



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

Tower Chimes

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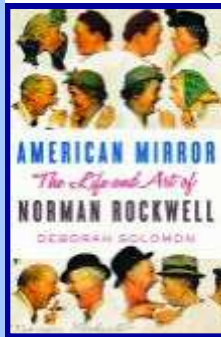
OM, OM BOOK DISCUSSION CLUB

American Mirror: The Life and Art of Norman Rockwell

Our Odd Month, Odd (3rd) 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.



CCLI AND WORSHIP MUSIC

First Presbyterian Church Winter Haven subscribes to Christian Copyright Licensing International (CCLI). CCLI allows us to perform, print and video worship music while protecting the rights of the original composers and performers. We have recently added Song Select to our licensing subscription. This online source offers access to contemporary and traditional worship song lyrics and sound samples. It also allows us to download lead sheets (melody, words and chords) and has the traditional soprano/alto/tenor bass hymn sheets.



Church calendar

Sunday, July 19

3 Cents-a-meal

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

Monday, July 20

Tuesday, July 21

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (MCR)
12:00 p.m. Men's Lunch (MH)

Wednesday, July 22

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

Thursday, July 23

Friday, July 24

Saturday, July 25

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

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Sunday, July 26

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

Monday, July 27

10:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl (MH)
1:30 p.m. Friendship Callers (MCR)

Tuesday, July 28

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, July 29

Thursday, July 30

Friday, July 31

Saturday, August 1

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

Remember in Prayer

members

Win Betrus
Guy Bostick
Millie Carrier
Norma Conner
Jerry Dugger
Jana Easterling
Jeanne Estes
Bill & Becky Everhart
Marge Goodman
Pam Gray
Pete & Jean Harman
Frances Heath
Doris Hill
Raynel Hillman

Joan Houston
Camille Howe
Dorothy Johnson
Dena Lancashire
Steve Luxford
Elaine Maltese
Gladys Meier
Jim Morris
Joan Murphy
Randal Palmer
Dee Palmore
Liz Purnell
Ann Reddout
Earle Roberts

Dave Ryan
Dorothy Ryan
Barbara A. Smith
Linda Stavres
Marcia Strang
Carol Switalski
Pam Tallent-Blackburn
Chuck Tate
Carolyn Thompson
Ed Threadgill
Shirley Turner
Betty von Hahmann
Nancy Williamson
Anne Windham

In the hospital: Roger Able & Lynnys Mincey

Family and friends

Jerry Cooley
Al Ellis
Raymond Fenstermaker
Jean Hehn
Linda Holtebeck
Mary Kelly
Pete Kent
Nan Mason
LaDonna Owen
Matthew Petty
Marshall Wood

Susan Singleton's friend
Jim Threlkel's friend
Gale & Gwen Waters' grandson
Ellie Threlkel's friend
Jennifer Vibral's friend
Steve & Debbie Sowards' friend
Charley & Nancy Chilton's nephew
Harvey & Mary Ann Snively's daughter
Jonathan Owen's aunt
Lynn Oakley's friend
Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend



Military
Robert Ferguson
Stephanie Gillie
David Knowles

Congratulations to Jared & Chalsey Lockhart in the birth of their son, Luke Nathaniel, born July 7, 2015. The proud grandparents are Bill & Kathy Lockhart.



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 sincerest sympathy goes to the family of Helene Schulz, who died on Sunday, June 21, 2015.

Our Christian sympathy goes to Ann Reddout upon the death of her sister, Laura Hendrick Fisher, who died on Saturday, June 27, 2015.

Our deepest sympathy goes to Randall Palmer upon the death of his brother, Raymond Palmer, who died on Tuesday, June 29, 2015.

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.





3 CENTS-A-MEAL THIS SUNDAY, JULY 19

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.

WE ARE HAVING A SPECIAL "TLC" WORK WEEK...

for the Christian Education Building in August. Please plan to join us **August 11 from 1 to 7 p.m., August 12 and 13 from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.** We will be cleaning out closets, organizing, painting, and sprucing up our Education Building for all of our Fall Programming. Wear your comfy clothes and plan to join us for a few days of Christian fellowship, fun, and organizing! Please call Amy McKee if you're able to help out or have any questions (294-3121). Also, if childcare is needed, please let Amy know that as well.





THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

The children from our Vacation Bible School program collected **\$239.29** for the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Program for the people of Nepal devastated by the earthquakes.

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) 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.



WHAT'S THAT NEW SOUND?



Today for the postlude you are hearing our new Korg Krome Music workstation as one part of the piano duet. The Workstation is an 88 key, touch sensitive keyboard with a wide range of digitally produced sounds. The keyboard can be programmed with up to 16 tracks for a live performance or recorded and uploaded to be used for accompaniment and practice CDs. It is light and easily moved to accommodate performances or practices in all areas of the church including outdoor events.

