



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

# Tower Chimes

Week of July 5 & 12, 2015

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129 Years of Ministry

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## PATRIOTIC LUNCHEON SUNDAY, JULY 5

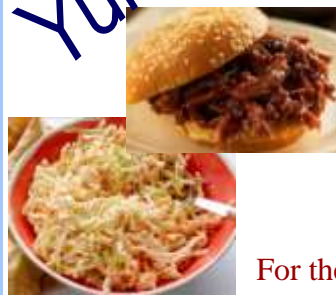
Mark your calendars now for the Patriotic Luncheon to be held immediately following the 10:00 a.m. service on **Sunday, July 5**. We encourage all to show their patriotic spirit by wearing red, white and blue that day. We will be singing and flag waving ... with a salute to our Armed Forces.

**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.



## 10 TO 2 LUNCH BUNCH

Join other members and friends of First Pres.  
for a week-day lunch outing.

**We will:**

- Meet at the church at **10 a.m. on Thursday, July 16**
- Take the church bus to ***Skipper's Smokehouse and Oyster Bar in Tampa***
- Enjoy a leisurely meal and fellowship (the Blackened Grouper Reuben is world famous, but the burgers, black beans, devil crabs ... you name it –is hard to beat)
- Have you back at the church by 2 p.m.

All it costs is the price of your own lunch.

Call the church office (294-3121) to get your name on the list.



# Church calendar

## Sunday, July 5

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

## Monday, July 6

8:45 a.m. MOM

## Tuesday, July 7

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 8

8:45 a.m. MOM

## Thursday, July 9

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

## Friday, July 10

8:45 a.m. MOM

## Saturday, July 11

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

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## Sunday, July 12

### Communion

8:45 a.m. OJ Fellowship (MH)  
 9:00 a.m. Sunday School-Children & Youth  
 10:00 a.m. Worship

## Monday, July 13

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

## Tuesday, July 14

8:30 a.m. Kidz Summer Escape (CE)  
 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (MCR)  
 12:00 p.m. Men's Lunch (MH)  
 6:00 p.m. Personnel (MCR)

## Wednesday, July 15

8:45 a.m. MOM  
 5:00 p.m. Memorial Garden (MCR)

## Thursday, July 16

8:30 a.m. Kidz Summer Escape (CE)  
 10:00 a.m. 10-2 Lunch Bunch  
 Skippers Smokehouse, Tampa

## Friday, July 17

Office Closed

## Saturday, July 18

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

# Remember in Prayer

## members

Win Betrus	Raynel Hillman	Dave Ryan
Guy Bostick	Ed Houston	Dorothy Ryan
Lois Burrell	Camille Howe	Helene Schulz
Brian Cardona	Dorothy Johnson	Barbara A. Smith
Millie Carrier	Toni Krieger	Linda Stavres
George & Sylvia Chambers	Dena Lancashire	Marcia Strang
Norma Conner	Steve Luxford	Alee Swango
Don Dinger	Elaine Maltese	Carol Switalski
Jerry Dugger	Rita Marcacci	Pam Tallent-Blackburn
Jana Easterling	Gladys Meier	Chuck Tate
Jeanne Estes	Lynnis Mincey	Carolyn Thompson
Bill & Becky Everhart	Jim Morris	Ed Threadgill
Kathy Girouard	Joan Murphy	Ben Tucker
Marge Goodman	Nancy Neale	Shirley Turner
Pam Gray	Liz Purnell	Betty von Hahmann
Pete & Jean Harman	Howard Rambeau	Nancy Williamson
Frances Heath	Ann Reddout	Anne Windham
Doris Hill	Earle Roberts	

In the hospital : Dee Palmore

## Family and friends

Al Ellis	Jim Threlkel's friend
Raymond Fenstermaker	Gale & Gwen Waters' grandson
Jean Hehn	Ellie Threlkel's friend
Linda Holtebeck	Jennifer Vibral's friend
Pete Kent	Charley & Nancy Chilton's nephew
Nan Mason	Harvey & Mary Ann Snively's daughter
LaDonna Owen	Jonathan Owen's aunt
Marshal Wood	Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend

## Please help us visit our hospitalized members!

The tightening of HIPAA regulations has meant that we have missed visiting some of our members during their hospital stay. If you are a member or a friend of this congregation, or you have a family member admitted to any hospital, please call the church office and let the pastors know.

