



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

Tower Chimes

Week of May 17, 2015

Issue 543

129 Years of Ministry

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Director of Maintenance

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Custodian

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Session has called for a Congregational Meeting to be held next **Sunday, May 17, at 10:55 a.m.** in the sanctuary, to hear the report of the Nominating Committee for the election of Elders, Deacons, and members at large to the church-wide Nominating Committee.



The following slate will be presented
by the Nominating Committee:

ELDER (Class of 2018): John Eycleshimer, Mary Ann Koon, John Marchetti, Nanette Rodgers, Lori Roe.

DEACON (Class of 2018): Judy Denlinger, Laura Powell, Ed Smith, Nell Speer, Dave Zwicker.

NOMINATING (Class of 2016): Lia Gray, Bob Hubbard, Mike McGee, Peggy Threlkel, Polly Wilson.



CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

On May 17, our congregation will be celebrating with the members of our 2015 Confirmation Class. Several of our church's sixth graders have spent the winter and spring in Bible and faith study as a part of their Confirmation training, and will be taking the next step in faith as they join the church.

We hope you will join them for this special Sunday.

Make sure to stop in McLeod Hall and read their Statements of Faith on the special Confirmation bulletin board, and welcome these young people into active membership at First Presbyterian Church.



Church calendar

Sunday, May 17

3 Cents-a-Meal

Confirmation Sunday

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

10:55 a.m. Congregational Meeting to Elect Officers

11:00 a.m. Worship

5:30 p.m. HSYG (SC)

Monday, May 18

8:45 a.m. MOM

9:00 a.m. 10-2 Lunch Bunch-Off-site

1:30 p.m. Friendship Callers (MCR)

3:00 p.m. OM, OM Book Club (UR)

Tuesday, May 19

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (MCR)

12:00 p.m. Men's Lunch (MH)

12:00 p.m. Finance (UR)

6:00 p.m. Personnel (MCR)

6:30 p.m. Deacons (GR)

Wednesday, May 20

8:45 a.m. MOM

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 21

7:00 p.m. Chapel Bells

Friday, May 22

8:45 a.m. MOM

Saturday, May 23

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

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

Remember in Prayer

members

David Alexander

Win Betrus

Guy Bostick

Lois Burrell

Brian Cardona

Millie Carrier

George & Sylvia Chambers

Norma Conner

Don Dinger

Jerry Dugger

Jana Easterling

Jeanne Estes

Bill & Becky Everhart

Kathy Girouard

Marge Goodman

Pam Gray

Pete & Jean Harman

Frances Heath

Doris Hill

Ed Houston

Camille Howe

Dorothy Johnson

Toni Krieger

Dena Lancashire

Steve Luxford

Elaine Maltese

Rita Marcacci

Carole Marotti

Greg Marrs

Gladys Meier

Heidi Van Allen-Munoz

Joan Murphy

Nancy Neale

Dee Palmore

Jen Perry

Liz Purnell

Ann Quessenberry

Howard Rambeau

Earle Roberts

Dave Ryan

Dorothy Ryan

Helene Schulz

Barbara A. Smith

Alee Swango

Carol Switalski

Chuck Tate

Carolyn Thompson

Ed Threadgill

Ben Tucker

Shirley Turner

Betty von Hahmann

Anne Windham

In the hospital: Roy Williamson

Family and friends

Katheryn Chirstie & family

Jerry Cooley

Hank Davis

Marilyn Dorsey

Al Ellis

Raymond Fenstermaker

Cailyn Graves

Wayne Harrison

Jean Hehn

Pete Kent

Nan Mason

Bobby McKowen

Lynnis Mincey

LaDonna Owen

Sharon Pettit

Chris Rafool

Eloise & Ken Seaman

Peggy Seigler

David Smith

Blain & Cynthia Thompson-McCaleb

Debra Whitson

Penn Tucker's friends

Susan Singleton's friend

Connie Shipley's father

Carol Carter's sister

Jim Threlkel's friend

Gale & Gwen Waters' grandson

Andrea Cardona's friend

Penn Tuckers' friend

Ellie Threlkel's friend

Charley & Nancy Chilton's nephew

Harvey & Mary Ann Snively's daughter

Jane & Keith Ray's friend

Judy Winfree's friend

Jonathan Owen's aunt

Lorretta Traviss' friend

Betty Stephens' friend

Becky Everhart's friends

Ellie Threlkel's friend

Penn Tucker's friend

Carolyn Thompson's daughter

Lynn Oakley's friend



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

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.



