "Go Bag" filled with craft and project supplies for the week. These bags are carefully designed and assembled by our talented staff members. We are so proud of our staff members who have creatively switched their plans to a new, virtual format. We have over 60 children who participate each week!

The sense of community is what sets our school apart from others, so it was important to us to maintain those connections with our families while we are physically apart. We truly look forward to having children on campus again and getting all those sweet hugs we have been missing!

Report from Dr. Davila, head of the New Hope Clinic



In Honduras we have a high Covid-19 contagion. In the last weeks it has actually climbed with 12,306 confirmed cases and 358 deaths. The situation has become difficult because the public hospitals have almost collapsed in the entire country and the private hospitals are not taking any patients with Covid-19.

The country began an intelligent opening of the economy on June 8 and the same in Panama. The cases multiplied and so the government decided to again close the stores and government offices until further notice. ([Click here](#) for the full report.)

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, following the 10 AM Worship Service, Contemporary Faith Sunday School Class. For Zoom sign-in information, email Lynn Kiehne (lkiehne@gmail.com).
- Sundays, 11:15 AM, Westminster Sunday School Class. For Zoom sign-in information, email Jim Garnett (jim.garnett237@gmail.com).

- 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).
- Next Friday, July 3, the Church Office will be closed, in observance of Independence Day.

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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