



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
WINTER HAVEN

Tower Chimes

Week of September 28 2014

Issue 512

128 Years of Ministry

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THE 10 TO 2 LUNCH BUNCH IS “ON THE ROAD AGAIN.”

This “semi-regular” lunch group is planning its next outing to Lakeland’s CATFISH 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 the restaurant
that is within an hour’s drive

Enjoy a leisurely meal and fellowship

Have you back at the church by 2 PM



The only cost 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 your name on the list.

**We hope you will join us as we eat our way across
central Florida.**



WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Sunday, October 5, our members will gather at Christ’s Table along with millions of Christians around the globe as we celebrate our unity in Christ on World Communion Sunday.



Church calendar

Sunday, September 28

- 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 29

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

Tuesday, September 30

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

Wednesday, October 1

- 8:45 a.m. MOM
- 10:00 a.m. 10 - 2 Lunch Bunch
(Catfish Country)
- 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, October 2

- 7:00 p.m. Chapel Bells

Friday, October 3

- 8:45 a.m. MOM

Saturday, October 4

- 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

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| Bill Allen | Frances Heath | Joe Oriani |
| Anna Marie Barton | Doris Hill | Dee Palmore |
| Maggie Beeland | Ranell Hillman | Judy Parnain |
| Win Betrus | Ed Houston | Liz Purnell |
| R. Otis Bice, Jr. | Camille Howe | Barbara Roberts |
| Guy Bostick | Dorothy Johnson | Mary Ellen Rowker |
| Lois Burrell | Toni Krieger | Dave Ryan |
| Millie Carrier | Ronda Lacy | Dorothy Ryan |
| Bob Carter | Dena Lancashire | Dean Shull |
| George & Sylvia Chambers | Anne LeMacks | Barbara A. Smith |
| Tom Coffman | Dot Lenfestey | Lucy Jackson Teeter |
| Norma Conner | Judy Lindsay | Carolyn Thompson |
| Don Dinger | Spike & Jane Lucia | Ed Threadgill |
| Jerry Dugger | Elaine Maltese | Lorraine Todd |
| Ginny Dunson | Rita Marcacci | Shirley Turner |
| Jana Easterling | Gladys Meier | Betty von Hahmann |
| Jeanne Estes | Heidi Van Allen-Munoz | Anne Windham |
| Marge Goodman | Joan Murphy | |
| Pete & Jean Harman | Nancy Neale | |



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

In the hospital : Kathy Girouard

Family and friends

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| 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 Snivley's daughter |
| Julian McCall | Lynn Oakley's friend |
| LettieLane North | Jean Strang's sister |
| 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 |



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.**

HELP WANTED



We are looking for another person to work with Mrs. Gail in the nursery on Sunday mornings. This is a paying job (not a lot of money) but tons of hugs! If you are interested in helping during the Gathering 8:50 service, Sunday School, and/or 11 a.m. service, please contact Amy McKee 863-294-3121. Help is greatly appreciated and needed!

SANCTUARY FLOWER CALENDAR

The new 2015 Flower Calendar will be posted by Sunday October 5.

New with this calendar is space to sign up for placing flowers in the narthex on a given Sunday, when the sanctuary flowers for your desired date have already been selected by someone else.

Never given sanctuary or narthex flowers before and wonder what to do?

Follow these simple instructions:

1. Sign your name on the calendar for the date you wish to give flowers. If the sanctuary spot has already been selected, then you can choose to have your floral arrangement in the narthex for the same date.
2. Complete this step by giving your phone number and identifying your florist.
3. If giving sanctuary flowers and you would like to use the church's brass urn, then please take a glass liner and deliver it to your florist or ask the florist to pick it up at the church.
4. Place an order for flowers from your preferred florist.
5. Call Connie at the church office (294-3121) no later than Wednesday prior to your chosen date and inform her as to how you wish for the acknowledgment of flowers to read in the bulletin.
6. Request that the florist deliver the flowers to the church by noon on Saturday and have them include a name on the arrangement so that we know by whom they are given and where they are to be placed.
7. Any other questions, please call Alan or Connie. **Thank you!**



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!**

THE LYDIA CIRCLE AND JOY CIRCLE WILL START SOON!



