



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

Tower Chimes

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YOUTH SUNDAY

We hope you are planning to join us in worship on **Sunday, August 9**, as the Middle and High School youth from our church will be leading the congregation in worship.

Come and see how God is at work in the lives of our youth. Near the end of a summer that has included trips to the Montreat Youth Conference, Youth Service Week and The Great Escape, the Spirit is stirring in their midst, and they can't wait for that to spill over into worship.

See you on Youth Sunday!



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## SCENES FROM HSYG IN MONTREAT!

Dr. Steven R. Negley  
Senior Pastor

Dr. C. Alan Harvey  
Associate Pastor

Dr. Raymond M. Larson  
Minister of Visitation

Dr. James G. Manor  
Parish Associate

Amy L. McKee  
Director of  
Christian Education

Dana H. Parrish  
Director of  
Student Ministries

Lynn M. McCoy  
Director of  
Music Ministries

Ronda A. Lacy  
Director of Finance &  
Administration

Connie J. Shipley  
Administrative Assistant

Rose Flynn  
Office Assistant

Sammy D. Bryant  
Director of Maintenance

Ann M. Quessenberry  
Custodian



# Church calendar

## Sunday, August 2

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

## Monday, August 3

## Tuesday, August 4

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (MCR)  
 12:00 p.m. Men's Lunch (MH)  
 7:00 p.m. Session (GR)

## Wednesday, August 5

## Thursday, August 6

## Friday, August 7

## Saturday, August 8

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

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## Sunday, August 9

### Youth Sunday

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

## Monday, August 10

6:30 p.m. Christian Education (GR)

## Tuesday, August 11

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (MCR)  
 12:00 p.m. Men's Lunch (MH)  
 12:00 p.m. Finance (UR)  
 1:00 p.m. CE Work Day-until 7:00 p.m. (CE)  
 5:30 p.m. Personnel (MCR)

## Wednesday, August 12

9:00 a.m. CE Work Day-until 3:00 p.m. (CE)  
 12:00 p.m. Buildings & Grounds (MH)

## Thursday, August 13

9:00 a.m. CE Work Day-until 3:00 p.m. (CE)

## Friday, August 14

## Saturday, August 15

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



Our Christian sympathy goes to Pete Harman upon the death of his wife, Jean Harman, who died on Thursday, July 23, 2015.

# Remember in Prayer

## members

|                       |                 |                       |
|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Win Betrus            | Camille Howe    | Dorothy Ryan          |
| Guy Bostick           | Dorothy Johnson | Barbara A. Smith      |
| Millie Carrier        | Dena Lancashire | Linda Stavres         |
| Norma Conner          | Steve Luxford   | Marcia Strang         |
| Jerry Dugger          | Elaine Maltese  | Carol Switalski       |
| Jana Easterling       | Gladys Meier    | Pam Tallent-Blackburn |
| Jeanne Estes          | Lynn Mincey     | Chuck Tate            |
| Bill & Becky Everhart | Jim Morris      | Carolyn Thompson      |
| Marge Goodman         | Joan Murphy     | Ed Thredgill          |
| Pam Gray              | Randal Palmer   | Shirley Turner        |
| Pete Harman           | Dee Palmore     | Betty von Hahmann     |
| Frances Heath         | Liz Purnell     | Nancy Williamson      |
| Doris Hill            | Ann Reddout     | Anne Windham          |
| Raynel Hillman        | Earle Roberts   |                       |
| Joan Houston          | Dave Ryan       |                       |