A GREAT TIME WAS HAD BY ALL!

We had a great Patriotic Lunch and Sing Along on Sunday July 5th, continuing our celebration of our nation's 239th birthday. We want to thank Sam Bryant, Ann Quessenberry, Debbie and Steve Sowards, Nell Speer, Loretta Traviss, Pat and Jim Vobornik, and Ellen Zeller for set-up, serving, money collecting and clean up. We



also thank Hog Heaven Smokehouse and the von Hahmann family for catering and serving the meal. We express our thanks to Lynn McCoy and Alan Harvey for accompanying and leading the Sing Along. We thank Toni Barger and Glenn Thomas for the donation of napkins and other party ware. Thanks to all who came, sang, ate, and enjoyed fellowship with one another ... making this a very enjoyable event!



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OUR STEPHEN MINISTERS ARE READY TO CARE FOR YOU!

Stephen Ministers are members who have been through extensive training and provide confidential, one-to-one, Christian care to people who are experiencing a difficult time. They will listen, care, encourage, pray with and for you, and provide weekly support for you as long as your need persists.

If you or someone you know is hurting, find out more about Stephen Ministry by contacting **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 bring God's love and care into your life.

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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.

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.

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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 **August 2, 3, & 4 (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.

Generosity Shows Through Your Gifts of Flowers to Beautify Our Sanctuary and Narthex



Our beautiful sanctuary with the brilliant focal point of the Christ window on the east and the lovely stained glass windows on the north and south sides needs little additional adornment. The brightness of this space with the soft yellow interior walls with white trim and sea foam green carpeting and pew cushions is most attractive. So much so, that some couples have not added any other decorations for their most special of days ... their wedding.

As beautiful as our sanctuary is, flowers do add to its beauty! The celebration of Christmas would not be the same without that striking display of red poinsettias in front of the chancel!

The mound of Easter Lilies enhances our celebration of the Day of Resurrection as much as the poinsettias do for our worship services in December! Thanks to your generosity we usually have enough plants that have been given in memory or in honor of loved ones to decorate the sanctuary as well as the narthex, stairwells, sanctuary windows and Centennial Room. We are also blessed with a number of



volunteers who work with the Sanctuary Committee to put these flowers in place at these great festivals of the church year and we are grateful for their work. Many of these plants get a double life in that a number of you desire that these plants be delivered to shut-ins after they have been used as decorations here. Thank you to the donors and to the deliverers!

Perhaps on two or three occasions each year when the sanctuary has been void of floral decoration for a week or more,

the Sanctuary Committee has provided an arrangement and given it on your behalf to the glory of God. Fortunately these funds have not been tapped recently as we have been blessed with a number of donors who have given floral arrangements to grace the sanctuary and the narthex.



On most Sundays we have an arrangement of flowers in the sanctuary and often there is one in the narthex. People have chosen to beautify the sanctuary and narthex with floral offerings given in memory of loved ones' on the anniversary of their birth or death, in celebration of a loved one's birthday, in honor of a couple's wedding anniversary or on the occasion of a baptism or ordination. We sincerely appreciate these floral tributes that heighten our worship and beautify God's House.

For the remainder of 2015, there are only seven open dates on the Flower Calendar that is posted on the small bulletin board in the narthex. Never given a floral arrangement here? For your convenience and information, instructions regarding the procedure for those wishing to give flowers to the church are posted adjacent to the Flower Calendar.

Generosity shows through your gifts of flowers to beautify the sanctuary and the narthex. Thanks again to you who give poinsettias and Easter lilies and who contribute floral arrangements for our Sunday worship services. Your financial support of our budget gives the Sanctuary Committee some monies, which may be used to purchase a floral arrangement or flowers that can be simply arranged on certain Sundays of the church year.



Available dates: July 19, August 16, October 4 & 11, November 15 & 29, and December 27.

