



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

Tower Chimes

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129 Years of Ministry

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WELCOME BACK TO THE NEW FALL SCHEDULE FOR CHOIR AND HAND BELLS!

Rehearsals will start Wednesday Sept. 2 and Thursday Sept. 3.

Chancel Bells will meet on Wednesdays from 6 – 7 p.m.

Chancel Choir will meet on Wednesdays from 7 – 8 p.m.

Chapel Bells will meet on Thursdays from 7 - 8 p.m.



Small ensembles will meet on **Wednesdays from 8 – 9 p.m. and on Thursdays from 6 – 7 p.m.** We are looking for members willing to participate in smaller instrumental or vocal ensembles with 2-6 members. We are especially interested in starting an early music ensemble using recorders and stringed instruments – no experience necessary! We are also interested in guitar players or anyone interested in learning guitar!



We would be delighted to have new members join our bell and choir groups. Please check us out and join us in ‘making a joyful noise’!

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We are planning to audition to sing at the Disney Candlelight Processional. The audition tape is due September 25. If you would like to join us, the rehearsals for Disney will be **September 2, 9, and 16 from 8 - 8:15 p.m.**

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Save the date of **December 6 at 4 p.m.:** St. Nicholas Jingle Java Jam Choir and Small Ensembles will share songs of the season.

If you have any questions, please call Lynn McCoy at 294-3121 or email her at lynn.mccoy@firstpreswh.org.

RALLY DAY IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER



Rally Day will be held on **September 13 beginning at 9:30 a.m.** Don't worry if you go to the 8:50 Gathering, we will still have food for you. The menu will be donuts from Donut Man (yummy!), sausage, egg, and cheese biscuits, milk, OJ, and coffee. We will be collecting a donation for the breakfast. Please sign up on the tear-off below.

During the breakfast you will have the opportunity to learn about all of our exciting Fall Sunday morning Educational Programs for everyone!

Please RSVP by Tuesday, September 8.

Breakfast

Name _____ # Attending _____

Church calendar

Sunday, August 30

Communion

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

Monday, August 31

8:45 a.m. MOM

Tuesday, September 1

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (MCR)
12:00 p.m. Men's Lunch (MH)
6:00 p.m. Saturday Nite Live Planning (MH)
7:00 p.m. Session (GR)

Wednesday, September 2

8:45 a.m. MOM
5:30 p.m. MSYG (GC)
6:00 p.m. Chancel Bells (MS)
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir (MS)

Thursday, September 3

6:00 p.m. Chapel Bells (MS)

Friday, September 4

8:45 a.m. MOM

Saturday, September 5

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

Remember in Prayer

members

Roger Able
Win Betrus
Guy Bostick
Millie Carrier
Norma Conner
Jerry Dugger
Jana Easterling
Jeanne Estes
Bill & Becky Everhart
Marge Goodman
Pam Gray
Frances Heath
Doris Hill
Ed & Joan Houston
Camille Howe

Dorothy Johnson
Joey Johnston
Dena Lancashire
Steve Luxford
Elaine Maltese
Gladys Meier
Lynnis Mincey
Jim Morris
Joan Murphy
Jonathan Owen
Randal Palmer
Doug Purnell
Ann Reddout
Earle Roberts
Dave Ryan

Dorothy Ryan
Barbara A. Smith
Barbara H. Smith
Marcia Strang
Carol Switalski
Pam Tallent-Blackburn
Chuck Tate
Carolyn Thompson
Ed Threadgill
Shirley Turner
Betty von Hahmann
Bonnie Walter
Gwen Waters
Anne Windham

IN THE HOSPITAL: Orrin Champlain

Family and friends


Rick Cardona
Jerry Cooley
Clinton Curtis
Al Ellis
Raymond Fenstermaker
Kim Hastings
Jean Hehn
Linda Holtebeck
Shea & Lacey Irvin
Maria Joyce
Vicki Kaufman
Mary Kelly
Pete Kent
Glinda Knowles
Hoyt Maulden
Nan Mason
Gail McKinnon
Darla Moore
Matthew Petty
Cathy Rector
Carol Ann Sargeant
Chris Turner
Joy Wallace
DJ Wike
Marshall Wood

Charlie & T. Michael Stavres' friend
Susan Singleton's friend
Stephany Alexander's father
Jim Threlkel's friend
Gale & Gwen Waters' grandson
Kelli Ivey's sister
Ellie Threlkel's friend
Jennifer Vibral's friend
Becky Irvin's son & daughter-in-law
Dick & Nancy Shaw's friend
Amy Speer's mother
Steve & Debbie Sowards' friend
Charley & Nancy Chilton's nephew
Amy Speer's aunt
Judy Winfree's brother-in-law
Harvey & Mary Ann Snively's daughter
Barbara Puckett's friend
Amanda Olmert's relative
Lynn Oakley's friend
Charlie & T. Michael Stavres' friend
Becky Everhart's friend
Zan Dismuke's cousin
Arletta Oriani & Bruce Eelman's aunt
Lia Gray's cousin-in-law
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



Congratulations to Aaron & Susan Andrews in the birth of their son, Jacob James, born August 12, 2015.

