



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

Tower Chimes

Week of May 8, 2016

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130 Years of Ministry

WE CELEBRATE OUR MOTHERS TODAY



THIS Sunday, May 8, is not only another beautiful Lord's Day, it is also Mother's Day.

Please plan to join us in worship as we thank God for the wonderful women who have enriched our lives.

The children's choirs and youth will be adding special touches to the music to help us celebrate on this Sunday.



THE SMILE PILE UPDATE!



The children and adults of our Wednesday afternoon Christ Kid's program were busy this week. They helped sort all the donated stuffed animals into three groups: small, medium, and large. Then they gathered batches of ten each, and added them together filling bags for the trip to Honduras. And they counted all the stuffed animals.

**AS OF APRIL 28, WE, THE CONGREGATION, HAVE DONATED
992 STUFFED ANIMALS, 572 BOUNCY BALLS,
AND 39 FULL SIZE SOCCER BALLS.**

The smiles will abound on the faces of the Honduran children.

Thank you all for your generosity.

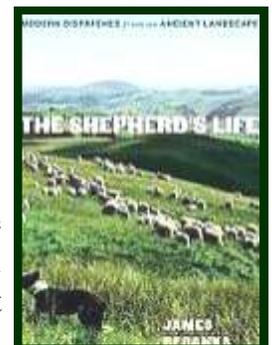


OUR NEXT OM, OM BOOK DISCUSSION CLUB IS GETTING CLOSE

Our Odd Month, Odd (3rd) Monday Book Discussion Club will meet again on **May 16 at 3:00 p.m.**

We will have some light refreshments and will discuss James Rebanks book, *The Shepherd's Life*.

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. 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.



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Dr. C. Alan Harvey
Associate Pastor
Dr. Raymond M. Larson
Minister of Visitation
Dr. James G. Manor
Parish Associate
Amy L. McKee
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Director of
Student Ministries
Lynn M. McCoy
Director of
Music Ministries
Ronda A. Lacy
Director of Finance &
Administration
Connie J. Shipley
Administrative Assistant
Rose Flynn
Office Assistant
Sammy D. Bryant
Director of Maintenance
Ann M. Quessenberry
Custodian

Church calendar

Sunday, May 8 MOTHER'S DAY

- 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-Adults
- 11:00 a.m. Worship

Monday, May 9

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

Tuesday, May 10

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

Wednesday, May 11

- 8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)
- 11:15 a.m. Preschool Music (CE)
- 12:00 p.m. Buildings & Grounds (MH)
- 3:00 p.m. Christ Kids (CR)
- 5:30 p.m. MSYG (GC)
- 6:00 p.m. Chancel Bells (MS)
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir (MS)

Thursday, May 12

- 3:00 p.m. Membership (MCR)
- 7:00 p.m. Chapel Bells (MS)

Friday, May 13

- 8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)

Saturday, May 14

- 9:00 a.m. All Church Retreat (Cedarkirk)
- 2:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen Prep (Kitchen)
- 4:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen (737)
- 7:00 p.m. Saturday Nite Live (MH)

Remember in Prayer

members

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| Roger & Marie Able | Dorothy Johnson | Earle Roberts |
| Millie Carrier | Jeremiah & Jaleeann Johnston | Dorothy Ryan |
| Helen Champlain | Joey Johnston | Beverly Seagreaves |
| Anamarie Coffman | Judy Kingham | Bob Sheffield |
| Dannie Dougherty | Dena Lancashire | Barbara A. Smith |
| Jerry Dugger | Spike Lucia | Barbara H. Smith |
| Jana & Mike Easterling | John Maltese | Argyle Stevens |
| Jeanne Estes | Dick McCauley | Pam Tallent-Blackburn |
| Bill Everhart | Matthew McGaffigan | Carolyn Thompson |
| Lois Frakes | Lynnis Mincey | Shirley Turner |
| Joyce Hayman | Joan Murphy | Gail Van Allen |
| Frances Heath | Ed Partridge | Nat West |
| Doris Hill | Norm Patrick | Lee Wilkinson |
| Camille Howe | Robert Ramseyer | Marie Williams |
| Jim Huff | Barbara Roberts | Retha Wright |

