



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

Tower Chimes

Week of May 25 & June 1, 2014

Issue 501

128 Years of Ministry

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STARTING JUNE 1, SUMMER WORSHIP AND SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

For this summer, First Presbyterian church will continue to offer two varied opportunities for worship. **Both Sunday morning worship services help us focus on God through the same scripture and sermon and both include a Time for Younger Disciples.**



At 8:30 a.m. (NOTE THE EARLIER SUMMER TIME), members and friends of First Presbyterian Church are invited to attend **The Gathering**. This service is held in the sanctuary. The piano is the primary instrument for leading in congregational music with a variety of instruments adding special touches from week to week. The prayers in worship and the flow of the service helps the congregation gather in God's love. The Gathering ordinarily lasts 50 minutes and will conclude with the Benediction at 9:20 a.m.

At 9:30 a.m. (NOTE THE EARLIER SUMMER TIME) everyone is invited to come to McLeod Hall for our Sunday School opening time. After prayer together, children and adults will be dismissed to their own summer classes. **(SPECIAL NOTE: PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THERE WILL NOT BE SUNDAY SCHOOL THIS SUNDAY, MAY 25, MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND.)**

At 10:30 a.m. (NOTE THE EARLIER SUMMER TIME) you are invited to attend our **later morning worship**. This service is held in the sanctuary with music and responses regularly led by our chancel choir and accompanied by organ and piano. In the tradition of our church cultivated over the last few decades, a full liturgy gives the congregation opportunities for spiritual enrichment and the sense of God's love and grace. This worship service ordinarily lasts one hour and concludes with the Benediction at 11:30 am.

RECAP: THE NEW SUMMER HOURS (8:30/9:30/10:30) BEGIN ON SUNDAY, JUNE 1 AND RUN THROUGH LABOR DAY WEEKEND.

VBS IS ALMOST HERE!!!



Vacation Bible School is coming soon! Please be sure to register your child/children now for an exciting week of Biblical fun at **Weird Animals VBS**. The expedition begins on **Sunday, June 22-Thursday, June 26, from 6:15-8:30 p.m.**



All children ages four through fifth grade graduates are invited to join us in a habitat filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences that kids can see, hear, touch, and even taste.

Registration forms are available around the church or you may follow this link to register online: <https://www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/firstpreswh2014>.



If you have any questions or if you are interested in helping out, please call Amy McKee at 294-3121.

Church calendar

Sunday, May 25
THREE CENTS-A-MEAL
8:50 a.m. Worship
9:30 a.m. OJ Fellowship (MH)
11:00 a.m. Worship

Monday, May 26
MEMORIAL DAY
Office Closed

Tuesday, May 27
9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (MCR)
12:00 p.m. **Men's Lunch (MH)**
5:30 p.m. Stephen Minister Leaders (MH)
6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministers (MH)

Wednesday, May 28
8:45 a.m. MOM
5:30 p.m. Evangelism (MCR)
6:00 p.m. Chancel Bells
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, May 29
7:00 p.m. Chapel Bells

Friday, May 30
8:45 a.m. MOM

Saturday, May 31
2:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen Prep (Kitchen)
4:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen (737)

Church calendar

Sunday, June 1
SENIOR REGOGNITION SUNDAY
8:30 a.m. Worship
9:20 a.m. OJ Fellowship (MH)
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship
11:30 a.m. High School Seniors Reception (MH)

Monday, June 2
8:45 a.m. MOM

Tuesday, June 3
9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (MCR)
12:00 p.m. **Men's Lunch (MH)**
5:30 p.m. Honduras Packing Party (MH)
7:00 p.m. Session (GR)

Wednesday, June 4
8:45 a.m. MOM

Thursday, June 5
7:00 p.m. Chapel Bells

Friday, June 6
8:45 a.m. MOM

Saturday, June 7
5:00 a.m. Honduras Bus Leaves for Airport
2:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen Prep (Kitchen)
4:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen (737)

