



**JOIN THE PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN FOR OUR NEW BIBLE STUDY STARTING UP IN THE FALL:**

**JOY CIRCLE** 1st Thursday of the month @ 7:00 pm  
In the Small Dining Room (*beginning September 5*)

**FAITH CIRCLE** 2nd Wednesday of the month @ 10 am  
In the Small Dining Room (*beginning October 9*)  
*Please note: shuttle service available from the Shores, Towers and Courtyard to FPC*

Presbyterian Women (PW) are seen everywhere at First Pres because if you're a woman and you're here, you are a PW! We perform many roles, lay readers, choir members, sewing group members, kitchen volunteers, etc. etc. Many of us are also members of a Circle.

**WHAT IS A CIRCLE?**

Most members would say it's a place for making new friends and enjoying old friends. A Circle is a group of women who meet once a month either morning or evening. We visit for a while to catch up and we often have a treat. The leader of the Circle will let everyone know what is happening within our church and within our larger Presbytery.

The primary purpose of Circles is Bible study, with studies designed for easy reading while providing insight into our daily Christian life. Our Bible studies are perfect for those of us who are well-versed in the Bible and for those of us who have trouble finding any book past Genesis. They're perfect for those who like to do homework and complete two or three fill in the blanks and for those of us who prefer just to discuss the lesson with their Circle. Our Circles are a safe place for us to study God's Word, applying it to our daily lives through open and honest discussion. Both Circles have excellent instructors, and you will never be asked to read or pray aloud unless you would like to.

There are no secret handshakes at Circle and we encourage you to bring a friend! Our Circles are filled with women whose needs are constantly changing and who are using Biblical study to guide our way. Our Circles are places of safety, comfort, learning, laughter and love. We would love to have you join us there!

For more info. and to get a Bible study book, contact: [Caroline MacDonald @517-881-7374](mailto:Caroline MacDonald @517-881-7374) / [macdonaldcg@gmail.com](mailto:macdonaldcg@gmail.com)

**Mark your calendars for our Annual Autumn Fest!**



Join us on **Monday, October 21, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at the Westminster Manor (1700 21st Ave W, Bradenton).** The Manor residents look forward to this each year! We encourage all women of the church to come and visit with them, as some are homebound and not able to get out, so a cheery smile would be welcomed.

Members of the circles will bring tea sandwiches, cookies and punch for all the residents to enjoy. The congregation may also donate items.\*

**PLEASE NOTE**

*\*You may bring your "goodies" to the Manor on the 21st as there will be someone at the door of the Manor to take the food from your car, or you may leave your items in the small kitchen at the church covered and clearly marked for "Autumn Fest" on Sunday, October 20th.*



**Congratulations to our church scholarship recipients for 2019-2020  
Kristen Johnson, Kaili Gruwell, and Alexis Vaughn!**

**Scholarship Program**

Kristen, the daughter of Kim and Clay Johnson and granddaughter of Vada Johnson, will graduate with close to a 4.0 GPA from Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale in December with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. With a special love for pediatric nursing, Kristen hopes to work at either All Children's Hospital in St. Pete or St. Joseph's Children's Hospital in Tampa following graduation.

Kaili Gruwell, daughter of Lorena and Craig Gruwell and granddaughter of Patti Li, will be a sophomore at the University of Central Florida in Orlando this fall where she is pursuing a double major in the demanding fields of biotechnology and music performance. Kaili was named *Most Outstanding Female* in the Music Department this past year and has achieved an almost perfect 4.0 GPA. Kaili has often shared her oboe-playing talent with our congregation, most recently this summer.

Alexis Vaughn, daughter of Rebecca Vaughn of Bradenton, graduated from Braden River High School in May of this year and has already begun her college studies this summer at the University of North Florida. Alexis is pursuing a degree in business administration. Her long-term goal is to work in the field of event planning for a large corporation.

FPC is pleased to be able to assist these young women of our church family with their education and to support them with our prayers.

*Janet Schmoll*, Scholarship Committee

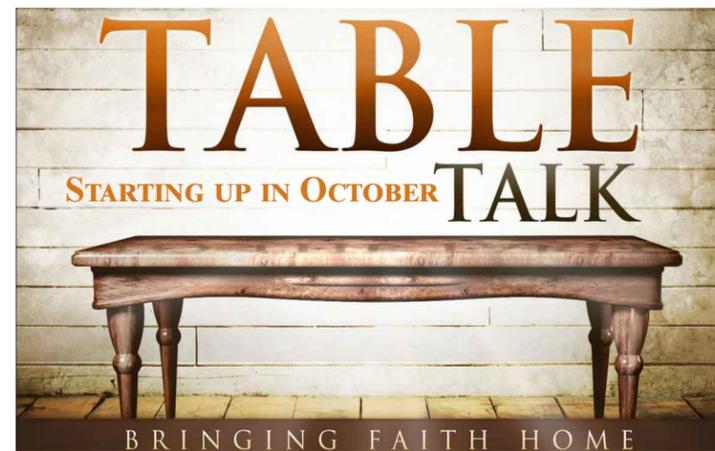


Table Talk Dinner Groups are starting back up in October. This ministry is a unique way to gather as a family of faith and a great way to fellowship through dining, meeting new friends and reuniting with old ones. You need not be a member to participate! You will be in groups of 8, mixing couples with singles. Singles will have partners to share in the hosting. Groups will meet once a month on an agreed day of the week and time of day, for four months. When it is your turn to host, it is your option to either dine at your home or dine out. Dining at home could be you preparing the entire meal, if you like to entertain, or calling for a pot luck. Many creative ideas will abound to be sure. Your group will decide how it will work at the first dinner meeting at a restaurant. Breakfast, brunch, lunch, dinner? It's your group's call. Groups will be shuffled and we begin again with "new" friends in a few months.

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