3 CENTS-A-MEAL THIS SUNDAY, MAY 17

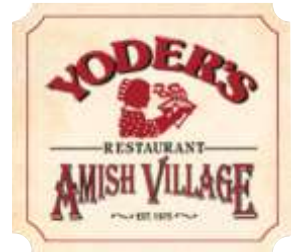
The children collect the **3 Cents-a-Meal Hunger Offering** during worship services this **SUNDAY**. This offering is divided between our Soup Kitchen/Bag Lunch Ministry, Beth-El Farm-workers Ministry, and Honduras.

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 slightly longer wait – we will have a special time. **We will leave the church at 9:00 a.m. and return at 3:00 p.m.**

While there, we will enjoy table fellowship with our 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 to reserve your seat on the church bus or van.

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).



JOIN US FOR A MISSION HONDURAS LUNCHEON SUNDAY JUNE 7



The 20 members from our 2014 weeklong mission to Honduras invite you to join them for some of the tastes and stories from their adventure. The Mission Team will be preparing a Central American meal, and hosting a luncheon for our congregation on **Sunday, June 7, immediately following our single 10 a.m. worship service.** You will have one of our Honduras



Mission Team members as your table leader. We will be sharing our experiences through words and photos. Let us know if we can save a seat for you at the table by calling (294-3121) emailing the office (office@firstpreswh.org), or dropping this reservation form in the collection plate.

Name: _____ Number Attending: _____



YOU CAN STILL SIGN UP FOR KIDZ SUMMER ESCAPE

All children ages three through kindergarten graduates are invited to join in the summertime fun! Each week the children will experience a different exciting theme through crafts, games, and other activities.

A \$170 donation is due for the program with part of that being a \$50 reserve your spot. Please contact Amy McKee for more information at 294-3121 or amckee@firstpreswh.org. The program meets from **June 9 – July 16 on Tuesdays and Thursdays**.

THE REORGANIZATION AND REACTIVATION OF THE PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY

The Prayer Chain Ministry is under the supervision of the Congregational Care Committee. This ministry is distinct from the calls that come into the church for individuals or families to be placed on the church's prayer list that is printed in the bulletin and the church's newsletter, *Tower Chimes*.

This ministry could be described as crisis intervention. Volunteers have consented to offer special prayers immediately for individuals or families at times when crises become known, e.g. a serious or very risky operation, a tragic accident, a complicated pregnancy, etc. At times the person(s) requesting prayer may not wish to divulge certain particulars of the situation and we respect their privacy. In those circumstances we will not pry or solicit more information than they are willing to share freely and have shared with others dedicated to this ministry. We will lift the individual or persons up in prayer with the confidence that God knows their situations and needs even better than we do, but nevertheless we want to assure them that he/she is or they are being remembered in and supported by our prayers.

Jane Ray has agreed to serve as the Coordinator of this ministry. Those desiring that the prayer chain be activated are asked to call Jane at 318-1833 and to let their request be made known. Once Jane has been informed of the prayer concern, she will activate the prayer chain.



STRESSED? FEELING DOWN? NEED ENCOURAGEMENT?



Stephen Ministers don't just provide care for people experiencing a major crisis. They also provide care and support for people weighed down by the little things in life. If you're feeling down, lonely, stressed or discouraged, you could benefit from the care, support, and encouragement of a Stephen Minister. It's free. It's confidential. And it will really make a difference in your life!

To find out more, contact **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.

Our Stephen Ministers are ready to provide you with focused, confidential, one-to-one Christian care and to help you experience the healing power of Christ's love in your life.

A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL

On Thursday, April 30 at 2 p.m., in the back of McLeod Hall, the Membership Development Committee saluted those eighty and over who had celebrated or will celebrate their birthdays from January 1 through June 30. Waffle bowl ice cream sundaes with a variety of delicious toppings available were served by Debbie Sowards, Nell Speer, and Pat Vobornik. Those attending this enjoyable event were from left to right: Ray Larson, Alan Harvey, Elizabeth Peters, John Kissel, Steve Negley, Joey Johnston, Ellen Zeller, Yolanda Dyer, Clara Nell Dantzler, and Joan Carruth. Later in the year an event will be held to celebrate those 80+ people, whose birthdays fall between July 1 and December 31.



