



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

# Tower Chimes

Week of May 22, 2016

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130 Years of Ministry

## **JOIN US ON SUNDAY, MAY 22 FOR A DAY OF CELEBRATION...**

with two groups of graduates in our church:  
our High School Seniors and our Newest Stephen Ministers.



### **Celebrating our High School Seniors**

During our worship services we will be giving praise to God for the accomplishments of Emily Alexander, Casey Cheatham, Warren Girouard, David Lawlor, and Hadley Owen, as they complete their high school educations, and prepare to head out to new adventures. We will present them their third Bible from the church that day (to go along with the Bibles each of them received in the third grade and at Confirmation.)

### **Celebrating our Newest Stephen Ministers**

We will also thank and praise God in worship that day as we commission our newest class of Stephen Ministers (Carol Carter, Richard Moots, Connie Shipley, and Katie Sparr). This commissioning marks the completion of 50 hours of training, and signals that these newest Stephen Ministers are prepared to serve as caring Christian listeners to members of our congregation who are in times of transition.



**We hope you will help us make this a special day for our High School Seniors and Stephen Ministers as we lift our lives to God that day in worship.**

Dr. Steven R. Negley  
Senior Pastor

Dr. C. Alan Harvey  
Associate Pastor

Dr. Raymond M. Larson  
Minister of Visitation

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Parish Associate

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Administrative Assistant

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Office Assistant

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Ann M. Quessenberry  
Custodian



# Church calendar

Sunday, May 22

HS Senior Day

## Stephen Minister Commissioning

- 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
- 12:00 p.m. Reception (MH)
- 4:00 p.m. Baccalaureate Service (Sanctuary)
- 5:30 p.m. HSYG (GC)

## Monday, May 23

- 8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)
- 10:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl (MH)
- 1:00 p.m. Friendship Callers (MCR)
- 6:30 p.m. Communication Task Force (MH)

## Tuesday, May 24

- 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (MCR)
- 12:00 p.m. Men's Lunch (MH)
- 5:30 p.m. Stephen Minister Leaders (MH)
- 6:15 p.m. Worship and Music (MS)
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministers (MH)

## Wednesday, May 25

- 8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)
- 11:15 a.m. Preschool Music (CE)
- 5:30 p.m. Community Outreach (MCR)
- 5:30 p.m. MSYG (GC)
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir (MS)

## Thursday, May 26

## Friday, May 27

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

## Saturday, May 28

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



Our Christian sympathy goes to Nat West on the death of his mother, Sarah Clark West who died Wednesday, May 11, 2016.

# Remember in Prayer

## members

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

## Relatives & Friends

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|----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Chuck Bishop         | Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend        |
| Reese Burdette       | Dana Cole's cousin                   |
| Kay Cunningham       | Gale Waters' aunt                    |
| Al Ellis             | Jim Threlkel's friend                |
| Raymond Fenstermaker | Gale & Gwen Waters' grandson         |
| Pam Heath            | Judy Winfree's friend                |
| 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 |
| Sandra Piper         | Penn Tucker's friend                 |
| Andrea Purnell       | Doug Purnell's daughter              |
| Anna Robinson        | Punkin Smith's friend                |
| Tyler Thomas         | Sadie Owen's friend                  |
| Ed Toombs            | Gene Aspy's cousin                   |
| 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

## 10 Ways to Pray When you Can't Pray

- Pray Anyway
- Choose to Listen
- Just Say His Name
- Have a Go-to Prayer
- Say a Prayer of Praise
- Pray for Someone Else
- Pray for a Heart of Prayer
- Have Someone Pray for You
- Read Different Prayers in the Bible
- Pray Different Bible Verses Over Your Life





## BECOME A FRIENDSHIP CALLER

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.

Our next meeting is this **Monday, May 23 at 1:30 p.m.** Please call Ray Larson at 294-3121 for more information. We have many friends and members who would love to welcome your visit.

## VBS 2016



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 Questions, 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.

## MUSIC CAMP

Students who just finished 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade can sign up for a week of fun music activities! The camp will meet July 11-15 from 9:30-11:30. Activities will include learning to play the recorder, ukulele and drums. We will also have fun with the “Dueling ‘Do Lord’ Pianos”!

There is no charge for the camp but we do ask that the students are able to attend every day and are willing to share some music during the July 17<sup>th</sup> worship service. You can pick up a registration form from Amy or Lynn. The class size limit is 10 so please get your registration in as soon as possible.



## *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.



# THE LAST DAY FOR SPRING SUNDAY SCHOOL IS SUNDAY, MAY 22. WE WILL BEGIN SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL ON JUNE 5 AT 9 A.M.

**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.

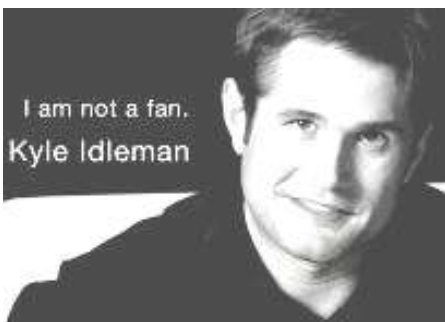
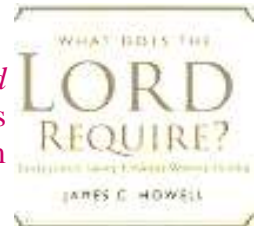
During the next six weeks, the **Elementary aged students** will focus on Making Choices through Art, Science, Cooking, Storytelling, Games, and Library time during the Workshop Rotation.



**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.



*We look forward to seeing this summer in 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).



*Do not be anxious about anything,  
but in every situation,  
by prayer and petition,  
with thanksgiving,  
present your requests to God.*

**Philippians 4:6**

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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 278 bag lunches the week of 5/9/16.

#### Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 86 people on 5/14/16

#### Return Service Requested

«Mailing Name»  
«Address 1»  
«Address 2»  
«City» «State» «Zip»

## YOU CAN STILL REGISTER YOUR CHILD FOR KIDZ SUMMER ESCAPE!!!

Kidz Summer Escape will be held **June 14 – July 21 on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.** This program is for children ages three through kindergarten graduates.



Registration is still open. A \$50 “reserve my spot” is due at registration with the final \$120 due on June 14. Every day your child will enjoy a special craft that goes along with the theme for the week, recreation, snack, and lots of summertime fun.

**Please contact Amy McKee for more information (294-3121).**