

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

TOWER CHIMES

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PENTECOST SUNDAY COMMUNION

In the New Testament book of Acts, chapter 2, we find the account of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples, and transformed the church. On Sunday, May 23, we will celebrate Gods **Gift of the Spirit to the church, as we come to the Lord's Table on this Pentecost Sunday.** The liturgical color for the day of Pentecost is RED. The only time in the church year where we use that color). You may want to pick out something red to wear that day, as you also prepare yourself to come to the table.

Could You Help First Pres. Host PRESBYTERY?

It is our honor and joy to be the host church for the May 27, 2010 meeting of the Presbytery of Tampa Bay. We need lots of volunteers to help us welcome 300 elders and ministers from the 75 Presbyterian churches from south of St. Petersburg to north of Yankeetown and as far east as Lake Hamilton who comprise our presbytery. Judy Denlinger is chairing our Local Arrangements Committee. Her half dozen committee members will be coordinating the events of the day. Help is needed in the following areas:

- Directing traffic in the parking lots
- Baking and /or serving morning snacks
- Cooking and/or serving the noon meal
- Table decorating
- Greeting our guests
- Set-up / clean-up

The meeting of Presbytery is on a Thursday and we need volunteers who can work that day. Also, there will be set-up and food prep happening a day or two in advance. If you would like to help, contact the church office (294-3121 or office@firstpreswh.org) to let us know in which area you can serve, and a member of the Local Arrangements Committee will be in touch with you.



Kidz Summer Escape Program

Registration has begun! The Kidz Summer Escape program meets every Tuesday and Wednesday for six weeks, starting Tuesday, June 15 through Wednesday, July 21.

Children from age three through kindergarten graduates are invited to participate. A donation of \$160 is asked for at the time of registration.

Please call Amy Smith if you have any questions (294-3121).





Remember in Prayer



Friends and Relatives

Hospital

In Need of Your Prayers

Anna Marie Barton	Alpha Howe
Barbara Bissett	Ranell Hillman
Ann Burch	Sherman Johnston
Millie Carrier	Bob Lindstrom
Geraldine Chilton	Jerry Maranda
Alice Colgrove	Kathryn Marshall
Clara Nell Dantzer	Joan Murphy
Virginia Davidson	Robert Neale
Eunice Dishman	Jean Parks
Mike Easterling	Judy Partain
Lois Frakes	Barbara Smith
Twila Forsyth	Mike Seney
Ed Gorsky	Marguerite Sowards
Mary Pat Harding	Carol Switalski
Al & Ann Hays	Hazel Thomas
Doris Hill	Loraine Todd
Mary Hosier	Ann Wilford

John & Betty Bauer
 Charles Berelitte
 Angela Peavy Bodolay
Abe Braun
 Margaret Boylston
David Clark
 Elizabeth Clement
 Jack Elswick
 Carla Schulz Hardy
 Marthel Harris
 William Heath
 Gerri Johannsen
 Dina Leicher
 Joe Lewis
 John Mann
 Dick Mullenax
 Art McNamara
 Lane Niesen
 Muriel Oakley
 Nancy Padgett
 Jake Reddout
 Dana Richardson
 Tommy Thayer

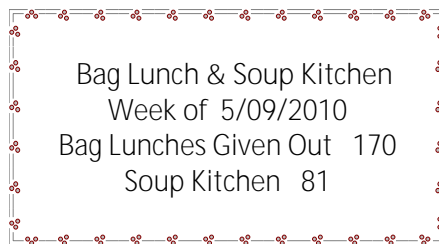
(former members)
 (friend of Ellie & Jim Threlkel)
 (friend of the Goldens)
(Henry Braun's brother)
(Barbara Crowder's friend)
(Lillian Harden's brother)
(Gardner's and Waters' friend)
 (friend of the Goldens)
(Helene Schulz's daughter)
(Dorrie Tackett's friend)
(Audrey Heath's son)
(Norma Conner's friend)
(Diany Blanton's sister)
(Lois Frakes' friend)
(Bob Hines' friend)
 (friend of the Goldens)
(Nancy Shaw's brother)
(Shirley Turner's friend)
(Morris & Jane Lucia's sister)
(Rick and Pat Reass's friend)
(Morris Reddout's son)
(Bob Hines' friend)
(Myrtice Stolz's grandson)

