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Mission Honduras Luncheon

As a way of saying thank you to the entire congregation for the support and prayers that paved the way to Honduras this summer—the twenty nine members of our 2009 Honduras Mission Team want you to join them for lunch. You’ve read about the trip “in their own words”. Please join us as we tell the rest of the story.

When? Sunday, October 4 at 12:15 p.m.

Where? McLeod Hall

Who? Anyone interested in hearing more about our summer trip to Honduras.

What will we eat? Chicken and rice, plantains, tortillas, flan

The mission team will be cooking and serving the lunch, and each team member will host a table discussion about their experience. Mission Team member Pam Baker is preparing a 30 minute video which shares our mission experience. Please join us for this memorable luncheon, as we say thank you for a great adventure!

World Communion Sunday

The first Sunday in October is recognized by Christian churches around the globe as World Communion Sunday, a day on which the table of the

**World
Communion
Sunday**



Lord is filled around the world by God’s children. We will be celebrating World Communion Sunday with a worship, communion by intinction at the four corners of the sanctuary, and a special mission luncheon hosted by our 2009 Mission Honduras team. Please plan to join us for this day of celebrating that “God So Loved the World”.

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Church Calendar

Sunday, October 4 Communion

- 8:30 a.m. Worship
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship
12:00 p.m. Honduras Luncheon, MH
1:30 p.m. Auditions, Movie Room
5:30 p.m. SHYG, SC

Monday, October 5

- 8:30 a.m. MOM
10:00 a.m. Quilters, MH
6:15 p.m. Cub Scouts, CE101
7:00 p.m. Music and Worship, MCR

Tuesday, October 6

- 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, MCR
10:00 a.m. Hospice, CE103
12:00 p.m. Men's Lunch, McLeod Hall
1:00 p.m. Al-Anon, Geneva Room
5:00 p.m. Hospice, CE103
6:00 p.m. Sat. Nite Live Planning, GR
7:00 p.m. Session, GR

Wednesday, October 7

- 8:30 a.m. M.O.M.
3:30 p.m. Christ Kids
5:30 p.m. MS Youth, SC
6:10 p.m. Chancel Bells, MS
6:30 p.m. Children's Committee
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir, MS

Thursday, October 8

- 4:00 p.m. Symphony Guild, CE103
6:30 p.m. Alpha Jewels, GSH
7:00 p.m. Chapel Bells, MS
7:00 p.m. Stamp Club, GR
7:00 p.m. Overeaters, CE103
8:00 p.m. Bell Ensemble, MS

Friday, October 9

- 8:30 a.m. M.O.M.
6:30 p.m. Movie/Game Night, MH

Saturday, October 10

- 2:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen Prep., Kitchen
4:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen, 737 Building

Bag Lunch & Soup Kitchen Week of 9/21/09

314 Bag Lunches Given Out
150 Fed at the Soup Kitchen

With Sympathy

The congregation of the First Presbyterian Church extends its Christian sympathy to **Bill Mitchell** upon the recent death of his son, **Richard** in South Carolina; and to **Toni Barger** upon the death of her brother in Indiana.

Sanctuary Flowers

The flower calendar is across from the library in the narthex waiting for you to sign up to put flowers in the sanctuary on a special day for you. The flowers can be in honor or memory of a family member, friend or all loved ones.



First Facts

Madison Grode received a bronze medal for her performance at the Imperial Dragon Judo Tournament in the 10-11 year old Girl's Division. **Congratulations Madison!**

Thank You

Thank you all so much for the phone calls, cards, kind words, visits...but most of all for the prayers during Nick's four hospitalizations. Although it wasn't exactly the way he wanted to finish out the summer, he has lots of stories to tell and we are proud of him for being so strong through all of it. Nick insists that he has had his share of hospitals for the next 20 years ! It was a VERY long four weeks and we don't know how we would have survived without the support of our wonderful church family. May God be Ever Near and Bless You ALL! Warren, Charlene, Nick and Olivia Glenn.

