



Your  
Weekly News  
from  
First Presbyterian Church  
St. Petersburg

February 7, 2020

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

10 AM Combined Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary  
Followed by a "Love Lunch" in the Fellowship Hall

The sermon for this Sunday: "Where Is God?" - Dr. Dawn Conti

[Psalm 147:12-20](#); [John 1:1-5,16](#)

[Click here](#) for Sunday's bulletin & announcements

**'Boomers & Gen Xers  
New Small Group Being Formed**

If you are a 'Boomer or a Gen Xer, you are invited to join a new FPC small group. The first meeting will be a Valentine's Day party hosted by Chris and Karen Mossman today (February 7), at 7 PM. Bring an appetizer to share.

The Mossmans' address is 373 6th Ave N., Tierra Verde. Questions? Contact Karen at [karenamossman@gmail.com](mailto:karenamossman@gmail.com).

This small group will meet monthly at members' homes for food, fellowship and prayer.



**Share The Love Sunday**

On Sunday, February 9, we invite you to join us at 10 AM for a combined traditional worship service in the Sanctuary featuring musicians from the Feb. 8 "Festival of Praise" concert, followed by a catered "Love Lunch" in the Fellowship Hall (lasagna, garlic bread, salad, and dessert).

Reserve your spot for lunch by calling the Church Office at (727) 822-2031.

Suggested Donation: \$7 per person or \$25 max per family.

Come share the love with your First Pres family!



**The 34<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Festival of Praise  
Sat, Feb. 8, 7:30 PM**



Jake Runestad,  
Composer

Dr. Kevin Fenton,  
Conductor



**Featuring:** Jake Runestad, composer and guest clinician; Dr. Kevin Fenton, conductor and guest clinician; The Festival Singers of Florida, First Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir, and Guest Singers from the Tampa Bay Area

Singers from across the state of Florida join together to sing the music of internationally-recognized composer Jake Runestad. The concert will feature narration by Jake Runestad, and special guests The Festival Singers of Florida under the baton of conductor and festival clinician Dr. Kevin Fenton, Professor of Conducting and Choral Ensembles at Florida State University.

This will be an unforgettable evening of unity through singing that you will not want to miss!

## We Are So Pleased To Welcome New Member Jenny Johnson

Jenny moved to St. Pete in March 2019. She has been seeking a faith community and is happy to have found that in First Presbyterian. Originally from Atlanta, she grew up attending Roswell Presbyterian Church. Most recently she lived in Traverse City, Michigan for five years working in the veterinary industry. Jenny enjoys traveling and finds any excuse to spend time in the outdoors.



## December 2019 Financial Snapshot

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	Month	YTD
Gifts	\$ 111,888	\$ 409,811
Other Income	11,282	55,484
Total Income	123,170	465,295
Expenses	84,232	480,548
Income (Loss)	\$ 38,938	\$ (15,253)

Pledges and non-pledge gifts were \$32,600 under budget YTD.  
There were no large or unusual expenses this month.  
December is sixth month of new fiscal year - halfway.

## God Orchestrates The Finest Details Of Our Lives, A Thank You

In honor of the passing of Thomas B. McCoun, III on August 27, 2019, we extend a heartfelt thank you to our church family for their ongoing support of our family. As we



always say, "God orchestrates the finest details of our lives" and this has clearly been the case. Our Sanctuary was beautiful and accommodated his service wonderfully. Thank you, especially, to the deacons for your help both during the service and the reception following. And to the staff: Johnny, Blanche, Pastor Dawn, Amy, Matt Clear, Kevin Clark, Jack Rain...and Pastor Ruth for the most meaningful homily. We have treasured and watched the DVD of his service by Dave Aumack, many times already. Please know your outpouring of kindness, love, and support is greatly appreciated and has brought us all much joy and comfort.

With gratitude,  
The Tom McCoun Family  
Jennie, Bullitt, Jon, Cameron and Katie



## Dr. Davila's Care and Compassion in Honduras

From Susan Schlecht: You will want to read this report from Dr. Davila that shows his care and compassion as a "family" doctor. [Here](#) is Dr. Davila's November report.

## Foundation for International Missions, Inc.

### NOTICE OF ANNUAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

To: Donor Members of the Foundation for International Missions, Inc.

Notice is now given that the annual meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on March 7, 2020, at 10:00 AM at the principal office of the Foundation located at First Presbyterian Church, Room N123, 701 Beach Drive NE, Saint Petersburg, Florida 33701. The order of business will include review of clinic operations, Board elections and financial conditions of the Foundation.

Dated 05 February 2020.

Beth Houghton, President  
Foundation for International Missions, Inc.



