



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

Tower Chimes

Week of May 24 & 31, 2015

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129 Years of Ministry

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THE DAY OF PENTECOST

“When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each one of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit ...” Acts 2:1-4a



The account above begins to tell how the church came into being and so Pentecost is regarded as the birthday of the Church. The tongues of fire suggest that the liturgical color of the day be red.

Inasmuch as it is a day of celebration, as part of our worship we will partake of the Lord's Supper. Let us examine ourselves before coming to the Lord's Table so that we may come to receive the sacrament with grateful and joyful hearts.



CELEBRATING WITH OUR GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS SUNDAY, MAY 31



Please plan to join us in worship on Sunday, May 31 as we recognize the hard work that has brought our church's High School Seniors to the celebration of their graduation.

At our new summer worship time, 10:00 a.m. service we will honor **Josh Baker, Callie Clinch, CarLee Marchetti, Brian Hayes Parrish, Reagan Scheck, Emily Snyder, Mele Souza, & McCree Stults**. There will be a reception at 11:00 a.m. following worship honoring these seniors.

Remember in Prayer

members

Church calendar

Sunday, May 24

Communion

Pentecost Sunday

9:45 a.m. OJ Fellowship (MH)

10:00 a.m. Worship

5:30 p.m. HSYG (SC)

Monday, May 25

Memorial Day

Office Closed

Tuesday, May 26

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, May 27

8:45 a.m. MOM

5:30 p.m. MSYG (GSH)

5:30 p.m. Community Outreach (MCR)

6:15 p.m. Director of Music Search (MCR)

Thursday, May 28

7:00 p.m. Chapel Bells

Friday, May 29

8:45 a.m. MOM

Saturday, May 30

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

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

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**Sunday, May 31**

**High School Senior Recognition**

9:00 a.m. Sunday School-Children & Youth

9:45 a.m. OJ Fellowship (MH)

10:00 a.m. Worship

11:00 a.m. HS Graduate Reception

5:30 p.m. HSYG (SC)

**Monday, June 1**

8:45 a.m. MOM

**Tuesday, June 2**

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

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

7:00 p.m. Session (GR)

**Wednesday, June 3**

8:45 a.m. MOM

5:30 p.m. MSYG (GSH)

6:15 p.m. Director of Music Search (MCR)

**Thursday, June 4**

7:00 p.m. Chapel Bells

**Friday, June 5**

8:45 a.m. MOM

6:00 pm. HSYG Lock In (GC)

Ends 8:00 a.m. Saturday

**Saturday, June 6**

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

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

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

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 Thredgill  
Ben Tucker  
Shirley Turner  
Betty von Hahmann  
Anne Windham

## In the hospital: Roy Williamson

### Family and friends

Katheryn Christie & family  
Jerry Cooley  
Hank Davis  
Marilyn Dorsey  
Al Ellis  
Raymond Fenstermaker  
Cailyn Graves  
Wayne Harrison  
Jean Hehn  
Pete Kent  
Nan Mason  
Bobby McKown  
Lynn 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 Travis' friend  
Betty Stephens' friend  
Becky Everhart's friends  
Ellie Threlkel's friend  
Penn Tucker's friend  
Carolyn Thompson's daughter  
Lynn Oakley's friend



### Military service

|                    |                  |
|--------------------|------------------|
| Aaron Ashley       | Coree Jones      |
| James E. Baker     | Terry Jones, Jr. |
| Ben Clark          | Jackie Jung      |
| Deborah Clark      | David Knowles    |
| Nathan Connor      | Timothy Lee      |
| Tim Davis          | John Marotti     |
| Zach Drum          | Kaitlin Marotti  |
| Leah (Doty) Fuscia | Adam McPhail     |
| Eddie Gray         | Bradley Mudd     |
| Beau Gresham       | Andrew Stapor    |
| Chris Hagen        | Keaton Thompson  |
| Daniel Harp        | Jacob van Zandt  |
| Sean Harp          |                  |

### 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.**



*Our Christian sympathy goes to Marj Crittenden in the death of her husband, Bob Crittenden, who died on Friday, May 15, 2015.*

**FIRST FACT!!!**

Congratulations to **Madison Britt**, she is the Salutatorian for Grace Lutheran's Graduating Class. We are so proud of you Madison!



