



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
WINTER HAVEN

Tower Chimes

Week of October 11, 2015

Issue 557

129 Years of Ministry

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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!!!



RESERVATION DUE BY MONDAY, OCTOBER 26

Name: _____ # Adults: _____ # Children: _____



MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE UNTO THE LORD!

We are excited to have our children and youth 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**
NEXT SUNDAY, October 11.

Church calendar

Sunday, October 11

- 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
- 12:15 p.m. Acolyte Training (Sanctuary)
- 5:30 p.m. HSYG (GC)

Monday, October 12

- 8:45 a.m. MOM
- 10:00 a.m. Lydia Circle (MH)
- 6:30 p.m. Christian Education (GR)

Tuesday, October 13

- 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (MCR)
- 12:00 p.m. Men's Lunch (MH)
- 5:30 p.m. Personnel (MCR)
- 6:30 p.m. New Officer Training (MCR)

Wednesday, October 14

- 8:45 a.m. MOM
- 12:00 p.m. Buildings & Grounds (MH)
- 3:00 p.m. Christ Kids (CE)
- 5:30 p.m. MSYG (GC)
- 6:00 p.m. Chancel Bells (MS)
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir (MS)

Thursday, October 15

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

Friday, October 16

- 8:45 a.m. MOM
- 6:30 p.m. Family Bowling Night (Off-site)

Saturday, October 17

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

Remember in Prayer

members

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

IN THE HOSPITAL: Lisa Elkins

Family and friends

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| Peyton Battilla | Hadley Owen's 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 |
| Mary Ann Kelly | TD Sowards' friend |
| Pete Kent | Charley & Nancy Chilton's nephew |
| Nan Mason | Harvey & Mary Ann Snively's daughter |
| J. David Richardson | Ellie & Jim Threlkel friends |
| Marshall Wood | Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend |



- * The Prayer Chain is a ministry of the Congregational Care Committee.
- * As a prayer request is made known, calls are made to this ministry, and the Prayer Chain members will remember the person(s) and the situation(s) in their prayers.
- * Jane Ray serves as the coordinator and she is ready to forward your prayer request to the prayer chain members. You can call her at 318-1833.



Military
 Robert Ferguson
 Stephanie Gillie
 Eddie Gray
 David Knowles

10 Ways to Pray When You Can't Pray

1. Pray Anyway
2. Choose to Listen
3. Just Say His Name
4. Have a Go-to Prayer
5. Say a Prayer of Praise
6. Pray for Someone Else
7. Pray for a Heart of Prayer
8. Have Someone Pray for You
9. Read Different Prayers in the Bible
10. Pray Different Bible Verses Over Your Life



BRING YOUR CHILD FOR ACOLYTE TRAINING

Acolyte Training will be held on **Sunday, October 11 after the 11 a.m. service.** Please meet in the front of the Sanctuary for training. All children in first through fifth grade are encouraged to be trained. We need new acolytes for the Fall.

FALL WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

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; HOWEVER, IN OCTOBER THEY WILL MEET ON THE 27TH, at 9:30 a.m.** at Carol Carter's.

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 22, November 5 & 19, December 3, January 7 & 21.

Contact Lia Gray to reserve your study booklet at:
Uncpair@gmail.com or 318-1541.



FAMILY BOWLING NIGHT

On **Friday, October 16** join us for Family Bowling Night at Cypress Lanes from **6:30 – 8:30 p.m.** The cost is \$10 per person for 2 hours of bowling.

Please RSVP by Wednesday, October 14 if you plan on attending.

You may e-mail Amy McKee at amckee@firstpreswh.org or call the church office at 294-3121.

MEN'S LUNCH – SPECIAL SPEAKER

The Tuesday Men's Lunch Group will be hosting **Andy Ray**, Deputy Chief of the Auburndale Police Department on **Tuesday, October 27** for a discussion on "Law and Order in the US Today." All men are invited to bring a lunch and join us **from noon – 1 p.m.** for this special Men's Lunch.



CALLING ALL PRIMETIMERS

(our church members and friends in the 55 and up age group)

The **FIRST PRIMETIMERS GATHERING** for this fall will be **EDUCATIONAL AND NUTRITIONAL.**



Plan to join us on **Monday, November 2 at 11:30 a.m.** in McLeod Hall for Christian fellowship and a brief program on "The History of Barbeque". **THEN** at 12:15 we will put what we have learned into practice as we will head out to **Hog Heaven Smokehouse's** new location for a BBQ lunch. We have reserved "The Shack" (the private dining room at Hog Heaven) for our group's dining pleasure.



Please email the church at office@firstpreswh.org or call 294-3121 to reserve your place at the table.

Making FIRST PRES Your FIRST CHOICE for Local Mission

Winter Haven is our closest mission field and we are involved in hands-on ministries that address needs of people living within our community. Our members are active in the three ministries that are housed on the church's campus ... Bag Lunch Ministry, Saturday Soup Kitchen and Saturday Nite Live. In addition, we contribute monies that are allocated from the church budget and designated by the Deacons to support various local organizations, many of whom we have supported with financial gifts for some years. Also, a number of our members have served as loyal volunteers in different ones for years.

One of our local missions that receives funding and is supported by volunteers young to old in our church is our **Bag Lunch Ministry**. From January 1 through September 30, 2015, we have distributed **11,373** bag lunches. Sam Bryant makes weekly trips to Sam's in Lakeland to purchase the food items and supplies. Family members, friends, our youth groups and others have assembled the bag lunches that include a can of Vienna sausage, a package of cheese crackers with peanut butter, a cup of applesauce and a juice box. Last year we spent over \$12,000 for this ministry and we are certain to spend even more this year as the requests have increased. These bag lunches are distributed through the church office Monday through Friday.

Another one, of our local missions, that receives funding and is supported by volunteers, children, youth and adults of our church, is our **Saturday Soup Kitchen**. From January through September, we have served **3,620** meals at the 737 Building. Donations of breads and desserts from Publix at Winter Haven Square are greatly appreciated as these food items reduce significantly the outlay of money we would incur to serve a meal each week. A group of nearly twenty volunteers to pick up and deliver these items to the church each week means that they do this only 3-4 times per year. We sincerely thank them for their faithful service. A Head Cook plus six to eight volunteers are needed each week to staff efficiently the Saturday Soup Kitchen. We are blessed to have a number of faithful volunteers who sign up to work the soup kitchen. Our volunteer pool would be sorely taxed without the assistance of our partners from Christ Community, Grace Lutheran and St. John's Methodist Churches, who come quarterly to prepare and serve the meal. Some other groups or organizations also help staff the soup kitchen on a less frequent basis. The soup kitchen also serves a meal on Christmas Day. Funding for both the Bag Lunch Ministry and our Saturday Soup Kitchen comes from contributions to the church budget, gifts to Three Cents a Meal and designated offerings by individuals who want to underwrite these ministries to a greater extent. Through these efforts we have made "**Feeding the Hungry**" our top priority of local missions. We cannot meet all needs, but we are making a significant impact on the problem of hunger in our community.

Another one of our local missions, which is funded by monies allocated by the Deacons and supported by some volunteers who are members of the church, is **Saturday Nite Live**. We have been the host church for this organization for a number of years now. Saturday Nite Live is a program that ministers to mentally and physically challenged older teens through adults. They gather in McLeod Hall on the third Saturday evening of the months September through May for a time of fellowship that may include crafts, activities, or presentations with a time for singing, a devotional and a snack. The program runs from seven to nine o'clock. Their parents, guardians or house parents meet in the back of the fellowship hall as a support group.

Also supported by monies allocated by the Deacons are these fine organizations within our community:



Anchor House, which provides a home for boys from troubled homes.

Angels Care Center, which provides medical care to indigents in Eloise.



Boy Scouts, Troop #121, which helps boys to build character and gain skills as they mature to young manhood.

Family Emergency Services, which provides food, clothing, and financial assistance for medications, rent, utilities, etc. as needed.



Girls, Inc., which assists girls with their studies and developing skills to help them succeed.

Habitat for Humanity, which provides affordable and decent housing to those who have qualified for a home.



Meals on Wheels, which provides and delivers meals to the disabled or elderly at a reasonable cost or gratis for the truly needy.

Project Love, which provides food, clothing and other assistance to a largely Hispanic population in Eloise.



The Mission, which assists the poor in the community with food, clothing, laundry, showers, resume writing and job search.

The Polk Training Center, which helps mentally and physically challenged students to acquire and develop horticultural and landscaping skills.



Making **FIRST PRES** Your **FIRST CHOICE** means that we take seriously the counsel Jesus gave to His disciples when He said, ***"You give them something to eat!"*** (Mark 6:37) Through our gifts to the church's budget and other offerings of self and substance, we are able to make a difference in the lives of others, particularly in our "Feeding the Hungry" programs, Saturday Nite Live and our support of other local ministries in our community.





OM, OM BOOK DISCUSSION CLUB

Our Odd Month, Odd (3rd) Monday **Book Discussion Club** will meet again on **November 16 at 3:00 p.m.** We will have some light refreshments and will discuss Carlo Devito's book, *Inventing Scrooge*.

Please call the church office at 294-3121 if you plan to attend. Copies of this title have been ordered and should be in our library soon. 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 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.

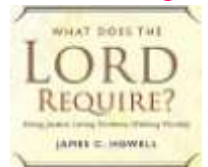


Middle school and High school youth meet every Sunday morning in The Golden Center for Sunday School from 9:45 - 10:45 a.m. During this time we meet and have fun and eat good food while learning about and growing in our faith in Christ. Come join us.

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, Rahab 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!



FALL/WINTER/SPRING WORSHIP



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!

STEPHEN MINISTERS ARE CARE-GIVERS, GOD IS THE CURE-GIVER

The role of a Stephen Minister is to give care. They listen, empathize, encourage, pray, and provide emotional and spiritual support on a weekly basis to hurting people for as long as the need persists. God works in and through them to bring hope and healing.

If you are feeling lonely, experiencing a crisis, struggling through a difficult time, or simply find yourself stressed by everyday life 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.



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!

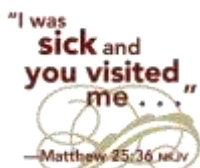
Once a month we will meet outside the Golden Center to be the hands and feet of Jesus to help people in our community. We have laid sod for Habitat for Humanity, worked in our soup kitchen feeding the homeless, and bagged countless bag lunches for our bag lunch ministry. These are just a few ways we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

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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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 374 bag lunches the week of 9/28/15.

We gave out a total of 1405 bag lunches in September.

Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 68 people on 10/3/15.

We fed at total of 358 people in September

Return Service Requested

«Mailing Name»

«Address 1»

«Address 2»

«City» «State» «Zip»

YOUTH CORN MAZE TRIP!



We will take a trip to the corn maze in Lakeland at the end of the month.

High school will go Sunday, October 18 after the 11:00 a.m. church service. Bring money for lunch as we will eat before we leave.

Middle school will take our trip Saturday, October 24. We will meet at the Golden Center (youth house) at **2:00 p.m.**

Cost of admission is \$6 plus any money you want for snacks while you are there. It is always a blast to run in the corn maze at night and spend time with friends.

Let Dana know if you plan to attend.

You can email her at dparrish@firstpreswh.org or call at 863-412-2897.

We hope to see you all there.