



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

Tower Chimes

Week of October 12 2014

Issue 514

128 Years of Ministry

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PRIME TIMERS OCTOBER LUNCHEON Calling all Prime Timers (our friends and members age 55+)



Come and join us for food and fellowship at our first gathering for the fall. The catered lunch (Joyce Snively's spaghetti and meatballs, salad, garlic bread, and dessert) will be served at **11:30 a.m. on Monday, October 27**, in McLeod Hall.

The program for the day will be a "Hobby Fair." We are asking each person to bring a few items that represent one of more of your favorite hobbies. We'll have some time to see how we fill our days, and find joy in our hobbies. The cost for the meal is \$8.00.

Call Carol Switalski at 845-5416 or the church office at 294-3121 to reserve your space at the table!



GET READY FOR OUR FALL-BULOUS FALL FEST!

Friends, don't forget that our Fall-bulous Fall Fest is just around the corner. The fun will begin on **October 29 at 5:30 p.m. with a pizza dinner**, followed by the Festival at **6 p.m.** Children are invited to wear non-scary Halloween costumes to the event and get ready for an exciting evening of candy, fellowship, and lots of fun!



We need to know if you will be joining us for dinner. Please fill out the tear off and drop into the offering plate or you may call the church office to reserve your spot at 294-3121. Donations will be accepted for dinner.

Please bring in **individually wrapped candy** (all types are welcome) or small prizes by **Tuesday, October 28**.

We will be setting up for the event at 9:30 a.m. on October 29. If you are able to help, please contact Amy McKee at 294-3121 or amckee@firstpreswh.org. Please note, we will NOT have Christ Kids that day.

FALL FEST RESERVATION

Name: _____

of adults for dinner: _____

of children for dinner: _____



Church calendar

Sunday, October 12

BLOOD MOBILE

- 8:30 a.m. Blood Mobile (Until 12:30 p.m.)
- 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
- 10:30 a.m. Called Session Meeting (ER)
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 12:00 a.m. New Member Reception (MH)
- 5:30 p.m. High School Youth Group (SC)

Monday, October 13

- 8:45 a.m. MOM
- 10:00 a.m. Lydia Circle (MH)

Tuesday, September 14

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

Wednesday, October 15

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

Thursday, October 16

- 7:00 p.m. Chapel Bells

Friday, October 17

- 8:45 a.m. MOM

Saturday, October 18

- 2:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen Prep (Kitchen)
- 4:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen (737)
- 7:00 p.m. Saturday Night Live (MH)



**GIVE BLOOD
THIS SUNDAY**

WELCOME DANA!!!

We welcome Dana Parrish as our Interim Director of Student Ministries. She will be leading the Middle School Youth Group on Wednesday evenings and High School Youth Group on Sunday evenings as well as the Youth Sunday school class on Sunday mornings. We are glad she has joined the staff!



Remember in Prayer

members

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| Bill Allen, Sr. | Pete & Jean Harman | Nancy Neale |
| Anna Marie Barton | Frances Heath | Joe Oriani |
| Maggie Beeland | Doris Hill | Dee Palmore |
| Win Betrus | Ranell Hillman | Judy Partain |
| R. Otis Bice, Jr. | Ed Houston | Liz Purnell |
| Guy Bostick | Camille Howe | Barbara Roberts |
| Jeff Bowen | 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 | Carol Switalski |
| Norma Conner | Judy Lindsay | Lucy Jackson Teeter |
| Don Dinger | Spike & Jane Lucia | Carolyn Thompson |
| Jerry Dugger | Elaine Maltese | Ed Threadgill |
| Ginny Dunson | Rita Marcacci | Lorraine Todd |
| Jana Easterling | Gladys Meier | Shirley Turner |
| Jeanne Estes | Heidi Van Allen-Munoz | Betty von Hahmann |
| Marge Goodman | Joan Murphy | Anne Windham |

In the hospital : Kathy Girouard & Pam Gray

Family and friends

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| Bob Cameron | Larry & Candy Marshall's friend |
| Brenda Cape | Alan Harvey's friend |
| Monica Clement | Jennifer Boyce's aunt |
| Jerry Cooley | Susan Singleton's friend |
| Marilyn Dorsey | Carol Carter's sister-in-law |
| Al Ellis | Jim Threlkel's friend |
| Bill Galloway | Zan Dismuke's friend |
| Gloria Goss | Carolyn Thompson's daughter |
| Pam Heath | Jane & Keith Ray's friend |
| Jean Hehn | Ellie Threlkel's friend |
| Nan Mason | Harvey & Mary Ann Snivley's daughter |
| Rex Murray | Lynn Oakley's friend |
| Lettie Lane North | Jean Strang's sister |
| Peggy Seigler | Ellie Threlkel's friend |
| Barbara Simpson | Amy Powell's friend |
| Blain & Cynthia Thompson-McCaleb | Carolyn Thompson's daughter |
| Rae Tucker | Tish Turner's mother |
| Margaret Willson | Mary Marrs' mother |

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.

SANCTUARY FLOWER CALENDAR

The new 2015 Flower Calendar will be posted this 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, please ask Ann or Sam for the 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.

Any other questions, please call Alan or Connie. **Thank you!**



**WELCOME
FIRST TIME
VISITORS**



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!**

WINTER HAVEN HOSPITAL BLOOD MOBILE

**This Sunday, October 12th
from 8:30 a.m to 12:30 p.m.
Free gift with every donation**



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.

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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.

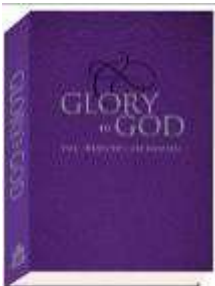
HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

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.

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.

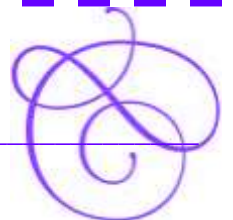
On **November 2**, the church will observe All Saints Day in worship. As we celebrate the lives of all those who have joined the Church Triumphant in the past year, we will again print the full dedication list.

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

Hymnal Dedication

Your Name: _____ Amount: \$ _____

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



FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

CHILDREN & YOUTH AT 9:45 A.M. AND ADULTS AT 10 A.M.

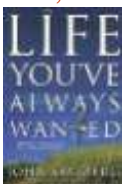


All children gather for music with Mr. David from 9:45 – 10 a.m. on Sunday mornings in Room 101.

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.

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.

**FALL FOR
ONE OF OUR
SUNDAY
SCHOOL
CLASSES**

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!

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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 288 bag lunches the week of 9/29/14.

We gave out a total of 1,148 bag lunches in September

Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 80 people on 10/4/14

Return Service Requested

THE LYDIA CIRCLE AND JOY CIRCLE ARE STARTING NEXT WEEK!

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. Please call her at 299-4253 if you need directions.