The proud grandparents are Augie Andrews & Tom Andrews.



Military
Robert Ferguson
Stephanie Gillie
David Knowles

Our sincerest sympathy goes to the family of Betty Kaylor who died on Monday, August 3, 2015.

Our Christian sympathy goes to Doug Purnell in the death of his mother, Liz Purnell who died Tuesday, August 11, 2015.

Our sincerest sympathy goes to the family of Dee Palmore, who died on Thursday, August 13, 2015.

COMMUNION ~ THIS, SUNDAY, AUGUST 30

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated
THIS SUNDAY, during worship.

Remember to prepare your hearts to come to the Lord's table.



YOUTH SUMMER SCHEDULE

We will resume regular programming for high school **Sunday, 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.



SERVICE FOR WHOLENESS

Sunday, September 13 at 6:30 p.m. in the chapel.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be included.



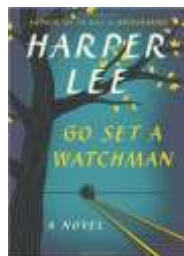
PARENTS NIGHT OUT...

will be held on **Friday evening, September 18 from 6-9 p.m.** All parents are invited to drop off their little ones through fifth grade in McLeod Hall. You must RSVP if you plan on dropping off your child to Amy McKee at amckee@firstpreswh.org or 294-3121. This is a **FREE** event but we have to know how many children will be attending. The kids will enjoy an evening of Bible School-like adventures with crafts, games, Bible stories and more!!!



OM, OM BOOK DISCUSSION CLUB IS GETTING CLOSER

Our **Odd Month, Odd (3rd) Monday Book Discussion Club** will meet again on **September 21 at 3:00 p.m.** We will have some light refreshments and will discuss Harper Lee's, *Go Set a Watchman*. If you plan to attend, please call the church office at 294-3121. Copies of this title are now available for checkout in the library. You may also contact Jonathan Owen by seeing him on Sunday, calling him at 318-9944, or e-mailing him at Jonathan.owen.cu2r@statefarm.com about ordering a personal copy.



FALL WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Jonah: Navigating a Life Interrupted by Priscilla Shirer

What do we do when God interrupts our lives? Many times, like Jonah, we run! In this 7-session Bible study, Priscilla redefines interruption and shows that interruption is actually God's invitation to do something beyond our wildest dreams. When Jonah was willing to allow God to interrupt his life, the result was revival in an entire city. The cost of this book is \$12.77. Meeting dates are: **October 8 & 22, November 5 & 22, December 3, January 7 & 21.** Contact Lia Gray to reserve your study booklet at: Uncpair@gmail.com or 318-1541.



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 29, December 27.

Generosity Shows Through Fall Christian Education Programs . . .

During the week of August 11-13 in order to prepare for our Fall Christian Education Programs, we had a “CE TLC” work week. Several dedicated volunteers helped to clean out closets, organize classrooms, and paint a very long hallway on the first floor of the CE building. Thank you to Dave Zwicker, Denise & Dana Cole, Pat & Jim Vobornik, Teresa & Steve Negley, Renee Parrish, Sadie Owen, Danny & Chloe Miller, Lydia Rennie, Alan Harvey, Kelli, Sean, and Lindsey Ivey, and Marty Bentley It was a great week and we are so thankful for these dedicated volunteers.



This Fall, our Christ Kids Program will begin on Wednesday, September 9 at 3 p.m. This program meets nearly every Wednesday the kids are in school; September through early May. Children ages four through fifth grade are invited, as well as their friends. During the afternoon they enjoy snack time, recreation, music with Ms. Lynn, Bible stories, crafts, and of course friendships that are sure to last a lifetime. Registration forms are available. Please contact Amy McKee. We wrap up each week at 5:30 p.m. on the playground.



Sunday morning Christian Education offers classes for all ages. We provide a nursery program from 8:50 a.m. - 12 noon for those three and younger.



We start the morning with Preschool through fifth grade joining together in the Music Room, 103 of the CE Building for 15 minutes of music fun. After that, Preschool Sunday School is offered for children ages three and four. Kindergarten through fifth grade student are invited to experience the Workshop Rotation. We are doing some **BRAND NEW THINGS THIS YEAR** such as incorporating Games and Library time into the rotation. We will also be making a special craft during the Christmas season to be passed out on Christmas Day at the Soup Kitchen.

Middle School and High School Youth gather in the Golden Center from 9:45 - 10:45 a.m. with Ms. Dana and other energizing volunteers for their very own Sunday School time. Did someone say donuts?



This Fall, Adults will have several classes to choose from. We will be debuting all of the Fall Educational Classes at Rally Day on September 13, so be sure to mark your calendars for breakfast that morning. There is sure to be a class that meets you where you are, so be sure to attend Rally Day and watch the bulletin and Tower Chimes for the latest Adult Sunday School happenings.