Remember in prayer

members

Anna Marie Barton	Pete & Jean Harman	Joan Murphy
Maggie Beeland	Audrey Hawk	Nancy Neale
Michele & Neil Berger	Frances Heath	Randall Palmer
Win Betrus	Doris Hill	Judy Partain
R. Otis Bice, Jr.	Ranell Hillman	Liz Purnell
Lois Burrell	Ed Houston	Barbara Roberts
Millie Carrier	Camille Howe	Mary Ellen Rowker
George Chambers	Scott Irvin	Dave Ryan
Tom Coffman	Dorothy Johnson	Dorothy Ryan
Norma Conner	Toni Krieger	Beverly Seagraves
Jane Dickey	Dena Lancashire	Harvey Snively, Jr.
Don Dinger	Jackie Lawn	Jeff & Lisa Snyder
Eunice Dishman	Anne LeMacks	Myrtice Stolz
Rich & Nancy Dobler	Dot Lenfestey	Lucy Jackson Teeter
Jerry Dugger	Pete & Judy Lindsay	Carolyn Thompson
Jeanne Estes	Spike & Jane Lucia	Ed Threadgill
Fellows family	Rita Marcacci	Shirley Turner
Lois Frakes	Don Martin	Jennifer Vibrat
Phyllis Gilbert	Matt McGaffigan	Betty von Hahmann
Marge Goodman	Heidi Van Allen Munoz	Anne Windham

In the hospital : Sylvia Chambers, Sharon Ramseyer, & Gale Waters

Family and friends

Dorothy Anderson	Brandy Gray's grandmother
Doris Arrington	Debbi Sowards' friend
Charlotte Baker	Rachal Little's friend
Taylor Bentley	Marty & Bob Bentley's grandson
Finn Bowen	Alisa Sheaffer's, friend
Jerry Cooley	Susan Singleton's friend
Don Cooper	Ed & Donna Rounsley's friend
Al Ellis	Jim Threlkel's friend
Ruth Gilchrist	Bob Howard's cousin
Harper Hassett	Marty & Bob Bentley's grandson
Bryan Howard	Bob & Janet Howard's son
Bailee Kent	Nancy Chilton's niece
Pete Kent	Nancy Chilton's nephew
Geoff Lewis	Punkin & Squire Smith's friend
Ruth Little	Rachal Little's mother
Steven Moats	Edna Mitchell's son
Gladys Owen	Jonathan Owen's grandmother
LaDonna Owen	Jonathan Owen's aunt
Lynn Reid	Marty Bentley's friend
Peggy Seigler	Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend
David Smith & family	Penn Tucker's friends
Robert "Ned" Snively, Jr.	Jean Harman's son
Gordon Tannahill	Dave Tannahill's father
Julie Valk & Family	Penn Tucker's friend
Joy Wallace	Arletta Oriani & Bruce Eelmanns's aunt
Rocky Waters	Gale & Gwen Waters' son



Military service

Aaron Ashley
James E. Baker
Ben Clark
Deborah Clark
Tim Davis
Leah (Doty) Fuscia
Eddie Gray
Beau Gresham
Chris Hagen
Daniel Harp
Sean Harp
Coree Jones
Terry Jones, Jr.
Jackie Jung
David Knowles
Timothy Lee
John Marotti
Kaitlin Marotti
Adam McPhail
Andrew Stapor
Keaton Thompson
Jacob van Zandt

Please help us visit our hospitalized members!

The tightening of HIPAA regulations has meant that we have missed visiting some of our members during their hospital stay. If you are a member or a friend of this congregation, or you have a family member admitted to any hospital, please call the church office and let the pastors know.

Thank you for helping us stay in touch with the congregation.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THERE WILL NOT BE SUNDAY SCHOOL THIS SUNDAY, MAY 25, MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND.



SUNDAY, JUNE 1

Celebrating with our graduating High School Seniors.

Please plan to join us in worship on Sunday, June 1 as we recognize the hard work that has brought our church's High School Seniors to the celebration of their graduation.

At the 8:30 a.m. service (note the earlier summer time) we will be honoring **MacKenzie Tackett**. There will be a special reception of the Gathering Crowd and MacKenzie after the service during the OJ Fellowship.

At the 10:30 a.m. worships service (note the earlier summer time) we will be honoring Ryan Irvin, Matthew Massam, Markie McCann, Emily Ober, Jenna Volpe, and Kassady vonHahmann. There will be special reception in McLeod Hall following that service honoring these Seniors.