## In the hospital: Roger Able

## Family and friends

|                      |                                      |
|----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Jerry Cooley         | Susan Singleton's friend             |
| Clinton Curtis       | Stephany Alexander's father          |
| Al Ellis             | Jim Threlkel's friend                |
| Raymond Fenstermaker | Gale & Gwen Waters' grandson         |
| Kin Hastings         | Kelli Ivey's sister                  |
| Jean Hehn            | Ellie Threlkel's friend              |
| Linda Holtebeck      | Jennifer Vibral's friend             |
| Mary Kelly           | Steve & Debbie Sowards' friend       |
| Pete Kent            | Charley & Nancy Chilton's nephew     |
| Nan Mason            | Harvey & Mary Ann Snively's daughter |
| Hoyt Maulden         | Judy Winfree's brother-in-law        |
| LaDonna Owen         | Jonathan Owen's aunt                 |
| Matthew Petty        | Lynn Oakley's friend                 |
| Carol Ann Sargeant   | Becky Everhart's friend              |
| DJ Wike              | Lia Gray's cousin's husband          |
| Marshall Wood        | Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend        |



**Military**  
 Robert Ferguson  
 Stephanie Gillie  
 David Knowles

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

If you have a relative that you would like for us to include in the military section of our weekly prayer list, please email [cshiple@firstpreswh.org](mailto:cshiple@firstpreswh.org) or call the church office at 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.

## 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.**

*Congratulations to Ryan and Jessie Groetsch upon the arrival of their daughter, Hannah Cate Groetsch, on July 9. Proud grandparents are Wade and Tina Groetsch and Ed and Linda Burns.*



## A DISCUSSION STARTER ON END OF LIFE ISSUES

### Have you thought about:

- The person I want to make care decisions for me when I can't?
- The kind of medical treatment I want or don't want?
- How comfortable I want to be?
- How I want people to treat me?
- What I want my loved ones to know?
- What would I like included in my funeral or memorial service?



Please save the date, **Tuesday, September 22, 2015** and join us at **5:30 PM** in the Golden Center at First Presbyterian Church for a free dinner. Following the meal, Dr. Negley, Dr. Harvey and Dr. Larson will be introducing "Five Wishes", a document which helps open the discussion on these important topics.

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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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### ATTENTION SANCTUARY AND NARTHEX FLOWER DONORS!



Every now and then sanctuary or narthex flower donors choose not to take the flowers they have given for worship home with them or elsewhere. They leave them at the church and sometimes these have then been placed in the church office and at other times they have been discarded while still pretty. Your Congregational Care Committee realizes that hospital patients, nursing home residents or home bound persons, who are church members, might enjoy smaller bouquets made from your beautiful arrangements.

To that end, your Congregational Care Committee has decided to undertake on a trial basis (September through December) to divide up flowers that are left at the church into smaller bouquets and to be delivered to shut-ins. This new trial ministry will be named the **Bouquet Brigade**. If it is your intention to leave the flowers at the church for this ministry, please notify the church office at the time when you call in regarding the information to be included in the bulletin announcement. The office staff will notify the Congregational Care Volunteers on duty and they will be ready on Sunday afternoon or Monday to share your flowers with others and to brighten their rooms. Thank you!

# Generosity Shows at First Presbyterian Church

This Fall, our Children's Sunday School and Christ Kids programs will resume after Labor Day. We have been blessed to be able to offer these weekly programs for the children of the church as well as our community.

Children's Sunday School meets nearly every Sunday of the year for children ages three through fifth grade from 9:45 - 10:45 a.m. during the school year. The time changes during the summer months. We need dedicated teachers to help serve for 2 weeks every 4-6 weeks. We will be getting together to plan for Fall Elementary Sunday School on Sunday, August 16 from 11 a.m. - 12 noon. If you have any interest in serving as a Preschool teacher, Elementary teacher, or substitute, please plan to join us for one hour in McLeod Hall. Feel free to call Amy McKee with any questions you may have at (863) 294-3121 or [amckee@firstpreswh.org](mailto:amckee@firstpreswh.org). We will be talking about the Workshop Rotation which incorporates Science, Art, Music, Games, Computer, Storytelling, Movies, and Cooking in the Bible lessons for the children.

Our Wednesday afternoon Christ Kids program meets the Wednesday after Labor Day through the beginning of May, nearly every week the children are in school. We meet from 3 - 5:30 p.m. During the afternoon the children enjoy recreation, music, snacks, Bible story, crafts, friendship, and MORE.

