



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
WINTER HAVEN

Tower Chimes

Week of May 15, 2016

Issue 584

130 Years of Ministry

VBS 2016

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Cave Quest VBS is filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, touch, and taste. Children ages three through fifth grade graduates are invited to join us **June 20-23 from 6:15-8:30 p.m.**



They will explore the following stations each night: Sing and Play Rock, Deep Bible Quests, Spelunker Sports and Games, Cavern Café, Kidvid Cinema, Imagination Station Crafts, and Cave Quest Closing.

We also need adults and teenagers to help us out each evening. Please prayerfully consider participating this year.



Registration can be found online at: <https://www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/cavequestfpc2016> or by filling out a brochure in the Narthex.



Be sure to invite your friends, family, and neighbors to join you on this adventure as we follow Jesus, the light of the world.



Please contact Amy McKee for more information at amckee@firstpreswh.org or 294-3121.

Church calendar

Sunday, May 15

Pentecost

3 Cents-a-Meal

- 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
- 3:00 p.m. All Church Retreat Ends
- 4:30 p.m. HSYG Music Rehearsal (GC)
- 5:30 p.m. HSYG (GC)

Monday, May 16

- 8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)
- 3:00 p.m. OM, OM Book Club (UR)

Tuesday, May 17

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

Wednesday, May 18

- 8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)
- 11:15 a.m. Preschool Music (CE)
- 1:30 p.m. Congregational Care (MCR)
- 5:00 p.m. Memorial Garden (MCR)
- 5:30 p.m. MSYG (GC)
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir (MS)

Thursday, May 19

Friday, May 20

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

Saturday, May 21

- 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 | Beverly Seagreaves |
| Millie Carrier | Joey Johnston | Barbara A. Smith |
| Helen Champlain | Judy Kingham | Barbara H. Smith |
| Anamarie Coffman | Dena Lancashire | Argyle Stevens |
| Dannie Dougherty | Spike Lucia | Pam Tallent-Blackburn |
| Jana & Mike Easterling | Larry Marshal | Carolyn Thompson |
| Jeanne Estes | Dick McCauley | Shirley Turner |
| Bill Everhart | Lynn Mincey | Gail Van Allen |
| Lois Frakes | Joan Murphy | Nat West |
| Joyce Hayman | Ed Partridge | Lee Wilkinson |
| Frances Heath | Robert Ramseyer | Marie Williams |
| Doris Hill | Barbara Roberts | |
| Camille Howe | Earle Roberts | |
| Jim Huff | Dorothy Ryan | |

IN THE HOSPITAL: Nancy Dobler & 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 Tucker's friend |
| Andrea Purnell | Doug Purnell's daughter |
| Anna Robinson | Punkin Smith's friend |
| Tyler Thomas | Sadie Owen's friend |
| Kristy Turner | Rick & Pat Reass' daughter |
| Kurt Vahle | Gale & Gwen Waters' friend |
| Mary Ann Valentine | Rose Flynn's friend |
| Deanna Vaughn | Wade & Sandy Hoffman' 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

3 CENTS-A-MEAL

We will collect the **3 Cents-a-Meal Hunger Offering** during worship services **THIS SUNDAY, MAY 15**. This offering is divided between our Soup Kitchen/Bag Lunch Ministry, Beth-El Farm-workers Ministry, and Honduras.



Our Christian sympathy goes to Jackie Dugger, Jay Dugger, and family in the death their husband/father/grandfather Jerry Dugger who died Saturday, May 7, 2016.



WELCOMED BY MUSIC

Those members and friends of First Pres who attend The Gathering on Sunday mornings know that the service starts off with two or three songs at 8:50 a.m., and then we join together in the Prayer of Confession. For the next few weeks, we will begin the music at 8:45 a.m. You won't be late if you arrive at 8:50 – you will just be welcomed by music. We hope to have you “gather” with us for worship on Sunday.

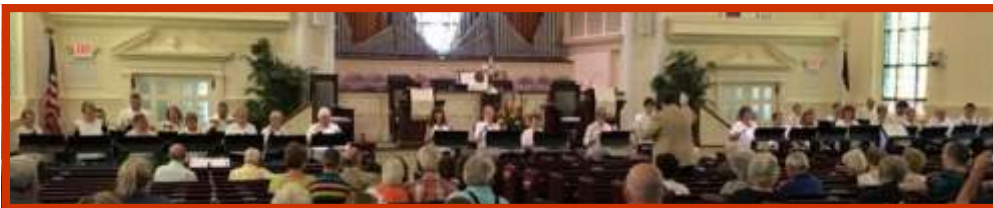
THANK YOU VERY “MULCH” FOR YOUR HELP

Thank you to our dedicated team of Playground Mulch Spreaders who came together on Friday evening, April 22 for around 2 hours to spread 20 yards of mulch on the playground. We had around 27 children and adults spreading mulch, which made a lot of work go by super quickly! Thank you all for your hard work and dedication!!!



