

# FIRST NEWS



Your Weekly News from  
First Presbyterian Church  
St. Petersburg

September 18, 2020

## Online Worship This Sunday

Join us for our 10 AM Online Worship Service  
this Sunday, September 20!  
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

This Sunday's Sermon:  
"In Humility Regard Others as Better Than Yourselves"  
Pastor Rev. Ruth Elswood  
Scripture: [Matthew 21:23-32](#), [Philippians 2:1-13](#)

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 Here to Watch Sunday Services") 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!

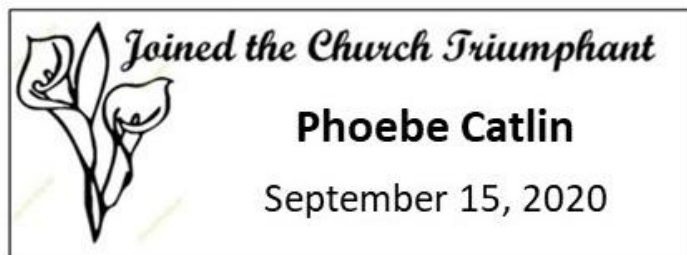
Prayer Concerns

Please remember in prayer: Carol Abernathy, Ron & Millie Bradley, Bob Burkhardt, Gordon Crane, Carol Daniel, Joan Evans, Julie Evans, Sandra Fay, Teresa Gasper, Ron Hall, John & Dorothy Harte, Larry & Diane Heath, Walter & Marie Huber, Jim & Iberia Johnston, Kathy Jose, Anne Justiss, Glenice Kelley, Margie Laughlin, Dave & Pam Malone, Nancy McLaughlin, Howard Moser, Peter Pav, Alan Pfeider, Richard Pfeider, Del & Janet Poling, Jane Pruitt, Jean Schultz, 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 a quick end to this situation.

Please also keep in prayer everyone who has been affected by Hurricanes Laura and Sally.



Please pray for our family and friends serving in the military: Marc-Antoni Julia', USN LT; 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).

## Last Sunday's Worship Service Soloist



Last Sunday, Nick Ivy, French horn, was accompanied by Jack Rain, piano, performing Neuling's "Bagatelle."

## GriefShare Starts September 20

A GriefShare group will be starting this Sunday, September 20. Each week, this support group will offer help for anyone grieving the loss of a family member or friend.

The group will meet via Zoom on Sunday afternoons from 4:00–5:30 PM beginning September 20 (running for 13 weeks). Please join us for any or all of our meetings to learn about this journey "from mourning to joy."



## Please Give To Local People In Need



### FREE CLINIC "HUNGER FREE 2020"

"As a result of the COVID pandemic and its resulting economic impact, ... [the St. Pete Free Clinic...] has served over 83,000 people since March in the We Help FRESH Pantry. Families are finding it more and more difficult to afford food and are relying on the FRESH Pantry to meet basic nutritional needs.

The Free Clinic reports that: Over 70% of the food we distribute is FRESH produce, meat, and dairy. We make sure families are not just fed, but that they are healthy.

You can help make sure families do not have to choose between keeping a roof over their heads or putting food on the table by contributing to Hunger Free 2020."

Hunger Free 2020 will take place on  
**October 10, 9 a.m. - 12 noon**  
at the Jared S. Hechtkopf Food Bank  
3115 44th Ave N St. Pete FL 33714

Go to the Hunger Free 2020 website (link is below) to donate money, food, time or to become a sponsor of the event.

<https://stpetersburgfreeclinic.org/events/hunger-free-2020/>

Find many more ways you can give by contacting Julie Bostick, Director of Development Operations, at [julie.bostick@stpetersburgfreeclinic.org](mailto:julie.bostick@stpetersburgfreeclinic.org)



### *Lakewood Elementary School Uniforms Drive*

The principal at Lakewood Elementary School, Mrs. Stephanie Woodford, informed the FPC Mission Committee that the "clothes closet is running low, especially for our boys. We are reaching out to see if you...would consider making a donation to our clothes closet. Lakewood is a uniform school with students wearing Navy or White Polos and Khaki or Navy Bottoms."

FPC has donated uniforms each year since our partnership with Lakewood Elementary School began in 2018.

The School has established a registry with Walmart. You can use the following link to access the Lakewood Elementary School registry and select the items you wish to donate. You can also see which items have already been purchased and which remain. All items will be mailed directly to the school.

