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Patriotic Picnic Celebration

Our Patriotic Picnic is always a lot of fun for the entire church family and this year's celebration, which falls on Sunday July 5, will be an extra day of revelry as it follows our nation's 233 birthday. Please plan to show your pride in America by wearing the colors of red, white and blue, and feel free to dress casually for this service. Of course, there will be some patriotic music in worship provided by a barbershop quartet. Quartet consists of Jason Doty, Jim Doty, Tom Mulrooney, George Norton. Both George and Jason are members of the Orange Ridge Barbershop chorus. They will sing "God Bless America" and "The Battle Hymn of the Republic".

After worship, everyone is invited to go downstairs to McLeod Hall for a Patriotic Sing Along. Typically, we have celebrated America by singing songs related to her history and some of her states. We also include a Salute to the different branches of the Armed Forces by singing their special songs. We appreciate Keith who provides musical accompaniment for our singing. This year we will have a special treat as Nat West will strum the banjo for some spirited songs.

By that time we should have worked up an appetite for the hamburgers and hot dogs that have been grilled by David Alexander this year's Chief Grill Cook and others. We will then go through a buffet line to fix our plates with hamburgers and/or hot dogs with all the trimmings, baked beans, potato chips, small Cokes, and dessert. Lemonade, tea and water will also be available to drink. Please remember that we are in a tight budgetary year, and so we need you to make reservations if you plan to stay for lunch! We typically prepare only 10-15% extra and that is to accommodate visitors worshiping with us who may join us for lunch. Please turn in your tear off slip from the bulletin or call the church office by Wednesday, July 1 so that we can have enough food.



We look forward again to another great celebration and we look forward to seeing you here!

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Church Calendar

Sunday, June 28
 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
 9:40 a.m. Called Session
 10:00 a.m. Worship
 11:00 a.m. BP Screening, Annex
 11:15 a.m. New Member Reception, MH

Monday, June 29
 8:30 a.m. MOM

Tuesday, June 30
 8:30 a.m. Kidz Summer Esc., CE Bldg.
 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, MCR
12:00 p.m. Men's Lunch, McLeod Hall
 1:00 p.m. Al-Anon, Geneva Room

Wednesday, July 1
 8:30 a.m. Kidz Summer Esc., CE Bldg.
 8:30 a.m. M.O.M.

Thursday, July 2
 7:00 p.m. Overeaters, CE103

Friday, July 3
 Office Closed

Saturday, July 4
 Independence Day
 10:00 a.m. Picnic Prep
 2:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen Prep., Kitchen
 4:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen, 737 Building

Bag Lunch & Soup Kitchen
 Weeks of
 6/8/09 & 6/15/09
 414 Bag Lunches Given Out
 214 Fed at the Soup Kitchen

Sunflower Gardeners

On Sunday June 14, the Children's Sunday School (age 3 through 5th grade) planted sunflower seeds and sunflower plants in the Memorial Garden. This project was designed to go along with the story of the day, Liz Curtis Higgs' *The Parable of the Sunflower*. In the pictures you see: Dr. Harvey and Riley Rowker put a sunflower plant in a hole, Jackson Parrish digs a hole and the entire class observes the process. We look forward to beautiful sunflower blossoms gracing the Memorial Garden this summer and into the fall.



Sunflower Gardeners

Church Calendar

Sunday, July 5
 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
 10:00 a.m. Worship
 11:15 a.m. Picnic and Sing-A-Long

Monday, July 6
 8:30 a.m. MOM

Tuesday, July 7
 8:30 a.m. Kidz Summer Esc., CE Bldg.
 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, MCR
 10:00 a.m. Hospice
12:00 p.m. Men's Lunch, McLeod Hall
 1:00 p.m. Al-Anon, Geneva Room
 5:00 p.m. Hospice

Wednesday, July 8
 8:30 a.m. Kidz Summer Esc., CE Bldg.
 8:30 a.m. M.O.M.

Thursday, July 9
 4:00 p.m. Symphony Guild, CE 103
 6:30 p.m. Alpha Jewels, GSH
 6:30 p.m. Stamp Club, GR
 7:00 p.m. Overeaters, CE103

Friday, July 10
 8:30 a.m. M.O.M.
 10:00 a.m. MS Youth Beach Trip

Saturday, July 11
 2:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen Prep., Kitchen
 4:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen, 737 Building

With Sympathy

We extend our Christian love and sympathy to Barbara Hill and family upon the death of her husband, Elmer, on June 20, 2009.

