



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

# Tower Chimes

Week of September 6, 2015

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129 Years of Ministry

## FALL INTO FIRST PRES THIS FALL ...

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As summer winds down, the program life at First Presbyterian Church shifts into high gear. We hope you will fall (or jump) into the wonderful fall opportunities for worship, Christian education, fellowship, and service at your church.

**WORSHIP** – The second Sunday in September marks the return of our two Sunday worship services: **The Gathering @ 9:50 a.m. and our Traditional Worship at 11:00 a.m.**



**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION** -- Watch the Tower Chimes and bulletins for information about Sunday School classes for all ages, Christ Kids, weekly youth groups meetings, PW Circle meetings (with Bible Study) and a separate Women's Bible Study, Book Reviews, and more – all starting in September.

**FELLOWSHIP** – Choirs, Middle School and High School Youth Groups, Stephen Ministry, Prime Timers, and the 10 to 2 Lunch Bunch, The Tuesday Men's Lunch are just some of the places where you can experience fellowship and Christian community each week or month this fall.



**SERVICE** – Saturday Nite Live, The Saturday Soup Kitchen, our Bag Lunch Ministry all exist so that disciples of Jesus Christ can show their love for God in Christian service.

Scour the Tower Chimes and visit our website ([www.firstpreswh.org](http://www.firstpreswh.org)) to find out about so many ways that you can make our church your spiritual home, and make sure and Fall Into First Pres This Fall.



## Church calendar

### Sunday, September 6

8:45 a.m. OJ Fellowship (MH)

10:00 a.m. Worship

### Monday, September 7

**Labor Day**

**Office Closed**

### Tuesday, September 8

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (MCR)

12:00 p.m. Men's Lunch (MH)

6:30 p.m. Personnel (MCR)

### Wednesday, September 9

8:45 a.m. MOM

12:00 p.m. Buildings & Ground (MH)

3:00 p.m. Christ Kids

5:30 p.m. MSYG (GC)

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

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir (MS)

### Thursday, September 10

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

### Friday, September 11

8:45 a.m. MOM

### Saturday, September 12

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

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



Military  
Robert Ferguson  
Stephanie Gillie  
David Knowles

## Remember in Prayer

### members

Roger Able

Win Betrus

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

Fred Meier

Darla Moore

Matthew Petty

Cathy Rector

Carol Ann Sargeant

Chris Turner

Joy Wallace

Darcie Wards

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

Sarah Rennie's dad

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

Lynn Oakley's friend

Lia Gray's cousin-in-law

Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend



Our Christian sympathy  
goes to Art Harris in the  
death of his wife  
Betty Harris  
who died Tuesday,  
August 4, 2015.



# CHRIST KIDS WILL BEGIN ON...

**Wednesday, September 9.** All children ages four through fifth grade are invited to join us. Please contact Amy McKee for a registration form at 294-3121 or [amckee@firstpreswh.org](mailto:amckee@firstpreswh.org). Friends are also invited to attend this FREE program.

Christ Kids meet every **Wednesday from 3 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.**

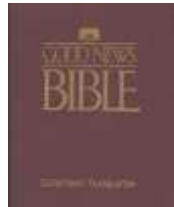
The children enjoy crafts, Bible stories, playground time, snacks, music, and friendships!

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## THIRD GRADE BIBLES...

will be presented at both the 8:50 Gathering and 11 a.m. service on **Sunday, September 13.**

Please contact Amy McKee to let her know which service your third grader will be attending (294-3121).



## MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE UNTO THE LORD!

We are excited to have our youth and children take an active role in our worship through music.

We will use the talents of our young people on the second Sunday of the month to lead us in song and to share their special music. They will be sharing as part of the **11:00 a.m. service starting with Rally Day**



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## SERVICE FOR WHOLENESS

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

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



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## 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](mailto: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!!!



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## BAD NEWS AND GOOD NEWS



The bad news is that the corporate officers of Ruby Tuesday have decided to discontinue their Giveback program, which locally benefitted the Angels Care Center.

