



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
WINTER HAVEN

Tower Chimes

Week of October 25, 2015

Issue 559

129 Years of Ministry

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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.



FALL-BULOUS TIMES AWAIT YOU AT FALL FEST!

Come join the festivities next **Wednesday evening, October 28**. There will be games, crafts, prizes, candy and fall-bulous fun 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 **RSVP for dinner by Monday, October 26 at 294-3121**.

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.

We are looking forward to a great night!

MEAL RESERVATION DUE BY MONDAY, OCTOBER 26.

Name: _____ # Adults: _____ # Children: _____



Church calendar

Sunday, October 25

- 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
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Group Music Rehearsal (GS)
- 5:30 p.m. HSYG (GC)

Monday, October 26

- 8:45 a.m. MOM
- 10:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl (MH)
- 12:00 p.m. Finance (MCR)
- 1:30 p.m. Friendship Callers (MCR)

Tuesday, October 27

- 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (MCR)
- 9:30 a.m. Joy Circle (Off-site)
- 12:00 p.m. Men's Lunch (MH)
- 5:30 p.m. Stephen Minister Leaders (MH)
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministers (MH)

Wednesday, October 28

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

Thursday, October 29

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

Friday, October 30

- 8:45 a.m. MOM

Saturday, October 31

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

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 |
| Vicki Kaufman | Amy Speer's mother |
| Mary Ann Kelly | TD Sowards' friend |
| Pete Kent | Charley & Nancy Chilton's nephew |
| Letti Lane North | Jean Strang's sister |
| Nan Mason | Harvey & Mary Ann Snively's daughter |
| J. David Richardson | Ellie & Jim Threlkel friends |
| Anthony Shepherd | Saturday Nite Live friend |
| Rick & Pat Tyler | Rick & Pat Reass' friends |
| Marshall Wood | Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend |

Military

- Robert Ferguson
- Stephanie Gillie
- Eddie Gray
- David Knowles
- Drew Stapor



Our Christian sympathy goes to Camille Howe in the death of her brother, Ronald Howe, on Wednesday, October 12, 2015.

GROW IN THE LORD

The more you focus on the Lord and do God's work, the more satisfaction you will find. It's that simple! Are you looking for more satisfaction in your life? Consider serving our congregation as a Stephen



Minister. By helping others, you will help God's kingdom grow--and you will grow too! Watch for more details about upcoming training starting after the first of the year.

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.

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 with any questions.



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.

The next time they will share as part of the **11:00 a.m. service is SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8.**



WORSHIP SCHEDULE



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!

HOW COME THOSE BOYS WEREN'T SINGING? WERE THEY TEXTING THEIR FRIENDS?

If you were at the 11:00 a.m. service on October 11th and enjoyed the music that the Youth shared in worship, you might be wondering what the boys were doing behind the music stand. They were using an app on their ipads and iphone called Garage Band and they were providing most of the accompaniment for the singers. That bass guitar you heard came from the iphone and the ipads were using a 'smart guitar' that was the primary accompaniment sound through the large floor amp.



Stay tuned, you'll hear more from our Youth Garage Band!

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.



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

Lydia Circle is the **second Monday; next meeting, November 9 at 10 a.m.** in McLeod Hall.

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

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



PARENTS NIGHT OUT

Parents, are you looking for a night out without the kiddos? Please feel free to drop off your kids from **6-9 p.m.** in McLeod Hall on Friday evening, **November 13.**

We will have games, crafts, snacks, and Bible stories to keep your children in fifth grade and below entertained while you enjoy time for yourself.

The event is FREE but space is limited. Please contact Amy McKee by Wednesday, November 11 to reserve your child's space (294-3121 or amckee@firstpreswh.org).



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.

Making *FIRST PRES* Your *FIRST CHOICE* for Growth in Faith

The followers of Jesus have been called “disciples” for generations. This is such an appropriate and telling title, as a disciple is a student. The disciples of Jesus Christ here at First Presbyterian Church of Winter Haven have long sought to teach the gospel, learn about what God has done for us in Jesus Christ, and live our lives growing in this knowledge and faith.

Currently, our church offers a variety places where this growth in faith can occur.

Children ages three through fifth grade start their Sunday mornings in the new children’s music room with Ms. Lynn to learn about God in song. **3 & 4 Year Olds** meet in their own space for a morning of crafts, snacks, Bible stories, and playtime with their preschool friends. **Elementary aged children** enjoy the Workshop Rotation this Fall with Science, Movies, Art, Cooking, Storytelling, Games, and Library time!! **Middle school and High school** youth meet every Sunday morning in The Golden Center for Sunday School from 9:45-10:45. During this time we meet, have fun and eat good food while learning about and growing in our faith in Christ.



Adult Sunday School meets at 10 a.m. each Sunday morning.

Raising Christ-Centered Children is meeting with teachers Bob and Carol Carter and Gannon Olmert. This class will meet for 6 weeks, with a Marriage Class starting on November 1, led by Jay & Lia Gray.

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

Dr. Negley is leading **Faith as a Verb** – a look at Chapter 11 of the Biblical book of Hebrews.

Have Your Second Cup of Coffee on Us - Coffee House Chat meets on Sundays in the Mary Spencer Reference Library on the second floor of the sanctuary building with a brief devotion, coffee, and goodies.



As we look for opportunities for growth in faith, our **Men's Luncheon** meets every Tuesday at 12 noon. **Women's Circle Groups** convene once a month, and the **Women's Bible Study** gathers every other Thursday from 9-11 a.m.

Christ Kids meets every Wednesday for children ages four through fifth grade from 3-5:30 p.m.

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 Youth Group** meets each Wednesday night from 5:30-7:30 and **High School Youth Group** 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!



As disciples of Jesus Christ, we all can learn from our Lord as we make **FIRST PRES** our **FIRST CHOICE** for growth in faith.

YOUTH GROUP



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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!

FALL 2015 SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH, (9:45 A.M.) & ADULTS (10 A.M.)

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.

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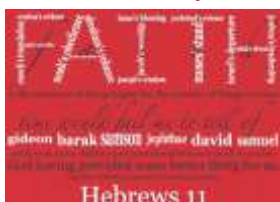
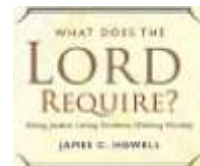


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Our Purpose Statement

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 316 bag lunches the week of 10/12/15.

Return Service Requested

Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 100 people on 10/17/15.

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 by Wednesday, October 28.