

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

TOWER CHIMES

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Recognition of Our High School Seniors

Plan to join us on Sunday, June 6, at the 10:00 a.m. worship service as we celebrate the graduations of our church's high school seniors. These young people have been asked to join us for worship, where we will recognize their achievements.

A reception honoring our graduating seniors will be held in McLeod Hall immediately following worship.

Good News for the Children of God (FROM SOME GREAT CHILDREN'S BOOKS)

Celebrating the marvelous truth that we are all God's children, our worship services from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend will be centering on "Good News for the Children of God." Each week, during "The Time With Younger Disciples," Dr. Harvey or Dr. Negley will share an entire children's book with the little ones who come forward. (Bigger children, those from 5 to 105, will be able to see the pictures from the book as they are being projected in the sanctuary). The scripture and sermon for each Sunday will be woven around the story that has been told to God's children. We hope you will gather with us each summer Sunday morning at 10:00 as all God's children share the good news.

Thanks A Million!

Once again, the members and friends of First Presbyterian Church of Winter Haven have rolled out the red carpet of hospitality in hosting a meeting of the Presbytery of Tampa Bay. Scores of volunteers helped with everything from baking/cooking and set-up, on through clean-up and returning the last chair to its proper place. A big thank you goes out to all who helped us make this a wonderful day. And a special thank you is extended to Judy Denlinger, our Local Arrangements Chair, for coordinating the entire event.



SINGLE SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICE

Please plan to join us this summer for our First Presbyterian Family Reunion; aka, Our Single Summer Worship Service. Beginning on Memorial Day weekend (Sunday, May 30) and continuing through Labor Day weekend, our members and friends from both the 8:30 a.m. and the 11:00 a.m. worship services will gather together in the sanctuary each Sunday for one worship service at 10:00 a.m.

This single service is a great opportunity to see folks who may normally attend "the other worship service," as we praise and worship God all summer long.



Remember in Prayer



In Need of Your Prayers

Anna Marie Barton
 Barbara Bissett
 Ann Burch
 Rose Carr
 Millie Carrier
 Helen Champlain
 Geraldine Chilton
 Alice Colgrove
 Clara Nell Dantzler
 Virginia Davidson
 Eunice Dishman
 Mike Easterling
 Dawn Fellows
 Lois Frakes
 Twila Forsyth
 Ed Gorsky
 Mary Pat Harding
 Al & Ann Hays
 Mary Hosier

Doris Hill
 Alpha Howe
 Ranell Hillman
 Sherman Johnston
 Bob Lindstrom
 Jerry Maranda
 Kathryn Marshall
 Joan Murphy
 Robert Neale
 Jean Parks
 Judy Partain
 Barbara Smith
 Mike Seney
 Margarite Sowards
 Carol Switalski
 Hazel Thomas
 Norman Warren, Sr.
 Loraine Todd
 Ann Wilford
 Polly Wilson

John & Betty Bauer
 Angela Peavy Bodolay
Abe Braun
 Margaret Boylston
David Clark
 Elizabeth Clement
 Jack Elswick
 Marthel Harris
 Gay Landahl
 John Mann
 Dick Mullenax
 Art McNamara
 Lane Niesen
 Nancy Padgett
 Dana Richardson
 Tommy Thayer

Hospital: Twila Forsyth-Akron, OH
 Rick Reass-WH

Friends and Relatives

(former members)
 (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)
(Dorrie Tackett's friend)
(Ray Larson's friend)
(Bob Hines' friend)
 (friend of the Goldens)
(Nancy Shaw's brother)
(Shirley Turner's friend)
(Rick and Pat Reass's friend)
(Bob Hines' friend)
(Myrtice Stolz's grandson)

In Military Service

Aaron Ashley
 James Baker
 Adam Bass
 Ryan Biessinger
 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 Spahler
 Bridgette Thompson
 Keaton Thompson
 Chris Turner

Church Calendar

Sunday, June 6
 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
 10:00 a.m. Worship
 11:00 a.m. Recognize HS Seniors (MH)
 5:30 p.m. SHYG

Monday, June 7
 8:30 a.m. M.O.M.
 10:00 a.m. Quilters
 7:00 p.m. Worship/Music (MCR)

Tuesday, June 8
 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, (MCR)
 12:00 a.m. **Men's Lunch (MH)**
 5:15 p.m. Personnel (MCR)
 5:30 p.m. Stephen Leaders (GR)
 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministers (GR)

Wednesday, June 9
 8:30 a.m. M.O.M.
 12:00 p.m. Bldg/Grounds (MH)
 6:10 p.m. Chancel Bells (MS)
 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, June 10
 9:00 a.m. Beth Moore Study (EA)
 7:00 p.m. Chapel Bells (MS)

Friday, June 11
 8:30 a.m. M. O. M.

