



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

Tower Chimes

Week of June 21 & 28, 2015

Issue 546

129 Years of Ministry

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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.

Yum

Hog Heaven Smokehouse will be our caterer.

On the menu are:

Pulled Pork Sandwiches

Baked Beans

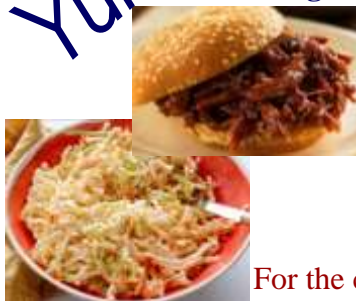
Macaroni and Cheese

Coleslaw

Peach Cobbler

Iced Tea and Lemonade

For the children, we will have Chicken Nuggets.



Yum

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.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS



Lynn & Jerry Mincey
512 Lake Mariam Terrace
Winter Haven, FL 33884
863-324-7303



Amanda & David Nicholson
235 6th St., NW #505
Winter Haven, FL 33881
863-424-8488



Julie Valk
122 Jardin Lane
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Church calendar

Sunday, June 21

Father's Day

3 Cents-a-Meal

8:45 a.m. OJ Fellowship (MH)

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship

Monday, June 22

8:45 a.m. MOM

10:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl (MH)

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

Tuesday, June 23

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

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

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

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

5:30 p.m. Stephen Minister Leaders (GC)

6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministers (GC)

6:30 p.m. Deacons (GC)

Wednesday, June 24

8:45 a.m. MOM

Thursday, June 25

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

Friday, June 26

8:45 a.m. MOM

Saturday, June 27

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

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

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Sunday, June 28

8:45 a.m. OJ Fellowship (MH)

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

10:00 a.m. Worship

11:15 a.m. Golden Center Open House (GC)

Monday, June 29

8:45 a.m. MOM

Tuesday, June 30

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

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

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

Wednesday, July 1

8:45 a.m. MOM

Thursday, July 2

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

Friday, July 3

Office Closed

Saturday, July 4

Independence Day

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

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



Remember in Prayer

members

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
Gladys Meier
Jim Morris
Heidi Van Allen-Munoz
Joan Murphy
Nancy Neale
Dee Palmore
Liz Purnell
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 Thredgill
Ben Tucker
Shirley Turner
Betty von Hahmann
Roy Williamson
Anne Windham

In the hospital: Alan Harvey

Family and friends

Gerrilyn Bush
Katheryn Christie & family
Joan Esling
Al Ellis
Raymond Fenstermaker
Cailyn Graves
Wayne Harrison
Jean Hehn
Linda Holtebeck
Pete Kent
Nan Mason
Hoyt Maulden
Bobby McKown
LaDonna Owen
Cecily Saenza
Carl Shelton
David Smith
Chris Turner
Marshal Wood

Cori Swango's friend
Penn Tucker's friends
Janet Howard's friend
Jim Threlkel's friend
Gale & Gwen Waters' grandson
Andrea Cardona's friend
Penn Tuckers' friend
Ellie Threlkel's friend
Jennifer Vibral's friend
Charley & Nancy Chilton's nephew
Harvey & Mary Ann Snively's daughter
Judy Winfree's brother-in-law
Jane & Keith Ray's friend
Jonathan Owen's aunt
Jennifer Vibral's cousin
Jonathan Owen's friend
Penn Tucker's friend
Zan Dismuke's cousin
Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend

Military service

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

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 Karen Premuto and family, upon the death of her father, Gustav Papendick, who died on Saturday, May 30, 2015.

Our Christian sympathy goes to Caroline Greene upon the death of her mother, Mary Ruth Miller, who died on Saturday, May 30, 2015.

WELCOME LYNN McCOY OUR NEW DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES!

The Session is pleased to announce that Lynn McCoy has been called as the full-time Director of Music Ministries at First Presbyterian Church.

After a six month long, nationwide search (which included over thirty applicants from around the US and abroad in multiple Skype and face to face interviews) the Director of Music Ministries Search Committee enthusiastically recommended Lynn as the ideal candidate for our position. Lynn's musical and professional background spans church organist/director positions, private piano instruction, and involvement in music education at several levels. Lynn moved to Winter Haven seven years ago, and has become known here in our congregation as one of the founding members of what is now our Jazzbyterians, a member of our bell choirs and chancel choir, and most recently as our interim organist.



