



### Trunk or Treat is almost here!

It's just three weeks until FPC's annual Trunk or Treat! Wear your costume and join us on October 29 from 5 to 7 p.m. in the North Shore parking lot for a chili cook-off, games, refreshments, face painting and more. Please RSVP if you plan to participate. Email Carol Riley at [criley@fpc-stpete.org](mailto:criley@fpc-stpete.org) or call 727-822-2031.

This Sunday, please bring in candy so we're fully stocked for Trunk or Treat! There will be candy donation baskets at the back of the sanctuary and the entrance to Fellowship Hall.

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### "Lord, it's good to be here"

#### A message from Pastor Dawn

In Matthew 17:4, while on top of the Mt. of Transfiguration, Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here." Since arriving at First Presbyterian Church – St. Petersburg, just over three weeks ago, my husband, Kevin, and I have been saying the same thing to the Lord and to each other over and over again.



We are grateful to live in the church apartment as we wait to close on our St. Petersburg home later this month. It has provided a superb base from which to explore the area. So far we've taken numerous self-guided day time and evening walking tours, enjoyed a

Rays and a Rowdies game, become reacquainted with the Sundial area and Ft. DeSoto Beach, and tried many of the great area restaurants upon your recommendations.

We have been blessed to worship with you on Sunday and participate in Wednesday Night Live. I've been blessed to start meeting one on one with the members of the staff and attend a session, staff, Christian Education, and PCAT meetings. Highlights have been meeting with the PNC and attending Day School Chapel and the Friday Lunch Bunch at Gigi's. And I appreciate the time Will has been generously spent with me helping me get up to speed.

In an effort to get to know you and understand how ministry is being done at FPC – St. Pete, over the next 100 days my focus will continue to be meeting with staff members, small groups of session members and deacons, the Stephen Ministers, Presbyterian Women, the youth, committees of the church, and members and friends of the church who would like to participate in small group gatherings being arranged by the PNC. I'll also be working toward building bridges and strengthening relationships between the Day School, Child Care Center, and the various groups that meet at the church.

By far the greatest blessing in our first three weeks in St. Pete has been the hospitality of Christ that has been extended to us by so many of you in smiles, greetings, and various expressions of friendship, support and welcome. (Thank you especially for wearing your name tags and for your patience as I learn your names!) Yes, "Lord, it is good for us to be here." We look forward to serving alongside God's people here and discovering the great things God has planned for our ministry together in serving the community.

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## Answering God's Call

Please join us on 10/11 for Wednesday Night Live! You can attend any or all of FPC's mid-week programs:

- Music for children with Mr. Matt at 5pm in the choir room
- Dinner and Messy Church from 5:30-6pm in Fellowship Hall (Still not sure what Messy Church is? [Check out this video.](#))
- Discussion with Becky Higman from 6-7pm in Fellowship Hall on answering God's call and the faith journey (childcare provided during discussion)



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## Opportunities to Engage with FPC Day School

We would like to invite the church members to our **Coffee and Conversation** **Topic:** "Keeping Our Kids Healthy" on Tuesday, October 10. Coffee will be served at 8:30 am and Conversation with Dr. Savy Ford will begin at 9:00 am.

**Costume Parade** for all classes will be on Tuesday, October 31 on the Day School Playground beginning with KPREP at 8:45 am and all other classes following until 9:30 am.

**Aftercare Assistants Needed**—The addition of our Two's Aftercare program this year has been a huge success! We are looking for a person to assist each afternoon from 11:45—2:45 in this program. If you or someone you know might be interested, please email Ashley Davis at [adavis@fpc-stpete.org](mailto:adavis@fpc-stpete.org).

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## Don't forget to introduce yourself



Help Pastor Dawn learn our names before she takes the pulpit next week. The Membership Engagement and Communications Committee is asking all members to wear their nametags during the church service throughout October.

If you need a nametag, email [diedraflora@aol.com](mailto:diedraflora@aol.com) and let her know what service you usually attend. Your nametag will be waiting for you to pick up at the beginning of the service.

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