

FIRST NEWS



Your **Weekly News** from
First Presbyterian Church
St. Petersburg

May 28, 2021

WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

Join us at 10 AM in the Sanctuary
for an In-Person or Online Worship Service
this Sunday, May 30
Trinity Sunday

Rev. Megan H. McMillan
Scripture: [Isaiah 6:1-8](#), [Psalm 29](#), [John 3:1-17](#)

If you feel uncomfortable or are unable to worship with us in person, you can
click [HERE](#) to watch the service online.

*As a reminder, we will begin the organ prelude just before 10 AM,
so please plan to arrive a few minutes early!*



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MEMORIAL DAY

REMEMBER AND HONOR

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Please remember in prayer: Ron & Millie Bradley, Bob Burkhardt, Carol Daniel, Pat Eckert, Joan Evans, Julie Evans, Sandra Fay, Sarah Fechter, Teresa Gasper, Margo Hart, John & Dorothy Harte, Larry & Diane Heath, Agnes Ingles, Russ Johnson, Iberia Johnston, Anne Justiss, Alisa Keys, Margie Laughlin, Dave & Pam Malone, Nancy McLaughlin, Peter Pav,

Alan Pfleider, Richard Pfleider, Janet Poling, Jane Pruitt, Ken Robinson, Henry Shaw, Judy Smith

Please keep in prayer all those who have been physically, emotionally, and financially affected by the coronavirus, and join us in praying for an end to this situation.

Please pray for our family and friends serving in the military: Marc-Antoni Julia', USN LT; CPT. Taina Specie, USA; 1st LT. Liam Shelton, USA; 1st 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.



May 30th is Graduation Sunday!

Join us at the 10 AM service this Sunday as we recognize our grads and give

them a proper send-off!

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Senior Recognition Sunday



REBECCA (BECKY) AUMACK - I am graduating *cum laude* from Boca Ciega High School in the Fundamental program. This summer I plan to attend USFSP starting in June. I am pursuing a degree in graphic arts, with my major being digital media production.

TAYLOR LEIS - I'll be graduating from Jacobson Technical High School at Seminole and pursuing a Florida CNA licensure.

JUDE SINGLETON - Howdy! I am graduating from the Saint Petersburg High School International Baccalaureate Program. I will be attending University of Florida in the Fall and I plan to double major in biochemistry and sociology. Over the summer, I plan to work and get some much-needed sleep! I will be attending UF with the help of the Bright Futures Scholarship, the UF Wentworth Scholarship, the Drew Factor Scholarship and the Pinellas Youth Development Foundation Scholarship.

ERIC WILSON - I'm graduating from Gibbs High School and I'll be receiving a high school diploma as well as a Pinellas County Center for the Arts degree. My plans this summer include going to Oregon as well as Washington D.C. with my family. When I'm home, I'll be working and planning for college. I will be attending Rowan University in Glassboro, New Jersey.

EMMA ZUERCHER - I am graduating *summa cum laude* from Osceola Fundamental High School on June 2nd. I am the Salutatorian for the class of 2021. I will be attending the University of Florida in the fall. This summer I plan on spending time with my friends and family before I leave for college as well as working at Publix.

**Called Congregational Meeting
June 6, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.**

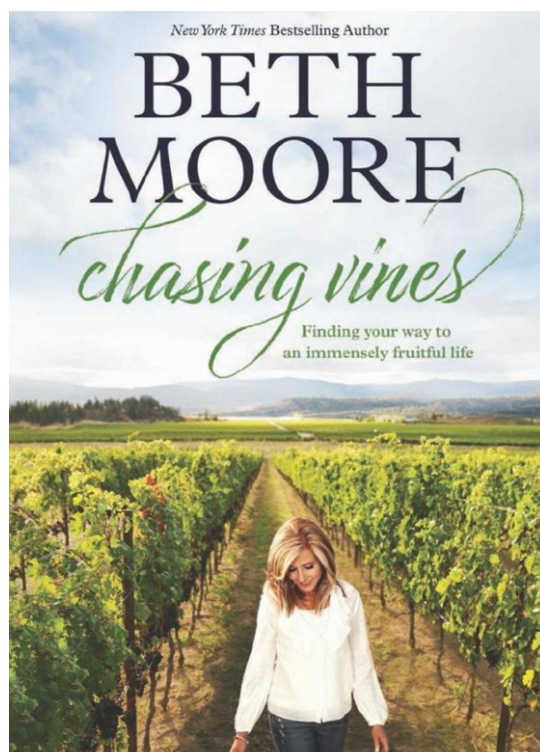
As was announced in last Friday's First News, the session has called a congregational meeting for 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 6, 2021, in response to a request from at least one-fourth of the active membership of the

congregation for the purpose of deciding whether to dissolve Pastor Dawn's relationship with the church.

As most of you know by now after reading Pastor Dawn's letter sent out to the congregation on Tuesday, after much prayer and discernment, Dawn decided to ask that the congregation vote next Sunday to ask the Presbytery to dissolve her call as your senior pastor. She discussed her decision with the session Monday night, and then Rev. Bobby Musengwa moderated a portion of the meeting while she stepped out of the room. In her absence, the session decided to support her request and will be presenting a motion with additional recommendations at the congregational meeting.

