



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

# Tower Chimes

Week of May 3, 2015

Issue 541

129 Years of Ministry

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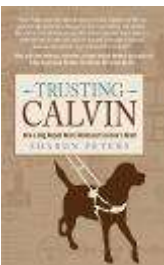


**Join Winter Haven City Manager Deric Feacher  
and members of the local religious community  
May 7 at 7:30 a.m.  
to celebrate the National Day of Prayer with  
reflection and fellowship at the fountain in  
Central Park, downtown Winter Haven.**



## SAVE THE DATE: OM, OM BOOK DISCUSSION CLUB

Our **Odd Month, Odd (3<sup>rd</sup>) Monday Book Discussion Club** will meet again on **May 18 at 3:00 p.m.** We will have some light refreshments and will discuss Sharon Peter's book, *Trusting Calvin, How a Dog Helped Heal a Holocaust Survivor's Heart*. If you were at the January or March book review and indicated your intention to attend, there is no need to call the office.



Please call the church office at 294-3121 if you plan to attend. Copies of this title are now available for checkout in the library. You may also contact Jonathan Owen by seeing him on Sunday, calling him at 318-9944, or e-mailing him at [jonathan.owen.cu2r@statefarm.com](mailto:jonathan.owen.cu2r@statefarm.com) about ordering a personal copy.

## Church calendar

### Sunday, May 3

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, May 4

8:45 a.m. MOM  
 6:30 a.m. Christian Education (GR)

### Tuesday, May 5

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (MCR)  
 12:00 p.m. Men's Lunch (MH)  
 6:00 p.m. SNL Planning (MH)  
 7:00 p.m. Session (GR)

### Wednesday, May 6

8:45 a.m. MOM  
 3:00 p.m. Christ Kids  
 5:15 p.m. Confirmation (GSH)  
 5:30 p.m. MSYG (GSH)  
 6:00 p.m. Chancel Bells  
 6:15 p.m. Director of Music Search (MCR)  
 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

### Thursday, May 7

#### National Day of Prayer

7:00 p.m. Chapel Bells

### Friday, May 8

8:45 a.m. MOM  
 4:00 p.m. Tampa Bay Ray's Game (Bus Leaves)

### Saturday, May 9

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



*Our Christian sympathy goes to Lynn Lasseter upon the death of her father, Otis Bice, who died on Saturday, April 18, 2015.*



Aaron Ashley  
 James E. Baker  
 Ben Clark  
 Deborah Clark  
 Nathan Connor  
 Tim Davis  
 Zach Drum  
 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  
 Bradley Mudd  
 Andrew Stapor  
 Keaton Thompson  
 Jacob van Zandt

# Remember in Prayer

## members

David Alexander	Camille Howe	Dave Ryan
Win Betrus	Dorothy Johnson	Dorothy Ryan
Guy Bostick	Dale Keplinger & family	Helene Schulz
Lois Burrell	Mary Ann Koon	Judith Shull
Millie Carrier	Toni Krieger	Barbara A. Smith
George & Sylvia Chambers	Dena Lancashire	Alee Swango
Norma Conner	Steve Luxford	Carol Switalski
Don Dinger	Elaine Maltese	Chuck Tate
Jerry Dugger	Rita Maracaci	Carolyn Thompson
Jana Easterling	Greg Marrs	Ed Threadgill
Jeanne Estes	Gladys Meier	Ben Tucker
Bill & Becky Everhart	Heidi Van Allen-Munoz	Meg Tucker
Kathy Girouard	Joan Murphy	Penn Tucker
Marge Goodman	Nancy Neale	Shirley Turner
Pam Gray	Dee Palmore	Betty von Hahmann
Pete & Jean Harman	Jen Perry	John Walter
Frances Heath	Liz Purnell	Roy Williamson
Doris Hill	Howard Rambeau	Anne Windham
Ed Houston	Earle Roberts	

