



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF WINTER HAVEN

Tower Chimes

Weeks of September 11 & September 18

Issue 378

125 Years of Ministry

Dr. Steven R. Negley
Senior Pastor

Dr. C. Alan Harvey
Associate Pastor

Dr. Raymond M. Larson
Minister of Visitation

Dr. James G. Manor
Parish Associate

Amy L. Smith
Director of Christian
Education

Robert Volpe
and Bill Lockhart
Youth Team Coordinators

David C. Brinson
Director of Music
Ministries

Lillian C. Harden
Business Administrator

Sammy D. Bryant
Maintenance Supervisor

Ann M. Quessenberry
Custodian

Anne LeMacks
Child Care Coordinator



Revving up for Education Rally Day



This Fall at First Presbyterian Church

Race Time: Sunday, September 11th at 9:30 a.m. in McLeod Hall

Warm up lap: Will feature a
Revved Up Lite Breakfast
(baked items, donuts, cereal,
milk, and more!)

Adults = \$4.00

Children = \$2.00



Pit Stop Entertainment: Come learn about the Fall Educational Offerings for children, youth, and adults!!!



*Welcome
FPC Fans!*

members

Robert Adams	Carole Marotti
David Alexander	Elizabeth Miller
Betty Barber	Bill & Edna Mitchell
Anna Marie Barton	Ricky Montney
Barbara Bissett	Jim Morris
Jonye Briggs	Joan Murphy
Millie Carrier	Nancy Neale
George Chambers	Corinne O'Donnell
Sylvia Chambers	Arletta Oriani
Helen Champlain	Randall Palmer
Geraldine Chilton	Judy Partain
Sondra Cole	Keith Ray
Peggy Chun	Kline Roberts
Mike Easterling	Earle & Katie Roberts
Jean Fleig	Adam Roe
Vera Finehout	Lori Roe
Twila Forsyth	Dave Ryan
Lois Frakes	Joanne Saxion
Phyllis Gilbert	Barbara Smith
Pam Gray	Jeff Snyder
Helen Gross	Lisa Snyder
Jean Harman	Marguerite Sowards
Al & Ann Hays	Myrtice Stolz
Katherine Hilliard	Carol Switalski
Doris Hill	Lucy J. Teeter
Ranell Hillman	Glenn Thomas
Mary Hosier	Hazel Thomas
Joan Houston	Dick & Julia Trachy
Alpha Howe	Ann Windham
Gladys Keller	Madeline Yoder
Hildegard Lindstrom	

Remember in prayer

Friends and family

Melissa Barton
Renee' Cartwright
Brian (Gloria Cassidy's brother)
 Jack & Dolores Costello
 Norma Downs
 Lisa Dunson
 Brent Fisher
 Betty Jane Fulton
 Bill Kenny
 John Mann
 Dave & Mary Morgenstern
 Noreen Murphy
 Rosa Ortiz
 Ivan Placko
 Pat Roberts
 Dr. Susac
 Gordon Tannahill
 Kristen Tannahill
 Brett Tanner
 Christopher Turner
 Pat Warren
 Julia Waters

(friend of Oakley's)
 (friend of Oakley's)
 (friend of Lynn Oakley)
 (Scherer's friends)
 (Donna Rumsey's mother)
 (friend of Oakley's)
 (Lynn Weeks' friend)
 (Debra Sizemore's mother)
 (cousin of the Volpe's)
 (Bob Hines' friend)
 (friends of Rossanne Gorsky)
 (friend of Jim & Pat Lammer)
 (friend of Ann Quessenberry)
 (Augie Andrews' brother)
 (Keith & Jane Ray's daughter-in-law)
 (friend of the Threlkels)
 (Dave Tannahill's father)
 (Lindsay Tannahill's sister)
 (Carl & Sheryll Strang's son)
 (Zan Dismuke's cousin)
 (Norman Warren's wife)
 (Dr. Gale Waters' sister-in-law)

Military service

Aaron Ashley
 James Baker
 Adam Bass
 Ryan Beissinger
 Tim Davis
 Michael Dobler
 Leah (Doty) Fuscia
 Eddie Gray
 Beau Gresham
 Chris Hagen
 Daniel Harp
 Sean Harp
 David Knowles
 Timothy Lee
 Adam McPhail
 Brian Parrish
 Brigitte Thompson
 Keaton Thompson
 Chris Turner
 Jacob van Zandt

