



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

Tower Chimes

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Issue 506

128 Years of Ministry

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YOUTH SUNDAY

We hope you are planning to join us in worship on **Sunday, August 17**, as the Middle and High School youth from our church will be leading the congregation in worship.

Come and see how God is at work in the lives of our youth. Near the end of a summer that has included trips to Honduras, the Montreat Youth Conference, and the The Great Escape, the Spirit is stirring in their midst, and they can't wait for that to spill over into worship.

See you on Youth Sunday!



ALL CHURCH BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON: MARK THE DATE AND RESERVE A SPACE

Last year in August we hosted an All Church Birthday Party and this year we decided to have an All Church Birthday Luncheon. This event will follow the 10:30 worship service on **Sunday, August 24**. It will be a sandwich and salad luncheon with cupcakes and ice cream to mark our celebration of birthdays. The cost for adults will be \$6 and \$3 for children (preschool to age 10). (We will collect at the party.)

There will be music! There will be games! So plan to come and join the celebration of your church family's brothers and sisters' birthdays. Please complete the tear off (each person on separate line) and place in the offering plate or call the church office at 294-3121 to make reservations. Thank you!

Happy Birthday
to....
You, & you,
& you, & you,



ALL CHURCH BIRTHDAY PARTY RESERVATION

Name: _____ Birth Month: _____

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**AUGUST
EVENTS**

Church calendar

Sunday, August 3

8:30 a.m. Worship
 9:20 a.m. OJ Fellowship (MH)
 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
 10:30 a.m. Worship

Monday, August 4

8:45 a.m. MOM

Tuesday, August 5

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (MCR)
 12:00 p.m. **Men's Lunch (MH)**
 6:00 p.m. SNL Planning (MH)

Wednesday, August 6

8:45 a.m. MOM

Thursday, August 7

Friday, August 8

Saturday, August 9

2:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen Prep (Kitchen)
 4:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen (737)

Sunday, August 10

8:30 a.m. Worship
 9:20 a.m. OJ Fellowship (MH)
 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
 10:30 a.m. Worship
 5:30 a.m. HSYG (SC)

Monday, August 11

8:45 a.m. MOM
 6:30 p.m. Christian Education (GR)

Tuesday, August 12

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (MCR)
 12:00 p.m. **Men's Lunch (MH)**
 6:30 p.m. Personnel (MCR)
 7:00 p.m. Session (GR)

Wednesday, August 13

8:45 a.m. MOM
 12:00 p.m. Buildings & Grounds (MH)
 5:30 p.m. MSYG (SC)
 7:00 p.m. Officer Training (MCR)

Thursday, August 14

Friday, August 15
 6:30 p.m. Family Night (MH)

Saturday, August 16

2:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen Prep (Kitchen)
 4:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen (737)

IT'S A GIRL!

Congratulations to Kyle and April Porter on the birth of their daughter Brooklyn Jane Porter, born on July 19. We rejoice with Bill and Carol Roe, proud grandparents of Baby Brooklyn.

Remember in prayer members

Anna Marie Barton
 Maggie Beeland
 Win Betrus
 R. Otis Bice, Jr.
 Guy Bostick
 Lois Burrell
 Millie Carrier
 George & Sylvia Chambers
 Tom Coffman
 Norma Conner
 Kathleen DeLoach
 Don Dinger
 Jerry Dugger
 Jana Easterling
 Jeanne Estes
 Lois Frakes
 Kathy Girouard
 Marge Goodman
 Pete & Jean Harman

Jane Hayman
 Frances Heath
 Doris Hill
 Ranell Hillman
 Ed Houston
 Camille Howe
 Dorothy Johnson
 Toni Krieger
 Ronda Lacy
 Dena Lancashire
 Anne LeMacks
 Dot Lenfestey
 Judy Lindsay
 Spike & Jane Lucia
 Rita Marcacci
 Anne McCauley
 Matt McGaffigan
 Amy McGee
 Heidi Van Allen-Munoz

Joan Murphy
 Nancy Neale
 Joe Oriani
 Judy Partain
 Liz Purnell
 Sharon Ramseyer
 Barbara Roberts
 Mary Ellen Rowker
 Dave Ryan
 Dorothy Ryan
 Beverly Seagraves
 Lisa Snyder
 Myrtice Stolz
 Steve Sowards
 Lucy Jackson Teeter
 Ed Threadgill
 Shirley Turner
 Betty von Hahmann
 Anne Windham



Military service

Aaron Ashley
 James E. Baker
 Ben Clark
 Deborah Clark
 Tim Davis
 Leah (Doty) Fuscina
 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

