



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

Tower Chimes

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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.



YOUTH SUNDAY

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!

ALL CHURCH BIRTHDAY PARTY RESERVATION

Name: _____ Birth Month: _____

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Church calendar

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17

3 Cents-a-Meal

- 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 18

- 8:45 a.m. MOM
- 6:15 p.m. Worship & Music (UR)

Tuesday, August 19

- 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (MCR)
- 12:00 p.m. Men's Lunch (MH)
- 12:00 p.m. Finance (UR)
- 6:30 p.m. Deacons (GR)

Wednesday, August 20

- 8:45 a.m. MOM
- 5:30 p.m. Community Outreach (MCR)
- 5:30 p.m. Middle School Youth Group Cookout (SC)

Thursday, August 21

Friday, August 22

Saturday, August 23

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

- 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. All Church B-day Luncheon (MH)
- 5:30 p.m. High School Youth Group Cookout (SC)

Monday, August 25

- 8:45 a.m. MOM
- 10:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl (MH)
- 1:30 p.m. Friendship Callers (MCR)

Tuesday, August 26

- 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, August 27

- 8:45 a.m. MOM

Thursday, August 28

- 8:00 a.m. Tampa Bay Presbytery (MH)

Friday, August 29

Saturday, August 30

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

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
- Elaine Maltese
- Rita Marcacci
- Anne McCauley
- Amy McGee
- Gladys Meier

- Heidi Van Allen-Munoz
- Joan Murphy
- Nancy Neale
- Joe Oriani
- Judy Partain
- Liz Purnell
- Barbara Roberts
- Mary Ellen Rowker
- Dorothy Ryan
- Beverly Seagreaves
- 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) 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

Family and friends

- Rusty Beery
- Roland Castro
- Al Ellis
- Jean Hehn
- Abigail Ising
- Kalogridis family
- Bailee Kent
- Geoff Lewis
- Nan Mason
- Sharon Maulden
- Lynniss Mincey
- Ruth Norton
- Bob Rayburn
- Jake Reddout
- Peggy Seigler
- Ernie Simon
- David Smith & family
- Robert "Ned" Snively, Jr.
- Rae Tucker
- Rolland Waters
- Ruth Dunham's nephew
- Alan Harvey's friend
- 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
- Harvey & Mary Ann Snivley's daughter
- Judy Winfree's sister
- Judy Winfree's friend
- Gale & Gwen Waters' friend
- Beth Koon's friend
- Morris & Ann Reddout
- Ellie Threlkel's friend
- Ruth Dunham's brother-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 with the congregation.

Our sincerest sympathy goes to Jan Hermany and family in the death of her husband, Dan, who died Monday, July 28, 2014. Dan was an interim Director of Music Ministries for First Presbyterian Church. He and Jan graciously shared their musical gifts with us.

Our deepest sympathy goes to the family of Dotti Ross, who died Tuesday, August 5, 2014.

*To our church family,
Our family cannot express enough the love we have felt during Pete's illness and subsequent passing in July. The highlight of his week was being able to talk to each of you at church on Sunday mornings.
Thank you for all of your prayers, thoughts, food, and hugs. Bless you all.
The Lindsay family*

Our Christian sympathy goes to Kirk Dunaway in the death of his mother, Helen Dunaway who died Wednesday, July 30, 2014.

FAMILY NIGHT AT FPC

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!



3 CENTS-A-MEAL

We will collect the **3 Cents-a-Meal** hunger offering during worship services **this Sunday, August 17**. This offering is divided between our Soup Kitchen/Bag Lunch Ministry, Beth-El Farm-workers Ministry, and Honduras.

PLEASE HELP US HOST THE PRESBYTERY OF TAMPA BAY

Our church will be hosting the next stated meeting of the Presbytery of Tampa Bay. On **Thursday, August 28**, 200 or more ministers and elder commissioners from all around the Tampa Bay region will be traveling to Winter Haven for a day of worship and the celebration of God's work that we share as the presbytery.



To host well, we will need dozens of volunteers. We need people to oversee parking, greet, assist with registration, help with the food service at morning snack and lunch, and to help usher and distribute items during the meeting. Volunteers will be needed in the morning (7:15 a.m. and on), and around lunch time (11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.), or all day (7:15 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.).

If you are available to help us roll out the red carpet to our brothers and sisters in Christ, please call (294-3121) or email the church office (office@firstpreswh.org).

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!



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: _____

FIRST FACT!

Betty H. Shinn was featured in an article in The Ledger on Monday, August 4. Betty's children donated and dedicated the Secret Garden at the Lake Alfred Public Library in memory of their grandmothers, Ruth Shinn and Iris Houlihan. The garden is beautiful and Florida Friendly. Stop by sometime and see it!



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, 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 Youth Summer Trips

During the week of July 29 - August 3, 18 Middle School Youth and 5 Chaperones attended the Great Escape Conference at Southwind in Ocala. The dedicated chaperones for the week were: Rob Frost, Annmarie Walker, Amy Powell, Bob Grode, and Charlene Glenn.

Please enjoy some pictures from the summer trips.



This year, 7 Senior High Youth and 3 Chaperones attended the Montreat Conference, July 13-19. Special thanks to our dedicated Chaperones: Cheryce Harris, Bob Grode, and Pam Baker.

Thanks to our members and friends for their financial generosity, the youth of our church are able to attend summer camps and conferences every year. Your faithful support helps to offset the cost of these conferences.

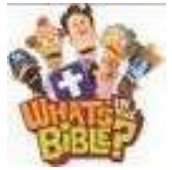
We appreciate YOU!



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.



SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE~THROUGH LABOR DAY WEEKEND.

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.

**SUMMER
WORSHIP
SCHEDULE**

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.



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.

Our Purpose Statement

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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 363 bag lunches in the week of 7/28/14.

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We gave out 272 bag lunches in the week of 8/4/14.

We gave a total of 1,322 in July.

Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 75 people on 8/2/14.

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We fed 110 people on 8/9/14.

We fed 391 people in July.

Return Service Requested

CALLING ALL YOUTH TO OUR FIRST PRES YOUTH BACK-TO-SCHOOL COOKOUTS

On **Wednesday, August 20**, all sixth, seventh, and eighth grade young people are invited to come to the Student Center (711 Sixth Street NW) at **5:30 p.m.** for our MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH (MSYG) COOKOUT. The 737 building will be open for recreation with hotdogs & hamburgers sizzling on the grill for supper. If the weather is nice we'll eat out on the deck. Bring your friends. Members of our church staff and our incredible adult volunteers will be here as we kick-off our fall Wednesday nights Middle School Youth. Have your parents pick you up at 7:30 p.m.

On **Sunday, August 24**, the new ninth graders will be welcomed into the High School Youth Group (HSYG) by our wonderful "youth group veterans" (aka the sophomores, juniors, and seniors.) Join us in the Student Center (711 Sixth Street NW) at **5:30 p.m.** for food, fellowship, fun, and faith. We'll enjoy a meal, spend some time getting to know one another, and make our plans for a fall filled with Christian fellowship and service. Our adult volunteers and church staff will be at the grill and at your service as we have this first Senior High Youth meeting since our summer trips. We hope to see you here on the 24th from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