KIDZ SUMMER ESCAPE REGISTRATION HAS BEGUN!

Kidz Summer Escape, our six week long summer program for children ages three through kindergarten graduates, begins Tuesday, **June 10** through Wednesday, **July 16**, meeting on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Every week the children will experience a brand new theme with exciting activities and crafts to go along with the various themes.

We are accepting registration forms now.

Please call Amy McKee at 294-3121 for more information.



We look forward to seeing you this summer at Kidz Summer Escape.

PATRIOTIC LUNCHEON

Mark your calendars now for the Patriotic Luncheon to be held immediately following the 10:30 a.m. service on **Sunday June 29**. We encourage all to show their patriotic spirit by wearing red, white and blue that day. We will be singing and flag waving ... with a salute to our Armed Forces.



Hog Heaven Smokehouse will be our caterer. On the menu are: Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Baked Beans, Macaroni and Cheese, Coleslaw, Peach Cobbler, Iced Tea and Lemonade. For the children, we will have Chicken Nuggets. The cost for lunch is \$8 for adults, and \$4 for children 10 and under. Reservations are required and these can be made by calling the church office at 294-3121 or by completing the form in the bulletin and placing it in the offering plate on Sunday. A count must be given to Hog Heaven by Tuesday June 24. Thank you!

FIRST FACT!

Tricia Dugger was named the 2014 Publix Super Markets Charities Faculty Prize recipient. The award is in recognition of her outstanding work at All Saints Academy. Congratulations to Tricia.





This summer for the First Pres Youth

As we move into the summer, the Middle School and High School Youth here at First Presbyterian will be hitting the road for exciting conferences, and getting together for wonderful special events.

Mark your calendars for two special youth and adult workdays as we landscape the exterior of our Student Center building.

Everyone is invited to bring a rake or shovel (and wheelbarrow if you have one) and join us for a **“Dirt Pile Party”** on **Wednesday evening, June 18**. There will be pizza and drinks served at **5:30 p.m.** – and then we will spread the mountains of topsoil into molehills all around our student center building. We will wrap up at 8:00 p.m.

Then, on **Saturday, June 21**, all children, youth, and adults with green thumbs are asked to join us for our **“Landscaping Party”**. To beat the heat, we will start at **7:30 a.m.** planting our new bushes and laying sod to beautify the front parking area between our 737 Building and the Student Center, and the back yard near the deck. We’ll be done at 11:00 a.m.

Middle School and High School helpers are needed for **Vacation Bible School (June 22-26)**. Call Amy McKee at the church office to volunteer.

From **July 12th through the 19th** the **High School Youth** will be attending the Senior High Youth Conference in **Montreat, NC**.

From **July 29th through August 3rd** the **Middle School Youth** will travel to Ocala, FL for **The Great Escape**.

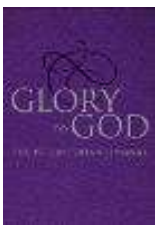
Watch the bulletin for other activities being planned by our Youth Leadership Team for the High School and Middle School Youth in June and July.

NEW STEPHEN MINISTER REQUEST FORMS

Located in the narthex, Centennial Room, and hallway leading to the balcony are safe and secure boxes for making a Confidential Request for a Stephen Minister. Forms and pens are also held by the box making it convenient for individuals to request a Stephen Minister. The

Stephen Minister request forms may also be found in the pew pockets. Just so you will know what you are looking for, a picture of the box is printed here. Look for these boxes!

Your Stephen Ministers hope this system will make it easier to be assured that your request is kept confidential by being deposited in a locked box.



IT’S NOT TOO LATE!!!

We still have 140 Glory to God hymnals available for dedication.

Each dedication will be attached to the inside cover of the hymnal and cost **\$20**.

The Blue hymnals are also still available. If you or your family purchased a Blue hymnal dedication, you will be encouraged to take that hymnal home after *Glory to God* is adopted in mid-April. The Worship and Music Committee will labeling all the blue hymnals for pick-up.

We hope that you will consider purchasing a hymnal in honor or in memory of a loved one.