Remember in Prayer

In Need of Your Prayers:

Vet Ashby	Marj Howe
Anna Marie Barton	Dick Kingham
Barbara Bissett	Bob Lindstrom
Millie Carrier	Carole Marotti
Geraldine Chilton	Grayce McNamara
Peggy Chun	Joan Murphy
Sondra Cole	Jeanne Parks
Anamarie Coffman	Judy Partain
Rich & Buddie Daniel	Blair Ray
Eunice Dishman	Dave Ryan
Helen Dunaway	Marguerite Sowards
Bill & Lucille Freeman	Elsie Savant
Betty Jo Gray	Myrtice Stolz
Helen Gross	Hazel Thomas
Esther Huehn	Carolyn Thompson
Maggie Hankin	Sandra Turley
Mary Pat Harding	Phyllis Howell
Ann & Al Hays	Ann Wilford
Barbara Hill	Judith Winjum

Friends & Relatives:

Ramona Cargo	(Retha Wright's daughter)
Jon Gardner	(Pat and Gary Gardner's grandson)
Barbara Greathouse	(Michelle Morgan's mother)
Barbara Grimes	(Lois Frakes' friend)
Faye Harris	(Kay Gray's friend)
Mary Duncanson Henry	(Phyllis Gilbert's friend)
Ted Duning	(Jan & Mark Sanders' friend)
A.J. Kayntma	(Lois Frakes' friend)
Paulette Kersbergen	(Al Kersbergen's sister)
Pat Marshall	(Larry & Candy Marshall's sister-in-law)
Laurie Miller	(Kathy Michael's daughter)
Don Price	(Barbara Crowder's cousin)
Joan Russell	(former pastor)
Marcella Scherer	(Betty Johnson's friend)
Tony Silva	(Paul & Marilyn Scherer's sister-in-law)
Ann Tullis	(Gale & Gwen Waters friend)
Scarlett Turner	(Judy Winfree's mom)
Anne Vega	(Rick & Pat Reass' granddaughter)
Charles Verworn	(Susan Wales friend)
Mark Weller	(Roxanne McCann's mother)
Carol and Harvey White	(Jonathan Owen's friend)
John Wilson	(Gary Gardner's sister and brother-in-law)
	(Jan Sanders' son)

In Military Service:

Eddie Gray	Michael Dobler	Ryan Beissinger
Jacob Spence	Joel Snively	Derek Shelton
Leah (Doty) Fuscia	Adam McPhail	David Knowles
Sean Harp	Daniel Harp	Brian Parrish
James E. Baker	Jarrett Abbott	Aaron Ashley
Adam Rooney		

Are You Interested in a Trip to the Holy Land? Would You Like to See the Oberammergau Passion Play in 2010?

We are exploring the possibility of a group from this church taking a 12 day trip where most of the days would be spent seeing Caesarea, Tiberias, Nazareth, Bethlehem and Jerusalem and on day 10 we would see the Passion Play. May 11 or Sept. 7, 14 or 21 would be the lowest priced itineraries. If this sounds of interest to you or you would like more information, then please call Alan at 294-3121.

Worship, Christian Education and Youth Ministries

Summer Sunday School for Children through Adults (May 31 – August 30)



Children of the Church are invited on an adventure of Shows, Songs, and Stories with Dr. Harvey. All children ages three through fifth grade graduates are invited to experience this hands-on faith journey with Dr. Harvey.

Middle School and High School Youth will continue their focus with emerge 3.0. Feel free to bring a friend and drop in this summer at the Student Center.

The Perspectives Class **will focus on "Current Hot Button Issues" and how they relate to Christianity.** Dr. Jim Threlkel and Glenn Thomas will facilitate this class. Please meet in the Geneva Room.

Where TV Land Meets Bible Land will be led by Dr. Steve Negley. This class will go on an interactive faith journey through favorite TV shows of the past. Please meet in the back of McLeod Hall.

Summer Sermon Series

On Sundays in June, July, and August, Dr. Negley and Dr. Harvey will be preaching from texts which lead us in understanding the life and faith of Peter, Paul, and some of the Marys. We hope that you will enhance the worship experiences by undertaking your own journey through the stories of the lives of these faithful followers of Jesus.