Thanks to our members and friends for their generosity, we are able to provide weekly Christian Education programs for all ages. It takes lots of volunteers to make these programs possible as well. Please prayerfully consider where you might be interested in serving. We need teachers, substitutes, and those who help out every few months with specific projects. We also appreciate your financial



support and generosity as well. We are so very blessed and we are looking forward to a **FALL-bulous** Fall at First Presbyterian Church.



SEPTEMBER

BIRTHDAYS

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|---|---|---|
| 9/2 Patrick Bentley
Richard White | 9/10 Rick Reass
Hunter Smith | 9/20 Mary Ann Koon |
| 9/3 Maxie Adams
Cody Dugger
Heather Hart
Chris Lyons
Sawyer Speer | 9/11 Freya Abbott
Glen Anderson | 9/21 Cindy Bruce
Carl Huehn, Jr.
Alison O'Neal
Al Porter
Katie Stine
Jim Zeller |
| 9/4 Sarah Pickos
Christa Roe
Kit Threlkel | 9/12 Guy Bostick
Elizabeth Miller
Amanda Nicholson
Meg Tucker
Shirley Turner | 9/22 Maggie Beeland
Mike Harris
Katrina Hoffman |
| 9/5 Kristen Abbott
Brett Cranmer
Tom Nepute
Jonathan Owen | 9/13 Nancy Dobler
Spike Lucia
Megan Robinson | 9/23 Kathleen Garner
Elsie Savant |
| 9/6 Lauren Clarke
Cooper Kirkland
Ben Tucker | 9/14 Kelly Conner
Scott Girouard
John McCoy
Kenzi Rauth
Angela Rollins | 9/24 Pete Borowski
John Clarke, Jr.
Elizabeth Dantzler
Merle Griffin |
| 9/7 Krista Endres
Ken Jorgensen
Sherie Ray
Julia Strang
Alan Tiner | 9/15 Denise Cole | 9/25 Lois Burrell
Heidi Munoz-Gutierrez
Taylor Plowden
Sam Sheffield
Betty von Hahmann |
| 9/8 Linda Fairchild
Bill Taylor
Lindsay Thibodaux
Dalton Weihrauch | 9/16 Jane Dickey
Nell Speer
Brad Weihrauch | 9/26 Nikki Gann
Beth Koon
Judy Lindsay |
| 9/9 Brayden Olmert
Deborah Rayfield
Frances Stapor
Shannon Thompson | 9/17 Beckett Chilton
Tricia Dugger
Phyllis Ruble | 9/27 David Emry |
| 9/10 Shelby Abner | 9/18 Justin Bentley
Delaney Gray
Katheryn Michaels
Bo Palo | 9/28 Elizabeth Hart
Lara Levasseur |
| | 9/19 Jose Batista
Winifred Betrus
Gary Chilton | 9/29 Jackson Gray |
| | | 9/30 Melissa Rowker
Bob Wilson |

ANNIVERSARIES

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|---|---|---|
| 9/2 Pat & George Roeback | 9/11 Jane & Spike Lucia
Bethany & Jonathan Owen | 9/21 Peggy & Larry Davis
Kathy & Scott Girouard |
| 9/6 Lynn & Tom Oakley
Kim & J.P. Powell
Pat & Rick Reass | 9/14 Judy & Harry Denlinger | 9/22 Judy & Richard Moots |
| 9/8 Pat & Gary Gardner
Joe & Amy McKee
Pat & Ken Miller | 9/16 Susan & Richard Vickers | 9/24 Jean & Dave Tannahill |
| 9/10 Isobel & Bob Hubbard | 9/17 Rose & Denny Flynn
Tina & Wade Groetsch
Donna & Ed Rounsley | 9/25 Charlie & T. Michael Stavres |
| 9/11 Suzanne & Charles Brantley | 9/19 Lori & Quentin Roe | 9/29 Eva & Mark Chambers |
| | 9/21 Marty & Bob Bentley | 9/30 Sue & Bob McClew |

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, September 6. 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.

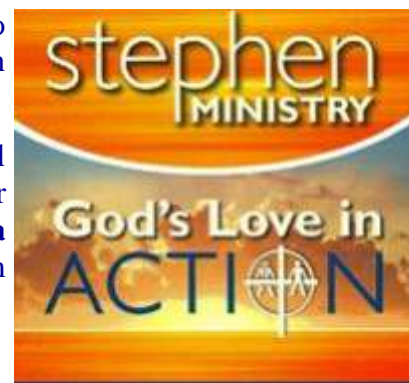
We hope to see you each week at 10:00 a.m.!

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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.

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Bag Lunch Ministry

We gave out 295 bag lunches the week of 8/10/15.

We gave out 233 bag lunches the week of 8/17/15.

Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 110 people on 8/15/15.

We fed 80 people on 8/22/15.

Return Service Requested

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: _____