Saturday, June 5
 9:00 a.m. HSYG Leave for Montreat
 2:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen Prep
 4:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen (737)

Sunday, June 13
 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
 8:30 a.m. Worship

Monday, June 14
 8:30 a.m. M.O.M.

Tuesday, June 15
 8:30 a.m. Kidz Summer Escape
 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, (MCR)
 12:00 a.m. **Men's Lunch (MH)**

Wednesday, June 16
 8:30 a.m. M.O.M.
 8:30 a.m. Kidz Summer Escape
 6:10 p.m. Chancel Bells (MS)
 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, June 17
 7:00 p.m. Chapel Bells (MS)

Friday, June 18
 8:30 a.m. M. O. M.

Saturday, June 19
 2:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen Prep
 4:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen (737)

EA Edinburgh Annex
 ER Edinburg Room
 GR Geneva Room
 MH McLeod Hall
 MCR Manor Conf Room
 MSL Mary Spencer Library
 MS Music Suite
 SC Student Center
 UR Upper Room

Kidz Summer Escape Program

Kidz Summer Escape Program begins soon!
 This six-week long program meets every Tuesday and Wednesday for six weeks. The program starts Tuesday, June 15 through Wednesday, July 21. Children ages three through kindergarten graduates are invited to participate. A donation of \$160 is asked for at the time of registration. Please call Amy Smith at 294-3121 if you have any questions.



Mark your calendars

The Fourth of July All Church Picnic will be held on Sunday, July 4, 2010 immediately following the 10:00 a.m. worship service.



Summer 2010 - Sunday School Classes

Sunday, June 6 – Sunday, August 29

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 needed to assist Dr. Harvey during the summer; please sign up on the bulletin board in the CE building.

Youth and Adult Sunday School Class

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. The class meets in the back of McLeod Hall.

A Date to Remember

June 30, 1985

You have an opportunity to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the Ordination of our pastor. We are collecting **messages of appreciation and congratulations to be preserved in a book for him.** Maybe you'd like to tell him about a particular way he has touched your life, relate your favorite “Steve Story,” or share a copy of a photograph of Dr. Negley in action. Just send your notes written on only the front side of your paper to the church office (637 6th Street, NW, Winter Haven, FL 33881) or give them to Carol Carter by June 16

A Time for Celebration

June 27, 2010

25th Anniversary of

DR. STEVEN R. NEGLEY'S ORDINATION

Steve was ordained June 30, 1985, right here at First Presbyterian Church of Winter Haven. Steve served as Associate Pastor at First Pres. for three years. Then he accepted the position as Pastor at the Presbyterian Church of Seffner, where he served for more than seven years. Dr. Negley returned to First Pres. in February, 1996, as **Head of Staff.** **First Presbyterian Church of Winter Haven is excited not only to celebrate Steve's 25th anniversary in God's ministry, but uniquely, in the church where he was ordained.**

Although more than half of Steve's life in the ministry has been at First Presbyterian Church, the congregation from the Presbyterian Church of Seffner, as well as friends and family beyond our “walls” are invited to join us for this celebration. We will hold a reception, Sunday, June 27, 2010, immediately following the worship service in McLeod Hall.

“Hush” is not the word; spread this good news as God continues to bless each of us with Steve as our Head of and leader in our community. Hope you'll plan to join us in celebration!

In Christ's love,

Kit Threlkel

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Bag Lunch & Soup Kitchen
Week of 5/24/2010
Bag Lunches Given Out - 230
Soup Kitchen - 60

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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Saluting Our Military Personnel

Do you have 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 Fourth, 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.), and his or her e-mail address 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.

Vacation Bible School High Seas Expedition

July 11-15 from 6:15 p.m. – 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.groupvbapro.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.

Nautical props and decorations are also needed to help transform McLeod Hall into High Seas Expedition. If you have any of these items, please contact Amy Smith. We are happy to borrow them and return them to you after VBS.

We are looking forward to an amazing week at High Seas Expedition VBS!



Thank You!

Thank you for your generous support of the **Car & Dog Wash!** With your help the youth raised \$900.00 to help pay for the summer trips! Thank you for ALL that you do to support the youth of our church.