Generosity Shows at Confirmation

There is only one childhood story told about our Lord in the Bible, the story of the boy Jesus at age 12 discussing faith in the Temple. (Luke 2:41-52) This snapshot from Jesus' earthly life has stood as an invitation for generations to set aside some time at around that age to explore the faith as his followers. Our church annually invites our sixth graders to do just that, in an experience called Confirmation.

On each Wednesday afternoon from mid-January through the middle of May, our church's sixth grade youth Owen Boyce, Kyle Meadows, Kate Nepute, Jackson Parrish, Griffin Powell, Kyle Seney, and Kyle vonHahmann, met with our pastor, Dr. Negley, Director of Student Ministries Dana Parrish, and church member Connie Shipley for an exploration of faith. In their second meeting, each young person was presented a new Bible from the congregation of First Presbyterian Church. These compact, hardcover New International Version student Bibles contain a wealth of study aids suited for believers of this age. Three weeks of our Confirmation training was spent "shaking hands with the Bible."

As our months of meetings unfolded, we discussed the Christian year, the history of the Christian church and the PC(USA), worship, and personal faith. We also conducted a historical scavenger hunt around the church property, and discussed our church's confessions as we studied some banners and climbed to our church's secret hiding place. We made stoles that help express our faith in symbols. (Our thanks go out to Dana Elmore, who has sewn these beautiful stoles again this year for our confirmands.) The young people selected six symbols with which to adorn these. They will wear their stoles on May 17, Confirmation Sunday.)

One of our Confirmation hi-lights was our Retreat. From 6:00 p.m. on Friday, April 10 to 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 11, our group and Steve, Connie, and Dana were marvelously busy. After climbing the steeple, we started work on writing individual statements of faith. Each confirmand was invited to respond in writing to the prompt "To me God is ...". You can view these statements of faith on the bulletin board in McLeod Hall.

The confirmation retreat also included an early morning trip to Publix where we shopped for food for the Saturday Soup Kitchen. For the last four hours of the 24 hour retreat, families of the confirmands joined us as we prepared and served the meal for our Saturday Soup Kitchen.

Finally, on May 13th, our young people were invited to share a meal with the elders of the church. The conversation that night revolved around what we believe. The Session members read the statements of faith, and then joined them in responding to the questions which form the basis for membership in our church: Is Jesus Christ your Lord and Savior? Do you trust Him? Do you intend to be His disciple, to obey His Word, and to show His love?

This faith journey for our young people is made possible by the offerings and tithes that the members of our congregation give in support of Christ's work in our church. From the Bibles that we present to our confirmands, to the maintenance for our Student Center building where we met each week, and the salary that allows Dana and Dr. Negley to focus so much attention and faith on our sixth grade youth, our church provides a wonderful basis for these blossoming young adults to claim the faith that will lead them in their lives.



NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES

ELDERS

JOHN EYCLESHIMER is a fourth generation Winter Havenite, born in 1952 at Winter Haven Hospital and raised within a stone's throw of First Presbyterian Church. He began attending this church during his early childhood. John's fifth grade teacher, Mrs. Bond, was also his Sunday School teacher at FPC. He was an active Cub Scout and later Boy Scout with this church's Troop 121. He was also active in the Junior Choir. His friends said that he sang really loud. In 1964 he became a communicant member of this church. After graduating with a BA degree in Humanities from UCF, John went to work for Walt Disney World for ten years, where he met his wife, Marcia. In 1987 their only child, Emily, was born. He returned to college to earn a degree in biology before attending dental school at MCV. While in Virginia, they attended Sycamore Presbyterian Church, PCA. In 1995 the Eycleshimers returned to Winter Haven where John joined his father's dental practice. In those days, Marcia and he taught Sunday School at Covenant Presbyterian. They later attended Cypress Ridge before joining First Presbyterian Church. John is honored to be an Elder nominee and it would be a privilege to serve.

MARY ANN KOON is a fifth generation native Floridian born and raised in Winter Haven, Florida. She earned a BS degree in Speech-Language Pathology from Florida State University and a MS degree in counseling from Webster University. She has worked in the Polk County Public Schools as a Speech/Language therapist, school counselor, and has taught various grade levels as a substitute teacher. Dr. Steve Negley officiated her marriage to Dr. James Koon in 2003 at the Historic Bok Sanctuary where both Mary Ann and James felt a connection with God in the beautiful natural setting. Mary Ann was baptized as an infant here in our church and has been a member most of her life. She has previously served as a Deacon, on the Worship/Music and Evangelism committees. She assisted teaching Pre-School Sunday school, Vacation Bible School and with her husband have enacted roles in the Living Nativity, served as Sunday morning greeters, Evangelism Bread deliverers, and Angel Van drivers. She currently enjoys working in the church Nursery and playing handbells with the Chapel Bell choir. Mary Ann is honored to be nominated as an Elder and looks forward to serving for the Glory of God and to follow in her late father's (Dr. Dean Shull, Jr.) footsteps who always encouraged her to get involved.

