



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

Tower Chimes

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RALLY DAY WILL BE HELD ON...



**PLEASE
JOIN US!**

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: _____



YOUTH SUNDAY APPRECIATION!

Many thanks to the youth of our church for a wonderful and worshipful **YOUTH SUNDAY** on August 17. The members of our Middle School and High School Youth Groups led an inspiring morning of worship, helping us to celebrate God's blessings as our church continues to nurture and develop God's children into disciples.

We also want to thank Cheryce Harris, a tireless volunteer in our youth programs, for all of the time and effort she devoted helping the youth create such a touching Sunday experience for the congregation, and to staff members David Brinson and Steve Negley for their support.

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Minister of Visitation

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Church calendar

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31

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

Monday, September 1 LABOR DAY Office Closed

Tuesday, September 2

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

Wednesday, September 3

3:00 p.m. Christ Kids
5:30 p.m. Middle School Youth Group (SC)
6:00 p.m. Chancel Bells
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, September 4

7:00 p.m. Chapel Bells

Friday, September 5

8:45 a.m. MOM

Saturday, September 6

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



Our Christian sympathy goes to Jean Strang & John Strang in the death of their mother-in-law and grandmother Fannie Strang, who died Saturday, August 16, 2014.

Remember in Prayer

members

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

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
Gladys Meier
Heidi Van Allen-Munoz

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

In the hospital: Tom Coffman

Family and friends

Kristin Battilla & Family	Jonathan Owen's friends
Rusty Beery	Ruth Dunham's nephew
Butch Howard Bennett	Ed Gorsky's brother
Stephanie Blanchard	Barbara & John Puckett's friend
Marvin Carter	Lynn Oakley's friend
Roland Castro	Alan Harvey's friend
David Curtiss	Merideth Curtiss' stepson
Al Ellis	Jim Threlkel's friend
Kim Hansell's family	Bethany Owen's friends
Jean Hehn	Ellie Threlkel's friend
Abigail Ising	Rick & Pat Reass' great-niece
Kalogridis family	Renney family's friends
Bailee Kent	Nancy Chilton's niece
Pete Kent	Nancy & Charley Chilton's nephew
Tamara Keyes	Bethany Owen's mom
Geoff Lewis	Punkin & Squire Smith's friend
Nan Mason	Harvey & Mary Ann Snivley's daughter
Sharon Maulden	Judy Winfree's sister
Lynniss Mincey	Judy Winfree's friend
Ruth Norton	Gale & Gwen Waters' friend
LaDonna Owen	Jonathan Owen's aunt
Bob Rayburn	Beth Koon's friend
Jake Reddout	Morris & Ann Reddout's son
Peggy Seigler	Ellie Threlkel's friend
Ernie Simon	Ruth Dunham's brother-in-law
David Smith & family	Penn Tucker's friend
Robert "Ned" Snively, Jr.	Jean Harman's son
Rae Tucker	Tish Turner's mother
Rolland Waters	Gale & Gwen Waters' son



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

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.



REMEMBER...

we DO NOT have Sunday School this Sunday, August 31.
Please join us for Rally Day on September 7 at 9:45 a.m. where we will debut all of our Fall Sunday School classes.

CHRIST KIDS RETURNS

It's that time of year for our Christ Kids program to kick off for the Fall! We will gather starting at 3 p.m. on the Playground on Wednesday, September 3. All children ages four through fifth grade are invited to join us from 3-5:30 p.m. for snack, recreation, music, crafts, Bible lessons, and building lasting friendships. This is a FREE program, but all children must turn in a registration form. For more information, please contact Amy McKee at 294-3121 or amckee@firstpreswh.org.

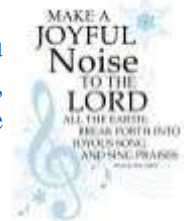


BRING YOUR CHILD FOR ACOLYTE TRAINING

Acolyte Training will be held on **Sunday, September 14 after the 11 a.m. service.** Please meet in the front of the Sanctuary for training. All children in first through fifth grade are encouraged to be trained. We need new acolytes for the Fall.

JOIN ONE OF OUR MUSICAL ENSEMBLES, OR TWO!

Beginning September 3rd, the new musical season begins with all of our ensembles. You are invited to participate! Chancel Bells rehearse from **6:00-7:00 on Wednesdays**, Chancel Choir immediately following from **7:00-8:30**. On **Thursday September 4th**, the Chapel Bells, who are very welcoming to new ringers, begin rehearsals from **7:00-8:00**.