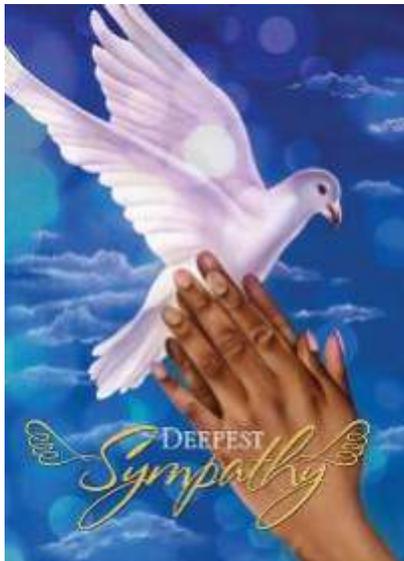
Relatives & Friends

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| Chuck Bishop | Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend |
| Reese Burdette | Dana Cole's cousin |
| Jerry Cooley | Susan Singleton's friend |
| Kay Cunningham | Gale Waters' aunt |
| Al Ellis | Jim Threlkel's friend |
| Raymond Fenstermaker | Gale & Gwen Waters' grandson |
| Jean Hehn | Ellie Threlkel's friend |
| Pete Kent | Charley & Nancy Chilton's nephew |
| Barbara Lawhon | Bob Sheffield's sister-in-law |
| Ron Lucas | Ronda Lacy's father |
| Nan Mason | Harvey & Mary Ann Snively's daughter |
| Danae Nations | Bill Everhart's niece |
| Sandra Piper | Penn Tucer's friend |
| Anna Robinson | Punkin Smith's friend |
| Kristy Turner | Rick & Pat Reass' daughter |
| Kurt Vahle | Gale & Gwen Waters' friend |
| Mary Ann Valentine | Rose Flynn's friend |
| Marshall Wood | Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend |



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

- John Marotti
- KaitLin Marotti-Pitts
- Ashton Pitts
- Drew Stapor



Our Christian sympathy goes to Pat Nepute and family in the death her mother, Charlotte Weis who died Monday, April 25, 2016.

Our deepest sympathy goes to Ray Larson in the death of his sister, June Anderson, who died Wednesday, April 27, 2016.

For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord. They are plans for good and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.

Jeremiah 29:11



COME TO THE WATERS...

the Presbyterian Women's Bible Study for 2015-2016, is 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 of the month.**
The next meeting will be at 10:30 a.m., May 9, 2016.

Joy Circle has completed their Bible study for the year.

STEPHEN MINISTER TRAINING IS ALMOST DONE



Our Stephen Minister training class will wrap up soon. We ask you to keep our Stephen Minister trainees in your prayers as they nurture their gifts and acquire new skills so that they can bring Christ's love and care to hurting people on behalf of our congregation. Also pray for our Stephen Leaders who have guided them through their training.

AND REMEMBER, IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW NEEDS HELP...

connect with one of our Stephen Ministers, by calling **Pat Reass at 206-9914**, or talk with one of our other Stephen Minister Leaders: **Alan Harvey, Ray Larson, Mary Marrs, Steve Negley, Les O'Neal, 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.

Our Stephen Ministers are there to care!



SANCTUARY FLOWER CALENDAR

Our 2016 Flower Calendar has the following open dates:
May 15, 22, & 29; June 5 & 26; July 3, 17, & 31; August 14 & 28; September 25; October 2, 9, & 16; November 27; December 4 & 11.

There is space to sign up for placing flowers in the narthex on a given Sunday, when the sanctuary flowers for your desired date have already been selected by someone else.

Never given sanctuary or narthex flowers before and wonder what to do?

Follow these simple instructions:

1. Sign your name on the calendar for the date you wish to give flowers. If the sanctuary spot has already been selected, then you can choose to have your floral arrangement in the narthex for the same date.
2. Complete this step by giving your phone number and identifying your florist.
3. If giving sanctuary flowers and you would like to use the church's brass urn, please ask Ann or Sam for the glass liner and deliver it to your florist or ask the florist to pick it up at the church.
4. Place an order for flowers from your preferred florist.
5. Call Connie at the church office (294-3121) no later than Wednesday prior to your chosen date and inform her as to how you wish for the acknowledgment of flowers to read in the bulletin.
6. Request that the florist deliver the flowers to the church by noon on Saturday and have them include a name on the arrangement so that we know by whom they are given and where they are to be placed.