Remember in Prayer

In Need of Your Prayers:

Richard Ashby	Bob Lindstrom
Anna Marie Barton	Janice Maranda
Barbara Bissett	Jerry Maranda
Geraldine Chilton	Grayce McNamara
Peggy Chun	Kathy Marshall
Sondra Cole	Joan Murphy
Rich & Buddie Daniel	Jeanne Parks
Eunice Dishman	Judy Partain
Helen Dunaway	Jackie Pinckney
Dawn Fellows	Dee Palmore
Helen Gross	Rick Reass
Marge Goodman	Dave & Bonnie Ryan
Marilyn Hearn	Marguerite Sowards
Harold and Mary Hosier	LaFoye Schuldt
Esther Huehn	Bert Schulz
Mary Pat Harding	Myrtice Stolz
Ann & Al Hays	Hazel Thomas
Marj Howe	Shirley Thompson
Betty Johnson	Ben Tucker
Dick Kingham	Sandra Turley
Jared Lockhart	Ann Wilford
Jim Lammer	

Friends & Relatives:

Brenda Chandler	(Carol Anne Golden's friend)
Charles Crews	(Phyllis Gilbert's friend)
Jon Gardner	(Gary & Pat Gardner's grandson)
Barbara Greathouse	(Michelle Morgan's mother)
Barbara Grimes	(Lois Frakes' friend)
Faye Harris	(Kay Gray's friend)
Fernando Huentes	(Pastor in Suapa Honduras)
Joanne Iewns	(Gene Aspy's friend)
Jim Joiner	(Carol Anne Golden's friend)
A.J. Kayntma	(Lois Frakes' friend)
Frances Lilly	(Gloria Allen's mother)
Dick Madaus	(Dale Smith's friend)
Pat Marshall	(Larry & Candy Marshall's sister-in-law)
	(Kathy Michaels' daughter)
Laurie Miller	(Barbara Crowder's cousin)
Andrew Patrick	(Lynn Baker's friend)
Don Price	(former pastor)
Dana Richardson	(Bob Hines' friend)
B. J. Robertson	(Gale Waters friend)
Joan Russell	(Betty Johnson's friend)
Bill Shockley	(Carol Anne Golden's friend)
Ann Tullis	(Judy Winfree's mom)
Scarlett Turner	(Rick & Pat Reass' granddaughter)
Anne Vega	(Susan Wales' friend)
Charlene Verworn	(Roxanne McCann's mother)
Carol and Harvey White	(Gary Gardner's sister and brother-in-law)

In Military Service:

Eddie Gray	Michael Dobler	Ryan Beissinger
Jacob Spence	Derek Shelton	Adam Bass
Leah (Doty) Fuscina	Adam McPhail	David Knowles
Sean Harp	Daniel Harp	Brian Parrish
James E. Baker	Jarrett Abbott	Aaron Ashley
Chris Hagen		

Could We Put "The Squeeze" On You For Some Help?

Volunteers are needed for Orange Juice Fellowship. This is a time of light refreshments and fellowship (from 9:30-9:45 a.m.) when those coming from early worship and those coming to Sunday School meet in McLeod Hall. Volunteers staff OJ Fellowship and they are asked to provide two to three gallons of orange juice and snacks (usually mini-doughnuts, doughnut holes, coffeecake, cookies, pastries, pretzels, cheese crackers, Chex Mix or any combination thereof). We usually try to have something sweet and something salty. Sometimes people have added fresh fruit, cheese cubes, mini quiches, etc. Ann Reynolds sets up the table, prepares the coffee and has the punch bowl set out on the table. The hosts/hostesses put out the napkins, cups and food items and preside at the serving table and replenish items as may be needed. If you would be willing to volunteer to staff OJ Fellowship, please sign up on the small bulletin board to the left of the coffee urns in McLeod Hall. If you have any questions about this ministry, please speak to Dr. Harvey or Ann Reynolds.

Worship, Christian Education and Youth Ministries

Fall Sunday School

**Fall Sunday School at First Presbyterian
9:45 a.m. – It's the place to be!**

Preschool Children will meet in CE108 at 9:45 a.m. for their fabulous Sunday School time filled with singing, crafts, and a Bible Story.

Children in kindergarten through fifth grade will *Dig into the Bible* this Fall with their Workshop Rotation. During this six week lesson, children will be able to experience the Bible story through computers, art, science, storytelling, cooking, and movies.

Middle School and High School Youth meet at 9:45 a.m. in the Student Center as they share in discussions that focus on the major events and teachings in Jesus' life. Both groups meet together for a time of prayer and fellowship and then break into two separate groups for sharing. These classes are taught by a rotation of volunteers from our congregation.