You are invited to join us as we heed the Psalms call and make a joyful noise to the Lord.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CIRCLES TO MEET IN OCTOBER.



Women's Bible Study

The two groups for our Presbyterian Women (the Lydia Circle and the Joy Circle) will hold their first meetings of the fall in October. Jana Easterling and Carol Carter will be leading the women in Bible Study again this program year (October – April). Watch the Tower Chimes and Sunday bulletin as October approaches for dates and locations of the Presbyterian Women's Circle meetings.

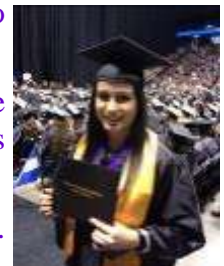
HONDURAN SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE

I received notice that we had 11 graduates this year. In Honduras, students have the opportunity to choose their direction for high school, either academic or vocational. Remember, the qualifications for employment are different in Honduras from ours.

Four students qualified as primary school teachers, three in finance, one mechanic, two in science, and one in administration.

Because of your generosity, these young people will have a chance to lead more productive lives and contribute to their communities. These graduates as well as others form the basis for a strong Presbyterian presence in Honduras.

Money is still needed for next year. So make a conscious effort to give. **CONGRATULATIONS!!!**



Gene Aspy

Celebrating Generosity Through Our Music Ministries

We are blessed at First Presbyterian with so many talented musicians that freely contribute their skills to lead us in worship. This summer we have had a wide variety of musical offerings shared by giving volunteers. The children of our church sang two of their VBS songs; Anamarie Coffman joined in a piano and organ duet; Pat Nepute and Cheryce Harris played handbells; Ella and Owen Boyce played a piano and guitar duet; Elizabeth Nepute and Sean Ivey played a jazz duet; Tom Mulrooney and Kelli Brinson sang solos; Mike Harris, Susie Riggs, and Squire Smith regularly lead us in the later service's gathering music; and this past Sunday we had Hunter and Squire Smith, and Nat West join together for bluegrass music.

Not everyone who expressed an interest in contributing were even able to be scheduled, so we will continue to enjoy the talents of more soloists throughout the year. Upcoming musical leaders will be Cameron and Shannon Badnell, along with Heather and Jane Whitney, Bob and Sue McClew, Yolanda Dyer, Sarah Claire Smith, Wes Ecker, and the Jazzbyterians.

Through the generous support of the congregation, we are able to provide for the needs of these volunteer musicians as well as provide for the needs of our many musical ensembles.

Rehearsals begin September 3.

Beginning September 3rd, the new musical season begins with all of our ensembles. You are invited to participate! Singing in the Chancel choir is a great way to have a close fellowship with a group, and a way to reduce stress, learn about music, and enrich your life. They are open to all high schoolers and adults and they rehearse Wednesday night's from 7:00-8:30. Child care is provided as needed, just give at least 24 hours notice.

For some, Wednesday nights are just not an option. So on Sunday mornings we have a chancel choir rehearsal from 10:00-10:30 where we rehearse the anthem for that morning, and the rest of the choir will join together at 10:30 for rehearsal.

Another way to participate in our music is through one of our handbell choirs. Chancel Bells rehearse on Wednesday nights from 6:00-7:00 and Chapel Bells rehearse from 7:00-8:00 on Thursday nights. Chapel Bells in particular is a wonderful way to learn how to ring and read music for those who have had little to no experience in music.

Thank you to the congregation for their continual generosity which finances the music program and allows us all to "enter into His courts with singing." You are invited to join us as we heed the Psalms call and make a joyful noise to the Lord.





SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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|--|--|--|
| 9/2 Patrick Bentley
Richard White | 9/9 Shannon Thompson | 9/21 Cynthia Bruce
Carl Huehn, Jr.
Alison O'Neal
Al Porter
Katie Stine
Jim Zeller |
| 9/3 Maxie Adams
Cody Dugger
Heather Hart
Chris Lyons
Sawyer Speer | 9/10 Shelby Abner
Rick Reass
Hunter Smith | 9/22 Maggie Beeland
Mike Harris
Katrina Hoffman |
| 9/4 Sarah Pickos
Christa Roe
Kit Threlkel | 9/11 Glen Anderson | 9/23 Kathleen Garner
Elsie Savant
Helene Schulz |
| 9/5 Kristen Abbott
Brett Cranmer
Tom Nepute
Jonathan Owen | 9/12 Guy Bostick
Elizabeth Miller
Meg Tucker
Shirley Turner | 9/24 Pete Borowski
John Clarke, Jr.
Elizabeth Dantzer
Merle Griffin |
| 9/6 Lauren Clarke
Cooper Kirkland
Ben Tucker | 9/13 Nancy Dobler
Megan Johnson
Spike Lucia | 9/25 Lois Burrell
Heidi Munoz-Gutierrez
Taylor Plowden
Sam Sheffield |
| 9/7 Krista Endres
Herman Fleig
Ken Jorgensen
Sherie Ray
Julia Strang
Alan Tiner | 9/14 Scott Girouard
John McCoy
Kenzi Rauth
Angela Rollins | 9/26 Nikki Gann
Beth Koon
Judy Lindsay |
| 9/8 Linda Fairchild
Bill Taylor
Lindsay Thibodaux
Dalton Weihrauch | 9/16 Jane Dickey
Nell Speer
Brad Weihrauch | 9/27 David Emry |
| 9/9 Brayden Olmert
Deborah Rayfield
Frances Stapor | 9/17 Beckett Chilton
Tricia Dugger
Phyllis Ruble | 9/28 Elizabeth Hart
Lara Levasseur |
| | 9/18 Justin Bentley
Delaney Gray
Katheryn Michaels
Bo Palo | 9/29 Jackson Gray |
| | 9/19 Jose Batista
Winifred Betrus
Gary Chilton | 9/30 Melissa Rowker
Bob Wilson |
| | 9/20 Mary Ann Koon | |

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES



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| 9/2 Pat & George Roeback | 9/11 Jane & Spike Lucia
Bethany & Jonathan Owen | 9/21 Peggy & Larry Davis
Kathy & Scott Girouard |
| 9/6 Lynn & Tom Oakley
Kim & J.P. Powell
Pat & Rick Reass | 9/14 Judy & Harry Denlinger | 9/22 Judy & Richard Moots |
| 9/8 Pat & Gary Gardner
Joe & Amy McKee
Pat & Ken Miller | 9/16 Susan & Richard Vickers | 9/24 Jean & Dave Tannahill |
| 9/10 Isobel & Bob Hubbard | 9/17 Tina & Wade Groetsch
Donna & Ed Rounsley | 9/25 Charlie & T. Michael Stavres |
| 9/11 Suzanne & Charles Brantley | 9/19 Lori & Quentin Roe | 9/27 Doris & Dick Hill |
| | 9/20 Carole & Eugene Marotti | 9/29 Eva & Mark Chambers |
| | 9/21 Marty & Bob Bentley | 9/30 Sue & Bob McClew |

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.



THIS SUNDAY, AUGUST 31, IS THE LAST SUNDAY FOR OUR SUMMER SCHEDULE

This summer, First Presbyterian Church has offered two varied opportunities for worship. Both Sunday morning worship services helped 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 **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.



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Just so you will know what you are looking for, a picture of the box is printed here.

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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 258 bag lunches in the week of 8/11/14.

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We gave out 248 bag lunches in the week of 8/18/14.

Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 82 people on 8/16/14.

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We fed 129 people on 8/23/14.

Return Service Requested

YOUTH GROUPS ARE BACK IN ACTION!!!

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

School is back in session, and so are our Wednesday afternoon meetings for the First Pres Middle School Youth. All young people in grades 6, 7, and 8 are invited to join us on **Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m.** in the First Pres. Student Center (711 Sixth Street NW). There will be **FOOD** (supper is provided) **FELLOWSHIP** (the 737 building is open for basketball, four square, carpet ball, and general hanging out with friends) **FUN, FAITH, AND FRIENDS** (we have a great group of adults who will help you and your friends explore the Christian faith and learn more about loving and serving God.) We wrap up at 7:30 p.m. Bring a friend and be sure to attend.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

All 9th thru 12th grade young people are encouraged to join our High School Youth. The group meets on **Sunday nights, from 5:30p.m.–7:30 p.m.** in the Student Center, 711 Sixth Street NW.

WHAT WILL YOU FIND? Supper with your friends, time to catch up with your friends, some games and laughs with your friends, bible study and Christian service with your friends.

Come out each Sunday and make some new friends in Christ at our High School Youth.

