



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

Tower Chimes

Weeks of May 29 & June 5, 2016

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130 Years of Ministry

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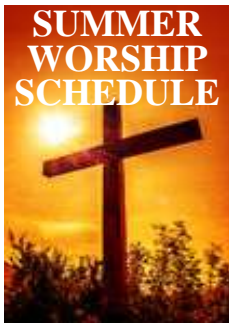
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OUR SINGLE SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICE BEGINS THIS SUNDAY

Please plan to join us all summer long for our First Presbyterian Family Reunion (aka: Our Single Summer Worship Service).



Beginning **THIS SUNDAY ~ MAY 29** and continuing through Labor Day Weekend, our members and friends from both the 8:50 a.m. worship service and the 11:00 a.m. worship service will gather together each Sunday for one worship service at **10:00 a.m.**

This single service is a great opportunity to see folks who may normally attend “the other worship service”, as we praise and worship God all summer long.

We hope to see you each week at 10:00 a.m., starting **THIS Sunday, MAY 29!**

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 5

We will not have Sunday School on Sunday, May 29 due to Memorial Day weekend, but we will kick off our summer Sunday School on June 5 at 9 a.m. for children ages three through adults.

Children ages three through fifth grade graduates are invited to join us for 252 *Basics* in Room 102 of the Christian Education building each Sunday. This curriculum focuses on three basic truths: I need to make the wise choice; I can trust God no matter what; and I should treat others the way I want to be treated. Join us each Sunday for 45 minutes of music, Bible lesson, crafts, snacks, and more!

Adults can choose between two classes this Summer:

Coffee and Questions will meet in Room 207 of the Christian Education Building where they will select “hot topic questions” for an open discussion. Come as your schedule allows and drop into this open discussion class.

Drs. Negley and Harvey will lead adults & youth a class in *We Believe! We Believe? We Believe...* We will explore what we believe about: God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, Our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost and born to a virgin; Who suffered and died; Who descended to Hell and then rose again; and the third person of the Trinity – the Holy Ghost. We will discuss our belief in the resurrection of the body and life everlasting and more. This class will meet in the back of McLeod Hall and the youth are invited to join us.



CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, May 29

8:45 a.m. OJ Fellowship (MH)
9:15 a.m. Chancel Choir
10:00 a.m. Worship

Monday, May 30 MEMORIAL DAY

Office Closed

Tuesday, May 31

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

Wednesday, June 1

8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)
5:30 p.m. MSYG (GC)

Thursday, June 2

Friday, June 3

8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)

Saturday, June 4

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



Sunday, June 5

8:45 a.m. OJ Fellowship (MH)
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
9:15 a.m. Chancel Choir
10:00 a.m. Worship
4:00 p.m. Honduras Packing Party (MH)
5:30 p.m. HSYG (GC)

Monday, June 6

8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)

Tuesday, June 7

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

Wednesday, June 8

8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)
12:00 p.m. Buildings & Grounds (MH)
5:30 p.m. MSYG (GC)

Thursday, June 9

Friday, June 10

8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)

Saturday, June 11

4:00 a.m. Honduras Mission Team Leaves
2:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen Prep (Kitchen)
4:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen (737)



FRIENDS: I sincerely thank you all for your kind words and thoughts spoken and/or sent to me since the death of my sister, June Anderson. June was my older sister who truly gave her love and assistance to me throughout our years. Your love and prayers make me realize what a wonderful caring church we are to everyone, member or friend.

In His Love, Ray Larson

Remember in Prayer

members

Roger & Marie Able
Jonye Briggs
Millie Carrier
Helen Champlain
Anamarie Coffman
Nancy Dobler
Dannie Dougherty
Jackie Dugger
Jay Dugger
Jana & Mike Easterling
Jeanne Estes
Bill Everhart
Lois Frakes
Margaret Goodman
Joyce Hayman
Frances Heath

Doris Hill
Camille Howe
Jim Huff
Dorothy Johnson
Joey Johnston
Judy Kingham
Dena Lancashire
Spike Lucia
Larry Marshall
Dick McCauley
Lynnis Mincey
Joan Murphy
Ed Partridge
Anthony Premuto
Robert Ramseyer
Barbara Roberts

