

Your
Weekly News
from
First Presbyterian Church
St. Petersburg

October 25, 2019

Reformation & Presbyterian
Heritage Sunday
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary
Time

8:15 AM - Communion Service,
Chapel

9:00 AM - Contemporary
Worship Service, Fellowship Hall

11:00 AM - Classic Worship with Choir, Sanctuary

The sermon for this Sunday is "God Meant It For Good" Dr. Dawn Conti
[Romans 8:26-39](#); [Genesis 37:1-4;12-28](#)

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

The Reformers – Luther, Calvin, Zwingli, Knox



– held the premise that Jesus Christ reigns today.



**This Sunday
is**

Presbyterian Heritage Sunday

On October 27 we will celebrate Presbyterian Heritage Sunday. In addition to our traditional concert at the 11:00 service there will be an outdoor bagpipe concert for those leaving our 9:00 AM contemporary worship and those arriving for Sunday School. If you have Scottish attire, you are invited to wear it to church on that day.

**Trunk or Treat
and Chili Cook-Off**

Join us for Trunk Or Treat on Sunday, October 27 from 5:00 - 7:00 PM! Don't miss the games, hot dogs, and drinks, as well as plenty of "trunks" where the kids will find "treats!" We will also have our annual chili cook-off, so fire up your crock pots!



You are encouraged to participate by decorating your car (trunk), entering our chili cook-off, or donating candy.

Volunteer

Volunteers are needed to be parking attendants, food and beverage purveyors, candy distributors, game managers and to set up and tear down. Volunteers please call the church office (727) 822-2031 or email Dave Aumack (daumack@fpc-stpete.org). Otherwise, just show up in costume and join in the fun!

Sunday, November 3
Combined Service at 10 AM, Brunch Following the Service

All that we do is for God's Glory!

You are invited to join the G2 (Gratitude and Generosity) Team for brunch Sunday, November 3, 2019, directly following the 10 AM combined service in Fellowship Hall

The brunch is being held in appreciation of the time, talent and gifts you share throughout the year!

RSVP: Please let us know that you are planning to attend so we can ensure plenty of food for everyone. Phone the church office at (727) 822-2031, or email AmyGrossenbacher and mention the Time-Talent-Treasure brunch, number of persons coming and your name.



Welcome Kevin Clark!

Our New Contemporary Worship Leader

Trumpeter Kevin D. Clark is an active freelance musician, educator, and clinician. He studied music education at Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, Louisiana, and trumpet performance at the University of North Texas. Kevin has toured Europe with the Texas/Florida Baroque Trumpet Ensemble and has performed in over 70 musical theater productions serving as musician, musical director, as well as on-stage performer. From 2005-2008, he was a musical director for

Carnival Cruise Lines. A military veteran, he was a ceremonial bandleader and trumpeter in the U.S. Naval Reserve.

Phantom Pipe Screams

The annual Halloween concert sponsored by the St. Petersburg Chapter of the American Guild of Organists will be held this Tuesday, October 29, at 6:30 PM at Christ United Methodist Church, 467 First Avenue North, St. Petersburg. Our own Jack Rain will be performing morbid and spooky music along with 5 other local organists.

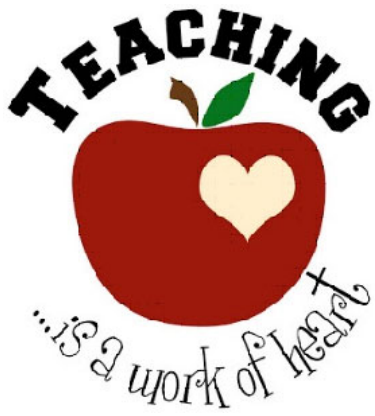


Children and adults are encouraged to attend in costume. There will be a sing-along, a costume contest with prizes, and a grand reception afterwards.



Plans for the 2020 Honduras Mission Trip Being Made

Put June 7-14, 2020 on your calendar for our Honduras Mission trip. We have our plane reservations set and are ready to add you to our team! For more information and questions, contact Susan Schlecht at 735-5332 or schlecht21975@gmail.com.



You can be a part of "The Great American Teach-In"

Do you have a skill or special area of interest that you would like to share with students at Lakewood Elementary School? If so, you might be just the right person for "The Great American Teach-In."

Sponsored by Duke Energy, this year's event will take place on November 13. Opportunities are available throughout the school day. Stay for an hour or the whole day, it's up to you! You can pick up an application in the church office or email [Gay Wasik-Zegel](mailto:Gay.Wasik-Zegel) for an application. Completed applications should be placed in the offering plate or returned to the church office by Monday November 4. All applications will be dropped off to the school on November 5. Volunteer Coordinator Kymber Cullum will contact you shortly to schedule your visit and answer any questions you might have. Just one hour in a classroom can make a world of difference in the life of a young student.

Children's Sermon Last Sunday

Led by Christie Vetter



2019-2020 Concert Series

Sunday, November 17, 2019 4 PM, Sanctuary

Piano Perfection *Featuring: Vanessa Wei, piano*

Our inaugural concert in this year's concert series features local pianist Vanessa Wei performing classical piano repertoire on the Steinway Grand Piano in our Sanctuary.