In Military Service

Aaron Ashley
 James Baker
 Adam Bass
 Ryan Bessinger
 Tim Davis
 Rocco Deprimo
 Michael Dobler
 Leah (Doty) Fuscia
 Eddie Gray
 Chris Hagen
 Daniel Harp
 Sean Harp
 David Knowles
 Adam McPhail
 Brian Parrish
 Derek Shelton
 Jacob Spence
 Chelsie Sphaler
 Bridgette Thompson
 Keaton Thompson
 Chris Turner

Reminder

May 30th will be the start of our single worship service. The single worship service time will be announced in next weeks Tower Chimes



Youth Schedule	May 23	HSYG	5:30-7:30 p.m.	Student Center
	May 26	MSYG	5:30-7:30 p.m.	Student Center
	May 30	HSYG	5:30-7:30 p.m.	Student Center

For questions, comments, or concerns, please contact Josh Peters at jpeters@firstpreswh.org or 232-7337

Saluting Our Military Personnel

Have you an extra photo of your loved one currently serving in our military forces in the States or abroad that you would be willing to share? Would you also give us his or her e-mail address? On July 4 we want to unveil a bulletin board dedicated to our men and women currently serving in uniform.

Please give the photographs (4x6 or smaller) with his or her name and relationship to you (son or daughter, grandson or granddaughter, niece or nephew, etc.). Please include his or her e-mail address and give these to Alan. The bulletin board will serve to remind us of those serving in our military forces with familial connections to FPC's members and friends. The e-mail addresses will allow the Congregational Care Committee to send them a monthly "Thinking of You" or "Remembering You in Our Prayers" message.

Sunday, May 23
 Pentecost
 Communion
 8:30 a.m. Worship
 8:30 a.m. Communion
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. Worship
 11:00 a.m. Communion
 12:00 p.m. BP Screening (Annex)
 5:30 p.m. SHYG (SC)

Monday, May 24
 8:30 a.m. M.O.M.
 10:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl (MH)
 1:30 p.m. Friendship Callers (MCR)

Tuesday, May 25
 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, (MCR)
 12:00 p.m. Finance (UR)
 12:00 p.m. **Men's Lunch (MH)**
 6:00 p.m. Music Search (MCR)

Wednesday, May 26
 8:30 a.m. M.O.M.
 5:30 p.m. MSYG (SC)
 6:10 p.m. Chancel Bells (MS)
 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, May 27
 Hosting Presbytery
 7:00 p.m. Chapel Bells (MS)

Friday, May 28
 8:30 a.m. M. O. M.

Saturday, May 29
 2:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen Prep
 4:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen (737)

Summer 2010 Sunday School Classes Begin On June 6

Preschool and Elementary Children are invited on a journey through the Bible with Dr. Alan Harvey. During the summer, the children will focus on four Bible stories with hands on crafts, movie/storytelling adventures, and delectable delights in the cooking room. Parents are also needed to help assist Dr. Harvey during the summer, please sign up on the bulletin board in the CE building.

Adult Sunday School Classes

The Perspectives Class will continue their focus on *The Will of God* by Leslie D. Weatherhead. Tragedy **befalls and leaves us confused. Life doesn't turn out as we had planned. World events bring unspeakable horrors** into the lives of innocent people. The unimaginable happens and we are left asking, Why? Why **did God let this happen? Why didn't God heal my loved one? Why did God give me these desires and no way to fulfill them?** Dr. Jim Threlkel and Mr. Glenn Thomas facilitate this class. The books are available for purchase for \$5. This class meets in Geneva Room.

Twelve Weeks/Twelve Faces: Getting to Know the Disciples of Jesus – The class will explore the Bible and the traditions of the church concerning each of The Twelve (Simon, Andrew, James, John, Philip, Bartholomew, Thomas, Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, Thaddaeus, Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot) who walked the roads of Galilee and Judea with Jesus. Each class session will be a self-contained unit, as we focus on one disciple each week. Come and let your faith be enhanced as we get to **know the stories behind the first ones to bear the title "disciples."** Dr. Steve Negley will lead this class for youth and adults.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES

Lana Groetsch graduated from the University of Central Florida on Saturday, May 8, 2010 with a Bachelor of Science in the College of Business with a Major in Real Estate

Erin Gray graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill on May 9, 2010 with a Bachelor degree in International Business. She will be doing an internship with Deloitte in Washington, DC this summer and returning to Chapel Hill to attend the Master of Accounting program.

Teresa Negley received her Master in Arts in Reading Education from the University of South Florida in Lakeland on May 10, 2010.

Jared Lockhart received his Bachelor of Science in Business, with a concentration in Finance from Florida Southern College in Lakeland on May 1, 2010

Chalsey Martin received her Bachelor of Arts in Biology, with minors in Spanish and Chemistry from Florida Southern College in Lakeland on May 1, 2010.