Earle Roberts
Dorothy Ryan
Beverly Seagreaves
Susan Singleton
Barbara A. Smith
Barbara H. Smith
Argyle Stevens
Pam Tallent-Blackburn
Carolyn Thompson
Shirley Turner
Gail Van Allen
Nat West
Lee Wilkinson
Marie Williams
Retha Wright

Relatives & Friends

Chuck Bishop
Reese Burdette
Gloria Cassidy
Kay Cunningham
Al Ellis
Raymond Fenstermaker
Pam Heath
Jean Hehn
Pete Kent
Barbara Lawhon
Ron Lucas
Nan Mason
Sandra Piper
Andrea Purnell
Anna Robinson
Dr. Shah
Tyler Thomas
Ed Toombs
Kristy Turner
Kurt Vahle
Mary Ann Valentine
Deanna Vaughn
Marshall Wood

Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend
Dana Cole's cousin
Lynn Oakley's friend
Gale Waters' aunt
Jim Threlkel's friend
Gale & Gwen Waters' grandson
Judy Winfree's friend
Ellie Threlkel's friend
Charley & Nancy Chilton's nephew
Bob Sheffield's sister-in-law
Ronda Lacy's father
Harvey & Mary Ann Snively's daughter
Penn Tucker's friend
Doug Purnell's daughter
Punkin Smith's friend
The Oakley's friend
Sadie Owen's friend
Gene Aspy's cousin
Rick & Pat Reass' daughter
Gale & Gwen Waters' friend
Rose Flynn's friend
Wade & Sandy Hoffman's friend
Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend



Military

Robert Ferguson
Stephanie Gillie
Eddie Gray
David Knowles

John Marotti
KaitLin Marotti-Pitts
Ashton Pitts
Drew Stapor



MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND AT FIRST PRES...

will have an attractive new memorial honoring those who gave their lives in battle to preserve our freedoms. Two hundred, yes, "200" American flags (12" X 14") will be waving on our front lawn surrounding our EMC with its flag waving in the background and this message:

"In Memory of Those Who Pledged Their Lives ... And Then Gave Their Lives."



The flags will be placed on **Friday, May 27 at 5 P.M.** by church families and will wave from Friday through Memorial Day to honor the memory of those who made the ultimate sacrifice. All church members and friends are invited to join together in placing the flagswear your red, white and blue!

Scott Girouard will be featuring the flag placement live on Facebook.

This is a project of our Community Outreach Committee.

COMMISSIONING OUR HONDURAS MISSION TEAM

From Saturday, June 11 – Saturday June 18, twenty three youth and adults from our congregation will be sharing God's love alongside our mission partners in the country of Honduras. The group will be conducting medical and dental clinics at three separate Presbyterian Churches (one in the capital city, Tegucigalpa, and two in remote villages in the southern region of the country). They will be painting and installing a solar powered lighting system in the newest rural church in the Presbytery of Honduras. They will be sharing smiles as they distribute the stuffed animals and balls you have donated with the hundreds upon hundreds of children they will encounter as they visit in churches and hospitals.

As partners with these Christian brothers and sisters, we invite you to join us in worship on **Sunday, June 5 (at the single 10 a.m. worship service)** as we dedicate all the gifts the congregation has given for the mission, and ask God's blessing as we commission the mission team.



Our 2014 Team

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.

MUSIC CAMP

Students who just finished 1st through 5th 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 17th 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.



PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY

The Prayer Chain Ministry is under the supervision of the Congregational Care Committee. This ministry is distinct from the prayer list that is printed in the bulletin and *Tower Chimes*.

This ministry could be described as crisis intervention. Volunteers have consented to offer special prayers immediately for individuals or families at times when crises become known (e.g. a serious or very risky operation, a tragic accident, a complicated pregnancy, etc.) At times the person(s) requesting prayer may not wish to divulge certain particulars of the situation and we respect their privacy. In those circumstances we will not pry or solicit more information than they are willing to share freely and have shared with others dedicated to this ministry. We will lift the individual or persons up in prayer with the confidence that God knows their situation and needs even better than we do, but nevertheless we want to assure them that he/she is or they are being remembered in and supported by our prayers.

