



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

Tower Chimes

Week of September 13, 2015

Issue 553

129 Years of Ministry

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 HAPPENINGS

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Don't forget to join us for Rally Day on
Sunday, September 13.

We will start serving breakfast at 9:30 a.m. but the serving will continue till after the Gathering folks have been served. The menu for the day will be egg, sausage, and cheese biscuits, donuts from Donut man, OJ, milk, and coffee.

Donations will be accepted. Please join us as we present the Fall Sunday morning Education Events for ALL ages.



THIRD GRADE BIBLES...

will be presented at both the
8:50 Gathering and 11 a.m. service.

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 on September 13th.**



SERVICE FOR WHOLENESS

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

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



Church calendar

Sunday, September 13

3rd Grade Bibles

Rally Day

- 8:50 a.m. Gathering Worship
- 9:30 a.m. Rally Day Breakfast (MH)
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
- 5:30 a.m. High School Youth Group (GC)
- 6:30 a.m. Service for Wholeness (Chapel)

Monday, September 14

- 8:45 a.m. MOM
- 6:30 p.m. Christian Education (GR)

Tuesday, September 15

- 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (MCR)
- 12:00 p.m. Men's Lunch (MH)
- 12:00 p.m. Finance (UR)
- 5:30 p.m. Feed the Hungry Workshop (GR)
- 6:30 p.m. Deacons (GR)

Wednesday, September 16

- 8:45 a.m. MOM
- 2:00 p.m. Congregational Care (MCR)
- 3:00 p.m. Christ Kids
- 5:00 p.m. Memorial Garden (MCR)
- 5:30 p.m. MSYG (GC)
- 6:00 p.m. Chancel Bells (MS)
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir (MS)

Thursday, September 17

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

Friday, September 18

- 8:45 a.m. MOM
- 6:00 p.m. Parents' Nite Out (MH)

Saturday, September 19

- 8:30 a.m. Session Retreat (MH)
- 2:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen Prep (Kitchen)
- 4:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen (737)
- 7:00 p.m. Saturday Nite Live (MH)



Military
Robert Ferguson
Stephanie Gillie
David Knowles



Remember in Prayer

members

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| Roger Able | Jim Huf | Dorothy Ryan |
| Win Betrus | Dorothy Johnson | Barbara A. Smith |
| Millie Carrier | Joey Johnston | Barbara H. Smith |
| Orrin Champlain | Dena Lancashire | Marcia Strang |
| Norma Conner | Steve Luxford | Carol Switalski |
| Jerry Dugger | Elaine Maltese | Pam Tallent-Blackburn |
| Jana Easterling | Gladys Meier | Chuck Tate |
| Jeanne Estes | Lynn Mincey | Carolyn Thompson |
| Bill & Becky Everhart | Jim Morris | Ed Threadgill |
| Marge Goodman | Joan Murphy | Shirley Turner |
| Frances Heath | Randal Palmer | Bonnie Walter |
| Doris Hill | Ann Reddout | Gwen Waters |
| Ed & Joan Houston | Earle Roberts | Anne Windham |
| Camille Howe | Dave Ryan | |

IN THE HOSPITAL: Betty von Hahmann & Lee Wilkinson

Family and friends

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| Rick Cardona | Charlie & T. Michael Stavres' friend |
| Jerry Cooley | Susan Singleton's friend |
| Al Ellis | Jim Threlkel's friend |
| Raymond Fenstermaker | Gale & Gwen Waters' grandson |
| Jean Hehn | Ellie Threlkel's friend |
| Vicki Houmar | Rick & Pat Reass' friend |
| Shea & Lacey Irvin | Becky Irvin's son & daughter-in-law |
| Maria Joyce | Dick & Nancy Shaw's friend |
| Vicki Kaufman | Amy Speer's mother |
| Pete Kent | Charley & Nancy Chilton's nephew |
| Glinda Knowles | Amy Speer's aunt |
| Nan Mason | Harvey & Mary Ann Snively's daughter |
| Gail McKinnon | Barbara Puckett's friend |
| Fred Meier | Sarah Rennie's dad |
| Darla Moore | Amanda Olmert's relative |
| Cathy Rector | Charlie & T. Michael Stavres' friend |
| Darcie Wards | Lynn Oakley's friend |
| Laura Williamson | Nancy Williamson's daughter |
| Marshall Wood | Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend |

Our sincerest sympathy goes to Sharon McGaffigan in the death of her mother, Margaret Reiss, who died on Wednesday, August 26, 2015.