The Session is excited to have Lynn join our church staff. We look forward to enjoying her incredible keyboard talents in worship on both piano and organ. We are eager to see how our church music program will blossom as she uses her vast training and experience in leading children's choirs (Lynn is an accomplished vocal director, and she is certified on Orff Instruments). Lynn also has a passion for sharing her love for music with youth and young adults (get out your iPads and gear up for Garage Band). Lynn is already well-loved by the members of our church's chancel choir and bell choirs, and she knows how they use their gifts to praise God.

FIRST PRES SAYS THANK YOU TO CHERYCE HARRIS



It would be hard to imagine the music ministry at First Presbyterian Church of Winter Haven without the involvement of Cheryce Harris. For over twenty years, Cheryce has shared her vocal and leadership talents in so many ways. Cheryce is a faithful member of our Chancel Choir. Cheryce has been involved with our hand bell choirs as a ringer, solo ringer, and director. And as we moved into our most recent staff transition in music ministry last November, Cheryce graciously answered the Session's call to head up our music program as the Interim Choir Director. Taking on this responsibility (in addition to her fulltime job as a middle school band director) Cheryce kept this portion of our church's ministry focused on praising God through excellent vocal and instrumental music.

Thank you, Cheryce for your tireless efforts during the interim. "Well done, good and faithful servant."

ADDITIONAL THANK YOUS

Please join the Session in thanking those church members who devoted their time and talents as members of the Director of Music Ministries Search Committee: Mike Harris (chairperson), Anamarie Coffman, Rich Dobler, Laura Frost, Sean Ivey, Hadley Owen, Norm Patrick, Jane Ray, Dick Shaw, Squire Smith, and T. Michael Stavres.

Their hours of prayerful work are helping us move forward in wonderful ways in enabling disciples of all ages in our congregation to praise God by making a joyful noise.

WHAT DO STEPHEN MINISTERS DO?...

Stephen Ministers are members who have gone through 50 hours of training to provide confidential one-to-one Christian care to people who are facing a crisis or simply going through a difficult time. Your Stephen Minister will meet with you once a week for around an hour to listen to you, care for you, pray with and for you, and provide emotional and spiritual encouragement. Men are matched with male Stephen Ministers, women are matched with female Stephen Ministers.

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.

ANGELS CARE CENTER OF ELOISE

Angel Collection Box Needs



There is an ongoing need for the following items to be given out at the Angels Care Center. Please leave items in the Angel Collection Box in McLeod Hall. Thank YOU, and God Bless!!!

First Aid Kits: washcloths, band-aids, wet wipes, small soaps, small antibacterial soap, Q-tips, small packets of antibiotic ointment, etc.

Children's "Jesus Kits": coloring sheets with Biblical themes, crayons, scripture/song cards (simple and short for children), small books, stickers, etc.

Toiletry Kits: shampoo, soap, deodorant, razors, feminine products, combs, washcloths, hand gel, lotion, toothbrush and toothpaste, small samples from hotel/motels, etc.

Miscellaneous: zip lock bags (gallon, quart and snack size).

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.



Need a ride to church?



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 Three Cents-a-Meal

The Next Offering is This Sunday, June 21

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.



Beth-El Mission is our Presbytery’s Ministry with migrant farmworkers. Located in Wimauma, Florida – Beth-El 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 **Beth-El 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.**