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**OUR SINGLE SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICE BEGINS THIS WEEK**

Please plan to join us all summer long for our First Presbyterian Family Reunion (aka; Our Single Summer Worship Service).

Beginning **THIS SUNDAY --- MAY 24** and continuing through Labor Day Weekend, our members and friends from both the 8:50 a.m. worship service and the 11:00 a.m. worship service will gather together each Sunday for one worship service at **10:00 a.m.**

This single service is a great opportunity to see folks who may normally attend "the other worship service", as we praise and worship God all summer long.

We hope to see you each week at 10:00 a.m., starting this week, **MAY 24!**

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**SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL FROM 9 – 9:45 A.M. THIS SUMMER  
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL, THIS SUNDAY, MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND, MAY 24  
(May 31 – August 30)**



**Iesodo – Where fun and faith take flight!** Preschool through fifth grade graduates can join us in the Movie Room for most Sundays this summer as we take a journey with Iesodo, a kind and wise white dove who teaches us lessons on faith, forgiveness, believing, and joy. The children will enjoy movie time and on certain days a craft to go along with the lesson. We will also have a cooking month in August where the children will make delicious recipes with Dr. Alan Harvey. It's sure to be an exciting summer this year at Sunday School!

**Singing Faith** - Many of us who have a love for God also have a passion for the songs of faith. There are the great old hymns, the somber spirituals, and some of the wonderful newer tunes which all help our souls soar. This summer, during the Sunday School hour, Dr. Negley, Dr. Harvey, and Dana Parrish will be leading a group of youth and adults in the scriptures and stories behind some wonderful songs of the Christian faith. We will listen (and maybe sing), and celebrate God in our study. Come and join us on Sunday mornings at 9 a.m. in the back of McLeod Hall.



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**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 Connie or Rose in the church office at 294-3121 on the Friday before by 12 p.m. to make those arrangements.

**There is no one here on the weekend to answer phone or take messages.**

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



# *Generosity Shows in Summer Mission Opportunities*

As we move into the summer, many people find they have a little extra time (and maybe money) on their hands that they might want to invest in the kingdom of God. Here are some wonderful ways that you can get involved, help our neighbors, and generously serve God with a smile at the same time:

## **Saturday Soup Kitchen—Head Cooks and Helpers Wanted**

We feed around 100 people each Saturday night, year-round. Our weekly ministry of providing a hot meal, in the name of Jesus Christ, to the hungry in our community will not hit a summer slump. The crews usually meet in the church kitchen around 2:00 p.m. on Saturday for food prep and set-up. The serving hour at our 737 building is 4:00-5:00 p.m. Clean-up is usually done in 30 minutes, and the volunteers are out the door by 5:30 p.m.—filled with the knowledge that lots of our neighbors will not go to bed hungry that night! If you would like to be a part of this ministry of care and compassion, sign up on the bulletin board in McLeod Hall. Head cooks and helpers are needed.



## **Bag Lunch Ministry—Assemble Food Bags on your Schedule**

For over 20 years, First Presbyterian Church has responded to Matthew 25 by feeding every hungry person who comes to our doors. Now, our Bag Lunch Ministry feeds an average of 50 people each weekday. Food items are purchased in bulk by the Deacons, and volunteers are needed to assemble bag lunches. It takes about an hour or two for one person to bag 125 lunches (about a half week's worth of our distribution). If you would be willing to come by, just call the church office and find out how our supply is holding out, and schedule your time to help.



## **Meals on Wheels—Summer Drivers Needed**

Each weekday, over two hundred residents of our area depend on the drivers from Meals on Wheels to deliver the hot, nutritious lunch and personal contact that helps them stay in their own homes. During the summer months, when many regular Meals on Wheels volunteers are away at their alternate addresses, or on vacation, Meals on Wheels desperately needs fill-in drivers. It takes a couple of hours around lunch time to deliver the meals on a route. If you could help one or more days a week, or even one or two days this summer, it would be a God-send. Meals on Wheels is located on Sixth Street, NW, directly across from our church. Call 299-1616 or drop by to find out where you are needed.



