



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

# Tower Chimes

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129 Years of Ministry

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## THE FALL CHILDREN PROGRAMS ARE RETURNING

This Fall, our Children's Sunday School and Christ Kids program will resume after Labor Day. We would love for you to prayerfully consider this wonderful opportunity to engage with the children of our church.

Our **Sunday School** program meets from **9:45-10:45 a.m. on Sunday mornings** and we use the **Workshop Rotation** method which means you would only need to teach 2 Sundays in a row and then you would have a few weeks off until you resume with a new lesson.



Our **Christ Kids** program is for children ages four through fifth grade and meets every **Wednesday from 3-5:30 p.m.** Children have their Bible story, craft, and lesson from **4:30 – 5:30 p.m.**

If you are interested in serving in any of these capacities, please contact Amy McKee at (863) 294-3121 or [amckee@firstpreswh.org](mailto:amckee@firstpreswh.org).

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.

We look forward to adding some fresh faces this fall!



## 3 CENTS-A-MEAL SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

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.



## Church calendar

### Sunday, August 16 3 Cents-a-Meal

8:45 a.m. OJ Fellowship (MH)  
9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
9:00 a.m. Sunday School Pre-school Planning (CE 108)  
10:00 a.m. Worship  
11:00 a.m. Sunday School Elementary Planning (MH)

### Monday, August 17

8:45 a.m. MOM  
6:15 p.m. Worship & Music (UR)

### Tuesday, August 18

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (MCR)  
12:00 p.m. Men's Lunch (MH)  
6:30 p.m. Deacons (GR)

### Wednesday, August 19

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

### Thursday, August 20

### Friday, August 21

8:45 a.m. MOM

### Saturday, August 22

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

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### Sunday, August 23

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

### Monday, August 24

8:45 a.m. MOM  
10:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl (MH)  
1:30 p.m. Friendship Callers (MCR)

### Tuesday, August 25

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, August 26

8:45 a.m. MOM  
3:00 p.m. PW Bible Study Leaders (MCR)  
5:30 p.m. Community Outreach (MH)  
6:30 p.m. New Officer Training (MCR)

### Thursday, August 27

### Friday, August 28

8:45 a.m. MOM

### Saturday, August 29

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

## Remember in Prayer

### members

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

### 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
Kim Hastings	Kelli Ivey's sister
Jean Hehn	Ellie Threlkel's friend
Linda Holtebeck	Jennifer Vibral's friend
Vicki Kaufman	Amy Speer's friend
Mary Kelly	Steve & Debbie Sowards' friend
Pete Kent	Charley & Nancy Chilton's nephew
Gilda Knowles	Amy Speer's aunt
Nan Mason	Harvey & Mary Ann Snively's daughter
Hoyt Maulden	Judy Winfree's brother-in-law
Matthew Petty	Lynn Oakley's friend
Carol Ann Sargeant	Becky Everhart's friend
Chris Turner	Zan Dismuke's friend
Joy Wallace	Arletta Oriani & Bruce Eelman's aunt
DJ Wike	Lia Gray's cousin's husband
Marshall Wood	Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend



Military  
Robert Ferguson  
Stephanie Gillie  
David Knowles

### 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**

*Our Christian sympathy goes to Bonnie Walter upon the death of her husband, John Walter, who died on Tuesday, July 21, 2015.*

*Our deepest sympathy goes to Connie Shipley upon the death of her 2nd father, Hank Davis, who died on Wednesday, August 5, 2015.*

*Our sincerest sympathy goes to Jonathan Owen in the death of his aunt, LaDonna Owen, who died Friday, August 7, 2015.*

## PLEASE SIGN YOUR CHILD UP FOR ACOLYTE



Acolytes are needed at the 10:00 a.m. worship service this summer on Sunday mornings. A sign-up sheet is located on the informational bulletin board in the CE Building. Please sign-up your child ahead of time so we can include his/her name in the bulletin.



Any child who is in first through fifth grade can acolyte. Please call Amy McKee at 294-3121 or e-mail amckee@firstpreswh.org with any questions.

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## FRIENDSHIP CALLERS



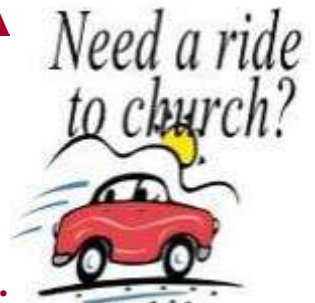
We have need of some who would like to become a little more involved in the life and ministry of our church. You are invited to look into becoming a Friendship Caller: you do not need any special talent or the giving of a lot of your time to this vital ministry. You need the gift of wanting to lift another 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.