Please fill out the form below, then drop it in the offering plate on Sunday or return it to the office.

GLORY TO GOD HYMNAL DEDICATION

Your Name: _____ Amount: \$ _____

Please circle in Memory of or in Honor of: _____

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION



Weird Animals is coming up June 22-26. You don't want to miss out on this great adventure from 6:15-8:30 p.m. each evening, Sunday through Thursday. We are looking forward to a great year. We need everyone to register ahead of time so we can get all of our Jungle Crews ready for their expeditions. Please fill out the attached registration form and drop into the offering plate or turn into the church office.



Name _____ Age _____ Grade Completed _____

Parent Name _____ Emergency Contact Number _____

E-mail address _____

Allergies or Special Considerations _____

Special friend your child would like to be with? _____

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL (JUNE 1 THROUGH AUGUST 24)



We know that folks travel a lot during the summer months but we still want to provide a time of Christian Education on Sunday mornings for all ages.



Children ages three through fifth grade graduates can join Amy McKee and Carrie Bilancio as we travel through – What's in the Bible?, a DVD adventure this summer. Please meet in the Movie Room from 9:30-10:20 a.m. every Sunday, June 1 – August 24. We will have snacks, crafts, and movies!

This summer, the Middle & High School Youth and Adults are invited to join Dr. Steve Negley & Youth Volunteers in the back of McLeod Hall for "Where TV Land Meets Bible Land," an interactive DVD journey through classic TV shows and Bible times. This class will meet from 9:30-10:20 a.m. every Sunday, June 1 – August 24.

Bible + TV Land = Bible Land

First Presbyterian on the web has a new look! Visit our website! www.firstpreswh.org

Winter Haven's own award-winning Clark-Nikdel-Powell designed our stunning new website. Check it out!

DESINGING Women

Father's Day Women and Girls Chorus

June 15 at 9:45 in 3rd Floor Choir Room

7:30 Worship

Celebrating Generosity Through Summer Mission Opportunities

As summer is upon us, many people find that a change in schedule allows them some extra time to invest in the kingdom of God. Here are some wonderful ways that you can get involved, help others, and serve God with a smile all at the same time:

Meals on Wheels –Summer Drivers Needed

Each weekday, over one hundred residents of our area depend on the drivers from Meals on Wheels to deliver the hot, nutritious lunch and personal contact that helps them stay in their own homes. During the summer months, when many regular Meals on Wheels volunteers are away at their alternate addresses, Meals desperately needs fill-in drivers. It takes a couple of hours around lunch time to deliver the meals on a route. If you could help one or more days a week, or even one or two days this summer, it would be a God-send. Meals on Wheels is located on Sixth Street, NW, directly across from our church. Call or drop by to find out where you are needed.

Saturday Soup Kitchen-- Head Cooks and Helpers wanted

Our weekly ministry of providing a hot meal in the name of Jesus Christ to the hungry in our community has does not hit a summer slump. We still feed between 75 and 100 hungry people every Saturday night. The crews usually meet in the church kitchen around 2 PM Saturday for food prep and set-up. The serving hour at our 737 building is 4-5 PM. Clean-up is usually done in 30 minutes, and the volunteers are out the door by 5:30 – filled with the knowledge that lots of our neighbors will not go to bed hungry that night! . If you would like to be a part of this ministry of care and compassion, sign up on the bulletin board in McLeod Hall. Head cooks and helpers are needed.

Bag Lunch Ministry -- Assemble Food Bags on your Schedule

For over 20 years, First Presbyterian Church has responded to Matthew 25 by feeding every hungry person who comes to our doors. Now, our Bag Lunch Ministry feeds an average of 50 people each weekday. Food items are purchased in bulk by the Deacons, and volunteers are needed to assemble bag lunches. It takes about an hour or two for one person to bag 125 lunches (one half a week's worth of our distribution) If you would be willing to come by, just call the church office and find out how our supply is holding out, and schedule your time to help out.





