



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
WINTER HAVEN

Tower Chimes

Week of September 21 2014

Issue 511

128 Years of Ministry

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3 CENTS-A-MEAL IS THIS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21



We will collect the **3 Cents-a-Meal** hunger offering during worship services **THIS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21.**

This offering is divided between our Soup Kitchen/Bag Lunch Ministry, Beth-El Farm-workers Ministry, and Honduras.

Don't forget to bring your change to worship!

JOIN US FOR DINNER AND A MOVIE!

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 **RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED.**

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



Church calendar

Sunday, September 21

3 Cents-a-Meal

- 8:50 a.m. Worship
- 9:30 a.m. OJ Fellowship (MH)
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School-Children & Youth
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School-Adults
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 5:30 p.m. HSYG (SC)

Monday, September 22

- 8:45 a.m. MOM
- 10:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl (MH)

Tuesday, September 23

- 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, September 24

- 8:45 a.m. MOM
- 3:00 p.m. Christ Kids
- 5:30 p.m. Middle School Youth Group (SC)
- 5:30 p.m. Community Outreach (MH)
- 6:00 p.m. Chancel Bells
- 6:30 p.m. Officer Training (MCR)
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, September 25

- 7:00 p.m. Chapel Bells

Friday, September 26

- 8:45 a.m. MOM
- 6:30 p.m. Dinner & A Movie-Heaven is for Real (MH)

Saturday, September 27

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

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 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
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
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
Dean Shull
Barbara A. Smith
Steve Sowards
Lucy Jackson Teeter
Carolyn Thompson
Ed Threadgill
Lorraine Todd
Shirley Turner
Betty von Hahmann
Anne Windham

In the hospital: Bill Allen, Bob Carter, & Kathy Girouard

Family and friends

Kristin Battilla & Family	Jonathan Owen's friends
Butch Howard Bennett	Ed Gorsky's brother
Stephanie Blanchard	Barbara & John Puckett's friend
Bob Cameron	Larry & Candy Marshall's friend
Brenda Cape	Alan Harvey's friend
Marvin Carter	Lynn Oakley's friend
Roland Castro	Alan Harvey's friend
Jerry Cooley	Susan Singleton's friend
David Curtiss	Meredith Curtiss' stepson
Al Ellis	Jim Threlkel's friend
Bill Galloway	Zan Dismuke's friend
Gloria Goss	Carolyn Thompson's daughter
Randall Griner	Jim Francis' friend
Kim Hansell's family	Bethany Owen's friends
Jean Hehn	Ellie Threlkel's friend
Abigail Ising	Rick & Pat Reass' great-niece
Bailee Kent	Nancy & Charley 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 Snively's daughter
Julian McCall	Lynn Oakley's friend
LaDonna Owen	Jonathan Owen's aunt
Peggy Seigler	Ellie Threlkel's friend
Barbara Simpson	Amy Powell's friend
Robert "Ned" Snively, Jr.	Jean Harman's son
Rolland 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



Our Christian sympathy goes to the friends of Janet Golden who died Friday, September 12, 2014.

Our sincerest sympathy goes to Ginger Snively, Ginny Dunson, and family in the death of their mother and grandmother, Myrtice Stolz, who died Friday, September 12, 2014



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. **Next meeting is September 29 at 1:30.**

THE 10 TO 2 LUNCH BUNCH IS "ON THE ROAD AGAIN."

This "semi-regular" lunch group is planning its next outing to Lakeland's CATFSIH COUNTRY. Get together with other members and friends of First Pres. for a week-day lunch outing.

We will...

- meet at the church at 10 AM
- take the church bus to a restaurant that is within an hour's drive
- enjoy a leisurely meal and fellowship
- have you back at the church by 2 PM
- All it costs is the price of your own lunch.



Our next outing is planned for **Wednesday, October 1**. We will travel to Catfish Country in Lakeland. Call the church office (294-3121 or email (office@firstpreswh.org)) to get you name on the list. We hope you will join us as we eat our way across central Florida.

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).

The Bible Study for this year will be based on the biblical book of Acts. Circle study leaders Jana Easterling and Carol Carter will be using the Interpretation Bible Series as a resource for this look at the church in the power of the Holy Spirit. Bring your Bible and plan to join with other women on faith starting in October.

WE HAVE OPENINGS ON THE FLOWER CALENDAR

In the near future, October 19 is 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.

The week before the date, contact a florist regarding the arrangement, and inform the church office what you would like printed in the bulletin.



CHRIST KIDS IS BACK!

Christ Kids has begun and 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 Wednesdays at **3 p.m.** for snack time, followed by music, Bible study, and exciting activities with your friends. We wrap up at 5:30.

FALL FEST IS COMING ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29!!!

We will have our usual pizza dinner starting at **5:30 p.m.**, followed by the **festival at 6 p.m.** Please bring in individually wrapped candy (all types are welcome) or small prizes for our Fall Fest.