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## 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.**

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## LOCAL MISSION SUPPLIES NEEDED



When you are out and about, please consider picking up some of these items for a few of our local missions:

- **Family Emergency Services** - Food pantry items.
- **Soup Kitchen** - Travel sizes of soap, shampoo, conditioner, tooth brushes, tooth paste, deodorant, razors.
- **Angels Care** - Food pantry items, travel sizes of soap, shampoo, conditioner, tooth brushes, tooth paste, deodorant, razors, Bible themed coloring books, crayons, small books, stickers, wash cloths, band aids, wet wipes, antibacterial soap, antibiotic ointment.



## Generosity Shows Through Donations to First Presbyterian Church's Libraries

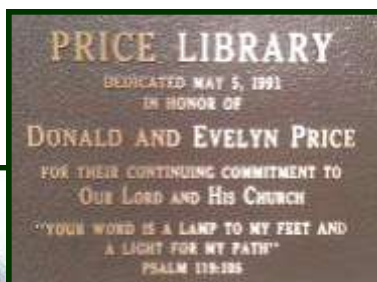
Most churches have a library that, depending upon its collections, may be used by the members of the church. First Presbyterian Church of Winter Haven is blessed to have not one, not two, but three libraries for the use of our members. Two of the libraries, The Price Library and the Mary Spencer Library are housed in the sanctuary building and the Children's Library is found on the second floor of the Helen Haines Christian Education Building.

The Price Library is a general library with a variety of books (biographies, novels, history, etc.) and a sizeable collection of DVDs available for check out. The Mary Spencer Library is more of a reference library with commentaries on books of the Bible and books on church history, religion, and theology as well as topics on extending Christian care. This library houses books of special interest to our Stephen Ministry program. The Children's Library is an inviting space for children and their parents to search for books to take home and read or to share a few moments reading and enjoying a book together.

Jonathan and Bethany Owen serve as our church librarians and they attest that our libraries are well used with hundreds of books and movies checked out at any one time. The most popular items are best sellers, biographies, and DVDs. They have said, "We'd love to see the Children's Library get more use. Recently a volunteer has offered to mark each of the books in the Children's Library with their respective AR point level which will be an asset to parents and children alike."



Each year the Library receives \$100 from the church budget for acquisitions and supplies, not a great sum if you have priced books at a regional bookseller or even at Amazon, but one that nonetheless is appreciated. Bethany and Jonathan say, "We use the budgeted money for special book purchases (book reviews, Sunday school topics, sermon series, etc.) and library supplies (jackets, cards, pockets, tape, etc.)." With that limited budget you may ask, "How are we able to have such a current and well stocked library?" The answer is "You!" "Our primary source of new cataloged material is from donations."



Bethany and Jonathan say, "Donations of books and movies are closely scrutinized to ascertain if they are fit for our libraries. We have limited space, so we try to keep only items that will be of interest to our patrons. We favor classics, current topics, bestsellers, biographies, and other works of general interest. Donations of money are rare and are set aside for specific needs when they arise." On the Owen's Wish List for our library are a better computer with software for cataloging, wireless connectivity in the library, and some new shelving that would be a more efficient use of space in the Price Library. In time and with available space, they would like to see the addition of a music CD collection to our library's resources.

Since space is limited and our librarians want the libraries to stay current, you may wonder what happens when downsizing occurs. "Books that are removed from our catalogue are generally donated to the Friends of the Winter Haven Library for use in their bookstore and/or the Little Free Libraries around town. Some volumes of specific interest are offered to staff or patrons before being donated." The Owens are good stewards of our libraries and their resources! They are helpful in performing book searches and can purchase books for patrons if they need help locating something. They are also willing to check the public library for the availability of books we don't have in our collection.

Generosity shows through Jonathan and Bethany Owen's commitment of time and talents to serve as our church librarians, which they have done for several years now. Generosity shows through their good stewardship of our resources in finding homes for them when we need to downsize books that are outdated and for fair book trading.

Generosity shows through your support of our church's budget which allocates \$100 annually to the libraries, and also provides and maintains the space for all three collections. Thank you!

Generosity shows through your donations of books and DVDs to the Library so that our library is not outdated, but current; not restricted to certain topics, but of general interest to people like our librarians, Bethany and Jonathan, who "have a passion for books and reading." And thank you again!

# MARY SPENCER LIBRARY



# 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!

**We have only a few 2015 dates available for sanctuary flowers:  
October 11, November 15 & 29, December 27.**

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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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## **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).

# 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, Amy McKee, 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

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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## LONELY? EXPERIENCING A DIFFICULT TIME?

Don't suffer alone! Our Stephen Ministers are trained caregivers, ready to listen, care for and encourage you, pray with and for you, and help you through a crisis or difficult time.

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 382 bag lunches the week of 7/27/15.

We gave out 382 bag lunches the week of 8/3/15.

We gave out a total of 1,514 bag lunches in July.

#### Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 100 people on 8/1/15.

We fed 100 people on 8/8/15.

We fed at total of 423 people in July.

**Return Service Requested**

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## 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. To reserve your spot at the table, you can call the church office at 294-3121 or drop this reservation form in the offering plate on Sunday.

**PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATION BY SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_