If you need the prayer chain to be activated, call Jane Ray at 318-1833 to let your request be made known. Once Jane has been informed of the prayer concern, she will activate the prayer chain by making the initial phone call and sending the initial e-mail. In the event that Jane is not available and you do not want to leave a message, please call Nancy Williamson at 324-2757. Jane or Nancy will activate the prayer chain.

THE ANGEL VAN MINISTRY

The Angel Van is a service deacons provide for adults who have no means of transportation to and from our Sunday worship.



Those who would like to take advantage of this service need to call the office at 294-3121 by noon on Fridays. Your request will be relayed to the deacon driving on that Sunday and the deacon will contact you by telephone on Saturday to confirm your desire to be transported and to arrange the time of pick up for our Summer Worship Service at 10 a.m. Please let us know if we can be of service to you.



OUR SOUP KITCHEN IS IN NEED OF YOUR HELP THIS SUMMER!



Assistants are needed for **May 28**.
Head cooks and assistants are needed for: **July 2, 9, 16, & 23**
AND all of August.

You can sign up in McLeod Hall.



SAVE THE DATE...
FOR OUR
PATRIOTIC
LUNCHEON
ON SUNDAY,
JULY 3 AT 11:15 A.M.

ACR FOLLOW-UP

We had a blast this year at the All Church Retreat, May 14 and 15 at Cedarkirk. Forty three people joined us as we focused on, *The Same Power Lives in Us*, using Romans 8. We enjoyed canoeing, outdoor worship, fellowship, 9 square, group Bible study, and lots of fun with our First Pres friends. Go ahead and mark your calendars for May 6 & 7, 2017 for next year's All Church Retreat.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR...

Graduating HS Seniors



New Stephen Ministers



JUNE

BIRTHDAYS

6/1	Carol Carter Luci Glenn Lynnis Miney Barbara Perkins	6/8	Pat Miller	6/19	Steve Lockhart
6/2	Dusty Marshall	6/9	Laura Frost Hildegarde Lindstrom	6/20	Joyce Hayman
6/3	Bryan Arnold Bob Endres Hadley Owen	6/10	Mike Easterling Alex Girouard Hunter Stapor	6/21	MaryBess Thompson Jennifer Van Allen
6/4	Shannon Badnell Isobel Hubbard Lynn McCoy Joe McKee Sarah Rennie Kylie Robinson	6/11	Spike Thompson	6/22	Rachel Harris
6/5	Manderley Barthel Arthur Harris Janet Lawlor Adam Smith Jean Tannahill	6/12	Karen King John Van Allen	6/23	Audrey Hawk Camryn Swango
6/6	Megan Keplinger	6/13	Bill Garrett	6/24	Dana Elmore Rhonda Garneau Dorothy Ryan MacKenzie Tackett
6/7	Ann Adams Sue Hankin Adam Roe	6/14	Pam Blackburn Kay Hedden Sadie Owen Julia Trachy	6/25	Joyce Anderson Stella Schwenk Jane Whitney
		6/15	Elizabeth Peters Lyn Swart Julie Wilson	6/26	Sherry Kennedy
		6/16	Til Fellows Stuart Fitzgerald Kathy Lockhart	6/27	Emily Snyder
		6/18	Philip MacDonald Justin Ryan	6/28	Rich Dobler
		6/19	John Eycleshimer	6/29	Bill Adams Clare McAdams Brigitte Thompson
				6/30	Ellie Threlkel