The Ringers on the Green

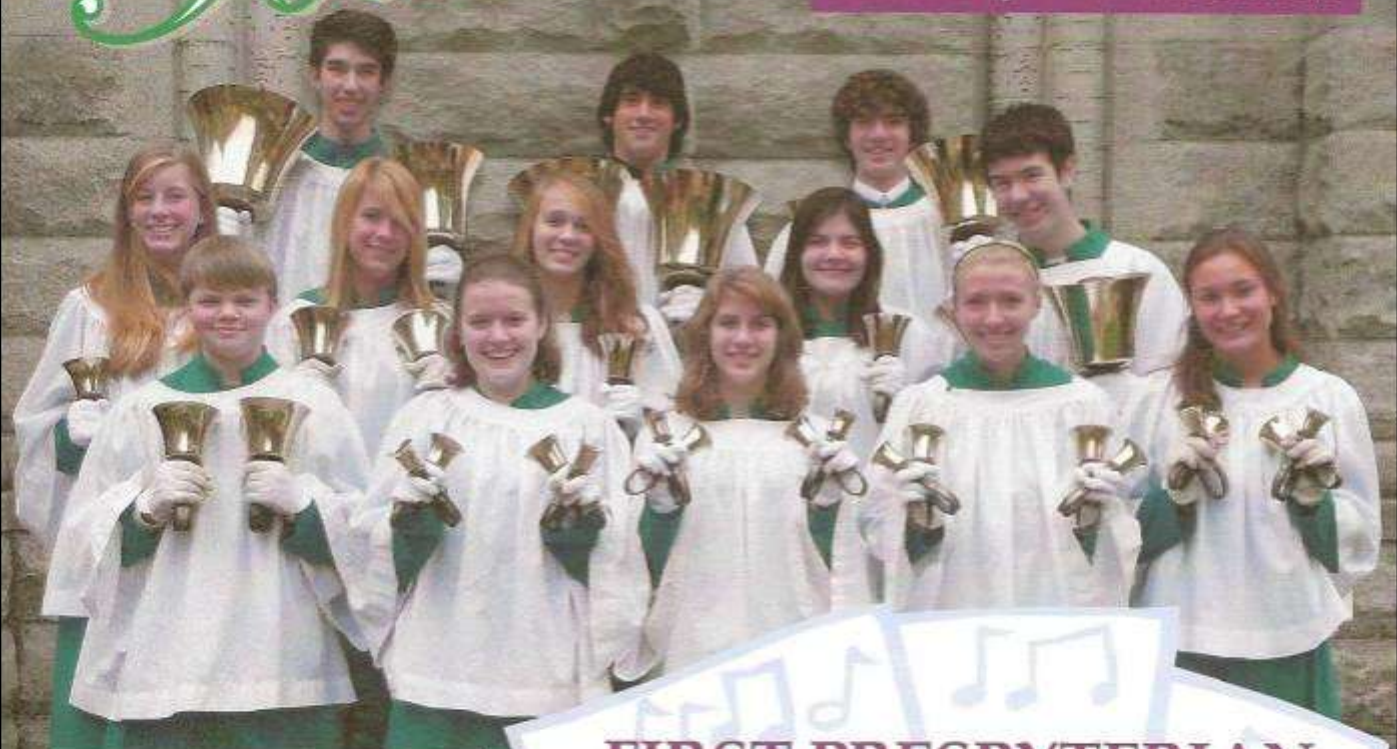
The Ringers are a choir of high school students that ring six octaves of precision-tuned hand bells. For over thirty years, the group has performed in thirty-eight states, Canada, and Europe. This year from June 25 through July 4, the Ringers tour southward to Florida. Along with varied selections for hand bells, these young artists' repertoire includes instrumental and vocal offerings. *The Ringers on the Green* (from The Presbyterian Church in Morristown, New Jersey) will be our guests at a covered dish supper on Tuesday, June 29 (5:30 p.m.) and will perform that night at 7:00 p.m. Please invite a friend and plan to attend. The church will provide chicken tenders, beverages and bread. If your surname begins with letter A-G, please bring a salad to serve 8 to 12 people; H-N, please bring a dessert and O-Z, please bring a side dish. Please make your reservations for dinner with the church office at 294-3121 or office@firstpreswh.org. There will also be a sign up sheet in McLeod Hall.