Any other questions, please call Alan or Connie. Thank you!



SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Children ages three through fifth grade will meet in the 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.

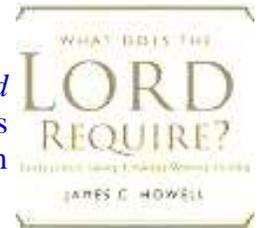
During the next six weeks, the **Elementary aged students** will focus on Making Choices through Art, Science, Cooking, Storytelling, Games, and Library time during the Workshop Rotation.



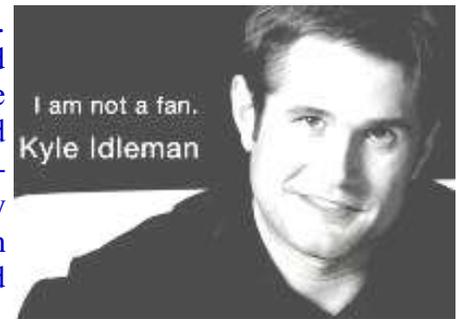
Middle school and High school youth meet every Sunday morning in The Golden Center for Sunday School from 9:45-10:45. During this time we meet and have fun and eat good food while learning about and growing in our faith in Christ. Come join us.

Adults Class Options (10-10:45 a.m.)

The Perspectives Class will continue their discussion on the book - *What Does the Lord Require? Doing Justice, Loving Kindness, Walking Humbly*, by James C. Howell. This class is led by Dr. Jim Threlkel and Mr. Glenn Thomas and meets in the Geneva Room, Room 106 of the CE Building.



Presenting a new small group study from City on a Hill Productions. Twenty times in the New Testament, Jesus issued a compelling and challenging invitation to Follow Him. He's not interested in mere fans. He doesn't want enthusiastic admirers. He wants Completely Committed Followers. Based on the engaging approach of Kyle Idleman, this one-of-a-kind small group study examines what it means to deny one's self and truly follow Jesus. Join us for "*Not a Fan;*" six DVD sessions with discussion in Room 207 of the Christian Education building. The class will be facilitated by Gannon Olmert. This class will meet **April 17 – May 22**.



What began as a series of 'talks' on the radio by the devout Christian layman and brilliant college professor C. S. Lewis, has become a foundational book for many millions of Christ's followers over the years. "Ever since I became a Christian I have thought that the best, perhaps the only, service I could do for my unbelieving neighbors was to explain and defend the belief that has been common to nearly all Christians at all times." So Lewis begins this literary journey. Our class will read (five to ten pages a week) and reflect on Lewis' **Mere Christianity (What One Must Believe to be a Christian)**. If you have read this work before, come and share what elements in our faith has touched your heart and soul. If you have not had the opportunity, join with us for the first time as we explore topics such as The Three Parts of Morality, Christian Marriage, Forgiveness, Faith, Hope, Charity, Obstinate Toy Soldiers, Nice People or New Men, from the fertile and faithful perspective of C.S. Lewis. Dr. Negley will lead the class which meets in the back section of McLeod Hall.

Join us for Sunday School!

COME WORSHIP WITH US

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!



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!

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!

ANGELS CARE CENTER OF ELOISE- Angel Collection Box Needs

There is an ongoing need for the following items to give 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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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 268 bag lunches the week of 4/25/16.

We gave out 1053 bag lunches in April.

Return Service Requested

Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 95 people on 4/30/16

We fed 514 people in April.

VBS REGISTRATION IS HERE

Friends, Vacation Bible School – *Cave Quest* will be here before we know it. The dates are **June 20-23 from 6:15-8:30 p.m.** All children ages three through fifth grade graduates are invited to attend.

Gear up for an over-the-top underground adventure! Ground kids in the rock-solid foundation of God's love, a love that takes us through life's dark times.

We also need volunteers for the week. Please prayerfully consider this enriching event of helping children grow in their faith. Contact Amy McKee at 294-3121 for more information.

You can register online at: <https://www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/cavequestfpc2016>.

