



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

Tower Chimes

Weeks of June 12 & June 19, 2016

Issue 586

130 Years of Ministry

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: [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.



STAGE SET UP FOR VBS

Can you give a little of your time **Monday morning, June 20** to help set up the stage for VBS? Please call or email Ronda (294-3121 or rlacy@firstpreswh.org) if you can help. We will be setting up at **9 a.m.**



- Dr. Steven R. Negley
Senior Pastor
- Dr. C. Alan Harvey
Associate Pastor
- Dr. Raymond M. Larson
Minister of Visitation
- Dr. James G. Manor
Parish Associate
- Amy L. McKee
Director of
Christian Education
- Dana H. Parrish
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, June 12

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

June 13

8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)
 6:30 pm. Christian Education (GR)

June 14

8:30 a.m. Kidz Summer Escape (CE)
 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (MCR)
 12:00 p.m. Men's Lunch (MH)
 6:30 p.m. Deacons (GR)

Wednesday, June 15

8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)
 5:00 p.m. Memorial Garden (MCR)

Thursday, June 16

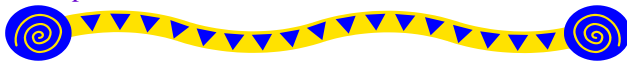
8:30 a.m. Kidz Summer Escape (CE)

Friday, June 17

8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)

Saturday, June 18

2:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen Prep (Kitchen)
 4:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen (737)
 11:30 p.m. Honduras Mission Team Returns



Sunday, June 19 3 Cent's-a-Meal Father's Day

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

Monday, June 20

8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)
 9:00 a.m. Sanctuary Set-up for VBS
 6:15 p.m. Vacation Bible School (Main & CE Buildings)

Tuesday, June 21

8:30 a.m. Kidz Summer Escape (CE)
 12:00 p.m. Men's Lunch (MH)
 12:00 p.m. Finance (UR)
 2:00 p.m. Staff Meeting (MCR)
 6:15 p.m. Vacation Bible School (Main & CE Buildings)

Wednesday, June 22

8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)
 11:45 a.m. Preschool Music (CE 103)
 5:30 p.m. Community Outreach (MCR)
 6:15 p.m. Vacation Bible School (Main & CE Buildings)

Thursday, June 23

8:30 a.m. Kidz Summer Escape (CE)
 6:15 p.m. Vacation Bible School (Main & CE Buildings)

Friday, June 24

8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)

Saturday, June 25

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

Remember in Prayer

members

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	Dena Lancashire	Barbara H. Smith
Dannie Dougherty	Jackie Lawn	Argyle Stevens
Jackie Dugger	Spike Lucia	Pam Tallent-Blackburn
Jay Dugger	Larry Marshall	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	

IN THE HOSPITAL: Bill Garrett

Relatives & Friends

Susan Andrews	Olga Andrews' daughter-in-law
Chuck Bishop	Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend
Reese Burdette	Dana Cole's cousin
Gloria Cassidy	Lynn Oakley's friend
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
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
Dr. Shah	The Oakley'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
Deanna Vaughn	Wade & Sandy Hoffman' friend
Marv Villiard	T. Michael Stavres' 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



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).

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.



A SPECIAL INVITATION TO 6TH - 12TH GRADERS JOIN OUR YOUTH GROUP THIS SUMMER

Are you interested in a deeper relationship with Christ while having fun and meeting new people? Then join us this summer for some fun! We are not meeting for regular youth groups, but we will still be going on hands and feet projects and fun trips. If you have any questions, please contact Dana at 412-2897 or...

Stay connected in two ways to see what we are doing by following us on:

- *Instagram* at [fpwhyouth](#)
- *Facebook* at [First Pres WH youth](#).



Dana also sends out messages via *Remind*. This is an app many teachers use to communicate with their students [Text 81010](#):

- if you are a middle school youth type [@msygfppwh](#)
- if you are a high school youth type [@hsygfppwh](#)



Here's to a great summer! God bless!

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.