The Presbyterian
Church in
Morristown,
New Jersey
presents:

RINGERS ON THE GREEN

Tour 2010

Directed by Dr. James D. Hicks



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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Tuesday June 29

7:00 PM

647 6th Street Northwest
Winter Haven, FL

Open to the Public
firstpreswh.org

No admission charge
863-294-3121

Come and See *What God is Doing at First Pres.*

If you had come to First Presbyterian Church on Thursday, May 27, 2010, you would have seen what God was doing as our church hosted the Presbytery of Tampa Bay!

You would have seen how weeks of planning by our Local Arrangements Committee (chaired by Judy Denlinger) came together with a most hospitable greeting of the elders and ministers of the 74 churches in Presbytery. We thank Judy for all her hard work and organization.

Getting ready for company means paying lots of attention to the details around a church facility. Sam Bryant and Ann Quessenberry painted, cleaned, and moved a mountain of tables and chairs to prepare for 300 guests. Ray Larson, Alan Harvey, Steve Negley, and Josh Peters helped behind the scenes. Betty Jo Gray and Anne Windham logged extra hours in the Memorial Garden to make sure the grounds were perfect for the morning. We thank them.

On Tuesday you would have seen head cook Keith Ray purchasing food and preparing the kitchen for a work out. On Wednesday and Thursday, he was joined by Larry Davis, Jeff Bowen, Roy Williamson, Jim Lammer, Bob Winfree, and Andy Ray, who helped prepare the delicious tuna and macaroni salad, fresh fruit, and dessert. With the cooks and others on the serving line, the meals were tastefully arranged onto plates, and then lovingly delivered to each diner at their table. These tasks (and clearing all the tables) were handled with ease by Anne Windham, Ann Kinsey, Susan Singleton, Barbara Crowder, Mary Marrs, Gloria and Bill Allen, Yolanda Dyer, Margaret Braun, Jane Ray, Gladys Larson, Liz Purnell, Barbara Tackett, Toni Krieger, Judy Kingham, Elaine Dustin, Sharon Mitchell, Lois Burrell, Janet Golden, Carol Anne Golden, Teresa Negley, Judy Denlinger, Betty Spishock, Mike Donoghue, Dena Lancashire, Lil Byrd, and Betty Shinn. We thank them.

On Wednesday you would have seen Isobel Hubbard, Sylvia Chambers, Nancy Chilton, Jane West, Marjoire DiLorenzo, Toni Krieger, Judy Kingham, and Judy Denlinger prepare nearly 30 tables for lunch, and hand craft floral and greenery arrangements for each and every table, and each and every restroom in the church facility. Judy Denlinger also created a lovely floral arrangement for use in the sanctuary during the day-long meeting. We thank them.





As the guests arrived on Thursday morning, you would have seen Carl Huehn, Mike Vibral, Mike Seney, Jeff Bowen, and Don Dinger directing people to parking spaces. You would have seen Jim Manor, Yolanda Dyer, Don Dinger, Barbara Crowder, greeting and welcoming our guests. You would have seen Jeff Bowen drafted as our elevator operator, a duty he handled well. We thank them.

Selling lunch tickets for this event were Carol Anne Golden, Janet Golden, and Elaine Dustin. We thank them.

You would have seen Ann Kinsey and Anne Windham replenishing the reception tables laden with fruit, muffins, cookies, pastries, and other baked goods which had been prepared and donated by Mary Ann Snively, Clara Nell Danzler, Rossann Gorsky, Jackie Pinckney, Brenda Darte, Phyllis Legg, Gloria Allen, Phyllis Gilbert, Lynn Baker, Marge Goodman, Jana Easterling, Ann King, and Susie Hankin. The Roe family donated delicious Noble Brand orange and tangerine juices. We thank them.

You would have seen Amy Smith assist during the meeting of Presbytery with sound and video projection and taking dozens of candid photographs, and Alan Harvey and Ray Larson help lead worship. Serving as tellers at the Presbytery Meeting were Janet Golden, Carol Anne Golden, Teresa Negley, Barbara Crowder, Mike Seney, and Jackie Pinckney. We thank them.

Volunteering to help with miscellaneous tasks were Judy Wagy, Meredith Curtis, Diane Repass, and Jane Whitney. We thank them.

If you had been here, you would have seen God at work through these wonderful volunteers, and our entire church staff, so that we were able to extend Christian hospitality to our sisters and brothers in Christ in the Presbytery of Tampa Bay. Through the past and current generosity of the members and friends of First Presbyterian Church of Winter Haven, we have a marvelous church facility which can be opened to host meetings of our Presbytery. It was a great day of serving God in this way, and the compliments received from our guests attested that they appreciated all the love and care that was extended through our efforts.

Well done, and thanks to all who made this day so wonderfully special!