Open positions at FPC include:

Associate Pastor (full-time)  
Receptionist/Office Admin (part-time)  
Office Admin (full-time)  
Childcare Workers (part-time)

For details follow this [Link](#) to the FPC employment opportunities on our website.

## Update From The Associate Pastor Nominating Committee

Our church's Associate Pastor Nominating Committee is making further progress. Our Session and Tampa Bay Presbytery have now approved of our Ministry Information Form that describes responsibilities for the Associate Pastor and tells about our church. As of the middle of January we have started to receive and review credentials from candidates and potential candidates. So far, most of these have come through the General Assembly's Church Leadership Connection that serves as an employment clearinghouse for the Presbyterian Church.

We are also proactively reaching out to people we know in church circles, seminaries and the like to solicit promising candidates. We are also asking church members who know of candidates or of other sources to present their suggestions by emailing [fpcstpeteassocpastor@gmail.com](mailto:fpcstpeteassocpastor@gmail.com) or by contacting a committee member. You can get a

copy of the job description/church information from the "About" page on the FPC website, or go directly to [fpcstpete.com/fpc-hiring-2020](http://fpcstpete.com/fpc-hiring-2020). You can also tell the candidates who are interested and qualified to email [fpcstpeteassocpastor@gmail.com](mailto:fpcstpeteassocpastor@gmail.com). We will be reviewing credentials of candidates from all sources over the next several months.

Alfred May, Chair; Bill Burtchaell; Jim Garnett; April Hussung; Taina Specie; Eric Wilson, and Don Zegel.



## LOVE GIFT FOR BLANCHE GANEY

Office Manager Blanche Ganey is retiring at the end of February. She has served this church many years. We are truly blessed by her administrative and people skills. If you would like to contribute toward a "love offering" for Blanche, please put your donation (with Blanche's name on the envelope or memo line) in the offering plate any Sunday morning through February 16. You may also mail your donation to the church or use the on-line giving feature found at the church's website: [fpcstpete.com](http://fpcstpete.com). Click on the "Resources" tab and then on "Give."

## Wednesday Night Live February 12



5 PM Children's Choir (Choir Room), for children ages 4-10

5:30 PM Dinner (Fellowship Hall) Menu: Chicken & Rice casserole with broccoli, dessert + a child-friendly meal option. Let us know if you will join us for dinner by calling the Church Office (727) 822-2031.

6 PM - Messy Church, "Weird and Gross Stories of the Bible" (Room S-106)  
or  
Financial Peace University (Chapel)  
or  
"Astronomy and the Bible: Genesis, Calendars, Creation, Faith & Science"  
led by Kyle Brinkman (Fellowship Hall)

**Can You Help?** We will need a team of volunteers to help set up, serve, and clean up! If you are ready, willing, and able to serve on at least one Wednesday evening, please email Amy Grossenbacher at [amyg@fpc-stpete.org](mailto:amyg@fpc-stpete.org) or call the Church Office at (727) 822-2031.



## Have you friended us on Facebook or Instagram?

If you haven't, please do so! Also, be sure to SHARE our Facebook and Instagram posts as much as you can! That can help us increase numbers of followers of the church Facebook and Instagram pages. Thank you for helping us be more visible!

## FPC Calendar At A Glance

[Click here](#) to view the full church calendar online.

### Coming up:

- [February Birthdays](#)
- [February Childcare Parent Calendar](#)
- First Monday of each month, 7:30 - 8:30 PM, Faith & Fiction, Room N-123. [Here](#) is the Reading List.
- Faith Development Bible Study, S-100, 9:30 AM, Tuesdays
- Women's Bible Study, *Trustworthy*, Tuesdays at 9:15 AM and 6:30 PM in the Youth



Center .

- Men's Community Bible Study, Fridays at 7:30 AM, N-123
- Yoga With Adam, 3 PM, Fellowship Hall (Sunday afternoons, refer to church calendar for any variation).
- GriefShare Support Group, Chapel (meets Sunday afternoons at 4 PM and Tuesdays at 10 AM; refer to church calendar for any variation)
- Wednesday Night Live, Children's Choir at 5:00 PM (Choir Room), Dinner at 5:30 (Fellowship Hall), and at 6:00 PM Financial Peace University (Chapel) or "Astronomy and the Bible" (Fellowship Hall)
- Friday, February 7, Boomers & Gen Xers Small Group Meeting, 7 PM, at the Mossmans' home
- Saturday, February 8, 34th Annual Festival of Praise, 7:30 PM, Sanctuary
- Sunday, February 9, Combined Traditional Worship Service, 10 AM, Sanctuary followed by a "Love Lunch" in the Fellowship Hall
- Tuesday, February 18, Meditation for Christians, 7 PM, Chapel

## 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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