# 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](mailto:office@firstpreswh.org)), or dropping this reservation form in the collection plate.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

## 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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## PLEASE SIGN YOUR CHILD UP FOR ACOLYTE

Acolytes are needed at the 10:00 a.m. worship service this summer on Sunday mornings. A sign-up sheet is located on the informational bulletin board in the CE Building. Please sign-up your child ahead of time so we can include his/her name in the bulletin.

Any child who is in first through fifth grade can acolyte. Please call Amy McKee at 294-3121 or e-mail [amckee@firstpreswh.org](mailto:amckee@firstpreswh.org) with any questions.





# JUNE BIRTHDAYS



|      |                                                                 |      |                                                                           |      |                                                                                                   |
|------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 6/1  | Carol Carter<br>Luci Glenn<br>Barbara Perkins                   | 6/10 | Lori Temple                                                               | 6/20 | Karla Hoffman                                                                                     |
| 6/2  | Dusty Marshall                                                  | 6/11 | Spike Thompson<br>Betty Vantrease                                         | 6/21 | Elizabeth Fielder<br>MaryBess Thompson<br>Jennifer Van Allen                                      |
| 6/3  | Bryan Arnold<br>Bristol Denlinger<br>Bob Endress<br>Hadley Owen | 6/12 | John Bader<br>Karen King<br>John Van Allen                                | 6/22 | Rachel Harris                                                                                     |
| 6/4  | Shannon Badnell<br>Isobel Hubbard<br>Joe McKee<br>Sarah Rennie  | 6/13 | Bill Garrett                                                              | 6/23 | Audrey Hawk<br>Camryn Swango                                                                      |
| 6/5  | Arthur Harris<br>Janet Lawlor<br>Adam Smith<br>Jean Tannahill   | 6/14 | Pam Blackburn<br>David Dinger<br>Kay Hedden<br>Sadie Owen<br>Julia Trachy | 6/24 | Owen Boyce<br>Dana Elmore<br>Rhonda Garneau<br>Dorothy Ryan<br>Robbie Siefke<br>MacKenzie Tackett |
| 6/7  | Ann Adams<br>Susan Hankin<br>Adam Roe                           | 6/15 | Elizabeth Peters<br>Lyn Swart<br>Hamp Walker<br>Julie Wilson              | 6/25 | Rachel Alexander<br>Joyce Anderson<br>Jane Whitney                                                |
| 6/8  | Pat Miller                                                      | 6/16 | Til Fellows<br>Stuart Fitzgerald<br>Kathy Lockhart                        | 6/26 | Sherry Kennedy                                                                                    |
| 6/9  | Laura Frost<br>Hildegard Lindstrom                              | 6/18 | Philip MacDonald<br>Jordan Peters<br>Justin Ryan                          | 6/27 | Emily Snyder                                                                                      |
| 6/10 | Mike Easterling<br>Alex Girouard                                | 6/19 | John Eycleshimer<br>Steve Lockhart                                        | 6/28 | Rich Dobler                                                                                       |
| 6/10 | Hunter Stapor                                                   | 6/20 | Joyce Hayman                                                              | 6/29 | Bill Adams<br>Kim Kelley<br>Clare McAdams<br>Philip Siefke<br>Brigitte Thompson                   |
|      |                                                                 |      |                                                                           | 6/30 | Ellie Threlkel                                                                                    |