**Thank you for helping us stay in touch with the congregation.**

## 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	

# COMMUNION SUNDAY, JULY 12

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated  
**Sunday, July 12** Remember to prepare your hearts to come to the Lord's table.



Our Christian sympathy goes to Nancy Williamson upon the death of her husband, Roy Williamson, who died on Friday, June 19, 2015.

Our Christian sympathy goes to Linda Dinger upon the death of her husband, Don Dinger, who died on Sunday, June 21, 2015.

# Calling All Youth

We will be having our youth summer service week the week of **July 7-11**. This is a week we do what Christians are called to do in the body of Christ, to be His hands and feet here on earth. We will meet each day that week and participate in one service project a day. This includes anything from packing bag lunches for our bag lunch ministry here at the church to volunteering to cook and serve a meal at our Soup Kitchen ministry. God calls us to help those who cannot help themselves and this is a small way we can further His kingdom.

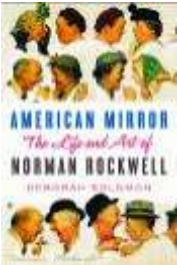


Tuesday, July 7, after packing bag lunches we will all hop on the church bus and head over to Fun Spot in Kissimmee. The cost is \$22.50 per person and any extra money you will want to bring for meals while in the park.

*“For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many.” Mark 10:45*



## SAVE THE DATE: OM, OM BOOK DISCUSSION CLUB American Mirror: The Life and Art of Norman Rockwell



Our Odd Month, Odd (3<sup>rd</sup>) Monday Book Discussion Club will meet again on **July 20 at 3:00 p.m.** We will have some light refreshments and discussion.

Please plan to tell us about one of your favorite Norman Rockwell illustrations or paintings.



## GOOD NEWS FOR GOD’S CHILDREN... (From some great children’s books)

Celebrating the marvelous truth that we are all children of God, our worship services during the month of July will be centering on “Good News for God’s Children.” Each week, during “The Time With Younger Disciples,” Dr. Harvey or Dr. Negley will share an entire children’s book with the little ones who come forward. (Bigger children, those from 5 to 105, will be able to see the pictures from the book as they are being projected in the sanctuary). The scripture and sermon for each Sunday will be woven around the story that has been told to God’s children. We hope you will gather with us each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. in July as all God’s children share the good news of what God has done, and is doing for us, in Jesus Christ.



## PRAYER SHAWL CALL



The Prayer Shawl Group has an over abundance of yarn. If you are going away on vacation this summer and would like to knit a prayer shawl or something special for one of our shut-ins while you are away, please come by the church office and pick up some yarn “to-go.” Thank you for giving of your time and talent.



## WE’RE PROUD OF THE RED, WHITE, AND BLUE

We are updating our prayer list for church members and their relatives who are currently serving the military. We need your help. If you have a relative that you would like for us to include in the military section of our weekly prayer list, (even if he or she is already on the list) please email ([cshipley@firstpreswh.org](mailto:cshipley@firstpreswh.org)) or call the church office (863-294-3121). We need the service member’s name, branch of the military, and the name of the church member to which they are related (and relationship). Thanks for helping us keep these men and women in the prayers of our congregation.



## DON’T FORGET YOUR DONATED ITEMS



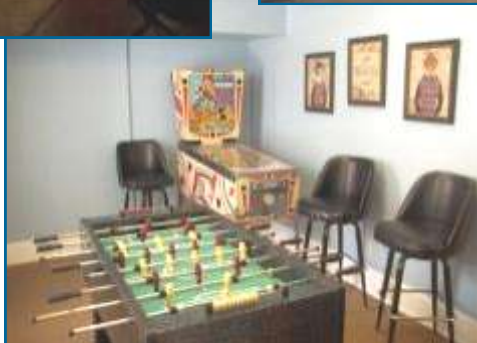
If you donated decorations for VBS, you may pick up your items in Room 103 of the CE building on Sunday mornings or during regular church office hours. Thank you!

# Generosity Shows in Memorial Gifts

Generosity Shows in the ministry of the church of Jesus Christ in many different ways. The regular weekly tithes and offerings of the members of a church enable a great deal of God's work in the world. Gifts made in memory of loved ones and friends often help churches to accomplish special tasks.

In the past few years, several generous memorial gifts have enhanced our Youth Ministry program here at First Pres.