Our Christian sympathy goes to Mark Bostic in the death of his father, Guy Bostick who died Friday, August 28, 2015.

Our sincerest sympathy goes to the Denny & Rose Flynn, in the death of their granddaughter, Emily Flynn, who died on Friday, September 4, 2015.



CHRIST KIDS HAS BEGUN

Christ Kids has started. It's not too late for your child to attend. All children ages four through fifth grade are invited to join us on **Wednesdays from 3-5:30 p.m.**

We meet out on the Playground and then go inside for music, Bible story, crafts, and more. It's a great afternoon for the children. Friends are welcome to attend as well!



THE NEW TREASURED HYMNS 2015...

will be in the pews ready to use on **Sunday September 13th**! David Brinson put a lot of research into choosing which hymns to keep and which hymns to retire.



We have also added some of the newer contemporary hymns that we have been using for the past few years along with a few hymns that have been written by some of our members. We are excited to have this additional resource to use in our music worship.



PARENTS NIGHT OUT...

Parent's Night Out will be held on Friday, **September 18 from 6-9 p.m.** Children in fifth grade and younger are invited to join us for games, crafts, snacks, Bible lesson, and fun times with their friends.

Please RSVP your child by Wednesday, September 16 to Amy McKee at amckee@firstpreswh.org or 294-3121. This is a **FREE** event and we look forward to spending the evening with your



COME TO THE WATERS...

the Presbyterian Women's Bible Study for 2015-2016, will be a rich exploration of water stories in both testaments. "Just as water nourishes our bodies, so the scriptures on water nourish our souls." Join one of the Circles for interesting lessons and Christian fellowship.



Lydia Circle meets the **second Monday (starts Sept. 14) at 10 a.m.** in McLeod Hall.

Joy Circle meets the **third Tuesday (starts Sept. 15) at 9:30 a.m.** at Carol Carter's.



SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20!!!

TRIVIA NIGHT

Calling all trivia buffs! Do you love food, fun, AND trivia? Then we have a perfect night for you. **Sunday, September 27 at 5:00 p.m.** our youth will be hosting a trivia night fundraiser. Entrance to this afternoon of fun will be donation at the door. Mark your calendars, bring an empty stomach, all of your trivia knowledge, and get ready for some fun! We will need to know how many mouths to feed and how many teams to plan for. Please call the office and let us know if you will be there.



Fundraisers are an essential part of youth ministry. They help offset some of the cost of our summer youth trips. These trips are fantastic ways to grow in Christ and give the youth an opportunity to grow closer to each other. All the proceeds will go directly to our youth ministry here at the church. Please consider participating in this fun filled evening.



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 or 318-1541.



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 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.

FALL/WINTER/SPRING WORSHIP SCHEDULE RETURNS



At **8:50 a.m.**, members and friends of First Presbyterian Church are invited to attend The Gathering. This service is held in the sanctuary. 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 at 9:40 a.m.

At **11:00 a.m.**, you are invited to attend our later morning worship. This service is held in the sanctuary with 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 at 12:00 p.m.

We hope you will join us in worship, study, and fellowship!

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**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.**

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YOUTH GROUP

If you are a middle or high school student we would love for you to join us for youth group each week in our new and improved youth house, The Golden Center. Middle school meets each Wednesday night from 5:30-7:30 and high school meets each Sunday night from 5:30-7:30. During this time we spend time together sharing meals, growing in Christ, playing games, and having LOTS of fun!

Once a month we will meet outside the Golden Center to be the hands and feet of Jesus to help people in our community. We have laid sod for Habitat for Humanity, worked in our soup kitchen feeding the homeless, and bagged countless bag lunches for our bag lunch ministry. These are just a few ways we are the hands and feet of Jesus.

Sometimes we get together simply to have fun. We have been to the corn maze in the dark, Fun Spot, pool parties, camp outs, paint balling and so much more. If you are looking to connect with young people your age while developing a deep relationship with Christ come and join us. We would love to have 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 92 bag lunches the week of 8/31/15.

We gave out a total of 1382 bag lunches in August.

Return Service Requested

Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 84 people on 9/5/15.

We fed at total of 475 people in August.

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: _____