"How lovely are Thy dwelling places, O Lord of Hosts!" Psalm 84:1



August Birthdays

8/01	Susan Taylor	8/13	Betty Jane Johnson	8/22	Becky Everhart
8/02	Chelsea Beaver		Norm Patrick		Jane Janes
8/03	Andrea Cardona		Court Turner		Sarah Claire Smith
	Amy McKee	8/14	Christine Dinger		Tim Swango
	Jen Smith		Joyce Reints		Jennifer Vibral
	Aurora Walker		Richard Vickers		Clint Walters
8/04	Bob Carter	8/15	Lynne Grady	8/23	Scott Irvin
	Dale Keplinger		Brian Parrish		Alec Kosmensky
	Nancy Meyers		Layton Sheffield		Howard Levasseur
	Bob Sheffield	8/16	Scott Briggs		Joan Phillips
8/05	Olivia Harp		Sophia Cornejo	8/24	Andy Johnston
	Shirley Hines		David Fellows		Shelley Jones
	Bradley Paxton		Joanna Sands		Kline Roberts
8/06	Rigo Cornejo		Margaret Sands	8/25	Jeff Bowen
	Erin Emry		William Snively		Tom Coffman
	Bill Freeman, II		Catherine Stewart		Will Vickers
	David Lawlor	8/17	Kathryn Thomas	8/26	Bonnie Gray
	Tia Pittsley		Abby Sparr		Kim Lockhart
	Pam Watson	8/18	Warren Glenn	8/27	Angle Arnold
8/07	Will Butz IV		Harrison Paxton		George Rowker
	Pat Gardner		Ed Reints		Dale Smith
	Amy McGee	8/19	Helen Champlain		Scott Strey
8/08	Gene Aspy	8/20	Thomas Andrews Jr.	8/28	Joe Burke
	Emily Eycleshimer		Lindsey Ivey		Lindsay Garcia
	Alan Harvey		Donna Kelly		Joe Oriani
	Judy Kingham		Shorter Strang, Jr.		Marcia Smith
	Sharon McGaffigan		Jolie Tanner	8/29	Robert Donaldy
8/09	Lisa Arbuthnot		Bob Winfree		Rose Flynn
	Jane Lucia	8/21	Jerry Dugger		Sonja Jackson
8/10	George Roeback		Mike McGee		Tom Oakley
8/11	John Maltese		Ethel Thornton	8/30	Neal Damkjer
	Joe Sisson	8/22	A.D. Bertram		Pat Reass
8/12	Kathy Reyburn		George Chambers		Austin Schreiber
	Karen Schreiber		R. Mark Chambers Jr.		Suzan Wales
	Peggy Threlkel	8/22	Peggy Davis	8/31	Robbie Luxford II

August Anniversaries

Happy Anniversary



8/01	Mike & Jana Easterling	8/13	Bill & Shirley Ussery	8/28	John & Ann Adams
8/02	Stephen & Frances Stapor	8/14	John & Rosalind McCoy		Rigo & Stephanie Cornejo
8/04	Eynar & Heidi Munoz-Gutierrez	8/15	Tom & Anamarie Coffman		Jerry & Lynn Mincey
8/06	Ben & Judie Tucker	8/16	Andrea & Brian Cardona		Thomas & Jan Wales
8/07	John & Marcia Eycleshimer	8/18	Brent & Dana Parrish	8/30	Clyde & Carolyn Greene
	Bill & Lucille Freeman II	8/20	David & Karen Alexander		Greg & Mary Marrs
8/8	John & Elaine Maltese	8/26	Rick & Tillie Montney Jr.	8/31	Bob & Mary Ellen Beale
8/13	Tucker & Joann Gray	8/27	Aaron & Kelly Lock		Bruce & Kathryn Eelman

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 285 bag lunches the week of 6/29/15.

We gave out 295 bag lunches the week of 7/6/15.

We gave out a total of 1375 bag lunches in June.

Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 88 people on 7/4/15

We fed 125 people on 7/11/15.

We fed at total of 415 people in June.

Return Service Requested

OUR YOUTH SERVICE WEEK...

was an amazing adventure helping God's people. We started our week off by bagging lunches for our bag lunch ministry. The youth bagged over 500 lunches that day. Wednesday we went to a church member's home and helped her clean. I was so proud of the kids. They all walked in and immediately took different jobs without having to be directed. No one stopped until it was time to go. Thursday we came back to the youth house to bag toiletry bags to be given out at the soup kitchen. The kids bagged almost 1000 bags that day.

Friday we went to Presbyterian Homes in Lakeland to play a game of Bingo with the residents. It was a unique opportunity for the youth to interact with this older group of people. It warmed my heart to see such compassion. We finished our week at the soup kitchen. We served a meal of meatball subs, salad, and chips. Every youth was engaged in helping in some aspect of the day.

We choose a different service week project each day during service so that these youth can find their calling in the body of Christ. We aren't all called to work with the elderly, but some may be called to work with the homeless while others are called to help a church member clean her home because she is no longer able to do so. My hope with service week is that they will each recognize the different areas God has called them to serve.

These are a fine group of kids who have hearts for Jesus and His people. We had an average of 12-15 kids each day. That is amazing! They each came not because they were made to, but because they wanted to be a part of helping God's people.

I want to share an excerpt from a book I recently finished from one of my favorite author's.

"Let me say this directly: Indifference is the curse of this age. We need to hear that. Indifference is evil, and it could not be further from the heart of God. Don't think so? Let me point you to the Cross. Hanging there, Jesus was anything but indifferent." –Charles Martin

This week was a step in the direction of Christ so that we don't fall prey to indifference.

God Bless, Dana Parrish

