



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

Tower Chimes

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Issue 545

129 Years of Ministry

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MISSION HONDURAS LUNCHEON, THIS 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.

The delicious menu is typical Honduran fare:

Chicken Taco, Rice, Plantains, Red Beans, Tres Leches Pastel (Cake)

Name: _____ Number Attending: _____

SIGN UP NOW FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL EVEREST

The coolest week of summer is almost here, **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 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?: _____

Remember in Prayer

members

Church calendar

Sunday, June 7

8:45 a.m. OJ Fellowship (MH)
 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
 10:00 a.m. Worship
 11:00 a.m. Mission Honduras 2014 Luncheon (MH)

Monday, June 8

8:45 a.m. MOM

Tuesday, June 9

8:30 a.m. Kidz Summer Escape (CE)
 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (MCR)
 12:00 p.m. Men's Lunch (MH)

Wednesday, June 10

8:45 a.m. MOM
 12:00 p.m. Buildings & Grounds (MH)
 5:00 p.m. Memorial Garden (MCR)

Thursday, June 11

8:30 a.m. Kidz Summer Escape (CE)

Friday, June 12

8:45 a.m. MOM

Saturday, June 13

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

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#### Sunday, June 14

8:45 a.m. OJ Fellowship (MH)  
 9:00 a.m. Sunday School-Children & Youth  
 9:30 a.m. Session-Receive New Members (ER)  
 10:00 a.m. Worship  
 11:00 a.m. New Member Reception (GC)  
 6:15 p.m. Vacation Bible School (MH & CE)

#### Monday, June 15

8:45 a.m. MOM  
 6:15 p.m. Vacation Bible School (MH & CE)

#### Tuesday, June 16

8:30 a.m. Kidz Summer Escape (CE)  
 12:00 p.m. Men's Lunch (MH)  
 12:00 p.m. Finance (UR)  
 2:00 p.m. Staff Meeting (MCR)  
 6:15 p.m. Vacation Bible School (MH & CE)

#### Wednesday, June 17

8:45 a.m. MOM  
 6:15 p.m. Vacation Bible School (MH & CE)

#### Thursday, June 18

8:30 a.m. Kidz Summer Escape (CE)  
 6:15 p.m. Vacation Bible School (MH & CE)

#### Friday, June 19

8:45 a.m. MOM

#### Saturday, June 20

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

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  
 Raynel Hillman

Ed Houston  
 Camille Howe  
 Dorothy Johnson  
 Toni Krieger  
 Dena Lancashire  
 Steve Luxford  
 Elaine Maltese  
 Rita Marcacci  
 Carole Marotti  
 Greg Marrs  
 Gladys Meier  
 Jim Morris  
 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  
 Linda Stavres  
 Alee Swango  
 Carol Switalski  
 Pam Tallent-Blackburn  
 Chuck Tate  
 Carolyn Thompson  
 Ed Threadgill  
 Ben Tucker  
 Shirley Turner  
 Betty von Hahmann  
 Roy Williamson  
 Anne Windham

### Family and friends

Gerrilyn Bush  
 Katheryn Christie & family  
 Jerry Cooley  
 Marilyn Dorsey  
 Joan Esling  
 Al Ellis  
 Raymond Fenstermaker  
 Cailyn Graves  
 Wayne Harrison  
 Jean Hehn  
 Pete Kent  
 Nan Mason  
 Hoyt Maulden  
 Bobby McKown  
 Lynn Mincey  
 LaDonna Owen  
 Sharon Pettit  
 Chris Rafool  
 Eloise & Ken Seaman  
 Carl Shelton  
 David Smith  
 Debra Whitson

Cori Swango's friend  
 Penn Tucker's friends  
 Susan Singleton's friend  
 Carol Carter's sister  
 Janet Howard's friend  
 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  
 Judy Winfree's brother-in-law  
 Jane & Keith Ray's friend  
 Judy Winfree's friend  
 Jonathan Owen's aunt  
 Lorretta Traviss' friend  
 Betty Stephens' friend  
 Becky Everhart's friends  
 Jonathan Owen's friend  
 Penn Tucker's friend  
 Lynn Oakley's friend

### Military service

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|--------------------|------------------|
| 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 deepest sympathy goes to Steve Luxford, upon the death of his mother, Elizabeth Freeman, who died on Friday, April 17, 2015.