JOHN MARCHETTI was born in Point Pleasant, New Jersey in 1952, to Aldo and Peggy Marchetti. His family moved to Winter Haven in 1959, and John attended local area schools (Brigham, St Joseph Catholic School, Elbert, Denison, and Winter Haven High). John graduated from Winter Haven High in 1970, where he played football, and attended PCC before moving back to New Jersey to attend Ocean County College. John was drafted into the United States Army, and was stationed in Germany from 1972 until 1974. He returned to New Jersey and worked for the family business (Fruit Stand/Garden Center) until moving back to Winter Haven to finish his degree from Polk Community College in 1977.

John obtained his real estate license in 1978, and worked for his Aunt Emily Beasley until 1980. In 1979 John was married and joined First Presbyterian Church. In 1980, his son John Michael was born and John opened Star Realty. John is currently a member of the East Polk County Board of Realtors, State/National Association of Realtors, the Winter Haven Chamber of Commerce. He also volunteers for the Republican Party of Polk County, Winter Haven Youth Soccer Association (15 yrs), American Cancer Society and American Red Cross. In October 1993, John married Cheryl Barnard Marchetti. They have a daughter, CarLee Marchetti, who will be 18 on May 26 and graduating from Lake Region High School the end of May. The Lord has Blessed us where she will be able to attend Southeastern College in Lakeland in the fall of 2015. John believes in Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior, and thanks the Lord each day for the many blessings he has been given.

ELDERS CONTINUED

NANETTE RODGERS grew up in Clanton, Alabama and graduated from Chilton County High School in 1953. Nanette was raised in the Baptist Church. Nanette received her BS Degree in Home Economics Education and English from the University of Tampa in 1957. She was awarded her MS Degree in Home Economics Education in 1975 from Florida State University. Nanette received her degree of Doctorate of Education from Nova University in 1980. In 1957, Nanette accepted a position with Tampa Electric Company as a Home Economist. She taught Home Economics and English and was an Administrator in the Polk County System. Nanette was a Florida Department of Education Program Consultant and was the State Director for Home Economics Education for Florida. After retiring from Polk County Schools in 2003, Nanette was the Coordinator for Staff and Student Support and was an instructor in the AS Degree Early Child Education Program at Polk State College. She and her husband who died three years ago, Connel Rodgers, have two children and four grandchildren. Nanette has been a member of First Presbyterian Church for three years and is a member of the Congregational Care Committee and the Joy Circle. She is an advocate for health, nutrition and fitness and enjoys exercising and running races! She loves to learn and to be around Christians and serve the Lord every day. She is honored to be nominated and I look forward to serving.

LORI ROE was raised outside of Rochester, NY. She is thankful for a life-long connection to the Presbyterian Church. She met her husband, Quentin Roe, while attending the College of Wooster in Ohio. She has her MA from USF. She and Quentin have two grown sons, Eric and Adam. Two years ago their family expanded to include Eric's wife, Nicole. Lori and her husband Quentin taught Sunday School for several years together. They also enjoyed several years of chaperoning the youth to Montreat. Lori is the Director of Beymer Methodist Preschool and Kindergarten. At Beymer, she also co-leads a group called "Friendship Club" for young developmentally disabled adults. She previously served this church as a Deacon and during that time served on the Congregational Care Committee. She has volunteered for the past 15 years with First Presbyterian Church's Saturday Night Live ministry. She also enjoys being a Stephen Minister. Lori is honored to be considered for service as an Elder.

DEACONS

JUDY DENLINGER was born in Italy and moved often while her father was in the Army. Her grandmother and grandfather were ordained ministers in Michigan. She graduated from University of Florida with a Bachelor of Design Degree from the College of Architecture. She and her husband, Harry opened Ambiance Interior Design. They have two married daughters, Bristol and Claire.