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 lead the women in Bible Study again this program year (October – April).

The Bible Study for this year will be based on the Acts of the Apostles. Circle study leaders Jana and Carol 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 of faith.

The Lydia Circle begins **Monday, October 13 at 10:00 a.m.** and meets in the back of McLeod Hall,
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The Joy Circle begins **Tuesday, October 21 at 9:30 a.m.** and meets at Carol Carter’s house. Call her at 299-4253 if you need directions.

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.

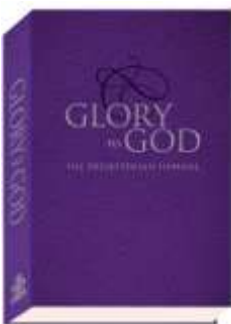
If you would like to volunteer for the event, please call Amy McKee as well.

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.



YOU CAN STILL DEDICATE A HYMNAL TO SOMEONE SPECIAL



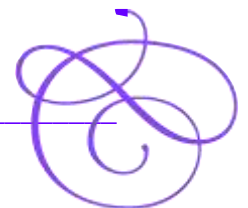
This year’s Palm Sunday marked the dedication of the *Glory to God* hymnals for our use in worship. Out of 500 hymnals, 392 have been dedicated, which means there are still 108 hymnals needing dedications.

On **November 2**, the church will observe All Saints Day in worship. As we celebrate the lives of all those who have joined the Church Triumphant in the past year, we will again print the full dedication list.

If there is someone you wish to honor with the dedication of a hymnal, please fill out the form(s) below and turn it into the church office with \$20 by **Monday, October 27**.

Glory to God Hymnal Dedication

Your Name: _____ Amount: \$ _____



Please circle one - In Memory of or In Honor of: _____

SUPPER WITH THE STRANGS

Come help us celebrate ministry around the globe on World Communion Sunday as we enjoy “Supper with the Strangs.” Fred Foy and Cecily Strang will be our special guests as we hear about their plan to return to Africa and the mission field. The Rev. Dr. Strang (Fred Foy), son of Jean and Shorter Strang, grew up here at First Presbyterian Church of Winter Haven. Fred Foy is an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church USA. He has earned his Master of Divinity, Doctor of Ministry, and PhD degrees. Cecily, a registered nurse, has just completed her PhD in nursing with a focus on culturally congruent malaria care for the Maasai people.

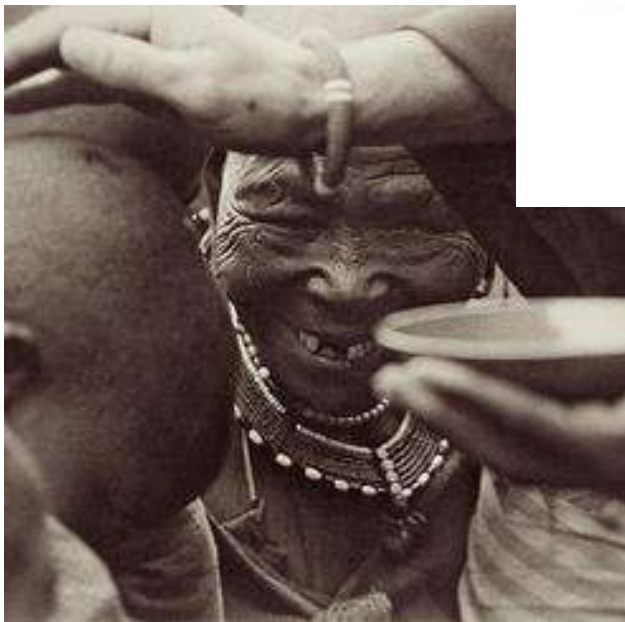
The Strangs have served God in ministry with the Maasai people full time for 2 years and part time for decades. (You can visit the website for the Maasai Special Projects Fund www.mspfonline.com for more of the story.) Fred Foy and Cecily have felt God’s call to once again move to Africa full time and complete the new Oldoinyo Kiti (small mountain) Theological Education by Extension and Rural Retreat and Training Center among the Maasai people. Our church is making a donation from this year’s foreign mission line item in the budget to the construction of this training center.