Youth Calendar

<u>July 10:</u>	MS Youth Beach Trip 10:00 a.m.
<u>July 12:</u>	HS Youth Movie Night 5:30 p.m.
<u>July 18:</u>	HS Youth Paintball
<u>July 25:</u>	MS Youth Soup Kitchen 2:00-5:00 p.m.
<u>July 27-31:</u>	The Great Escape

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

Our Week at Montreat



World on Fire! This was the theme for the 2009 Montreat Youth Conference. **This year's theme had a sense of urgency to it. Our world is on fire and we are called to do something, to be a part of God's changing world that is hot with possibilities and opportunities.** The presence of God is often associated with fire in the scriptures. We explored how God called Moses into action via the burning bush, and how the Israelites followed God and Moses into the wilderness and God's presence was shown by a pillar of fire at night. The disciples received the gift of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost in what appeared to be tongues of fire. Our experiences from the week at Montreat opened our eyes to the possibilities of what it means to be a Christ follower in a "World on Fire!" Our week started off with a little excitement



as we had not yet made it out of Florida and the van broke down. A few hours and a few funny memories later we were back on the road. We spent the night in Columbia, SC and worshiped at Francis Burns United Methodist Church on Sunday morning. Their Pastor, Dr. Thomas J. Bowman, is a graduate of Columbia Theological Seminary where Pastor Steve and Pastor Alan attended. From Columbia we made our way to Montreat, NC and the youth conference began. Some of the highlights of our time there were the keynote speakers, small group times, worship times, evening worship services, communion, recreation time, fellowship, rock hopping in the river, meeting a church from Lakeland, FL and having them over for dinner, night time devotionals with our back home groups, a hike up Lookout Mountain, a trip to Asheville for a meal as a group on Wednesday afternoon, and the candle lighting service around Lake Susan. On behalf of the Senior High Youth Group, thank you for your prayers of support. Also, thank you for all of your financial support as this trip would not



be possible without the many contributions to our youth ministry programs year round. This was a very powerful week in the lives of so many. In some way every penny given to First Pres helps support our youth by providing a program and a place for ministry, so thank **YOU** for all that you do! Montreat is a special place, a blessed place, and our time there was nothing less! *If you have any questions about our trip or would like to know more, please contact Josh Peters at (863) 294-3121 or jpeters@firstpreswh.org.*

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First Facts

- Janet Lawlor, daughter of Don and Linda Dinger, received her Doctorate of Physical Therapy from the University of St. Augustine, Fl, June 2009.
- Audrey Heath has some grandmotherly bragging rights. Trey Heath received his MBA with Specialty in Sports Management from Webber International University in 2008. He is employed by Florida Southern College as **Men's tennis coach.** His wife, Michelle, received her MBS from Warner University in May 2009. She is employed by the Polk County School Board. **Audrey's oldest granddaughter** Michelle Yodonis received her MPA from Barry University in May 2009 and is employed by the Polk County Clerk of Courts as Business Analyst. Her husband Michael received his MPA from Barry University in May 2009 and is employed by the Lake Wales Police Department as Detective. Her youngest granddaughter Stephanie Heath will continue her studies at Florida Gulf Coast University in August as a Sophomore. Her youngest grandson Tyler Heath graduated from Frostproof High School in June 2009 and will attend Webber International University.
- Whitney Dunham graduated with honors from the University of Florida in May. She will continue her education at the University of Indiana at Bloomington pursuing an advanced degree in **s p e e c h pathology.** Congratulations and best wishes Whitney!

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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Festival of Church Artisans

The Festival of Church Artisans is being scheduled for Wednesday nights August 5, 12, 19 and 26. Participants are invited to bring a light supper around 5 or 5:30 p.m. to enjoy some table fellowship. Beverages and dessert will be provided by the church. Once people have finished eating, the workshop sessions will begin and then conclude around 7:30 or 8 p.m., so everyone should be able to get home before dark. The entire schedule has not been finalized. Here are the workshops, their instructors and their meeting times thus far:

- Advent Banner Making with *Pam Baker* on August 5, 12, 19 & 26
- Counted Cross Stitch Chrismons with *Nancy Dobler* on August 5 and 12
- Flower Arranging for Church and Home with *Peggy Davis* on August 5, 12, and 19
- Large Mural/Backdrop Painting with *Mary Ellen Porter* on August 19 and 26
- Baking Breads for Communion with *Alan Harvey* on August 12 and 19
- The Woodworking Group. Instructor(s) and times TBA.

All of the groups will be crafting things which the church can use. The Advent Banner will be used in worship. The Chrismons will be displayed on our Chrismon tree. A floral arrangement will be made for the sanctuary. The mural/backdrop will be used in the storytelling center of the Christian Education building. The communion bread will be used for the sacrament and the plant stands will be available for programs/services as needed. As one learns "how-to" do these things for the church, he or she will also acquire a skill or talent that can be used at home as well. As some supplies will need to be purchased ahead of time, we need to know of your interest and plans to attend. Please complete the registration form below and drop it in the offering plate or return it to the church office. Thanks!

Festival of Church Artisans Registration Form

Name _____

I would like to attend the following workshop(s). I have Experience. I am a Beginner.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Advent Banner Making | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Counted Cross Stitch Chrismons | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flower Arranging | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Large Mural/Backdrop Painting | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Woodworking | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |