



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

# Tower Chimes

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129 Years of Ministry

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## 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.

### TRIVIA RESERVATION DUE BY THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ # Adults: \_\_\_\_\_ # Children: \_\_\_\_\_

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## FALL FEST IS COMMING

Mark your calendars for **Wednesday evening, October 28** for games, crafts, prizes, candy and more for children fifth grade and younger.

The Youth of the church help to run the activity booths along with faithful volunteers. Kids are invited to wear non-scary Halloween costumes. The fun begins with pizza at **5:30 p.m.** and the festival from **6 - 7:15 p.m.**

Please be sure to RSVP for dinner by Monday, October 26. Also, be sure to bring in **INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED CANDY** or small prizes to be passed out at the various booths. Candy **MUST** be individually wrapped. Thanks for your support!!!

### FALL FEST RESERVATION DUE BY MONDAY, OCTOBER 26

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ # Adults: \_\_\_\_\_ # Children: \_\_\_\_\_



# Church calendar

## Sunday, September 27

8:50 a.m. Gathering Worship  
 9:45 a.m. OJ Fellowship (MH)  
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School-Children & Youth  
 10:00 a.m. Sunday School-Adult  
 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship  
 12:00 p.m. Bell Cleaning/Pizza (MW|S)  
 5:00 p.m. Trivia Night & Dinner (MH)

## Monday, September 28

8:45 a.m. MOM  
 10:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl (MH)  
 1:30 p.m. Friendship Callers (MCR)  
 4:00 p.m. Personnel (ER)

## Tuesday, September 29

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

## Wednesday, September 30

8:45 a.m. MOM  
 3:00 p.m. Christ Kids  
 3:00 p.m. Presbytery Women Bible Study  
 Leaders (MCR)  
 5:30 p.m. MSYG (GC)  
 6:00 p.m. Chancel Bells (MS)  
 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir (MS)

## Thursday, October 1

7:00 p.m. Chapel Bells (MS)

## Friday, October 2

8:45 a.m. MOM

## Saturday, October 3

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



**Military**  
 Robert Ferguson  
 Stephanie Gillie  
 Eddie Gray  
 David Knowles

# Remember in Prayer

## members

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

## Family and friends

Peyton Battilla	Hadley Owen's friend
Rick Cardona	Charlie & T. Michael Stavres' friend
Christine & Emily	Beverly Seagreave's daughter & granddaughter
Jerry Cooley	Susan Singleton's friend
John Doughty	Dena Lancashire's nephew
Al Ellis	Jim Threlkel's friend
Raymond Fenstermaker	Gale & Gwen Waters' grandson
Jean Hehn	Ellie Threlkel's 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 Christian sympathy goes to Randy von Hahmann and family, in the death of his step-mother, Betty von Hahmann who died Tuesday, September 15, 2015.

## Christ Kids has resumed!

All children ages four through fifth grade are invited to join us every  
**Wednesday afternoon from 3-5:30 p.m.**

We will share in an afternoon of music, crafts, snacks, outdoor play, Bible stories, and more.

Please contact Amy McKee at 294-3121 or [amckee@firstpreswh.org](mailto:amckee@firstpreswh.org) for more information.



# 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 & 19, December 3, January 7 & 21.**

Contact Lia Gray to reserve your study booklet at:  
[Uncpair@gmail.com](mailto:Uncpair@gmail.com) or 318-1541.

## 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 is the **second Monday, next meeting, October 12 at 10 a.m.** in McLeod Hall.

Joy Circle is the **third Tuesday, next meeting, October 20 at 9:30 a.m.** at Carol Carter's.



## THE PRAYER CHAIN IS BEING REACTIVATED

- \* The Prayer Chain was a ministry of the Congregational Care Committee.
- \* This ministry functioned as a prayer request was made known, calls were made to the Prayer Chain members, who would remember the person(s) and the situation(s) in their prayers.
- \* The Prayer Chain has been reactivated by the Congregational Care Committee.
- \* Jane Ray has volunteered to serve as the Coordinator.

Prayer requests need to be directed to Jane Ray at 318-1833.



## PLEASE SIGN YOUR CHILD UP FOR ACOLYTE

Acolytes are needed at the 8:50 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. worship services 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](mailto:amckee@firstpreswh.org) with any questions.



## FALL 2015 SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH, & ADULTS



The children and youth meet at 9:45 a.m. and the adults gather at 10 a.m.  
There is a place for everyone to belong on this new adventure this Fall!

*A Nursery is available for children 2 and younger during the 8:50 Gathering, Sunday School hour, and 11 a.m. worship service.*



**Children ages three through fifth grade** will meet in the new children's music room, Room 103 of the Education Building from 9:45 - 10 a.m. with Ms. Lynn. **Preschool Children** will meet in Room 108 for a morning of crafts, snacks, Bible stories, and playtime with their preschool friends. **Elementary aged children** will enjoy the Workshop Rotation this Fall with Science, Movies, Art, Cooking, Storytelling, Games, and Library time!!



**Special prizes will be offered all year long for attendance.**

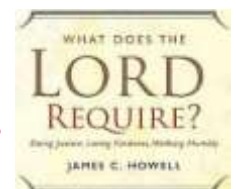
**Middle school and High school** youth meet every Sunday morning in The Golden Center for Sunday School from 9:45 - 10:45 a.m. During this time we meet and have fun and eat good food while learning about and growing in our faith in Christ. Come join us.

**We have several options for Adults to enjoy this Fall:**



**Raising Christ-Centered Children** will meet in Room 101 of the Christian Education Building. Teachers for this class are Bob and Carol Carter and Gannon Olmert. This class will meet for 6 weeks, with a Marriage Class starting on November 1.

**The Perspectives Class** will start a new series on the book - *What Does the Lord Require? Doing Justice, Loving Kindness, Walking Humbly*, by James C. Howell. This class is facilitated by Dr. Jim Threlkel & Glenn Thomas and meets in the Geneva Room.



Dr. Negley will lead **Faith as a Verb** - Chapter 11 of the Biblical book of Hebrews shows snapshot after snapshot of faith in action. (Enoch, Noah, Abraham and Sarah, Moses' mother, Rabab the harlot, Gideon, Barak, David are all touted as faithful followers of God on life's journey.) Join us as we use this one chapter, and the rich list of heroes and heroines of our faith, as our starting point for weekly conversations about how we live faithful lives as God's people. This class meets in the back of McLeod Hall.

**Have Your Second Cup of Coffee on Us** - Coffee House Chat will meet in the Girl Scout House at 10 a.m. We will offer a brief devotion, coffee, and goodies. Come enjoy fellowship with your First Pres friends!



# OCTOBER

## *Birthdays*

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|-------|--|-------|---|-------|--|
| 10/1  | Case Emry<br>Ben Garner<br>Stephen Luxford<br>Ariston Walker<br>Lee Wilkinson                | 10/11 | Ken Hart<br>Lynn Oakley<br>Cori Swango                          | 10/23 | Pat Vobornik   |
| 10/2  | Ruth Dunham<br>Julia Parrish<br>Dick Shaw<br>Kyle Van Hahmann, Jr.                           | 10/12 | Sue McClew<br>Shannon Trent                                     | 10/24 | Toni Krieger<br>Jenna Volpe  |
| 10/3  | Jessica Veller<br>Elizabeth Newton<br>Mele Souza   | 10/14 | Brenda Darte<br>Phillip Elmore<br>Nancy Saxon                   | 10/25 | Bob Bentley<br>Bill Siegel<br>Mike Tucker  |
| 10/4  | Pam Baker<br>Karen Gerber<br><b>John "Jack" Gray, III</b><br>Marilyn Hearn<br>Traviss Powell | 10/15 | Jim Doty  | 10/26 | Martha Burke<br>Ronda Lacy<br>Randall Palmer<br>Bill G. Roe, II  |
| 10/5  | Tilley Montney<br>Grayce Parrish<br>Jeff Snyder  | 10/16 | Jody Marie Adams<br>Tom Gretencord<br>Barbara A. Smith          | 10/27 | Brad Maness<br>Leah Melvin<br>Jon Powell   |
| 10/6  | Karen Alexander<br>Nicole Roe<br>Mary Ann Snively  | 10/17 | Emily Dunson<br>Pete Harman<br>Annette Whitney                  | 10/29 | Julie Dantzler<br>Rossanne Gorsky<br>Martha Johnson<br>James Powell<br>Steve Stapor<br>Gwen Waters           |
| 10/7  | Brian Boyce<br>Whitney Dunham<br>Nellie Lock   | 10/18 | Bob Hines<br>Arletta Oriani<br>Brittany Roe<br>Paula Threadgill | 10/30 | Katie Kennedy<br>Jeanette Lockhart<br>Dick McCauley<br>Mike Seney<br>Pam Wilkinson                           |
| 10/8  | Josh Baker<br>Jill Kosmensky<br>Jessica Wilson   | 10/19 | Joan Chilton<br>Dick Saxon                                      | 10/31 | Richard Baker<br>Caitlyn Grady<br>Sara Koon<br>Rita Marcacci<br>Dorian Miller<br>Ed Mitchell<br>J. P. Powell |
| 10/9  | Laura Gaye Dunham<br>Scott Scamehorn   | 10/20 | Mary Folkard  |       |  |
| 10/10 | Kasey Ray  | 10/21 | Chelle Doyel<br>Ben Pickos                                      |       |  |
| 10/11 | Matthew Gray   | 10/22 | Jonye Briggs<br>Shannel Harp<br>Mary Alice Skipper              |       |  |
|       |  | 10/23 | Mark Bostick<br>Olivia Glenn<br>Kathy Jax                       |       |  |
|       |  | 10/23 | Howard Rambeau<br>Jacob Spence<br>Alan Thompson                 |       |  |

## *Anniversaries*

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|-------|---|-------|--|-------|---|
| 10/1  | Mike & Amy McGee  | 10/12 | Bill & Susan Taylor                                  | 10/26 | Scott & Rusty Hart                              |
| 10/2  | Jared & Chalsey Lockhart  | 10/17 | Ed & Rossanne Gorsky                                 | 10/27 | Marion & Marilyn Hearn                          |
| 10/7  | Bryan & Angie Arnold  | 10/20 | Brent & Megan Robinson                               | 10/28 | Dale & Regina Keplinger<br>Dick & Anne McCauley |
| 10/9  | Pete & Missie Snively   | 10/22 | Warren & Elsie Savant                                | 10/29 | Robert & Cynthia Bruce                          |
| 10/10 | Karl & Erin Duce<br>Steven & Chelsey Lockhart<br>Al & Marjorie Porter | 10/23 | Paul & Jennifer MacDonald<br>Sam & Kristan Sheffield | 10/30 | Sy & Joanna Gray                                |
| 10/11 | Sam & Ginny Bryant  | 10/24 | John & Cheryl Marchetti<br>Leland & Elizabeth Miller | 10/31 | Don & Norma Martin                              |
| 10/11 | Mark & Karen Schreiber  | 10/25 | Gannon & Amanda Olmert                               |       |   |

## 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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### 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 **H**ave 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.



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### "PULL YOURSELF TOGETHER!"

You've heard it a million times. Others may have said it to you or you may have said it to yourself. But things just aren't coming together. You're still hurting. You still feel like things are falling apart. 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, talk with or 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.



## 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, or Kline Roberts. We have many friends and members who would love to welcome your visit.

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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).



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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:

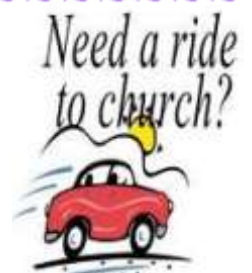
- **Family Emergency Services** - Food pantry items.
- **Soup Kitchen** - Travel sizes of soap, shampoo, conditioner, tooth brushes, tooth paste, deodorant, and razors.
- **Angels Care** - Food pantry items, travel sizes of soap, shampoo, conditioner, tooth brushes, tooth paste, deodorant, razors, Bible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



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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 after 2:00 p.m. on Fridays to answer phone or take messages.**

**It is necessary to call each week you need a ride.**

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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 296 bag lunches the week of 9/14/15.

### Return Service Requested

### Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 79 people on 9/19/15.

# FALL/WINTER/SPRING WORSHIP SCHEDULE HAS RETURNED



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!**