Please join us for supper with Cecily and Fred Foy on Sunday, October 5 to hear how God is working among the Maasai through these wonderful servants of God.



CURRENT PROJECT

Rendering of Oldoinyo Kiti Training Site
(by Jesse Strang)



October Birthdays

10/1	Case Emry Ben Garner Stephen Luxford Ariston Walker Lee Wilkinson	10/10	Kasey Ray	10/23	Howard Rambeau Jacob Spence Alan Thompson
10/2	Ruth Dunham Julia Parrish Dick Shaw Kyle Van Hahmann, Jr.	10/11	Matthew Gray Ken Hart Marcia Keplinger Lynn Oakley Cori Swango	10/24	Toni Krieger Jenna Volpe
10/3	Jessica Coppage Betty Kaylor Elizabeth Newton Mele Souza	10/12	Sue McClew Shannon Trent	10/25	Bob Bentley Bill Siegel Mike Tucker
10/4	Pam Baker Karen Gerber John "Jack" Gray, III Marilyn Hearn Traviss Powell	10/14	Brenda Darte Phillip Elmore Nancy Saxon	10/26	Martha Burke Ronda Lacy Randall Palmer Bill G. Roe, II
10/5	Tilley Montney Grayce Parrish Jeff Snyder	10/15	Jim Doty	10/27	Brad Maness Leah Melvin Jon Powell
10/6	Karen Alexander Nicole Roe Mary Ann Snively	10/16	Jody Marie Adams Tom Gretencord Barbara A. Smith	10/29	Julie Dantzler Rossanne Gorsky Martha Johnson James Powell Steve Stapor Gwen Waters
10/7	Brian Boyce Whitney Dunham Nellie Lock	10/17	Emily Dunson Pete Harman Annette Whitney	10/30	Katie Kennedy Jeanette Lockhart Dick McCauley Mike Seney Pam Wilkinson
10/8	Josh Baker Jill Kosmensky Jessica Wilson	10/18	Bob Hines Arletta Oriani Paula Threadgill	10/31	Richard Baker Caitlyn Grady Sara Koon Rita Marcacci Ed Mitchell J. P. Powell
10/9	Laura Gaye Dunham	10/19	Joan Chilton Dick Saxon		
10/9	Scott Scamehorn	10/20	Mary Folkard		
		10/21	Chelle Doyel Dee Palmore Ben Pickos		
		10/22	Jonye Briggs Shannel Harp Mary Alice Skipper		
		10/23	Olivia Glenn Kathy Jax		

October Anniversaries

10/1	Mike & Amy McGee	10/11	Mark & Karen Schreiber	10/25	Gannon & Amanda Olmert
10/2	Jared & Chalsey Lockhart	10/12	Bill & Susan Taylor	10/26	Scott & Rusty Hart
10/7	Bryan & Angie Arnold	10/17	Ed & Rossanne Gorsky	10/27	Marion & Marilyn Hearn
10/9	Pete & Missie Snively	10/22	Warren & Elsie Savant	10/28	Dale & Regina Keplinger Dick & Anne McCauley
10/10	Karl & Erin Duce Steven & Chelsey Lockhart Al & Marjorie Porter	10/23	Paul & Jennifer MacDonald Sam & Kristan Sheffield	10/29	Robert & Cynthia Bruce
10/11	Sam & Ginny Bryant	10/24	John & Cheryl Marchetti Leland & Elizabeth Miller	10/30	Sy & Joanna Gray
				10/31	Don & Norma Martin

YOUTH GROUP

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.

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



IMPORTANT REMINDER FOR THOSE NEEDING A RIDE TO CHURCH ON SUNDAYS!

For anyone seeking a ride using our angel van service on Sundays, please call the church office at 294-3121 on

Friday by 12 p.m. to make those arrangements.

It is necessary to call each week you need a ride.



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 256 bag lunches the week of 9/15/14.

Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 125 people on 9/20/14

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.