## Family and friends

Gale & Gwen Waters' friend  
 Barbara & John Puckett's friend  
 Pam Gray's friend  
 Brian & Jennifer Boyce's friend  
 Barbara & John Puckett's friend  
 Penn Tucker's friends  
 Marcia Smith's cousin  
 Susan Singleton's friend  
 Marcia Smith's friend  
 Gene & Carole Marotti's friend  
 Gale Waters' aunt  
 Carol Carter's sister  
 Jim Threlkel's friend  
 Helen Champlain's niece  
 Gale & Gwen Waters' grandson  
 Andrea Cardona's friend  
 Penn Tuckers' friend  
 Ellie Threlkel's friend  
 Rick & Pat Reass' great-niece  
 Lori Roe's friend  
 Charley & Nancy Chilton's nephew  
 Bob & Judy Winfree's friend  
 Lynn Oakley's friend  
 Jonathan Owen's friends  
 David & Erin Emry's friends  
 Harvey & Mary Ann Snively's daughter  
 Carolyn Thompson's daughter  
 Judy Winfree's friend  
 Jonathan Owen's aunt  
 Lorretta Traviss' friend  
 Ann Quessenberry's husband  
 Becky Everhart's friends  
 Ellie Threlkel's friend  
 Penn Tucker's friend  
 Orrin & Helen Champlain's friend

### 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.**

# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL EVEREST IS COMING QUICKLY



We would love for all of the children of the church and their friends to experience God's Mighty Power this summer, **June 14-18 from 6:15-8:15 p.m.** All children ages four through fifth grade graduates are invited to attend. Registration forms are available in the Narthex or you may register online at: <https://www.groupvbapro.com/vbs/ez/fpcwh2015>.

We need adults as well as teenagers to help bring it all to life. If you are interested in helping to decorate and transform McLeod Hall, we need your assistance. If you'd like to be a Crew Leader and take the children around to their various stations we need your help there as well. Please let Amy McKee know if you're interested in helping out (294-3121 or [amckee@firstpreswh.org](mailto:amckee@firstpreswh.org)).



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## CHRIST KIDS IS ALMOST OVER FOR THE SEASON



Christ Kids will wrap up on **Wednesday, May 6.**

We have had a wonderful year.

We will have our final celebration on May 6 and resume after Labor Day on **September 9.**

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## OUR STEPHEN MINISTERS ARE READY TO CARE FOR YOU!

Stephen Ministers are members of First Presbyterian Church who have been through extensive training and provide confidential, one-to-one, Christian care to people who are experiencing a difficult time. They will listen, care, encourage, pray with and for you, and provide weekly support for you as long as your need persists.

If you or someone you know is hurting, find out more about Stephen Ministry, call **Pat Reass at 206-9914.** Or talk with one of our other Stephen Minister Leaders: **Alan Harvey, Ray Larson, Mary Marrs, Steve Negley, Barbara Perkins, or Jean Strang.** You can also use one of the three Request Form Boxes located in the Centennial Room, narthex, and balcony hallway.



## Stephen Ministers are ready to care for you or someone you know!

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## RUBY TUESDAY & ANGELS CARE CENTER



Ruby Tuesday's restaurant in Winter Haven (near Legoland) has partnered with Angels Care Center in their Community GiveBack Program! On **May 3, 4, & 5 (Sunday, Monday, & Tuesday)** they will give 20% of your purchase to Angels Care Center. Just tell your server that you are supporting Angels Care Center.



**Let's eat at Ruby Tuesday's and support Angels Care Center.**

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## DEAR WINTER RESIDENT:



As always, it has been a pleasure being with you this winter. It's that time of year when you head back to your northern home. We will miss you and hope you have a wonderful and safe summer.

Please notify the church office at 294-3121 or [office@firstpreswh.org](mailto:office@firstpreswh.org) when you leave so we change your contact information to your summer home.

We look forward to seeing you next fall.