If you would like to volunteer for the event, please call Amy McKee as well. We will need folks to help set up on Wednesday morning, October 29 beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Call Amy for more information at 294-3121.



Thank you so much to everyone who attended Rally Day on Sunday, September 7.

We had a wonderful morning of hopping on the Sunday School Safari. Thank you to Dr. Alan Harvey and the Fellowship & Hospitality Committee for the delicious breakfast fare. Thank you to Mary Ellen Rowker and Marty Bentley for the adorable table decorations. Thank you to the Christian Education Committee for setting the tables. Thanks to Ann, Sam, and Cal for set-up and clean-up.

We look forward to seeing all of you in Sunday School this year!



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!

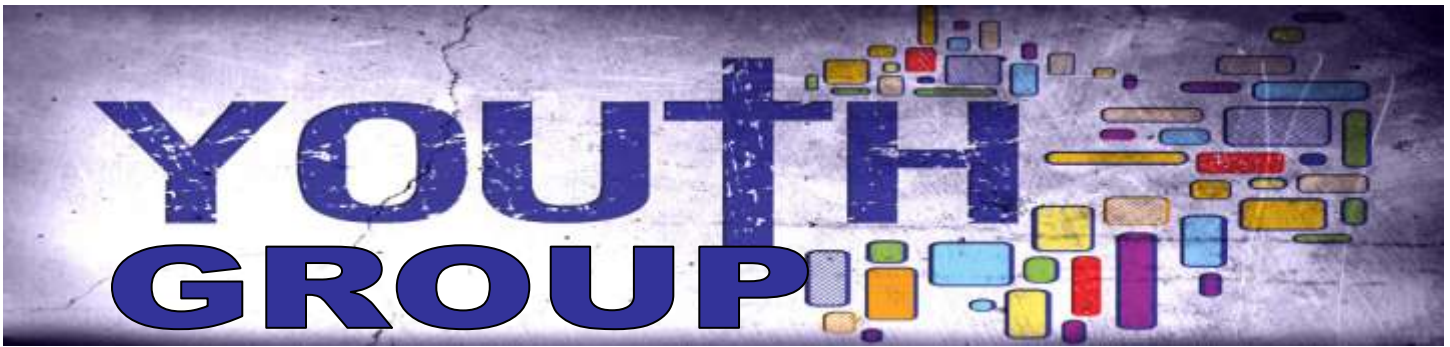


JOIN ONE OF OUR MUSICAL ENSEMBLES, OR TWO!

On September 3rd, the new musical season began 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 **Thursdays**, the Chapel Bells, who are very welcoming to new ringers, rehearse 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.





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.

FALL SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE HAS RETURNED

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.

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.



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.



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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 227 bag lunches the week of 9/08/14.

Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 90 people on 9/13/14

Return Service Requested

FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES CHILDREN & YOUTH AT 9:45 A.M. AND ADULTS AT 10 A.M.

All children gather for music with Mr. David from 9:45 – 10 a.m. on Sunday mornings in Room 101.

Children ages three and four gather in Room 108 for their own Sunday School time of crafts, snack, Bible lesson, and fun.

Children in kindergarten through fifth grade will rotate through Art, Science, Cooking, Storytelling, Computer, and Movies on Sunday mornings. The theme changes every 6 weeks. They will begin this fall talking about Adam & Eve.

FALL FOR ONE OF OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

The Youth of the church, those in Middle School and High School are invited to come hang out in the Student Center from 9:45 - 10:45 a.m. We have a variety of volunteers who will lead this engaging class filled with faith-building, friendship, fun, food, and great times.

Connect - Grow - Thrive meets in Room 207. This fall they will dive into the book, *The Life You've Always Wanted: Spiritual Disciplines for Ordinary People* by John Ortberg. All are invited to join in this discussion filled class. Laura Frost handles the communication of this class and members of the class take part in leading the discussion each week.

The Perspectives Class meets in the Geneva Room and is facilitated by Dr. Jim Threlkel and Glenn Thomas. This Fall they will begin a brand new study focusing on Martin Thielen's book, *What's the Least I Can Believe and Still Be A Christian?* Everyone is invited to join in this thought-provoking discussion time. Pastor and author Martin Thielen has compiled a list of ten things people need to believe, and ten things they don't, in order to be a Christian. This lively and engaging book will be a help to seekers as well as a comfort to believers who may find themselves questioning some of the assumptions they grew up with.

Dr. Steve Negley's class meets in the back of McLeod Hall. This Fall the topic will be: **Mastering the Basics in I John**. This eight-week study will take the class on a journey through a little book (I John) tucked near the back of the New Testament. Long before C.S. Lewis and his look at "Mere" Christianity, a writer named John was putting pen to papyrus and helping early Christians explore the essential elements of their faith. Addressing a congregation where faith and practice had taken some wrong turns, John shared the good news of how things could move in the right direction. Bring your Bible and be prepared to explore how we can walk in the Light and walk in love; test the spirits and be aware of antichrists; live as children of God who love one another; and revel in how God's love inspires our love.