Adult Fall Sunday School

The Perspectives Class will continue their discussion on Who is Jesus/Who was Jesus by Marcus Borg. Dr. Jim Threlkel and Mr. Glenn Thomas facilitate this class. Please meet in Geneva Room.

First Pres 101 will be led by Dr. Steve Negley and Dr. Alan Harvey. This class will focus on the history of First Presbyterian, history of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., mission, ministry, and enjoy a church tour. All are welcome to attend. This class meets in the rear of McLeod Hall.

Youth Soup Kitchen

Also, just as a reminder High School Youth & Families, we will be working the Soup Kitchen together on October 17 from 2:00—6:00 p.m.

Please contact Josh Peters at jpeters@firstpreswh.org or (863) 232-7337 if you can volunteer that day.

**Youth Calendar**

October 4: SHYG 5:30-7:30 p.m.

October 7: MSYG 5:30-7:30 p.m.

October 11: SHYG 4:30-7:30 p.m. was scheduled to be a "Hands & Feet Project", please change to movie night "Invisible Children" screening at North Lakeland Presbyterian Church.

October 18: was scheduled to be a movie night, please change to "Hands & Feet Project".

If you have any questions please contact Josh Peters at jpeters@firstpreswh.org or (863) 232-7337.

**Movie & Games**

Movie/Game Night will be held on Friday, October 9 at 6:30 p.m. in McLeod Hall. Come join us for a delightful evening of friendship, fellowship, and food. Bring a covered dish to share and enjoy time with your friends from First Pres!

Join the Fun!

Our October Playground Picnic will be held on Sunday, October 11 immediately after the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Our menu will be spaghetti, garlic bread, and dessert. Please RSVP to Amy Smith at 294-3121. The suggested donation price is \$3 per person. We will meet in the Geneva Room and after lunch, go out to the Playground.

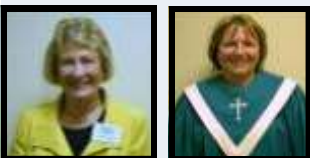


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Please Don't Be Shy! The 1st Pres. Connection Board was established for the benefit of our members and friends. It has been up for a month and still is noticeably barren. You are invited to post notices on the bulletin board to inform the congregation if you are having a yard sale, if you are wanting to give a possession away, if you have services you are willing to provide, if you are in need of community service hours, if you are looking for work, etc. Each notice is to have the member or friend's name, phone number and the date the notice was placed on the board. Ordinarily notices will be removed after two weeks of having been posted. Those wishing to leave a long-standing notice on the board need to speak to Dr. Harvey or Barbara Crowder, Chair of the Membership Development Committee. This bulletin board is to facilitate and bolster communication within the congregation.



Welcome New Members

Nancy Brooks
121 Woden Way
Winter Haven, FL 33884

Lynn McCoy
667 Lake Dexter Circle
Winter Haven, FL 33884

Our Purpose

As a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA), First Presbyterian Church of Winter Haven exists to show God's kingdom to the world as we

...Share the good news of what God has done in Jesus Christ

...Develop and nurture God's children into disciples

...Provide a place and a program for praising God

...Live our lives according to the word, guided by the spirit

...Commit to justice for all God's people.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Become a Greeter

If you would like to serve as a greeter at the main door of the church, we would like to know this. I am in the process of looking at the calendar for 2010 and will be making out the schedule soon. The greeters arrive at the door 30 minutes prior to the start of the service and stay until the service begins. Greeters serve for a month at a time. If something happens that a greeter cannot serve, a substitute will be found. This is a great way to meet new members and renew old relationships. Please let me know if you are interested and when you might like to serve. Thanks.

Ellie Threlkel

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Attention Family Members of Military Personnel and College Students

As you know the Congregational Care Committee has tried to establish and maintain contact with military personnel and college students of our members. With the frequency of changes in physical addresses and in an effort to maintain more efficient and effective contact with them, we would like to request their e-mail addresses. Please call Alan with this information or e-mail him at aharvey@firstpreswh.org. We will be collecting this information until October 18 at which time we will compile our new list. If you want us to communicate with military personnel, please give us your name, their name and their relationship to you and their e-mail address. Thank you!

PW In Action



This week begins something new—a Presbyterian Women announcement spot in Tower Chimes. We will try to let you know how the organization is implementing its purposes: Bible study, mission, and fellowship. We invite you to volunteer to join us in any of our "PW in Action" activities. Please call Phyllis Legg at 956-4052 for information.