Church calendar

Sunday, Sept. 11	Sunday, Sept. 18
8:30 a.m. Worship	8:30 a.m. Worship
9:30 a.m. Rally Day (MH)	9:30 a.m. OJ Fellowship (MH)
11:00 a.m. Worship	9:45 a.m. Sunday School
12:15 a.m. Child Protection Training	11:00 a.m. Worship
5:30 p.m. HSYG (SC)	4:30 p.m. Youth Comm. (SC)
6:30 p.m. Service of Wholeness/ Communion	5:40 p.m. Youth to Pres. Homes
Monday, Sept. 12	Monday, Sept. 19
8:30 a.m. M.O.M.	8:30 a.m. M.O.M.
7:00 p.m. Worship & Music (MR)	6:30 p.m. CE Meeting (GR)
7:30 p.m. Youth Dir. Search (MCR)	7:30 p.m. Youth Dir. Search (MCR)
Tuesday, Sept. 13	Tuesday, Sept. 20
9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (MCR)	9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (MCR)
12:00 p.m. Men's Lunch	12:00 p.m. Men's Lunch
5:15 p.m. Personnel (MCR)	6:30 p.m. Deacon's Mtg (GR)
Wednesday, Sept. 14	Wednesday, Sept. 21
8:30 a.m. M.O.M.	8:30 a.m. M.O.M.
12:00 p.m. Bldg & Grnds (MH)	3:00 p.m. Christ Kids
2:30 p.m. Cong. Care (MCR)	5:30 p.m. MSYG (SC)
3:00 p.m. Christ Kids	6:15 p.m. Chancel Bells
5:30 p.m. MSYG (SC)	7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir
6:15 p.m. Chancel Bells	Thursday, Sept. 22
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir	7:30 a.m. Presbyterian Women
Thursday, Sept. 15	7:00 p.m. Chapel Bells
7:00 p.m. Chapel Bells	Friday, Sept. 23
Friday, Sept. 16	8:30 a.m. M.O.M.
8:30 a.m. M.O.M.	Saturday, Sept. 24
Saturday, Sept. 17	2:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen Prep
2:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen Prep	4:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen
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RETURN TO TWO
 SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES

On Sunday, September 11, we will return to our fall and winter Sunday Schedule. Join us at 8:30 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. for worship in the sanctuary.

(Your favorite pew is ready and waiting!)

SERVICE FOR WHOLENESS
Sunday, September 11, at 6:30 p.m.
in the chapel

Twice a year, members and friends of our congregation meet for a service which focuses on wholeness. Wholeness might be in sought in relationships, in physical or emotional health, in employment, or in a sense of community. In this time together, we ask for God's help in providing wholeness in our lives. All who are seeking wholeness in self and in our world are invited to join for this time of scripture, readings, private and corporate prayers, and the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

We will hold a brief Child Protection Training event on Sunday, September 11 at 12:15 p.m. in McLeod Hall. If you are working with the children or youth this Fall or you would like to, please plan on attending this brief training. Also, for those who went through the training over 5 years ago, you need to be re-certified. Please plan to join us in McLeod Hall on Sunday, September 11.

Sunday Morning Education Opportunities

Join us on Sunday, September 11, at 9:30 a.m. for our Rally Day Celebration where we will debut our Fall 2011 Educational opportunities

Preschool Children - Music at 9:45 a.m., followed by Sunday School
Children - Music at 9:45 a.m., followed by Workshop Rotation - Come learn about what the Workshop Rotation is all about!

Youth on Sunday Mornings - Join Bill Lockhart & Youth Team on Sunday mornings at 9:45 a.m. in the Student Center

Adults:

Perspectives - Led by Dr. Jim Threlkel and Mr. Glenn Thomas

Connect, Grow, Thrive - Meets in Room 207

Sundays with Steve - Meets in the back of McLeod Hall

Call now to reserve your spot for the Rally Day Breakfast (294-3121)



Habitat for Humanity House #100 Dedication

Even an August downpour could not dampen the spirits of a large crowd as we huddled into the house at 2214 Leo Drive in Auburndale. On Tuesday August 23 at 6 p.m. the steady rain fell during the time for the dedication of this house done by Habitat for Humanity in memory of Carroll Teeter and sponsored jointly by the Kiwanis Club of Winter Haven, First Presbyterian Church of Winter, and Housing Finance Authority. Alan Harvey presented the family Bible to the Thomas family, Stanley Thomas and his three sons. It is a beautiful home inside and out with nice landscaping.



URGENT! WE NEED YOUR HELP TO UPDATE OUR MEMBER CARDS!

(SEE THE PAGE OPPOSITE)

PLEASE COMPLETE A CARD FOR EACH FAMILY MEMBER, CONFIRMATION AGE THROUGH ADULT, AND RETURN TO THE CHURCH OFFICE OR THE "IN" BOX OUTSIDE THE OFFICE. CALL THE OFFICE FOR MORE CARDS. THANK YOU.