JUNE BIRTHDAYS



6/1	Carol Carter Luciana Glenn Barbara Perkins	6/10	Hunter Stapor Lori Temple	6/21	Elizabeth Fielder MaryBess Thompson Jennifer Van Allen
6/2	Dusty Marshall	6/11	Michael Thompson Betty Vantrease	6/22	Rachel Harris
6/3	Bryan Arnold Bristol Denlinger Robert Endress Hadley Owen	6/12	John Bader Karen King John Van Allen	6/23	Audrey Hawk Camryn Swango
6/4	Shannon Badnell Isobel Hubbard Joe McKee Sarah Rennie	6/13	Bill Garrett	6/24	Owen Boyce Dana Elmore Rhonda Garneau Dorothy Ryan Robbie Siefke MacKenzie Tackett
6/5	Arthur Harris Janet Lawlor Adam Smith Jean Tannahill	6/14	Pamela Blackburn David Dinger Kay Hedden Sadie Owen Julia Trachy	6/25	Rachel Alexander Joyce Anderson Jane Whitney
6/6	Megan Keplinger Dean Shull	6/15	Elizabeth Peters Lyn Swart Hamp Walker	6/26	Sherry Kennedy
6/7	Ann Adams Susan Hankin Adam Roe Paul Stewart	6/16	Til Fellows Stuart Fitzgerald Kathy Lockhart	6/27	Emily Snyder
6/8	Pat Miller	6/18	Philip MacDonald Jordan Peters Justin Ryan	6/28	Rich Dobler
6/9	Laura Frost Hildegarde Lindstrom	6/19	John Eycleshimer Steve Lockhart	6/29	Bill Adams Kim Kelley Clare McAdams Philip Siefke Brigitte Thompson
6/10	Mike Easterling Alex Girouard	6/20	Joyce Hayman Karla Hoffman	6/30	Ardell McKenzie Ellie Threlkel



JUNE Anniversaries



6/1	Kevin & Lynne Grady Arthur & Betty Harris	6/10	Rob & Laura Frost Steve & Kim Lockhart Lou & Glenda Parrott	6/21	Mike & Cheryce Harris
6/2	Debora & Jay Pearson Andy & Sherie Ray	6/11	Bob & Lori Grode Dick & Nancy Shaw	6/22	Len & Mary Ellen Porter Adam & Leah Weeks
6/3	Joel & Barbara Smith	6/12	Rich & Nancy Dobler George & Ruth Dunham	6/24	Ron & Gail Damkjer John & Gail Van Allen
6/4	Richard & Dana Elmore Jim & Ellie Threlkel	6/13	Bill & Gloria Allen	6/25	Ed & Sharon Mitchell Ryan & Jessica Groetsch Ed & Barbara Smith
6/5	Jim & Bev Morris	6/14	Don & Linda Dinger Tom & Pat Nepute Craig & Betsy Wengler	6/26	Gee & Christa Roe Dave & Penny Zwicker
6/6	Mark & Patti Bostick	6/18	Jim & Sally Doty	6/28	Charles & Nancy Chilton Jim & Ann King Chuck & Pam Watson
6/8	Larry & Marie Adams Mike & MaryBess Thomopson	6/19	Pete & Jean Harman Justin & Sarah Ryan		
6/9	Brian & Jennifer Boyce	6/21	Glen & Joyce Anderson		
6/9	Geoff & Nicole Roe George & Beverly Seagreaves Jeff & Lisa Snyder				

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Our Purpose Statement

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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Bag Lunch Ministry

We gave out 178 bag lunches in the week of 5/12/14.

Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 85 people on 5/17/14.

Return Service Requested

HELPING HONDURANS

From June 7-14, 2014, a twenty person mission team from our congregation will be working alongside our Christian sisters and brothers of the Presbyterian Church of Honduras to share the gospel and bring God's love to the people of this Central American country. Our mission team will be helping to conduct three dental clinics, one-day medical clinics, work to pour a concrete floor in one church, and paint the sanctuary of another church.

The members of our congregation are already helping us help the people in Honduras through the support of our church budget. Some of our mission dollars will be helping offset the costs of this trip.

There are two more ways you might be able to help:

- Please pray for our mission team members as we prepare to travel to Honduras.
- Donations will be accepted during the month of May to help purchase medications, building/painting materials, and supplies. (Grab a donation envelope from the Mission board in the narthex to help.)