Currently she is a member of P.E.O., Gardenia Garden Club, and on the Board of Florida Presbyterian Homes. She had a Girl Scout Troop for 10 years, has taught Sunday School, served as an Elder, taught Bible School, Senior High and second grade Sunday School. She and Harry were Middle School youth leaders for 4 years. She's served on Buildings and Grounds, Worship and Music, Membership, various search committees, Tech Task Force, and Bell Choir. Currently blessed by her participation in Sunday School and Bible Study, she hopes to be of service to our congregation with this opportunity.

LAURA POWELL is a sixth generation native Floridian and the fourth generation of her family to attend First Presbyterian Church. Laura is a graduate of Winter Haven High School. She earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics at Agnes Scott College, and a Master of Science degree in Agricultural Operations Management at the University of Florida. Laura met her husband, James while working as an Extension Agent for the University of Florida. They were married in our church in 2002.

DEACONS CONTINUED

Laura Powell Continued

Laura and James have a son, Drew, who was born in 2008. Laura currently manages training and support operations for a small company that provides inventory and accounting software for produce companies. Some of Laura's past involvements at First Presbyterian include teaching VBS and Sunday school, serving on an Associate Pastor Search Committee, and serving as Interim Youth Director. In her spare time, Laura enjoys cooking, volunteering at Drew's school, planning parties, and spending time with her family.

ED SMITH was born in Palatka, Florida, but moved to Winter Haven in 1954, at the beginning of the 8th grade. He graduated from Winter Haven High School in 1960. Ed earned an Associate Degree from Coffeyville (Kansas) Community College, a Bachelors Degree from Regents College (The University of New York), a Masters Degree from Old Dominion University, and the Educational Specialist Degree from Nova Southeastern University. Ed has an extensive career in public service. He is a retired lieutenant (LDO) in the U. S. Navy in which he served for 28 years. He also served as a Winter Haven Police Officer for one and one-half years and a Polk County public school teacher and administrator for sixteen years. Ed is a former Lake Alfred city commissioner and served one term as a vice-mayor and two terms as mayor. He was first elected to the Polk County Board of County Commissioners in 2008 and was re-elected for a second term in 2012. He was board chair in 2011. Ed is a member of the Board of Directors of the Florida Association of Counties and serves as a trustee for the Florida Local Government Investment Trust. He is a member of Phi Rho Pi fraternity, Phi Delta Theta fraternity, a 32° Scottish Rite Mason, and a Shriner.

Ed is a lifelong Christian having been baptized in the First Baptist Church in Hastings, Florida, at the age of seven. He was elected a deacon at Debaun Memorial Baptist Church in Chesapeake, Virginia, and was elected an elder at First Presbyterian Church in Haines City, Florida. He has taught Adult, and College and Career Sunday School classes for many years. He and his wife Barbara, a Winter Haven native, have six children, ten grand children, and two great grand children. Ed says that he considers it an honor and a privilege to be able to serve fellow Christians at First Presbyterian Church, Winter Haven.

NELL SPEER was born in Ocala, FL and moved to Winter Haven when she was four years old. She graduated from Winter Haven High School in 1956 and went to work for GTE. She married Ralph Speer in December 1957. They raised three children: Steve, Mike, and Diane. She grew up in the Baptist faith but became a founding member of St. Johns Methodist in Winter Haven. While attending there she taught Sunday School, directed VBS two years, was active in a circle, prayer group, and visitation. She graduated from Polk Community College in 1977 with a nursing degree. She retired from Winter Haven Hospital after 25 years in 2001. She then worked for a time for Good Shepherd Hospice. Ralph Passed away in February, 2011. Nell stays very involved with her three children's families and 10 grandchildren. She has been attending First Presbyterian Church for four years and has been a member for three years. She serves on Membership and Congregational Care Committees, Prayer Chain Ministry, and helps with Sanctuary Committee. Nell has helped with the Living Nativity and VBS the past two years. She enjoys traveling, gardening, cooking, the beach, and family. After many years of search, she feels inspired by this church family and feels she has finally found a home. God bless.