In His Grace, First Pres

# Generosity Shows in Three Cents a Meal

In the first chapter of the Acts of the Apostles, Jesus told his disciples in Jerusalem that as “they received power when the Holy Spirit had come upon them, they would be his witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” These ever-expanding circles of witness and care form the basis for one of our church’s ministries: **THREE CENTS A MEAL**. As members of a church in the Presbytery of Tampa Bay we are invited to join in this wonderful demonstration of Christ’s love as we donate three cents, each time we eat, to helping feed people in need here in Winter Haven (through our Deacons and their benevolences), at Bethel Mission (with migrant farmworkers), and in Honduras (the second poorest country in our hemisphere).



Each week volunteers from our church prepare and serve bag lunches and a hot meal to the hungry and homeless in Winter Haven. The local portion of our Three Cents a Meal money stays right here to help fund the **Soup Kitchen and Bag Lunch Ministries of First Pres.** We distribute bag lunches to over 50 people each weekday, and feed between 80 and 125 hungry people each Saturday night.



Bethel Mission is our Presbytery’s Ministry with migrant farmworkers. Located in Wimauma, Florida – Bethel is a place for worship, education, legal aid, and meeting daily needs through food and clothing assistance. The regional portion of our Three Cents a Meal offering supports **Bethel Mission**.



## International Partnership with the Presbytery of Honduras



The 22 Presbyterian Churches in the Presbytery of Honduras proclaim the good news of what God has done for us in Jesus Christ to hundreds of people each year. Ministry in the second poorest county in our hemisphere means that hunger is a constant concern. As children arrive for Sunday School and worship each Sunday, a hot breakfast awaits them.



This feeding ministry is just one way that the love of God is demonstrated by our mission partners in Honduras. The international portion of our Three Cents a Meal offering supports the ministry of our Christian brothers and sisters in Honduras.

**If you feel that God is calling you to feed the hungry each time you feed yourself, join us in Three Cents a Meal.**

# SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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.

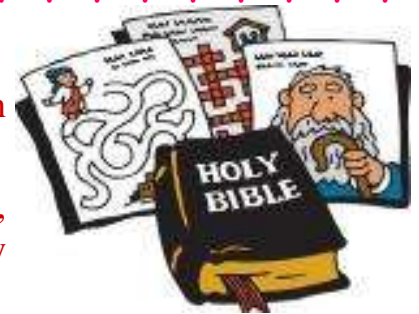
**We hope you will join us in worship, study, and fellowship!**

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## CONNECT WITH US AT SUNDAY SCHOOL!!!

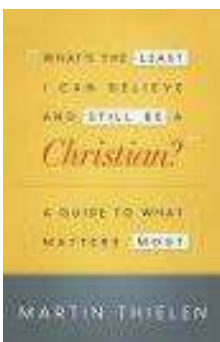
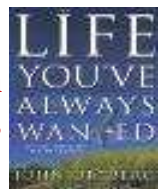
Children ages three and four gather in Room 108 for their own Sunday School time of crafts, snack, Bible lesson, and fun.

Children in kindergarten through fifth grade will rotate through Art, Science, Cooking, Storytelling, Computer, and Movies on Sunday mornings. The current theme is "Pentecost".



The Youth of the church, those in Middle School and High School, are invited to come hang out in the Girl Scout House 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. The class has been studying 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. 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. They are 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. The new topic is *Unlocking the Parables from a First Century Middle-Eastern Perspective*. Bring your bible and be prepared to explore how the stories Jesus told can speak to us today.



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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 309 bag lunches the week of 4/27/15.

**Return Service Requested**

### Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 97 people on 5/2/15.

## CALLING ALL MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF FIRST PRES THE 10 TO 2 LUNCH BUNCH

...will be heading out on **Monday, May 18** to  
Yoder's Restaurant and Amish Village in Sarasota

With a little further to travel, and the possibility of a  
little longer wait – we will have a special time.

**We will leave the church at  
9:00 a.m. and return at 3:30 p.m.**

While there, we will enjoy table fellowship  
with your Christian friends and fabulous Amish  
food (fried chicken, pot roast, or other home  
cooked favorites, and a slice of one of the  
25 varieties of homemade pies.)

All you need to pay for is your lunch.

Call at 294-3121 or email the church at [office@firstpreswh.org](mailto:office@firstpreswh.org)  
to reserve your seat on the church bus or van.