# JUNE Anniversaries



|     |                                                   |      |                                                                   |      |                                                                       |
|-----|---------------------------------------------------|------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 6/1 | Kevin & Lynne Grady<br>Arthur & Betty Harris      | 6/9  | Jeff & Lisa Snyder                                                | 6/21 | Mike & Cheryce Harris                                                 |
| 6/2 | Debora & Jay Pearson<br>Andy & Sherie Ray         | 6/10 | Rob & Laura Frost<br>Steve & Kim Lockhart<br>Lou & Glenda Parrott | 6/22 | Len & Mary Ellen Porter<br>Adam & Leah Weeks                          |
| 6/3 | Joel & Barbara Smith                              | 6/11 | Dick & Nancy Shaw                                                 | 6/24 | Ron & Gail Damkjer<br>John & Gail Van Allen                           |
| 6/4 | Richard & Dana Elmore<br>Jim & Ellie Threlkel     | 6/12 | Rich & Nancy Dobler<br>George & Ruth Dunham                       | 6/25 | Dana & Denise Cole<br>Ryan & Jessica Groetsch<br>Ed & Sharon Mitchell |
| 6/5 | Jim & Bev Morris                                  | 6/13 | Bill & Gloria Allen                                               | 6/26 | Ed & Barbara Smith<br>Gee & Christa Roe<br>Dave & Penny Zwicker       |
| 6/6 | Mark & Patti Bostick                              | 6/14 | Don & Linda Dinger<br>Tom & Pat Nepute<br>Craig & Betsy Wengler   | 6/28 | Charles & Nancy Chilton<br>Jim & Ann King<br>Chuck & Pam Watson       |
| 6/8 | Larry & Marie Adams<br>Spike & MaryBess Thomopson | 6/19 | Pete & Jean Harman<br>Justin & Sarah Ryan                         |      |                                                                       |
| 6/9 | Brian & Jennifer Boyce                            | 6/21 | Glen & Joyce Anderson                                             |      |                                                                       |
| 6/9 | Geoff & Nicole Roe<br>George & Beverly Seagreaves |      |                                                                   |      |                                                                       |





## YOU CAN STILL SIGN UP FOR KIDZ SUMMER ESCAPE

Kidz Summer Escape, our six week long summer program on Tuesdays and Thursdays for children ages three through kindergarten graduates is quickly approaching (**June 9 – July 16**) from **8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.** If you know of anyone who might be interested in this program, please pass along this information.

The total donation for the summer is \$170 with \$50 of that being due at the time of registration. The final registration deadline is June 4. Contact Amy McKee for more information at 294-3121 or [amckee@firstpreswh.org](mailto:amckee@firstpreswh.org).



## 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.



## PRAYER CHAIN

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.



## DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE GOING THROUGH A DIFFICULT TIME?



Do you have a friend, neighbor, co-worker, or relative who has been struggling with the loss of a loved one, loneliness, cancer, a layoff, relocation, divorce, a spiritual crisis, recuperation, single parenthood, or any of countless other life challenges? Our Stephen Ministers can provide them with the focused care, encouragement, and support they need to make it through the crisis.

If you know someone who is hurting, 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.**



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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 249 bag lunches the week of 5/11/15.

**Return Service Requested**

### Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 82 people on 5/16/15.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL EVEREST WILL BE HERE BEFORE YOU KNOW IT

The coolest week of summer is coming quickly, **June 14-18 from 6:15-8:30 p.m.** every evening for children ages four through fifth grade graduates. Registration may be done online at <https://www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/fpcwh2015> or registration forms may be picked up in the Narthex. The children will meet new friends, take part in glacier games, enjoy lip smacking snacks, sing along with incredible music, and learn fantastic Bible stories.



We also need teen and adult volunteers to help out during the week. Please contact Amy McKee if you're available ([amckee@firstpreswh.org](mailto:amckee@firstpreswh.org) or 294-3121). We also need your help transforming McLeod Hall into Base Camp Everest. If you have hiking boots, tents, sleeping bags, and other items that can be used for decorations during the week, please let Amy know. Gear up for VBS and register TODAY!

**GEAR UP FOR VBS TODAY (June 14-18 from 6:15-8:30 p.m. each night)**

Children ages four through fifth grade graduates

(Please tear off and place in the offering plate, bring to the church office or mail to the church)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_ Special Friend they would like to be with \_\_\_\_\_

Mom: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Dad: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Who will pick up your child from VBS?: \_\_\_\_\_

Any additional info?: \_\_\_\_\_