Purpose: To nurture faith through Bible study.

This year: the Book of Joshua

Second Monday - 10:30 a.m.; 1:30 p.m.; 7:00 p.m.
(at church)

Third Tuesday - 9:30 a.m. (at Bob Carter home)

Communion and Health Safety

In a time where the threat of flu exists, there has been some concern in churches throughout our country regarding the celebration of the Lord's Supper. At the encouragement of a member of our congregation, the Worship and Music Committee reviewed Presbyterian Church (USA) guidelines for the safe celebration of the sacrament. We want the congregation to know that we always follow strict sanitary procedures in the preparation of the communion elements. And on World Communion Sunday, October 4, the servers will be careful to use hand sanitizer as they prepare to distribute the elements.

Come and See What God is Doing..... Through our Libraries

Proverbs 24:3-6

³ By wisdom a house is built, and by understanding it is established;
⁴ by knowledge the rooms are filled with all precious and pleasant riches. ⁵ Wise warriors are mightier than strong ones, and those who have knowledge than those who have strength; ⁶ for by wise guidance you can wage your war, and in abundance of counselors there is victory.

Come see what God is doing in the First Presbyterian Church libraries. The FPC library system is comprised of three distinct libraries – the Price Library, the Mary Spencer Theological Library and the Children’s Library. Stocked primarily from donations of books and money, our three libraries have a combined collection of over 10,000 titles.

The Price Library houses our collection of fiction, biography and general non-fiction titles. This library, directly off the narthex, serves as our central location and is bustling with patrons on any Sunday. The Price Library keeps a wide variety of best-sellers, current non-fiction and classic literature. The library also has a collection of audio books, DVD movies and magazines. Churchgoers routinely comment that they use the Price Library as their primary source for library books.



Our Children's Library opened approximately three years ago and houses most of our easy reading titles, juvenile fiction and juvenile non-fiction. This library is located on the second floor of the Christian Education building and is intended to serve readers through middle school.

The Mary Spencer Theological Library has been recently renovated and reopened this summer. This library houses all material related to religions, spirituality and theology. Located near the walkway exit off the sanctuary, the Spenser Library offers a quiet setting for reading, meditation, and reflection. Its comfortable setting is also ideal for small group meetings.

Librarians Jonathan and Bethany Owen, Lorraine Todd, Anne Burch and Gail Van Allen are always eager to assist church members with finding the book or information they need from one of our libraries. Please make a point of visiting your libraries and enjoying the vast array of materials available.



October 2009 Birthdays

10/01	Benjamin Garner Lee Wilkinson Nicholas Larson Stephen Luxford	10/11	"Buddie" Daniel Bill R. LeMacks Cori Swango Ida J. Coyle
10/02	Julia Parrish Richard M. Shaw Russell D. Briggs Ruth V. Dunham		Kenneth H. Hart Lynn M. Oakley Marcia Keplinger Opal C. Brown
10/03	Betty W. Kaylor Elizabeth Newton Jessica Coppage Mele Souza	10/12	Conner Trent Rebecca Chilton Shannon Lynn Trent
10/04	Herb Dhein John "Jack" Gray III Karen S. Gerber Marilyn Hearn Pamela Q. Baker Traviss Powell	10/14	Brenda E. Darte Nancy S. Saxon Philip Elmore James "Jim" A. Doty Keith Rasmussen
10/05	Austin Stevens Glenda J. Montney Grayce Parrish Jeffrey A. Snyder Robert E. Lindstrom	10/16	Jody Marie Adams Tom Gretencord
10/06	Karen E. Alexander Mary Ann Snively	10/17	Annette F. Whitney Emily Dunson Martin Harman Jr.
10/07	Brian Boyce Gary McKenzie Peter D. Slocum Whitney Dunham	10/18	Arletta Oriani Paula Threadgill Robert M. Hines
10/08	Betty Jo Gray Gene Thompson Jill F. Kosmensky Joshua T. Baker	10/19	Joan F. Chilton Richard Saxon
10/09	Katie Billman Laura Gaye Stults Scott Scamehorn	10/20	Mary K. Folkard
10/10	Kasey A. Ray	10/21	Benjamin Pickos Chelle Doyel Dolores "Dee" Palmore Dorothy L. Davy
		10/22	Jonye K. Briggs Mary Alice Skipper Shannel Harp
		10/23	Alan L. Thompson Howard Rambeau J. Michael Dobler Jacob J. Spence Kathleen "Kathy" Jax L. Olivia Glenn