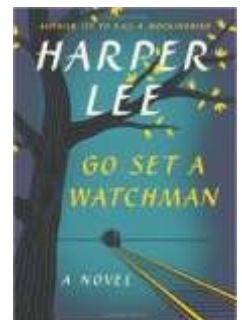
The good news is that during the time you supported this program by dining at Ruby Tuesday on the first Sunday through Tuesday of each month and designating a portion of your guest check be donated to Angels Care Center, this organization received \$9,228.51. Your support has been greatly appreciated!

## OM, OM BOOK DISCUSSION CLUB IS GETTING CLOSER

Our Odd Month, Odd (3<sup>rd</sup>) 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](mailto:Jonathan.owen.cu2r@statefarm.com) about ordering a personal copy.



# Generosity Shows in How We Work Together at First Pres ---

First Presbyterian Church of Winter Haven operates with a unified church budget. This means that the ministry that we conduct through all our program areas falls under a single church budget, which is supported by the tithes and offerings of our members. **Every person** who gives in support of this budget **is a partner in everything** that we do, from preaching to teaching, to the care of our own children in the nursery and the children in Honduras through international mission.

The beauty of a unified budget rests in the fact the Session makes decisions of overall significance, so that each area of ministry can function without the constant concern of how to raise funds for items which are common to and crucial for the overall life of Christ's church here. (e.g. The *worship and music area* can stay focused on God -directed worship and inspiring music, rather than trying to pay the utilities so that there were be lights and air-conditioning on Sundays, to raise money to maintain instruments, or take bulletins out for printing. The *youth program* can focus on ministry with and for young people, rather than having to raise money for the salary of the youth director, or pitching a tent each week for a meeting place. etc.)

In our 2015 operating budget, the extent to which we shared resources so that the church can be the church is revealed. Facilities operations and maintenance represents \$236,000 of our budget. (This is monitored by the Buildings and Grounds and Personnel Committees.) That means that providing space for all that we do, insuring, and appropriately maintaining that space costs \$19,600 a month just so that we can all share in ministry here.



Our church is blessed by wonderful physical resources for ministry.

Our sanctuary building provides two wonderful spaces for the worship of God: our sanctuary (with a seating capacity of 700) and our chapel (for weddings, funerals and other events for groups of 80 or smaller). The sanctuary building also houses our kitchen, McLeod Hall, the church offices, the Price and Spencer Libraries, the Music Suite, and various meeting rooms.



The Helen Haines Christian Education Building is the nerve-center for our educational programs. The Nursery Suite, our Rotation Workshop Centers, the Children's Library, Children's Worship Center, The New Children's Music Room, Enrichment Room, Teacher Resource Center, and various adult classrooms fill the building.



The GOLDEN CENTER FOR STUDENT MINISTRY (at 711 Sixth Street, NW) is home for our Middle School Youth, Senior High Youth on Sundays and throughout the week.

The Recreation and Community Service Building at 737 Sixth Street, NW allows us to have covered recreation for our children and youth, a shop and storage for our maintenance director, and community outreach programs such as the Saturday Soup Kitchen and Saturday Nite Live.

A unified church budget is all about partnership, as each member of the church shares as a partner in the overall ministry of the church. (No one person can take sole credit for the sharing of faith or the works of charity, leaving someone else responsible for the sidewalks and sewer lines.) Each time any of us drops a dollar in the plate, we have helped every area of ministry.



As we continue serving Christ in 2015, our ministry will prosper as each member and friends of our church adds generously to the ministry that we share. Thanks for helping us provide a place and a program where God is praised.

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



Rehearsals have started.

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 (Baroque & Renaissance) 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.** for the St. Nicholas Jingle Java Jam. Our choirs 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](mailto:lynn.mccoy@firstpreswh.org).**



## 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: \_\_\_\_\_

# 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: **Thursdays, 9 - 11 a.m., October 8 & 22, November 5 & 22, December 3, January 7 & 21.** Contact Lia Gray to reserve your study booklet at: [Uncpair@gmail.com](mailto:Uncpair@gmail.com) or 318-1541.

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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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## Please help us visit our hospitalized members!

"I was  
**sick** and  
**you visited**  
**me . . .**"  
—Matthew 25:36 NKJV

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.



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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 377 bag lunches the week of 8/24/15.

**Return Service Requested**

#### Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 85 people on 8/29/15.

# RALLY DAY

## IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER

Sunday School

**RALLY DAY**

Breakfast

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.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ # Attending \_\_\_\_\_