JULY BIRTHDAYS



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| 7/1 Dorothy Leavitt
Gannon Olmert
Bill Ussery | 7/15 Toni Barger
Jeremiah Johnston | 7/23 Jim Huff
Landon Olmert |
| 7/2 Bill Johnston
Timothy Swango | 7/16 Larry Davis
Elizabeth Nepute
Bethany Owen
James Shinn | 7/24 Robert Bentley
Dana Parrish
Lisa Pettit
Jim Threlkel
Kenneth Von Hahmann |
| 7/3 Brock Johnston | 7/17 Sylvia Chambers
Janet Howard
Joshua Spence
Charles Watson | 7/25 Katherine Andrews
Weegie Bentley
Sarah Dugger
Markie McCann
Earle Roberts |
| 7/4 Cameron Badnell
Kelly Lock | 7/18 Chuck Darte
Jean Strang | 7/26 Charles Brantley
Kris Jorgensen
Danielle Thompson |
| 7/6 Pat McCarty
Debbie Williams | 7/19 Justin Hoagland
Tanner Owens
Brooklyn Porter
Scott Saterbo | 7/27 Gail Damkjer
Bob Doyel
Joann Gray
Pete Snively
Sarah Strang |
| 7/7 Margaret Braun | 7/20 Mary Dukes
Gladys Larson
Cynthia Saterbo
Angela Scamehorn | 7/28 Kathy Cheatham
T. Michael Stavres |
| 7/8 Ranell Hillman
Bob McClew
Ken Miller
Lori Roe | 7/21 Warren Girouard
Billy Johnston
Mary Marrs
Jan Patrick
Elizabeth Pearson
Kaye Stine | 7/29 Ray Garcia
Lori Grode
Dena Lancashire |
| 7/9 Edward Gorsky
Reagan Scheck | 7/22 Doug Purnell
Linda Stavres
Susan Vickers | 7/30 Anne McCauley
John Scheck |
| 7/10 Marjorie DiLorenzo
Lauren Schwenk | 7/23 Bob Bruce | 7/31 Lisa Endres |
| 7/12 Kate Eelman
Sean Michael Ivey
Len Porter | | |
| 7/13 Carrie Bilancio
Kelly Bogey
Melody Johnson
Babe Paxton | | |
| 7/14 Emily Alexander | | |
| 7/14 Alex Bruce
Nancy Jorgensen
Ann Quessenberry | | |



JULY ANNIVERSARIES



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| 7/4 Jim & Pat Vobornik | 7/14 George & Helen Butz | 7/20 Billy & Leah Melvin |
| 7/7 Tim & Glynn Swango | 7/15 Jaron & Mary Alice Skipper | Randy & Karla VonHahmann |
| 7/9 Vet & Richart Ashby
Mike & Amy Speer | 7/16 Bill & Alice Colgrove
Les & Alison O'Neal
Dave & Bonnie Ryan | 7/21 Kenny & Lynn Lasseter |
| 7/10 Bob & Judy Winfree | 7/17 Dave & Katie Sparr | 7/23 Stuart & Judy Fitzgerald
Bill & Karen Siegel |
| 7/12 Norm & Jan Patrick | 7/19 Les & Ginny Dunson | 7/31 Scott & Tish Turner |
| 7/13 Mal & Lynn Boland | 7/20 Randy & Roxanne McCann | |
| 7/14 Richard & Sharon Bogey | | |

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!

Connect – Grow – Thrive will connect this summer in Room 207 for those who are in town each week. The discussion will change each week, so feel free to stop by anytime and catch up with your Connect – Grow – Thrive friends. We look forward to anyone wishing to join in an open discussion this summer on various topics to join us.

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, Steve Negley, Alan 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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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.

Some Sundays we will follow our “Traditional” order of worship. This service has 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.

Other Sundays we will worship in the style of our “Gathering” service. 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

In either format, we are certain that God will be glorified.

We hope to see you each week at 10:00 a.m.!



Our Purpose Statement

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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 246 bag lunches the week of 6/1/15.

We gave out 232 bag lunches the week of 6/8/15.

Return Service Requested

Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 90 people on 6/6/15.

We fed 100 people on 6/13/15.

SUMMER YOUTH GROUP

Our regularly scheduled middle school and high school youth groups are in recess for the summer. We will resume regular programming for high school August 30, 2015 from 5:30-7:30 and middle school will resume Wednesday, September 2, 2015 from 5:30-7:30 in our newly renovated Golden Center.

We will meet throughout the summer for fun summer trips. Both groups will meet at the Golden Center **July 7-11** for our summer service week. Mark your calendars. More information will come about times and locations. This is an important part of our mission as a youth group. We are to be the hands and feet of Jesus while we are here. This is one small way we can do that.

DON'T MISS OUR MUSICAL SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our youth Sunday school will meet in McLeod Hall at 9:00 each week for Dr. Negley's series on hymns and contemporary Christian songs. There is sure to be lots of discussion. We would love to have you, so come on out and join the discussion.