DAVE ZWICKER was born in Melrose, MA, married Penny in 1966, and worked in high tech sales & marketing. Massachusetts was home until they moved to Winter Haven in 2004. They have four children, Cara, Damon, Brent, and Tobin, and eight grandchildren. Dave is now retired, but is looking forward to devoting time to real estate projects that will keep him busy and active. He was a member of the UCC Church of Groton, MA, served as a Deacon, and sang in the choir. He and Penny joined First Pres in 2004. Singing in the choir and reaching out to our brothers & sisters in Honduras on four mission trips has provided Dave with great joy. He volunteers for the middle school youth group and has recently been a member of the Director of Youth Ministries search committee. His First Pres family has enriched his faith journey, and Dave looks forward to contributing back through his time and talents.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

BOB HUBBARD has been a member of First Pres since 1972 and has served three terms on the Session. He currently picks up the supplies for the soup kitchen and changes the Church sign. Bob has also taught Adult Sunday School classes.

LIA GRAY grew up in Advance, NC as a member of Advance Methodist Church. She graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a degree in nursing. While attending UNC, Lia met her husband, Jay. They married in January 1985 and moved to Hawaii where Jay was serving as a Navy officer assigned to Pearl Harbor. In August 1988, Jay, Lia, and 7 month old Erin moved to Winter Haven and began attending First Presbyterian. Their usual 4th row, center seat is the same spot Jay sat in while growing up at First Pres. Their son, Jack, joined the pew in October 1989.

Some of Lia's past involvements at First Presbyterian have included chairing the CE Committee, coordinating VBS, teaching Sunday School, serving as a Deacon and an Elder, and chairing several search committees. Currently Lia is serving as an Elder and a Stephen Minister, is a member of the Connect Sunday School class, participates in the Prayer Shawl Ministry, and leads a women's Bible study group. Lia works part time as a pediatric nurse practitioner. She enjoys trying new recipes, knitting, digital scrapbooking, spending time at Little Gasparilla, and traveling to visit Erin & son-in-law, Adam in Denver, Jack in Auburn, and her family in NC.

MIKE McGEE grew up in Central New York State and graduated from the State University of New York at Brockport. He moved to Winter Haven in 1989 and worked at Florida's Natural in Lake Wales since that time until his recent retirement. He has two daughters and four grandchildren in Florida as well as one daughter and three grandchildren in Missouri. Mike joined First Presbyterian and married Amy Lindsay in 2004. He currently serves on the Hospitality Committee and has served as a deacon since 2013. Mike looks forward to serving as on the Nominating Committee at First Presbyterian.

MARGARET "PEGGY" THRELKEL has attended First Presbyterian Church of Winter haven since her family joined in the 1970's. She was baptized at her confirmation and participated in the children's and youth activities while growing up. Upon returning to Winter Haven following her education, Peggy became involved in church activities. She has been a youth Sunday School leader, a youth group assistant, and a Christ Kids teacher. She has also lead a young adult Sunday School Class and assisted with Vacation Bible School. Peggy teaches in the Workshop Rotation Sunday School for our elementary children, assist with youth Sunday school, and senior high youth group. Peggy has served as an Elder, Chair of the Christian Education Committee, and on two Christian Education Search committees. Peggy has been actively involved in the Junior League of Greater Winter Haven and became the Executive Director at Girls Incorporated of Winter Haven in July, 2007. Peggy appreciates the support of her family and church family. "I am blessed and honored to be asked to serve on the Nominating Committee."

POLLY WILSON was born and raised in Winter Haven. Growing up in the First Baptist Church she accepted Christ as her savior at a young age. In the late 1970's she transferred her membership to First Presbyterian Church, where her husband attended as a child. Polly was married to Eddie for forty-two years until his death in 2002. They have three children, who are all members of this church, and eight grandchildren. She has served in many different capacities over the years at First Presbyterian. Polly has taught Bible School, been on the Sanctuary and Mission Committees and is currently serving on the Congregational Care Committee and as a Deacon. She has been in the Presbyterian Women's group and is a member of the Joy Circle. God has blessed her in many ways and would love to serve Him in any way that she can. First Presbyterian Church has been such an important part of Polly's life over the years that She considers it an honor and a privilege to be nominated to serve on the Nominating Committee.

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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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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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, Kline Roberts. We have many friends and members who would love to welcome your visit.



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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 232 bag lunches the week of 5/4/15.

Return Service Requested

Soup Kitchen Ministry

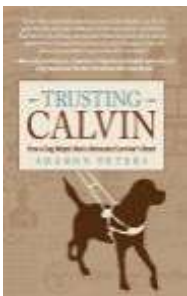
We fed 92 people on 5/9/15.

OM, OM BOOK DISCUSSION CLUB

Our **Odd Month, Odd (3rd) 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 about ordering a personal copy.

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