YOUTH PROGRAM ACTIVITIES FOR SEPTEMBER

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH

Wednesday, September 14
Safari Night
Supper and a wild safari obstacle course
5:30-7:30 PM at Student Center

Wednesday, September 21
Let There Be Peace on Earth
(International Day of Peace)
Supper, Recreation, and Faith
5:30-7:30 PM at Student Center

Wednesday, September 28
BOWLING
Supper and Night Out at the Lanes
5:30—7:30 p.m. starting at the First Pres.
Student Center

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

Sunday, September 11
Hands and Feet Project

Care Packages for our Church's Military Personnel
Sharing, Supper, Recreation, and Faith Exploration
5:30-7:30 PM at Student Center

Sunday, September 18
Joining Dr. Negley to Lead Worship at Florida Presbyterian
Homes in Lakeland
Worship then supper out in Lakeland
5:30-8:30 PM at Student Center

Sunday, September 25
Getting Ready to Ask Tough Questions
Sharing, Supper, Recreation, and Faith Exploration

Name _____ Name I go by _____ CM _____
Last First Middle

Address _____
Street City State Zip P.O. Box

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ Cell _____ Adult Y ___ N ___ Sex _____

Birth Date ___/___/___ Married ___/___/___ Baptized ___/___/___ Confirmed ___/___/___ Joined this church ___/___/___

Spouse _____ Spouse's Birth Date ___/___/___ Family e-mail _____

Ordained Elder _____ Deacon _____ Minister _____ Date of this card ___/___/___

Dependents Sex Birth Date Baptism Date Where Baptized

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Alternate (Winter or Summer) Address: _____

_____ Dates _____ to _____ Phone _____

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Announcing:
The Theme for the 2011 Advent Devotional
“The Best Gift”

Certainly the “best gift” any of us has ever received is the “Best Gift” that God gave the world on what would become Christmas so long ago, namely, the gift of God’s Son Jesus. We know that this is God’s “Best Gift” because God gave Him to us for God so loved the world. He is our “best gift” because in receiving Him into our hearts and lives we know Jesus Christ as our Savior and Lord.

This year we are inviting our members and friends to write a story about **the best Christmas gift you recall ever having given someone or the best Christmas gift you have ever received from another person**. Some questions to stimulate your reflections are listed below. Instead of a scripture reading for each day we have chosen six verses relating to God giving or sending His Son, Jesus. These scriptures will be used for a week or the greater part of a week to go with your stories. Amy Smith and Alan Harvey will write prayers for each day.

If we have enough submissions (41 will be needed) the devotional will extend from the First Sunday of Advent, November 27, 2011, until Epiphany, January 6, 2012. We will need 29 entries for an Advent Devotional, for November 27, 2011, until Christmas Day. Please turn in all submissions by Sunday, September 25, please note, the sooner, the better. We want to have the booklets available for initial distribution to coincide with our Advent Celebration on Wednesday November 16. The booklets would also be available throughout the week and on Sundays November 20th and 27th. Please sign up on the display board in the narthex if you would be willing to write your story to share with our congregation as we prepare to celebrate once again God’s Best Gift to the world ... to us!

Please e-mail entries to Alan Harvey at: aharvey@firstpreswh.org or Amy Smith at: asmith@firstpreswh.org by **September 25, 2011**.

Some Questions that Might Be Helpful to You in Writing Your Story of
“The Best Gift”

1. Was the best gift you gave something you made? Was the best gift you received something that was handmade especially for you?
2. Was the best gift you received something you might never have purchased for yourself?
3. Did the best gift you gave have some sentimental value?
4. Did it take you some time to come up with the idea that this would be the best gift you could give to someone?
5. Was the best gift you received something you thought you might one day inherit, but it was given to you early?
6. Was the best gift you gave or received a family heirloom?
7. Was the best gift you received something you would never have expected nor particularly desired, but then discovered that it was a perfect gift for you?
8. Was the best gift you received something you might have lost and doubted could ever be replaced?
9. Was the best gift you gave something that was of very little monetary value, but priceless in other ways?
10. How did you know this was the best gift you could have given to the recipient? How did the giver know that this was the best gift you have ever received?

REGISTER NOW FOR EXPEDITION POSSIBLE –CHRIST KIDS PROGRAM!!

On Wednesday, September 14, we are going to have our first official expedition. Your mission, should you choose to accept it . . . come hang out with your friends from First Pres on the Safari Obstacle Course during gathering and recreation time at Expedition Possible – Christ Kids. **You don't want to miss out on all this fun!** All children ages four through fifth grade are invited to attend. Register now for this exciting weekly program at First Presbyterian!



E-mail Amy Smith at asmith@firstpreswh.org for a registration form.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Presbyterian Women in this congregation are hosting a presbytery wide Help Shop on Thursday, September 22, 2011. People are needed to help with setup, registration, greeting, giving directions to various workshop rooms, food preparation, men to help with parking and serving lunch, and clean up afterwards. If you can help on either Wednesday (setup) or Thursday, please contact Sue McClew at 875-6176 or just sign up on the sheet in McLeod Hall on the PW bulletin board. Thank You

Congregational Care Committee Members would like to extend an invitation for church members to join the Congregational Care Committee. The committee will meet on Wednesday, September 14 at 2:30 p.m. in the Manor Conference Room. If you have any questions, please call Susan Singleton at 863-318-9208.

