

## First Presbyterian Church of St. Petersburg

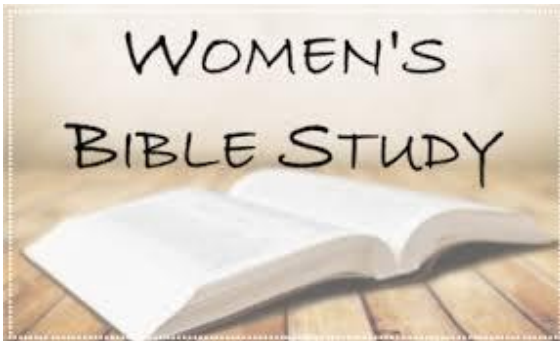
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Let everything that breathes, sing praises to the Lord. Psalm 150:6

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### Beth Moore Women's Bible Study *"Quest" - An Excursion with Intimacy Toward God*



**January 16 - February 20**

For 6 weeks we will seek a deeper intimacy with God as we ask and discuss questions of faith. We'll also foster a sojourner mentality as we understand that we are only passing through this world.

[Click Here](#) for more information.

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### Volunteer Survey

The mission committee wants to know what type of volunteer activities our members are involved with and how often. We will conduct this survey each Sunday in January 2018 at each worship service and report the findings to the congregation in February.

If you don't provide input on Sunday morning, you may [CLICK HERE](#) to send an email to the mission committee with your information. Please include:

1. Your name(s)
2. Where you volunteer
3. How often
4. Number of hours each time

You can find more information and a list of organizations by [clicking here](#). Note, this is not intended to be an exhaustive list. Thank you for participating.



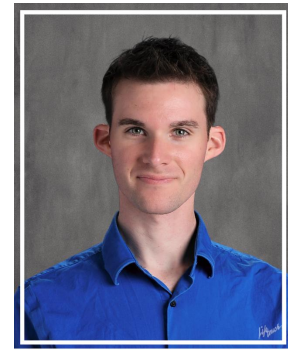
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## Welcome Interim Director, Matt Clear

Matt Clear has accepted the position of Interim Music Director for Chancel Choir and Bells. Many of you know Matt from the bass & tenor sections and soloist in our choir.

Matt is the Director of Choral Activities at the Pinellas County Center for the Arts at Gibbs High School where he directs the school's choral ensembles and teaches classes in Vocal Techniques and Music Philosophy. Before moving to Florida, Matt was a choir director and church music director in Northeastern Ohio.



Matt received his Bachelor of Science in Music Education from Malone University in Canton, Ohio and is currently completing his Masters in Music Education with an emphasis in Choral Conducting at Florida State University.

Interested in participating in the Music Program? You can reach Matt at [mclear@fpc-stpete.org](mailto:mclear@fpc-stpete.org).

## Calling all Singers, Bell Ringers and Instrumentalists - Party Time!!!



We're having a PARTY and if you have ever participated in the music at FPC or

you are considering joining the Choir, Handbells or Praise Team, we hope that YOU will come!

- Friday, January 19th
- 6:00 p.m.
- Water Club Clubhouse - 1325 Snell Isle Blvd NE

[Click here](#) for details.

[Click here](#) for map/directions.



We're calling this our 2018 Kick-Off Party. It's time to recharge, renew and its time grow in numbers and take our ministry of music to new levels. It's time to rejoice and celebrate the past and to re-engage and embrace the future of our ministry together.

We hope you will join us at least for the party. And, if you're not currently involved, you will consider joining/re-joining us. We're better with YOU!

## 2017 - 2018 Concert Series Continues with 2 Concerts this month

**Rebecca Penneys Pianist in Concert**  
**Sunday, January 14th at 4:00 p.m.**  
**FPC Sanctuary**

Pianist Rebecca Penneys is a recitalist, chamber musician, orchestral soloist, educator and adjudicator. Rebecca has played throughout the USA, East Asia, Australia, New Zealand, South America, Europe, Middle East and Canada. She is a popular guest artist, keynote speaker

and teacher nationally and internationally. She is an exclusive Steinway Artist and has given many concerts for Steinway & Sons. Combining a busy concert schedule with seminars and master classes worldwide, she has taught international students at Eastman School of Music for thirty-seven years, at the Chautauqua Music Festival for thirty-four years, and at the Rebecca Penneys Piano Festival (RPPF) for five years. Her current and former students include prizewinners in international competitions, and hold important teaching posts on every continent. Her background, credentials and musical contributions are significant. Read more at <http://rebeccapenneys.com/index.php?pageStewardLink=11292>



Repertoire for this concert to include music by Scarlatti, Soler, Brahms, Chopin, Granados, Cage and piano rags.