Sunday, December 15, 2019

4:00 PM, Sanctuary

The Many Moods of Christmas

Featuring: Pinellas County Center for the Arts Choirs,
Pinellas County Center for the Arts Orchestra,
First Presbyterian Church, Chancel Choir,
First Presbyterian Church Handbell Choir, and
Guest Singers from the Tampa Bay Area

Sunday, January 12, 2020
Sanctuary

4:00 PM,

Bon Voyage!

Featuring: Pinellas County Center for the Arts Choirs
Pinellas County Center for the Arts Orchestra,
First Presbyterian Church, Chancel Choir,
First Presbyterian Church Handbell Choir, and
Guest Singers from the Tampa Bay Area

Saturday, February 8, 2020

7:30 PM,

Sanctuary

The 34th Annual Festival of Praise

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

Sunday, March 1, 2020

4:00 PM,

Sanctuary

Guitar Duets

Featuring: Duo Catanza

[Here](#) are further Concert Series details



CASA Shows Its Gratitude

Ken Young, Rue Ann Porter, and Susan Luehrs
at the CASA Peace Breakfast

Did you know that October is "Domestic Violence Awareness Month"? Several First Presbyterian members gained a deeper understanding of the far-reaching effects of domestic violence by attending the 23rd Annual CASA Peace Breakfast at the Coliseum on October 15.

First Presbyterian has been a long-time supporter of CASA, an acronym for "Community Action Stops Abuse." In the past 22 years, our congregation has contributed more than \$118,000.00. Last year alone, we donated \$7,560.00 in unrestricted gifts.

Domestic violence is often a "silent" evil, carrying the stigma of shame and embarrassment. Victims are often afraid to speak out. CASA provides a safe place where victims can find peace and aid during their time of need.

We ARE making a difference. When our congregation collected \$544.00 dollars as a "love offering" to CASA on a recent September Sunday, we decided to deliver the money in person. To thank First Presbyterian for our continued support, the CASA staff provided a table of eight to their Peace Breakfast. Several First Pres members attended, joining domestic violence victims, the Mayor, law enforcement officials, and community business leaders to stand up to silence about domestic violence. The room reverberated with unity, strength, and emotion. It was a lot like being in church!

[Click here](#) for more information about First Pres and CASA.



Gay Wasik-Zegel
and Don Zegel
at Peace Breakfast



Dottie Young,
Uneeda Brewer, and
Michelle M. at Peace
Breakfast



Gay Wasik-Zegel delivers
First Presbyterian "Mission
of the Month" donation to
CASA staff



Ladies, you are invited to a Priscilla Shirer Bible Study
November 5 - December 3.

One of the greatest challenges among women in our culture is taking time to cease from all the activities and just breathe. We are in bondage to busyness. If you are weary, worn out, and exhausted, then the concept of Sabbath can change your life.

Join us at either 9:15 AM or 6:30 PM in the Youth Center.

Questions? April Hussung: 420-1758 stapler39@aol.com or Susan Schoenberg: 560-2892 susansch@tampabay.rr.com



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5:00 PM Children's Choir, Choir Room
For ages 4 - 10 years old

5:30 PM Dinner
BBQ Ribs, potato, vegetable and dessert + child-friendly meal option

6:00 PM Choose from:
"Study on Immigration" lead by Rebecca Higman and Susan Schlecht,
Fellowship Hall

or

"Christian Coupling: A Better Way to Relationship"
with Dave Aumack, room S-100

No Messy Church for Children

* Call the church office if you will be joining us for dinner (727) 822-2031

These programs run Wednesday nights through October 30.

FPC Calendar At A Glance

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

Coming up:

- [November Birthdays](#)
- [October 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)
- Yoga With Adam, 3 PM, Fellowship Hall (Sunday afternoons, refer to church calendar for any variation)
- Wednesday Night Live (Wednesdays 5:00 PM Children's Choir, 5:30 PM Dinner in Fellowship Hall followed by study groups)
- Tuesdays, 10 AM, GriefShare Support Group, Chapel (meets Tuesdays, refer to church calendar for any variation)
- Sunday, October 27, Presbyterian Heritage Day and Reformation Sunday
- Sunday, October 27, Trunk Or Treat and Chili Cook-Off, 5 PM, Fellowship Hall
- Tuesday, October 29, Meditation for Christians, 7 PM, Chapel (Meets on alternate Tuesdays. Contact: [Carlen Maddux](#))
- Sunday, November 3, Daylight Savings Time Ends
- Sunday, November 3, One Blended Service, 10 AM, Sanctuary
- Sunday, November 3, Time, Talent, Gifts Opportunities Fair and Brunch after the 10 AM service in Fellowship Hall (see article in First News)
- Tuesday, November 5 "Breathe" Bible Study begins (meets through December 3)
- Sunday, November 17, Inaugural Concert Series Performance, "Piano Perfection," Vanessa Wei, pianist, 4 PM, Sanctuary

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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