



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
WINTER HAVEN

# Tower Chimes

Weeks of September 7, 2014

Issue 509

128 Years of Ministry

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## RALLY DAY WILL BE HELD...



**This, 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, breakfast sandwiches, assorted pastries, scalloped apples, doughnuts, cereal, milk, orange juice, and/or coffee. The suggested donation is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children.



## CHRIST KIDS IS BACK IN SWING!



Christ Kids began on Wednesday, September 3, but it's not too late for your child/children to join in the fun on Wednesday afternoons.

We are looking forward to a great group of four year olds through fifth graders joining us this year. Please meet on the playground starting at **3 p.m.** for snack time, followed by music, Bible study, and exciting activities with your friends.



**See you all on September 10!**

## Church calendar

**Sunday, September 7**

### RALLY DAY

- 8:50 a.m. Worship/Commission Stephen  
Minister Leader  
9:45 a.m. Rally Day Breakfast (MH)  
11:00 a.m. Worship/Commission Stephen  
Minister Leader  
5:30 p.m. HSYG (SC)

**Monday, September 8**

- 8:45 a.m. MOM

**Tuesday, September 9**

- 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (MCR)  
12:00 p.m. Men's Lunch (MH)  
5:45 p.m. Saturday Nite Live Planning (MCR)  
6:30 p.m. Personnel (MCR)

**Wednesday, September 10**

- 8:45 a.m. MOM  
12:00 p.m. Buildings & Grounds (MH)  
2:00 p.m. Congregational Care (MCR)  
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 11**

- 3:00 p.m. Membership (MCR)  
7:00 p.m. Chapel Bells

**Friday, September 12**

- 8:45 a.m. MOM

**Saturday, September 13**

- 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

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  
Dee Palmore  
Judy Partain  
Liz Purnell  
Barbara Roberts  
Mary Ellen Rowker  
Dave Ryan  
Dorothy Ryan  
Barbara A. Smith  
Myrtice Stolz  
Steve Stowars  
Lucy Jackson Teeter  
Carolyn Thompson  
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

Kristin Battilla & Family  
Rusty Beery  
Butch Howard Bennett  
Stephanie Blanchard  
Marvin Carter  
Roland Castro  
David Curtiss  
Al Ellis  
Kim Hansell's family  
Jean Hehn  
Abigail Ising  
Kalogridis family  
Bailee Kent  
Pete Kent  
Tamara Keyes  
Geoff Lewis  
Nan Mason  
Sharon Maulden  
Lynn Mincey  
Ruth Norton  
LaDonna Owen  
Bob Rayburn  
Jake Reddout  
Peggy Seigler  
Ernie Simon  
David Smith & family  
Robert "Ned" Snively, Jr.  
Rae Tucker  
Rolland Waters

Jonathan Owen's friends  
Ruth Dunham's nephew  
Ed Gorsky's brother  
Barbara & John Puckett's friend  
Lynn Oakley's friend  
Alan Harvey's friend  
Merideth Curtiss' stepson  
Jim Threlkel's friend  
Bethany Owen's friend  
Ellie Threlkel's friend  
Rick & Pat Reass' great-niece  
Renney family's friends  
Nancy & Charley Chilton's niece  
Nancy & Charley Chilton's nephew  
Bethany Owen's mom  
Punkin & Squire Smith's friend  
Harvey & Mary Ann Snively's daughter  
Judy Winfree's sister  
Judy Winfree's friend  
Gale & Gwen Waters' friend  
Jonathan Owen's aunt  
Beth Koon's friend  
Morris & Ann Reddout's son  
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.**



*Congratulations to Sam & Kristan Sheffield in the birth of their daughter, Layton Brooks, born August 15, 2014.*

Don't forget, **we will not have Sunday School this Sunday, September 7.** Please join us for Rally Day at 9:45 a.m. where we will debut all of our Fall Sunday School classes.



## FALL SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE RETURNS THIS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7



At **8:50 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 help the congregation gather in God's love. The Gathering ordinarily lasts 50 minutes and will conclude with the Benediction at 9:40 a.m.

**NO SUNDAY SCHOOL THIS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7. PLEASE JOIN US FOR RALLY DAY BREAKFAST AT 9:45 A.M. WHERE WE WILL DEBUT ALL OF OUR FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES.**

At **11:00 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 12:00 p.m.