Because of how this congregational meeting came to be called at this time, the Rev. Dr. John DeBevoise has been appointed by the Presbytery to moderate the meeting. The meeting will include both on-site and online opportunities for those on the active members' role to attend and participate. Voting will be limited only to active members who attend the meeting on-site or online, just as it is in any meeting, but the session has now decided not to require a written ballot by mail-in or drop-off, which would have delayed learning the results of the vote for a week or more.

Details about how to attend, participate, and vote will be sent out in an email in the next few days and in First News next Friday.



Beth Moore Bible Study Starting in June

Ladies, it is with much joy and anticipation that our Beth Moore Bible study is opening up once again!

Our study is Beth Moore's "Chasing Vines – Finding Your Way To An Immensely Fruitful Life". It will be on Tuesday mornings from 9:15 – 11:30 AM June 15 – July 20, 2021 in the Youth Center. Even if you are going to be on vacation during any part of this study, we want to encourage you to come when you can!

Please pre-register with April Hussung (at stapler39@aol.com or 727-420-1758) and let her know if you need a workbook, which will be available for \$15. You can also contact April if you have any questions.

Please note:

- At this time, there is no childcare available.
- We will follow Church policy requesting that you wear a mask at the Bible study.

New Parenting Class Starting in June!

Jules Menke is starting up another series on Peaceful and Powerful Parenting. The series will run for 4 weeks, starting on Monday, June 14th. The dates will be 6-14, 6-21, 7-12 and 7-19, all from noon-1 PM. The first class will explore how to handle challenging behavior, especially in the context of siblings and friends. If you are interested, you can reach her at the contact information below:

Juliana Menke, MS, LMHC | Therapist
t (727) 327-7656 ext. 4160 | f (727) 896-1426

Look for the Rainbow

by Sarah Fechter

There is a rainbow in the sky
bright colors chase away the clouds
signaling the storm is over
God has renewed
His promise
affirmed his presence.

We can smile again
after these many months
of doubt and pain.

Now it is time
to remember those
who cannot yet see the rainbow
far too many of God's children
continue to hurt
remain hungry and lonely
but it will come to them—
in time we pray
everyone can see the bow
believe God's promise
and the need to lament
shall cease.



**Grieving? Know someone who is?
Join our GriefShare group on Sundays at
4 PM (via Zoom)**

Whether your bereavement experience is recent or not so recent, you will find encouragement, comfort and help in grieving the death of a spouse, child, parent, sibling, other family member, or friend.

This program features biblical, Christ-centered teaching that focuses on grief topics associated with the death of a loved one. The 13-week DVD seminar features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories of people, followed by a small group discussion about what was viewed. This is a great opportunity to be around people who understand what you are feeling. Don't allow fear of what others may think to keep you from what could help you. Confidentiality is very much a part of this program.

Need more information? Want to sign up? Call the Church Office at 727-822-2031.

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!



preached the following Sunday. All are welcome!

Pastor Dawn invites you to join us for a time of devotion, discussion, and prayer where we connect online with God and each other as we read and discuss the sermon text that will be

For sign-in information to the Zoom call, please contact the Church Office at 727-822-2031 or click [HERE](#) to join. **PLEASE NOTE:** If Zoom prompts you to enter a password, the password for Monday devotionals moving forward will be

"prayer."

During this season, we are especially thankful for the generosity of all of the people who continue to financially contribute to the church.

Online Giving



For your convenience, there are several ways which you can give:

- (1) Give online using a credit card or bank transfer ([click here](#) for the link). For assistance using the online system, please call the Church Office or
- (2) Send a check through the U.S. mail or
- (3) Drop by the Church Office and slip an envelope through the mail slot in the front door.

Thank you for the many ways you support the work of God's church at FPC – St. Petersburg!

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.*
- [Click HERE](#) for June Birthdays



Most groups are continuing to meet 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, 8:30 AM**, Faith Journey Sunday School Class, meeting in-person, Room S-202.
- **Sundays, 10 AM**, In-Person Worship Service, Sanctuary or [Online](#).
- **Sundays, 11:15 AM**, Westminster Sunday School Class. For Zoom sign-in information, email Jim Garnett (jim.garnett237@gmail.com).
- *Sundays, 11:15 AM - Contemporary Faith Sunday School Class will not be meeting again until Fall.*
- **Sundays, 4 PM**, GriefShare. For Zoom sign-in information, email Petra Garnett (petra.garnett@gmail.com).
- **Mondays, 10 AM**, Online Devotional with Pastor Dawn. Click [HERE](#) to join. If you are prompted, use "prayer" a password. **Not meeting Monday, May 31** (Church Office closed for Memorial Day)
- **Tuesdays, 7 PM**, Weekly Meditation, virtual. For more information, contact Carlen Maddux (cmaddux@maddux.com).
- **Fridays, 7:30 AM**, Men's Bible Study, in-person, Room N-123.
- **Monday, May 31**, Church Office closed for Memorial Day
- **Sunday, June 6, 1 PM**, Called Congregational Meeting, in-person in the Sanctuary and online
- **Monday, June 14, 12 PM**, Peaceful and Powerful Parenting class starts
- **Tuesday, June 15, 9:15 AM**, Beth Moore Bible study starts

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 [Amy Grossenbacher](#).

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