### **Jewish Jazz II**

**Sunday, January 28th at 4:00 p.m.  
in the Chapel at First Presbyterian Church**

Daniel Weiser (Doctorate in Piano/Chamber Music from Peabody Conservatory) and Steve Loew (U.S. Marine Band) present a thrilling sequel to their "JEWISH JAZZ" program that was such a big hit last year. The amazing piano and clarinet duo will present "JEWISH JAZZ 2" with even more music that highlights the fascinating historical connections between Klezmer-style music and American Jazz. This program will feature an arrangement of George Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue" along with some great works by Harold Arlen, Benny Goodman, Simon Sargon, plus songs from the Yiddish Theater. Loew and Weiser have performed around the world and put on a show that is second to none. You will not want to miss this!



This concert will take place in the Chapel at First Presbyterian Church St. Petersburg at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 28. Tickets are \$13.50 for church members and \$18 for others if purchased in advance. They are \$20 at the door for everyone. Buy tickets in advance at <https://amicimusic.org/concert/jewish-jazz-ii/>

Important Note: Be sure to scroll down to the January 28th concert as the first concert on this page is in The Villages.

Contact Barry Dingman by [email](#) or phone (813-727-1223) if you have any trouble purchasing tickets online.

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### **January Birthdays**

- Jan. 2: Ned McClure, Lyn Greene, Katherine Franckle
- Jan. 3: Helen Shaw, Alicia Dahl
- Jan. 5: Wendy Wooden
- Jan. 6: Dennis Zuercher, Lynne Mormino, Ray Arsenault
- Jan. 8: Joy Russak
- Jan. 9: Jean Schultz, Jan Gentry, Ryan Kort
- Jan. 10: Eleanor Nicholas, Bud Karins, Susan Bales, Selena Quillao
- Jan. 11: Elaine Shaw, Josephine Johnson, Carolyn Drinkard
- Jan. 13: Katy Klymenko
- Jan. 14: Susan Young, Jim Garnett, Marci Emerson
- Jan. 15: Dottie McClure, Karen Kisten, Sally Baynard, Ward Flora
- Jan. 16: Ann Krueger, Isabella Stewart
- Jan. 17: Kyle Brinkman, Natalie Hussung
- Jan. 18: Lynell Bell, Marilee Hayman, Lynn Kiehne
- Jan. 19: Bill Hunter, Tom Wallace, John Ralph, Cody Clark
- Jan. 20: Hank Shaw, Amber VanOosting
- Jan. 21: Liam McCarthy, II



Jan. 22: Bob Strickland, Kathy Arsenault, Kathy Bardin  
Jan. 23: Marjorie Hopf, Lauri Lee  
Jan. 25: Brian Bell  
Jan. 26: Jason VanOosting, Joe Keller  
Jan. 27: Dick Averitt, Aubrey Russak-Pribble  
Jan. 28: Cathy Swanson  
Jan. 29: Larry Heath, Judy Scott  
Jan. 31: Martha Rothman, Michelle Carothers

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**Save the Date:** Saturday, January 20 at 10:00 a.m. - "Understanding and Treating Allergies" led by Dr. Jamie Brownlee. This event is free and open to all (men and women). Coffee, tea and pastries provided. Hosted by the Presbyterian Women of FPC in Fellowship Hall.

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**A Public Service Announcement  
from the St. Pete Police Dept.**

Vehicle burglaries and auto thefts citywide are on the increase. Common causes for this are leaving cars unlocked and leaving spare keys/key fobs/valet keys in cars.



*"The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace." Numbers 6:24-26*



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