Family and friends

Al Ellis
 Jean Hehn
 Abigail Ising
 Kalogridis family
 Bailee Kent
 Geoff Lewis
 Sharon Maulden
 Nan Mason
 Lynnis Mincey
 Ruth Norton
 Bob Rayburn
 Jake Reddout
 Peggy Seigler
 Gail Shipley
 David Smith & family
 Robert "Ned" Snively, Jr.
 Rae Tucker
 Rolland Waters

Jim Threlkel's friend
 Ellie Threlkel's friend
 Rick & Pat Reass' great-niece
 Renney family's friends
 Nancy Chilton's niece
 Punkin & Squire Smith's friend
 Judy Winfree's sister
 Harvey & Mary Ann Snivley's daughter
 Judy Winfree's friend
 Gale & Gwen Waters' friend
 Beth Koon's friend
 Morris & Ann Reddout
 Ellie Threlkel's friend
 Connie Shipley's sister-in-law
 Penn Tucker's friend
 Jean Harman's son
 Tish Turner's mother
 Gale & Gwen Waters' son

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



Our sincerest sympathy goes to Donna Rounsley in the death of her mother, Norma Downs, who died Tuesday, June 17, 2014.

Our deepest sympathy goes to Ruth Dunham in the death of her sister, Norma Fimon, who died Wednesday, July 9, 2014.

Our Christian sympathy goes to Ruth Norton in the death of her husband, George Norton, who died Thursay, July 3, 2014.

Welcome to our newest members!!!



Patti Gessler Forum
700 Mirror Ter. NW #408
Winter Haven, FL 33881
863-293-8569



Anne & Dick McCauley
4469 Turnberry Ln.
Lake Wales, FL 33859
863-875-3049



Jan & Norm Patrick
132 E. Hampton Dr.
Auburndale, FL 33823
863-816-4433

FRIENDSHIP CALLERS



We have need of some who would like to become a little more involved in the life and ministry of our church. You are invited to look into becoming a Friendship Caller: you do not need any special talent or the giving of a lot of your time to this vital ministry. You need the gift of wanting to lift another who is lonely and/or cannot get out on their own.

Please call Ray, or one of our present Friendship Callers: Bill Allen, Orrin & Helen Champlain, Ed & Joan Houston, Joey Johnston, Phyllis Legg, Kline Roberts. We have many friends and members who would love to welcome your visit.

MEALS ON WHEELS NEEDS YOUR HELP

Do you like to work with food? Do you like to help the homebound of our community? VOLUNTEERS are needed for kitchen preparation. Work 1 day a week or substitute, come in at 6:30 am or 8:00 until 10:00. Summertime is a struggle! Northern Volunteers have gone home and other volunteers are vacationing! Meal delivery drivers and thrift store volunteers also needed.



JOIN THEM TO FEED THE HOMEBOUND!

For more information contact Susan Eldridge, Executive Director, at 863-299-1616 or email susan@mealsonwheelspolk.com. Watch their short video at www.mealsonwheelspolk.com. Their recipients and volunteers tell you about Meals on Wheels.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP YOUR CHURCH WELCOME FIRST TIME VISITORS?



Would you like to join with the Deacons and Elders in participating in this important ministry? Currently we have need of volunteers for **Sundays August 10, September 7 & 14, and October 12, 19, & 26.**

If you have more questions or if your answer is "Yes," then please call Alan at the church office (294-3121). Thank you!

LOCAL MISSION SUPPLIES NEEDED

When you are out and about, please consider picking up some of these items for a few of our local missions:

- **Family Emergency Services** - Food pantry items.
- **Soup Kitchen** - Travel sizes of soap, shampoo, conditioner, tooth brushes, tooth paste, deodorant, razors.
- **Angels Care** - Food pantry items, travel sizes of soap, shampoo, conditioner, tooth brushes, tooth paste, deodorant, razors, bible themed coloring books, crayons, small books, stickers, wash cloths, band aids, wet wipes, antibacterial soap, antibiotic ointment.



Celebrating Generosity Through Gifts to the 3 Cents-a-Meal Hunger Offering

From January 1 through June 30, 2014, guess how much you have contributed to our 3 Cents/Meal – Hunger Offering? Do you believe we gave: A) \$2997.56 B) \$3975.88 or C) \$4828.11? If your answer was either of the first two figures, then you did not guess correctly! Considering the other opportunities that we have to give beyond our pledge or regular giving pattern, it is remarkable that we have given more than \$4800 to this offering since the beginning of this year!