<http://www.walmart.com/lists/view-events-registry-items?id=3a8cca0f-f1c9-4aea-9be4-e7b6213b4d29>

Information from the FPC Mission Committee

## Meet FPC Member, Lillian Harris

It was in 1956 when Don and Lillian were called to FPC. At that time, St. Petersburg was nationally known as a "City of Churches." (see photo below to see it was "standing room only" for the second service).



Don was called to be the Director of Music and to take over Gina Albertson's position in Christian Education. Don and Lillian arrived with 4 children....one under 4 months old.

Lillian was the accompanist for the younger choirs and Don led the Chancel Choir, the Boy's Choir and the Girl's Choir. They served the church faithfully from 1956 until 1968. During that time, FPC was blessed to have a 90-voice youth choir, Chancel Choir of 70 voices and a Chapel Youth Choir. "My family life went according to the church calendar," laughed Lillian when I asked her, "How in the world did you do it all?"

Since 1967, Lillian has been the "keeper" of the memorial books that are housed in the Sanctuary. These books have information on all the special funds that are given in memory of a loved one. These memorials help support the following funds: Organ, Sanctuary, Chapel, Cedarkirk, Missions, and many others. Lillian would LOVE to have someone take over this service to the church. If you are interested, please give her a call.

When I asked Lillian what her thoughts are about our church, she replied quietly... "My prayer is that our church would have a real awakening and a rebuilding of our church family."

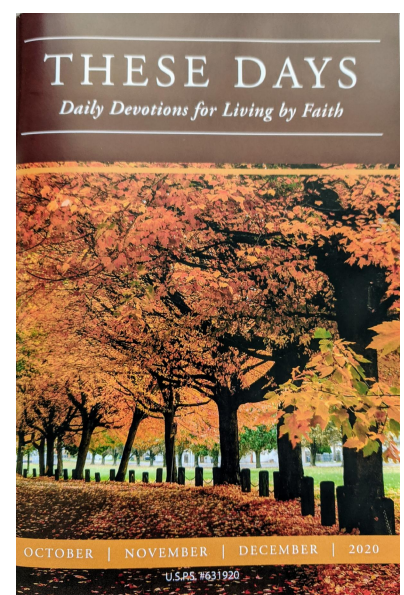
Submitted By Diane Zuercher



### Devotionals Are Available For Pick-Up

Copies of the October/November/December editions of "Our Daily Bread" and "These Days" devotionals are available for pick-up from the Church Office during normal business hours. If you have concerns about social distancing, call ahead, and a copy can be left outside for

you.



When a hurricane threatens and an evacuation is ordered, church members living in evacuation areas have options such as a hotel/motel, or they can evacuate out of town if they leave soon enough. The best choice is to evacuate to a friend or family's home in a non-evacuation area of our community.

We would like to create a volunteer Host Homes program for those who will need to move to a non-evacuation area, may have pets (members can offer if they are willing to take pets), or have other needs that will require special consideration.

If you are interested in becoming a Host Home or are someone who would need to move to a non-evacuation location, please email Lynn Kiehne at [lkiehne@gmail.com](mailto:lkiehne@gmail.com) or call the Church Office at 727- 821-2031, and we will get the right form to you.

Once these are completed, we will work to match hosts and guests, and, of course, there will be an opportunity to speak to each other to see if this match would work. We will also keep the information on file at the church via a spreadsheet and we will update the following year as needed.

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!

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 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. **PLEASE NOTE:** Zoom is now requiring a password for all meetings. If Zoom prompts you to enter a password, the password for Monday devotionals moving forward will be "prayer."

## Online Giving



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

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.*
- [September 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](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)).
- Mondays, 10 AM, Online Devotional with Pastor Dawn. Click [HERE](#) to join. If you are prompted, use "prayer" as a password.
- Tuesdays, 7 PM, Weekly Virtual Meditation, online. For sign-in information, contact Carlen Maddux ([cmaddux@maddux.com](mailto:cmaddux@maddux.com)).
- Sunday, September 20, 4 - 5:30 PM - first meeting of 13-week GriefShare Support Group using Zoom. For details on how to join a session, please contact Amy in the Church Office (727-822-2031, [amyg@fpc-stpete.org](mailto:amyg@fpc-stpete.org)).
- Monday, October 5, 7:30 PM Faith & Fiction group discusses "Becoming Mrs. Lewis." Contact Linda Santoro at (727) 897-9543 with questions or to receive Zoom connection information.

## 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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