Anniversaries

6/1	Kevin & Lynne Grady	6/14	Tom & Pat Nepute
6/2	Debora & Jay Pearson Andy & Sherie Ray		Craig & Betsy Wengler
6/3	Joel & Barbara Smith	6/18	Ed & Judy Partridge
6/4	Richard & Dana Elmore Jim & Ellie Threlkel	6/19	Justin & Sarah Ryan
6/6	Mark & Patti Bostick	6/21	Glen & Joyce Anderson
6/8	Larry & Marie Adams Steven & Jen Barthel Spike & MaryBess Thomopson	6/21	Mike & Cheryce Harris
6/9	Geoff & Nicole Roe George & Beverly Seagreaves Jeff & Lisa Snyder	6/22	Len & Mary Ellen Porter Adam & Leah Weeks
6/10	Rob & Laura Frost Steve & Kim Lockhart Lou & Glenda Parrott	6/24	Ron & Gail Damkjer John & Gail Van Allen
6/11	Dick & Nancy Shaw	6/25	Dana & Denise Cole Ryan & Jessica Groetsch Ed & Sharon Mitchell Ed & Barbara Smith
6/12	Rich & Nancy Dobler George & Ruth Dunham	6/26	Gee & Christa Roe Dave & Penny Zwicker
6/13	Bill & Gloria Allen	6/28	Charles & Nancy Chilton Jim & Ann King Chuck & Pam Watson

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.



YOUTH GROUP

Grades 6-12

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!

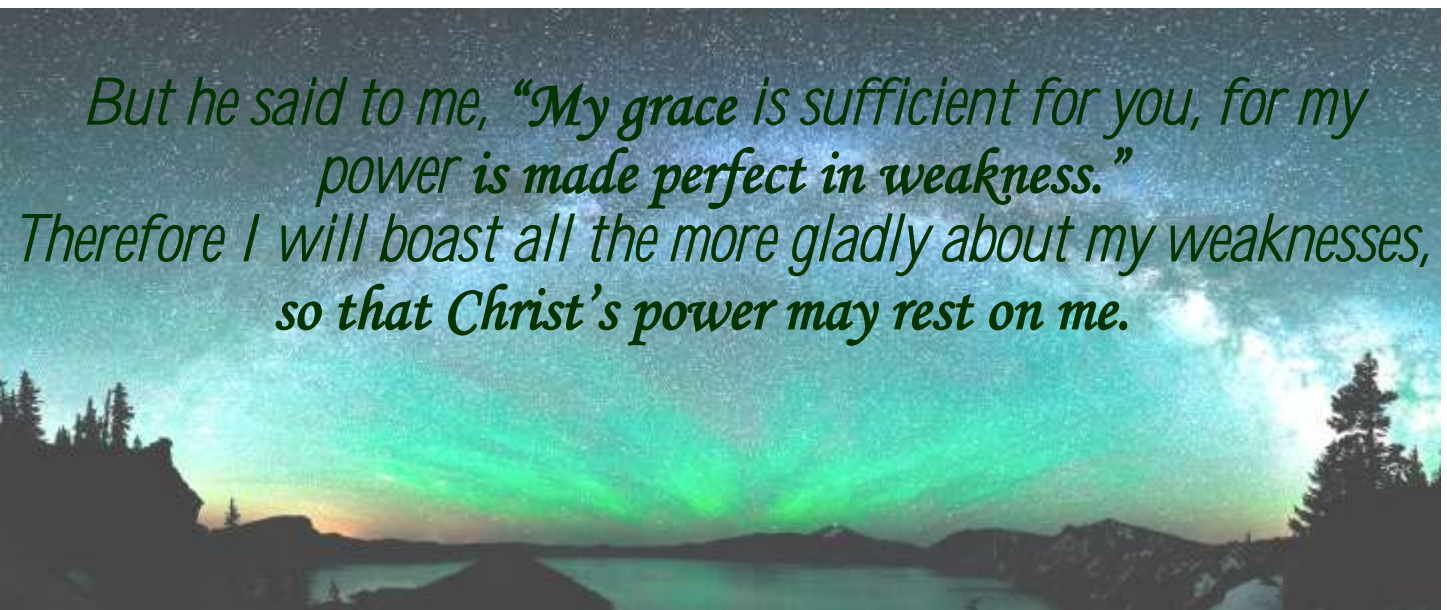


REMEMBER OUR STEPHEN MINISTRY IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW NEEDS HELP...

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!



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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
297 bag lunches the week of 5/16/16

Return Service Requested

Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 100 people on 5/21/16



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 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.