SPRING RING THANK YOU!

We'd like to give a big thank you to all involved with the first annual “Spring Ring”. From our three choirs and our guest choir and director to our participating audience and our Chancel Choir hosts, it was a wonderful hour of fellowship in music. Participation in a bell choir requires a dedication and love of bells to be successful and we are blessed to have members that fill three choirs!



Just a “note” – there will be a second annual “Spring Ring”. Stay “tuned” because we will be celebrating something special with our next program. Details to follow!!!

STEPHEN MINISTER COMMISSIONING IS MAY 22



We will commission our Stephen Ministers in two weeks, asking the Holy Spirit's presence and guidance for them as they go out to bring Christ's care to hurting people. Just as Jesus commissioned his disciples to go out to minister to others in his name, we commission our Stephen Ministers to extend Christ's care on behalf of our congregation to those in our midst who need it most. Please join in praying for them and offering them support and encouragement as our congregation celebrates the beginning of their caring ministry.

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; June 5 & 26; July 3, 17, & 31; August 14 & 28; September 25; October 2, 9, & 16; November 27; and December 4 & 11.



Making FIRST PRES Your FIRST CHOICE in World Mission by Helping Hondurans

From June 11 – June 18, a twenty-three member mission team from our congregation will be serving God in the Central American country of Honduras. Honduras, the second poorest country in the Western Hemisphere, has been a mission focus for our church since the late 1990's. Through an international partnership between the Presbytery of Tampa Bay and the Presbytery of Honduras, we are working alongside Christian sisters and brothers in the 22 Presbyterian Churches in that country sharing the gospel of Jesus in Word and deed.

This year's mission team will be conducting one-day medical/dental clinics based in three churches of the Presbytery of Honduras.



We will also be painting the adobe exterior and supplying and installing a solar-powered lighting system at the most recently constructed church in their presbytery.



Each of our mission teams members has been asked to donate a week of their time and \$500 toward the cost of the trip. We are asking members of our congregation to pray for our trip and mission, and to consider joining us as partners in helping provide supplies for our work.



Helping Hondurans



Please partner with our 2016 Mission Team by helping provide supplies:
\$3000 for medicines (\$1000 for each one-day medical/dental clinic)
\$400 for paint/supplies for the sanctuary at Zuniga
\$650 for a solar powered lighting system for the Zuniga church
\$450 for school supplies for the schools in Zuniga and Puerto Grande
450 \$10 envelopes will cover these costs
Please enclose \$10.00 (cash, check, or coin)
for one partnership

Partnership envelopes will be available in the narthex beginning Sunday, May 8. We are asking people to take an envelope, and fill it with \$10 (check, paper money, or change). We hope that children, youth, and adults alike will join us by filling one or more \$10 partnership envelopes. 450 partnerships will help us raise the \$4500 needed for medicine, painting materials, the solar-powered lighting system, and supplies for the schools in the villages we visit.



Join us for Sunday School!

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.

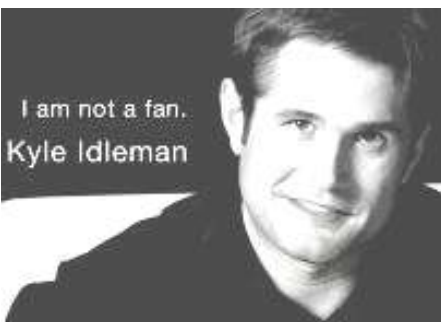
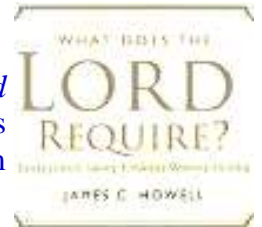
During the next six weeks, the **Elementary aged students** will focus on Making Choices through Art, Science, Cooking, Storytelling, Games, and Library time during the Workshop Rotation.



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.



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).



Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.

Mark 11:24

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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 233 bag lunches the week of 5/2/16.

Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 80 people on 5/7/16

Return Service Requested



PENTECOST IS THIS SUNDAY, MAY 15

Be sure to wear something red.

We will celebrate the Lord's Supper.

OUR NEXT OM, OM BOOK DISCUSSION CLUB IS HERE

Our **Odd Month, Odd (3rd) Monday Book Discussion Club** will meet 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.