For nearly a decade, the building at 711 Sixth Street NW has been the home to our Middle School and High School Youth Groups. The continued growth of our youth programs, and the small rooms in this 1930's vintage house, had created a problem for adequately hosting our youth meetings. (Twenty five plus middle schoolers trying to eat and study in a small space was not ideal.) Elder and church member Janet Golden left a significant gift in her will to First Presbyterian Church. Knowing the passion Janet, her sister Carol Anne, and the entire Golden family shared for the education of children and youth, the Session voted to tithe off Janet's gift, and renovate the building at 711 Sixth Street, renaming it "The Golden Center for Youth Ministry." By removing several interior walls, the Golden Center boasts a 1000 square foot main room. Two remodeled restrooms, and several smaller break-out rooms have made this a wonderfully functional home for our Middle School and High School Youth Ministries.



The wonderful deck that sits under the trees between our Student Ministry Building and the church playground is home to many youth group meals on Wednesday and Sunday evenings. This deck was constructed by family and friends, in memory of Mary Marmion Gray, who was instrumental in the education of children and youth in our congregation and community.



The vonHahmann family currently has their third child (Kyle) deeply involved in our youth ministry program. (Older siblings Kenneth and Kassady are proud alums of our youth groups.) Realizing how vital our weekly meals are in each youth group meeting, Karl, Randy (and Karla) vonHahmann undertook the complete renovation of the kitchen in the Golden Center in memory of their father, Max vonHahmann. The structural and cosmetic transformation of a formerly out-dated kitchen, complete with flooring, countertops, and new appliances were generously provided through this memorial gift.



We celebrate the memories of Max vonHahmann, Mary Gray, and Janet, Carol Anne, Elizabeth and Raymond Golden, and the generosity of their families and friends, as we dedicate our youth ministry complex to God's glory and our ministry with and for the youth of First Presbyterian Church.

**Dear Church Family,**

October 4, 2014, my husband, Cal Quessenberry, was diagnosed with terminal lung cancer. This is a day I will never forget because our lives changed for ever. Suddenly, we were in the most fragile condition we had ever known.

However, during this most difficult time, I learned how great God's love really was. Many of our First Presbyterian Church members and staff stood beside us during this crisis. We were shown a great deal of love, support, and compassion. As well as, everyone dedicated to giving us all the help we needed.



Many of our members visited Cal on a regular basis. There wasn't a day that went by that someone didn't stop over to see us to offer prayer, conversation, laughter, and kindness. Cal always appreciated and looked forward those visits.

As my heart was breaking, due to the loss of my husband, our church family held my hand. I was given continuous love and support with an invitation that it would always be there.

Everything that was done for us made a difference. Sometimes just a simple hug reminded us that we were not alone. I want to thank EVERYONE who cared about us and gave gifts in all forms. I can't express how much all of this has meant to me. I will carry it with me for the rest of my life. If I am fortunate someday I'll be able to do the same for others. God has blessed me well with a loving and wonderful church family. Once again  
**THANK YOU!**  
With gratitude, Ann Quessenberry

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## **ARE YOU STRESSED? DISCOURAGED? FEELING DOWN?**

You don't have to go through difficult times alone. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to provide you with confidential, one-to-one, Christian care and support to help you get through a tough time. So don't keep it all inside and struggle alone through the holiday season. Our Stephen Ministers are "there to care."

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.



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## **YOUTH SUMMER SCHEDULE**

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.

# 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.!



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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.*

*Adopted by Session, 2003*

This newsletter is published weekly.  
Summer months and holidays published bi-weekly.  
Church dated material, please deliver by 7/3/15.

### Bag Lunch Ministry

We gave out 336 bag lunches the week of 6/15/15.

We gave out 402 bag lunches the week of 6/22/15.

**Return Service Requested**

Non-profit Org.  
U.S. Postage Paid  
Permit No. 1162  
Lakeland, FL

### Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 100 people on 6/20/15.

We fed 125 people on 6/27/15.

## THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED MAKE EVEREST VBS A HUGE SUCCESS!!!



Each night we had around 60 kids and nearly 60 volunteers who helped bring Expedition Everest to life with Glacier Games, Bible Expeditions, Mountain Top Treats, KidVid Cinema, Imagination Station Crafts, and Base Camp Sing & Play. We are very thankful for



all of the children who participated during the week, the youth helpers, and adult volunteers. This week would not be possible without the amazing support we receive from our members, friends, and staff. Here are a few photos from the week. Enjoy and thanks again!!!