Vacation Bible School High Seas Expedition will be held July 11-15 from 6:15 – 8:30 p.m. Children ages three through fifth grade graduates are invited **on a vast voyage through God's Word! Registration forms are available in the Narthex and McLeod Hall.** You may also register online at <http://www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/firstpreswh>.

We also need adult and teen volunteers to help us set sail for a fabulous week at High Seas Expedition VBS. If you are interested in helping out, please call Amy Smith at 294-3121 or e-mail asmith@firstpreswh.org. We are looking forward to an amazing week at High Seas Expedition VBS!

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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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Youth Conferences
Week II: June 13-19



In These Waters

Please pray for our high school youth group as we finalize preparations for our summer trip to Montreat. We will be having our last fundraiser for our summer trips on Saturday, May 22nd from 9am-3pm. We will be holding a "Car & Dog Wash" at Choice Dantzer Properties located at 1601 6th Street SE. On behalf of all who will be going on this trip, THANK YOU for ALL of your support! Without the generous giving from our congregation, trips like this would not be possible.

Come and See What God is Doing at First Presbyterian Church . . . Summer Vacation Bible School July 11 - 15, 2010 6:15 - 8:30 p.m.



This summer, children ages **three through fifth grade graduates** are invited to set sail for *High Seas Expedition* VBS fun! Feel sea spray on your face as sails snap overhead - you and the crew will experience the deep, rolling waters of God's love. During this vast voyage, kids will explore the mighty love of God as they journey through Sing & Play Splash, Clipper Ship Crafts, Sail Away Cinema, Goodies from the Galley, Ship Rec Games, Bible Voyage, and The Floating Finale.

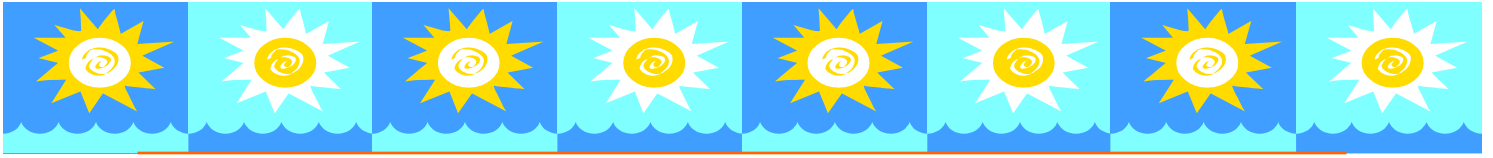
Teens and adult volunteers are needed throughout the week to serve as Station Leaders, Crew Leaders, and Deck Hands. Many hands are needed on deck to help provide a wonderful week of sharing God's love to the children of first Presbyterian as well as the surrounding community.



Register online at <http://www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/firstpreswh> or pick up a registration form in the Narthex or McLeod Hall.

If you are interested in serving in any capacity or have questions regarding VBS, please contact Amy Smith, Director of Christian Education at (294-3121) or asmith@firstpreswh.org.





Kidz Summer Escape

The summer fun begins on Tuesday, June 15 through Wednesday, July 21. Our Kidz Summer Escape Program is open to all children ages three through kindergarten graduates from First Presbyterian as well as the surrounding community. We meet every Tuesday and Wednesday for six weeks in our Christian Education Building.

Drop off is from 8:30 - 8:45 a.m. and pick up is from 12:45 - 1:00 p.m. Lunch is not provided, so please make sure your child brings his/her own lunch. Scrumptious snacks are provided each day.



Each week the theme changes and the children make crafts, snacks, and participate in various activities that go along with the fun-filled themes. The children also enjoy outdoor time playing on the Playground. Teachers from First Presbyterian Church as well as Beymer Preschool help to staff Kidz Summer Escape.

A donation of \$160 is asked for at the time of registration. You may pay a \$50 **"reserve my spot donation" at the time of registration. Registration forms may be** picked up in the church office, or call Amy Smith at 294-3121.

Kidz Summer Escape Themes:

Week 1 - Space

Week 2 - Camping

Week 3 - Science

Week 4 - High Seas Expedition

Week 5 - Christmas in July

Week 6 - Summer Fun!



These summer Christian Education programs are made possible through the offerings, tithes, and generous gifts that we regularly contribute to the church budget. These gifts have kept the doors open and the programs staffed in the church, every week, for over 120 years.

If you feel that God is calling you to join with others in devoting your time and energy to the Summer Christian Education Program, please call Amy Smith, Director of Christian Education (294-3121).