**We hope you will join us in worship, study, and fellowship!**



## 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 US FOR A DINNER AND MOVIE NIGHT!

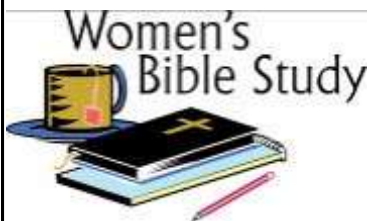
First Presbyterian Church is hosting Dinner and a Movie where we will feature Heaven is For Real. We will provide pizza for the evening, but here's what we need from you. Please invite friends or family members who are looking for a church home to join you at Dinner and a Movie. We will gather in McLeod Hall on **Friday, September 26 from 6:30 – 9 p.m.**

All are welcome but RESERVERATIONS ARE REQUIRED.

Please RSVP to the church office at 294-3121. We must have your reservations by Wednesday, September 24.



## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CIRCLES TO MEET IN OCTOBER.



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.

# *Celebrating Generosity Through Hosting Presbytery of Tampa Bay*

**From the Pastors of the Host Church's Perspective ...** you did an incredible job hosting the **Presbytery of Tampa Bay** on Thursday August 28! Our church staff did a marvelous job in getting ready for the meeting ... making certain that our facilities were in great shape and that rooms our guests would frequent were appointed as needed, clean and orderly. Our church staff made name tags for all of our people, made signs, got lunch tickets and money box together, and maintained communication with the presbytery office to ascertain that all would be ready for their visit and it was! We are truly blessed with many volunteers who responded to our need for help in hosting this event. We thank: those who arranged and delivered the sanctuary flowers and table centerpieces, those who greeted and served as parking attendants, those who greeted and opened the doors, those who baked cookies, cut and prepared fruit, prepared and served at the Morning Coffee Reception, those who assisted at the registration table, those who sold lunch tickets, those who worked in the kitchen serving the plates and those who worked in McLeod Hall serving our guests, those who took up the offering and those who counted the money, those who set up and manned the audio-visual equipment, and those who cleaned up the Centennial Room and McLeod Hall so well after lunch that it was hard to believe we had even held an event here.

This article was titled: *From the Pastor's of the Host Church's Perspective*, but a video will be shown in worship within the next couple of weeks expressing

thanks from the perspective of our brothers and sisters in the Presbytery of Tampa Bay. This video clip was shown at the presbytery meeting and we thought you would appreciate hearing their comments about the hospitality we showed them.



**Presbytery  
of Tampa Bay**

**Thank you to all for sharing your time & talents!**



## SCENES FROM THE ALL CHURCH BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON

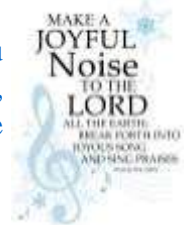
In 2013 the Membership Development Committee had hosted an All Church Birthday Party on an August Sunday afternoon. On August 24 we held our first All Church Birthday Luncheon immediately following the 10:30 worship service. Attendance was better, but still less than we had hoped. We played a few games, sang "Happy Birthday" to each other, and enjoyed cupcakes and ice cream following a wonderful sandwich and salad luncheon. In photos seen here, you can see the preparations that were made. You can also see people being served and enjoying lunch with other honorees within their birth month.

We wish to thank members of the Membership Development Committee: Mary Dukes, Janet Howard, Barbara and John Puckett, Debbie Sowards, Nell Speer, and Ellen Zeller; and members of the Hospitality and Fellowship Committee: Marjorie DiLorenzo, Patti Forum, Louise Volpe, and Judy Winfree for their help in planning, preparing for, setting up, staffing and cleaning up after this event. Thanks to all of you!



### 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 4<sup>th</sup>**, 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.



### 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!



## WE HAVE OPENINGS ON THE FLOWER CALENDAR

In the near future, October 19, November 2, 9, & 30 are available.

If you would like to remember or honor a loved one by providing flowers in the sanctuary on a given Sunday, choose the date and sign the Flower Calendar in the narthex.



## 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, Les & Alison O'Neal, Kline Roberts. We have many friends and members who would love to welcome your visit.



## 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.



## 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.*

*Adopted by Session, 2003*

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### Bag Lunch Ministry

We gave out 301 bag lunches the week of 8/25/14.

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We gave out 1,121 bag lunches in August.

**Return Service Requested**

### Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 103 people on 8/30/14.

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We fed 499 people in August.

# 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 9<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