October 2009 Birthdays

October 2009 Anniversaries

10/24 Dorothy S. Zinn
Jenna L. Volpe
Toni Krieger
William Mitchell

10/25 Kathryn Marshall
Michael W. Tucker
Robert W. Bentley
William R. Siegel

10/26 Martha R. Burke
Randall W. Palmer
William G. Roe II

10/27 Brad Maness
Emily Ober
Jon Powell
Leah R. Britt

10/29 Gwen E. Waters
James Powell
Julie P. Dantzler
Stephen Stapor
William T. Mann

10/30 Glendora Schuldt
Jeanette Lockhart
Kathryn A. Kennedy
Mike Seney
Pam Wilkinson

10/31 J.P. Powell
Richard C. Baker
Rita Marcacci
Sara W. Koon

10/01 Mike & Amy G. McGee

10/05 Walter & Cynthia B. Roberts

10/07 Bryan & Angela Arnold
Freddie & Cara DeLoach

10/09 Pete & Missie Snively III

10/10 Al & Marj Porter
Karl & Erin Duce

10/11 Mark & Karen Schreiber

10/12 Bill & Susan Taylor

10/19 Bert & Helene Schulz

10/21 Thom & Amanda Rivers

10/22 Joshua & Erika Spence
Warren & Elsie R. Savant

10/23 Paul & Jennifer MacDonald

10/24 John & Cheryl Marchetti

10/25 Bill & Kathy Jax

10/26 Scott & Rusty Hart

10/27 Marion & Marilyn Hearn

10/28 Dale & Regina Keplinger

10/29 Robert & Cynthia Bruce IV

10/31 Don & Norma Martin



Mission Honduras 2009 — In Their Own Words

From June 20-27, 2009, our congregation sponsored a 29-member mission team to the country of Honduras. This group was our church's sixth week-long mission adventure over the past 11 years, in partnership with the churches in the Presbytery of Honduras and the Presbytery of Tampa Bay. The generous support of our congregation has made this continuing ministry possible. God is doing marvelous things in the lives of our members and our Honduran Christian brothers and sisters. Here's how **Lynn McCoy**, a new member of our congregation describes the experience:



Brother and Sisters in Christ, it has been a few weeks since our return from Honduras. I have been reflecting often about our fantastic trip, about the mission work that we were able to accomplish, and the people and country of Honduras. I have a heartfelt gratitude to the congregation of First Presbyterian for allowing me the privilege of serving in the name of Christ. This is the first time I have had the opportunity to directly participate in an international mission and I would not trade the experience for any other.

My first thoughts are of the children. While some of the mission team served the community through a medical clinic, some of us occupied the children with games and craft activities. The children were excited and happy to join us in whatever we had to offer. It was easy to bridge the language gap through laughter and smiles. Honduras is a country of such great need that it might seem like what we were able to do was not even a drop in the bucket.



I do believe that we shared our love of Christ with our brothers and sisters in Honduras and that love and caring will be the lasting impression left from our trip.

My favorite thoughts are of the mission team members. I feel extremely blessed that I was given the opportunity to travel to Honduras and work side-by-side with some very special people. The team was a very diverse, multi-generational, hard working, and congenial group of people and this church can be especially proud of the youth represented on this trip. The church is blessed to have the leadership that accepts the responsibility and organization effort for a trip of this scale and that they continue to encourage the financial and prayer support for this trip and all the local mission work carried out by the church members.



There are many more memories that I will cherish...the joyful worship services when I thought we were going to break a record for the most verses sung for one song...the young boy playing a tambourine...the beautiful scenery and bone jarring rides up to the villages...the villagers that appeared out of nowhere to help push the trucks and help us on our way...the beautiful blue church that we helped protect

with a coat of paint...the skilled drivers that got us safely to all our destinations...and there are many more memories...I pray that those in government make wise decisions about the future of the country and I pray that the current unrest has not made life more difficult for our Honduran friends...and that our church will be able to continue its mission with the people of Honduras.



Thank you, members and friends of First Pres., for the prayerful and generous support of Mission Honduras.