Of that amount, \$897.78 has remained here in Winter Haven to assist in funding our “Feeding the Hungry” programs. While our bag lunch ministry and our Saturday Soup Kitchen also receive money from the Deacon’s Fund, this amount along with certain designated gifts enable us to continue these ministries. As Dr. Negley pointed out in his Time with Younger Disciples on Sunday July 27, hunger does not take a vacation! While he and Mrs. Negley were on vacation for about two weeks, four hundred bag lunches were given out. On the two Saturdays of their vacation, over two hundred people were served meals at our Soup Kitchen.

Also, ongoing is our presbytery’s mission to migrant farm workers at BethEl. To assist that ministry, we were able to send them \$1256.89 through our gifts to 3 Cents/Meal – Hunger Offering.

Also, a portion of the monies collected for this offering is sent to Honduras. Of that \$4828.11, we have been able to send \$1,436.45, which has been used to provide Merienda for the children who come to church hungry on Sunday mornings. While our Orange Juice Fellowship supplements our breakfast on Sunday mornings, many of the children there come to the church for their breakfast. In addition, the international partnership provide scholarships for students there, who without such assistance most likely would not be able to continue their education after completing the sixth grade.

It is wonderful to know that we are making a difference in people’s lives ... providing food for people who would go hungry here ... in Wimauma ... and in Honduras. Thank you for giving generously to this offering thus far and we hope that our contributions to 3 Cents-a-Meal Hunger Offering for July through December 2014 may surpass what has been given in the first six months of this year. We thank our Three Penny Partners for their assistance in collecting this offering on the third Sunday of each month. We also thank Gene Aspy, Tom Mulrooney, and Bill Patchen who attend to the collection following worship and deal with all of the coins!



SUMMER WORSHIP AND SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE IS IN FULL SWING

This summer, First Presbyterian Church is continuing 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.**, 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.**, children ages three through fifth grade meet in the movie room (202) for Sunday School and youth & adults meet in the back of McLeod Hall.

At **10:30 a.m.** 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 a.m.



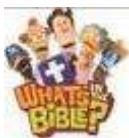
RECAP...

OUR SUMMER HOURS, 8:30/9:30/10:30, RUN THROUGH LABOR DAY WEEKEND.



SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL-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.



KEEPING STEPHEN MINISTER REQUEST FORMS CONFIDENTIAL



It is **GOOD NEWS** when a Stephen Minister Request Form Box is opened and found empty, if no one is in need of a Stephen Minister. It is **BAD NEWS** when a Stephen Minister Request Form Box is opened and found empty, if someone is in need of a Stephen Minister. Stephen Minister Request Form Boxes have been placed in the **Centennial Room, narthex and balcony hallway** for your convenience. These secure boxes make it easy for someone to make a Confidential Request for a Stephen Minister. Forms are found in the pew pockets and forms and pens are also held by the box making it convenient for individuals to request a Stephen Minister. Just so you will know what you are looking for, a picture of the box is printed here. 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.

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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 282 bag lunches in the week of 7/14/14.

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We gave out 306 bag lunches in the week of 7/21/14.

We gave a total of 1013 in June.

Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 110 people on 7/19/14.

&

We fed 116 people on 7/26/14.

We fed 338 people in June.

Return Service Requested

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS!!!



All families of the church are invited to **Family Night at FPC**, an evening of fellowship and information about our Fall Programming Schedule. We will meet in McLeod Hall from 6:30 – 8 p.m. on **Friday evening, August 15**. If you plan on joining us for pizza and fellowship, please RSVP to Amy McKee at amckee@firstpreswh.org or 294-3121. See you all there!

Christ Kids is coming! All children of the church and their friends, ages four through fifth grade are invited to join us for our **FREE Wednesday** afternoon program beginning on **September 3**. We will gather out on the Playground **beginning at 3 p.m. and wrap up at 5:30 p.m.** Registration forms are available. Please contact Amy McKee to reserve your child's space. We are looking forward to a great year of music, snacks, outdoor play, crafts, Bible story, and fun with our friends!

Christ Kids



Rally Day will be held on **Sunday, September 7**, beginning with breakfast at **9:45 a.m.** Everyone is invited to learn more about our Fall Christian Education programs and Sunday School classes which will begin the next week. The menu will be: Sausage biscuit snackers, mini quiches, assorted pastries, scalloped apples, doughnuts, cereal, milk, orange juice, and/or coffee. The suggested donation is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children. You may call the church office to reserve your spot or fill out the tear off and place it in the offering plate.

RALLY DAY BREAKFAST RESERVATION

Name: _____ # Adults: _____ # Children: _____