Our pastors are eager to visit our hospitalized members, but we really need your help—Recent changes at Winter Haven Hospital have meant that we have missed visiting some of our members during their hospital stay. If you, a family member or friend who is a member of our congregation is admitted to any hospital, please call the church office and let the pastors know. Thanks for helping us stay in touch with the congregation.

As part of their work during the coming months, the Worship Committee will be evaluating worship events. They will be discussing one or two events each month at their meetings to make sure our worship is inspiring, meaningful and faithful. If you would like to share your compliments, comments, or concerns about a particular special worship service, feel free to contact any member of the Worship and Music Committee. (Carol Roe, Judy Kingham, Barbara Tackett, T. Michael Stavres, Dick Shaw, Bill Patchen, Cheryce Harris, Paige Butz, Todd Dantzler, Gene Aspy, Sara Hanks, Jill Kosmensky and Mary Ellen Porter).

For September, the committee will be holding a conversation on The Advent Season, Christmas Eve and Christmas

OUR APOLOGIES to those whose names were omitted from the September Birthday list:
Sarah Pikos 09/04, Kit Threlkel 09/04 and Sherie Ray 09/07. Happy Belated Birthday!

WE STRUCK OUT! Like the Tampa Bay Rays we couldn't get the ball out of the infield, but thank you to the few who wanted to see the old ball-game. Maybe we can get a bus full next year. Let's do it!

*First Pres and You....*The Evangelism Committee has instituted a program to help new members become more familiar with FPC and its church members. The program ... "First Pres and You" will invite new members to attend a number of brief learning opportunities led by church members, including a church tour, an overview of our church organization and structure and an introduction to our mission outreach and stewardship programs.

As part of our outreach to new and current members, we have sought ways for members to become more involved in the work and programs of the church. During the "First Pres and You" series, new members will be asked to complete the "Time and Talent Survey" that is done church-wide every two years. With this survey we learn about member's interests/talents and then join these with church program needs in an effective way to engage members.

Fellowship on the Fifth...(another effort of the committee) will be starting soon. This is an opportunity for all members and friends of FPC to enjoy a covered dish lunch following the 11 a.m. service on the fifth Sunday of the month. Since fifth Sundays only occur once a quarter, we can plan ahead to attend and know that we can join our friends for a time of good food and good fellowship after church. We'll remind you about the fifth Sundays as they approach and give you more details for each. Please plan on attending.



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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.

Adopted by Session, 2003

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Bag Lunch Ministry

We gave out 229 lunches in the week of 8/22 & 277 in the week of 8/29/2011.

Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 50 people on 8/27 and 70 people on 9/3/2011

Return Service Requested

«nameline»
 «address»
 «address2»
 «city», «state» «zip»

Are you a woman who would like an opportunity to get to know other women while delving into God's Word?

Then join us this fall, in the Edinburgh Annex, for two Bible studies. Two time opportunities will be offered. Every other Tuesday evening, beginning on September 6, from 6pm - 8pm, or every other Thursday morning beginning September 8, from 9am - 11am. First we'll use the series by Priscilla Shirer, DISCERNING THE VOICE OF GOD. "Having a hard time knowing what God is saying versus what others are saying? This Bible study is designed to help participants know the voice of God: His language, character, and tone of voice. By growing closer to God through His Word, participants will be able to discern God's voice from the voice of strangers." The study is 7 sessions and will conclude on November 29 and December 1.

Our second study will be Beth Moore's WHEN GODLY PEOPLE DO UNGODLY THINGS. "In this Biblical guide to authentic repentance and restoration Beth examines why devoted followers of Jesus Christ can fall into the traps of Satan." Also 7 sessions, this study will begin on January 10 and 12, and conclude April 3 and 5. Both studies have a workbook that includes 5 days of homework per session. Each homework session takes about 30 - 45 minutes to complete. The first meeting we will watch an introductory video and in the following weeks we will discuss our homework and view a video.

For more information or to place an order for a workbook for the first study, please contact Lia Gray at 318-1541 or uncpair@gmail.com. Please invite your friends!

For Tuesdays: Sept. 6 & 20; Oct. 4 & 18; Nov. 1, 15, and 29.
 Jan 10 & 24; Feb 7 & 21; March 6 & 20; April 3.
 For Thursdays: Sept. 8 & 22; Oct. 6 & 20; Nov. 3 and 17; Dec. 1.
 Jan 12 & 26; Feb 9 & 23; March 8 & 22; April 5.