



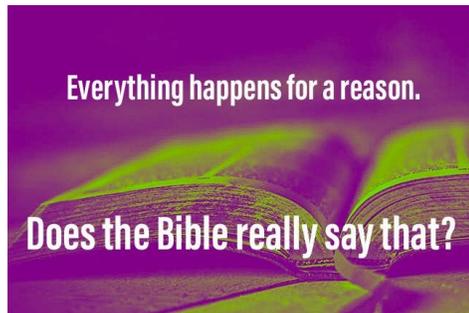
## First Presbyterian Church St. Petersburg

*Your weekly news & updates*

### This Sunday at FPC

*8:15 Service returns this week!*

- Join us for worship :
  - 8:15 a.m. Communion Worship in the Chapel
  - 9:00 a.m. Contemporary Service in Fellowship Hall
  - 11:00 a.m. Traditional Service in the Sanctuary.
- Pastor Dawn begins a new sermon series "Does the Bible really say that?" This Sunday's Sermon, "Everything happens for a reason." Does the Bible really say that? Join us this Sunday to find out.
- [Click here for a preview of Sunday's bulletin.](#)
- Yoga with Adam returns this Sunday (September 9) at 3:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. [Click for more details.](#)



### Session Highlights

[Click here](#) for highlights of the August 27, 2018 Session Meeting.

### Faith & Fiction

Faith & Fiction is a long standing Book Club at First Presbyterian Church. We gather on the first Monday of each month. **Note, the October 1st meeting will be in the Chapel.** After that, the meetings are in room N123, from 7:30 - 8:30 p.m., from October to April to discuss a book that we have all read within the past month or so. Our discussions are informal and are lead by one of our members. We'd love to have you join us, -- and you do not have to be a member -- just someone who loves a good read! So come join us, -- we welcome you and your thoughts. Our first book for this coming season is [Red Notice](#), a memoir by Bill



Browder. This is a very readable and interesting story of Bill's experiences in the emerging financial markets of the Soviet Union in the 1990's. It is filled with intrigue, murder and a fight for justice. Interestingly enough, parts of this story are still in our news today! All our books can be found in the public library system and are also available on Amazon. Al May will lead this discussion. Start reading now so you will be ready for our October 1st meeting!.

[Click here for our reading list for the season.](#)

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## Organ Additions



In honor of Jack Rain's upcoming 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary next March 1<sup>st</sup>, a major donation to the church's ongoing Organ Fund was received this past April. This, along with many other contributions to the fund, has made it possible to complete the main organ. A contract was signed in April with the Reuter Organ Co. of Lawrence, Kansas, to add the remaining 12 ranks (732 pipes) to the organ's Choir division, begun in 1987. In preparation for the installation to begin this Monday, a normally closed opening in the organ screen has been opened up (see photo) and several hundred pipes have been removed for the workers to be able to move around. A pulley system already installed in the organ chamber will be used to hoist up the pipes along with the chests they sit on. The equipment is scheduled to arrive this Sunday evening and should take a week to install.

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## Blessing of the animals

**When:** Saturday, September 29th  
**Where:** First Presbyterian Church  
**Time:** 10:00 a.m.



Click here [Blessing of the Animals](#) to print and share with friends and neighbors.

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**Lakewood Elementary School**  
*A school on its way to success*

**An Update . . . Scenes from Lakewood Elementary School Open House – August 30, 2018**

On Thursday, August 30th, Larry Kirsch and Uneeda Brewer, members of the FPC mission committee, participated in the Lakewood Elementary School Open House. The FPC congregation donated enough hygiene items to fill two long tables. Parents and students were able to select the items that they most needed. As you can see from the photo below, we had an extraordinary variety of hygiene items, school supplies, toys and games. In addition, 72 school much needed uniforms were donated to the school, half for boys and half for girls. Financial donations provided a pizza meal for the teachers and staff working at the open house.

Thank you everyone for everything you donated to the open house and for all the financial contributions and gift cards as well. As of September 5th, we have received \$1,750 in cash and checks.

We anticipate being able to work in other ways with Lakewood on their journey to success. The mission committee will provide monthly updates to the session and the congregation on progress and other ways we can help Lakewood teachers and administrators better serve its scholars.

If you have an idea or project you'd like to undertake please contact Lamiya Sanchez, family and community liaison at Lakewood via email at [sanchezla@pcsb.org](mailto:sanchezla@pcsb.org) or Uneeda Brewer, [ndepth@aol.com](mailto:ndepth@aol.com), moderator of the mission committee.

Photos below:

1. Table of FPC donations hygiene donations for September 30th Open House
2. Lakewood staff showing uniforms and toys donated by FPC
3. School uniforms donated by FPC
4. Larry Kirsch (FPC), Antonio Minton and Robert Span (Lakewood) set up for Open House





## St. Pete Run Fest - November 17-18

Register NOW at [www.StPeteRunFest.org](http://www.StPeteRunFest.org) and join your First Pres Running Team.

Stay tuned for more details on participating in the 'Hydration Station' and other FPC outreach for this event.

[Click image to the left for more details.](#)



### “Six to Mix”

We are putting together small groups of FPC adults ages 18 to 100-plus for once/month dinners for six.

This One's for You! Are you hungry for more Christian fellowship, in a setting that is welcoming and easy, casual and face-to-face? Special needs will be taken care of; we are ALL special! Each group will be made up of couples or singles. Groups will meet together four or five times

from November to March, at a time your group decides on. Each time one of you will be the host and will provide the main course. The remaining guests will volunteer to bring appetizer, salad/vegetable, dessert, and drinks.

SIX TO MIX Make your reservations now. This is not a Bible study or a Sunday school class, but rather a gathering of amazing people — you!

[Click here for more information and signup form.](#)

## 2018 - 2019 At First Presbyterian Church

[Click here](#) for a glimpse of what is in store. Now is a good time to mark your calendar and share this with friends. You will not want to miss any of this!



### Coming up in September:

- **September 7th - Men's Sunrise Bible Study** will resume at 7:30 a.m. in Room N123. [Click here for more details.](#)
- **September 9th - Yoga with Adam** at 3:00 in Fellowship Hall. [Click here](#) for more info.
- **September 16 - Great Day of Joining** - Invitation to Join FPC - in Fellowship Hall at 10:00 a.m. [Click here](#) for info.
- **September 22** - Presbyterian Women invites all women of the church to meet Rev. Kathleen Dain, Executive Director of Beth-el, Farmworker Ministry, at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. A lunch of Cuban sandwiches and fruit salad (\$5 donation) will be served. [Click here for more.](#)
- **September 29 - Blessing of the Animals** on Saturday, September 29th in front of the church. Spread the word! This is a community event!!! [Click here](#) flyer to share with friends & neighbors.
- **... thru Oct 7 - Just Bag It** - Youth Mission Project for Beth El Mission. [Click here](#) for details.

### Now is also a good time to attend:

- **Women's Circles Bible Study** - "God's Promise - I am with you" [Click here for details on when the various circles meet.](#)
- **Faith Development** - Find a Sunday School Class for YOU this fall. [Click here.](#)
- **Men's Sunrise Bible Study** each Friday at 7:30 a.m. in Room N123. [Click here.](#)

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## Join us for worship on Sunday

Come to the 8:15 a.m. communion service in the Chapel, 9:00 a.m. contemporary service in Fellowship Hall, or the 11:00 a.m. traditional service in the Sanctuary.

If you are away for the week or for the summer, we miss you. The sermons are on the church web site. [Click here.](#)



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