Our Christian sympathy goes to Linda Stavres upon the death of her brother, Ed Gibson, who died on Sunday, May 17, 2015.

## 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).

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## RUBY TUESDAY & ANGELS CARE CENTER THIS WEEKEND



Ruby Tuesday's restaurant in Winter Haven (near Legoland) has partnered with Angels Care Center in their Community GiveBack Program! On **June 7, 8, & 9 (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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## HOW ABOUT AN EVENING OF WEEDING AROUND GOD'S HOUSE?

The Buildings and Grounds Committee is hosting a "weeding and mulching party" on **Wednesday evening, June 10.** We will have a simple supper for anyone who is coming straight from work. We plan to pair up to weed the church flower beds and spread some mulch. Bring your work gloves (and a wheelbarrow if you have one) and join us from 5:30 PM until dark on that Wednesday evening as we spruce up the grounds around the Lord's house.



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## IT OUGHT TO BE IN PICTURES



The Buildings and Grounds Committee is seeking a member of the congregation who would be willing to donate their time and talent in helping us create a video inventory of the contents of our church buildings. Our insurance carrier has requested that we compile such a video inventory. We need someone who is comfortable operating a video camera (and maybe who owns a high quality digital video recording device), and who would be willing to take the time and work with staff members as they give narrative descriptions of what is being recorded throughout our church facility. If you might be willing to share the time and the expertise, please contact Ronda Lacy, our church's Director of Finance and Administration, at 294-3121.

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## FIRST FACTS!!!

### BREAKING THE CYCLE OF POVERTY ONE PERSON AT A TIME

The young lady graduating is Ely Rodas pictured here with her mother, sister-in-law and grandfather. Ely was one of the students our church helped with scholarships to finish high school. Her dream was to continue on to college. She came from a poor family so her dream seemed impossible. Several members of our church supported her with extra help and now she has graduated from the school of Pharmacy at the University of Honduras.



# *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.



# SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL FROM 9:00 – 9:45 A.M. THIS SUMMER (Runs through 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.



## OUR SINGLE SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICE HAS BEGUN

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



This service continues 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.**



## STEPHEN MINISTERS ARE THERE TO CARE



Are you going through a difficult time--emotionally, spiritually, or relationally? Are you lonely, experiencing a crisis, or simply stressed by everyday life? You don't have to suffer alone. Our Stephen Ministers are trained caregivers, ready to listen, care for and encourage you, pray with and for you, and provide confidential one-to-one Christian care to help you through whatever it is that you are facing.

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.**



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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 270 bag lunches the week of 5/18/15.

We gave out 316 bag lunches the week of 5/25/15.

We gave out a total of 1123 bag lunches in May.

### Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 95 people on 5/23/15.

We fed 130 people on 5/30/15.

We fed at total of 489 people in

**Return Service Requested**

## PATRIOTIC LUNCHEON SUNDAY, JULY 5



Mark your calendars now for the Patriotic Luncheon to be held immediately following the 10:00 a.m. service on **Sunday, July 5**. We encourage all to show their patriotic spirit by wearing red, white and blue that day. We will be singing and flag waving ... with a salute to our Armed Forces.



**Hog Heaven Smokehouse** will be our caterer.

On the menu are:

Pulled Pork Sandwiches

Baked Beans

Macaroni and Cheese

Coleslaw

Peach Cobbler

Iced Tea and Lemonade

For the children, we will have Chicken Nuggets.



The cost for lunch is \$8 for adults, and \$4 for children 10 and under. Reservations are required and these can be made by calling the church office at 294-3121 or by completing the form below and placing it in the offering plate. A count must be given to Hog Heaven by **MONDAY June 29**. Thank you!

### PATRIOTIC LUNCHEON RESERVATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ # of Adults: \_\_\_\_\_ # of Children: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please do not pre-pay. Money will be collected the day of luncheon.**