Dedicated volunteers serve as teachers each week. We would love to add some new faces to help out with this program. If you are interested in serving in any capacity, please call Amy McKee at 863-294-3121 or e-mail her at [amckee@firstpreswh.org](mailto:amckee@firstpreswh.org). If you have a few weeks to give, a few months, or substituting during the school year, that would be wonderful. We will have an **informational/planning session** for those interested in teaching **Preschool Sunday School on Sunday, August 16 from 9-9:45 a.m.** in Room 108 and **Elementary Sunday School from 11 - 12 noon** in the back of McLeod Hall.

*Thanks to members and friends for their generous support, we are able to provide quality programming for the children of the church. Our weekly Christ Kids program provides a fun and engaging atmosphere for children to grow in their faith. Sunday School provides another opportunity for children to learn Bible stories through the workshop rotation with Art, Science, Games, Music, Movies, Storytelling, Cooking, and Computer. We appreciate your tithes and offerings which help fund these programs. Volunteering is just as important to provide a loving, caring, and engaging environment for the children. Please prayerfully consider how you would like to serve.*



# AUGUST

## Birthdays

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

## Anniversaries

|      |                               |      |                           |
|------|-------------------------------|------|---------------------------|
| 8/01 | Mike & Jana Easterling        | 8/18 | Brent & Dana Parrish      |
| 8/02 | Stephen & Frances Stapor      | 8/20 | David & Karen Alexander   |
| 8/04 | Eynar & Heidi Munoz-Gutierrez | 8/26 | Rick & Tillie Montney Jr. |
| 8/06 | Ben & Judie Tucker            | 8/27 | Aaron & Kelly Lock        |
| 8/07 | John & Marcia Eycleshimer     | 8/28 | John & Ann Adams          |
|      | Bill & Lucille Freeman II     |      | Rigo & Stephanie Cornejo  |
| 8/8  | John & Elaine Maltese         |      | Tom & Jan Wales           |
| 8/13 | Tucker & Joann Gray           | 8/29 | Jerry & Lynn Mincey       |
| 8/13 | Bill & Shirley Ussery         | 8/30 | Clyde & Carolyn Greene    |
| 8/14 | John & Rosalind McCoy         |      | Greg & Mary Marrs         |
| 8/15 | Tom & Anamarie Coffman        | 8/31 | Bob & Mary Ellen Beale    |
| 8/16 | Andrea & Brian Cardona        |      | Bruce & Kathryn Eelman    |

# SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL FROM 9:00 – 9:45 A.M. THIS SUMMER (Runs through August 30)



**This August**, children ages three through fifth grade will meet **with Dr. Alan Harvey in the Cooking Room**, Room 102 of the CE Building as they explore Bible stories through food. This unique and fun time for the children will surely capture their taste buds and their hearts. We look forward to you all joining us as we venture through the Bible with yummy recipes!

**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 IS IN FULL SWING

Please join us 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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## WHEN "PULL YOURSELF TOGETHER" DOESN'T WORK!

You've heard it time and time again: "Pull yourself together. . . Cheer up. . . Tough it out. . . It's not that bad." Perhaps people have said it to you. Or perhaps you keep saying it to yourself. But it hasn't helped. You are still hurting. Things are coming apart, not coming together. Here's the good news: You don't have to go through your struggles alone. Help is available. Our Stephen Ministers are trained caregivers who will walk with you, listen to you, and provide confidential one-to-one care as you search through the pieces and find what is truly in your heart.



To learn more about Stephen Ministry for yourself or someone you know, call **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 care for you.**

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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*

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### Bag Lunch Ministry

We gave out 302 bag lunches the week of 7/13/15.

We gave out 403 bag lunches the week of 7/20/15.

**Return Service Requested**

### Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 110 people on 7/18/15

We fed 100 people on 7/25/15.



## **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.**