Making *FIRST PRES* Your *FIRST CHOICE* in Summer Mission Opportunities

As we move into the summer, many people find they have a little extra time (and maybe money) on their hands that they might want to invest in the kingdom of God. Here are some wonderful ways that you can get involved, help our neighbors, and generously serve God with a smile at the same time:

Saturday Soup Kitchen—Head Cooks and Helpers Wanted *Available Dates are June 18, July 2 & 16, August 20 & 27*

We feed around 100 people each Saturday night, year-round. Our weekly ministry of providing a hot meal, in the name of Jesus Christ, to the hungry in our community will not hit a summer slump. The crews usually meet in the church kitchen around 2:00 p.m. on Saturday for food prep and set-up. The serving hour at our 737 building is 4:00-5:00 p.m. Clean-up is usually done in 30 minutes, and the volunteers are out the door by 5:30 p.m.—filled with the knowledge that lots of our neighbors will not go to bed hungry that night! If you would like to be a part of this ministry of care and compassion, sign up on the bulletin board in McLeod Hall. Head cooks and helpers are needed.



Bag Lunch Ministry—Assemble Food Bags on your Schedule



For over 20 years, First Presbyterian Church has responded to Matthew 25 by feeding every hungry person who comes to our doors. Now, our Bag Lunch Ministry feeds an average of 50 people each weekday. Food items are purchased in bulk by the Deacons, and volunteers are needed to assemble bag lunches. It takes about an hour or two for one person to bag 125 lunches (about a half week's worth of our distribution). If you would be willing to come by, just call the church office and find out how our supply is holding out, and schedule your time to help.

Meals on Wheels—Summer Drivers Needed

Each weekday, over two hundred residents of our area depend on the drivers from Meals on Wheels to deliver the hot, nutritious lunch and personal contact that helps them stay in their own homes. During the summer months, when many regular Meals on Wheels volunteers are away at their alternate addresses, or on vacation, Meals on Wheels desperately needs fill-in drivers. It takes a couple of hours around lunch time to deliver the meals on a route. If you could help one or more days a week, or even one or two days this summer, it would be a God-send. Meals on Wheels is located on Sixth Street, NW, directly across from our church. Call 299-1616 or drop by to find out where you are needed.



SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL HAS BEGUN

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.**

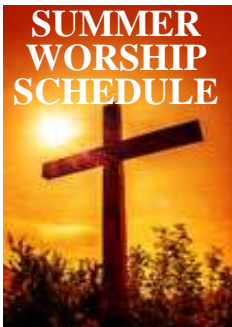


OUR SINGLE SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICE HAS BEGUN

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

As it continues 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 this one worship service.

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.



Some Sundays we will follow our “Gathering” service. 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.

Other Sundays we will worship in the style of our “Traditional” order of worship. This service has 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.

In either format, we are certain that God will be glorified.



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.



First Presbyterian Church
637 6th Street, NW
Winter Haven, FL 33881
863-294-3121
FAX 863-294-1105
www.firstpreswh.org
office@firstpreswh.org

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.

Adopted by Session, 2003

This newsletter is published weekly.
Summer months and holidays published bi-weekly.
Church dated material, please deliver by 6/10/16.

Non-profit Org.
U.S. Postage Paid
Permit No. 1162
Lakeland, FL

Bag Lunch Ministry

We gave out
273 bag lunches the week of 5/23/16
205 bag lunches the week of 5/30/16.

**We gave out 1159 bag lunches
in May.**

Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 98 people on 5/28/16
We fed 85 people on 6/4/16.

We fed 364 people in May.

Return Service Requested

OUR PATRIOTIC LUNCHEON IS SUNDAY, JULY 3



Mark your calendars now for the Patriotic Luncheon to be held immediately following the 10:00 a.m. service on **Sunday, July 3**. We encourage all to show their patriotic spirit by wearing red, white and blue that day. We will sing and wave flags with a salute to our Armed Forces.

Hog Heaven Smokehouse will be our caterer.

On the menu are: Pulled pork sandwiches, baked beans, macaroni & cheese, coleslaw, peach cobbler, iced tea, and lemonade. For the children, we will have chicken Nuggets.



The cost for lunch is \$8 for adults, and \$4 for children 10 and under. Reservations are required and these can be made by calling the church office at 294-3121 or by completing the form below and placing it in the offering plate. A count must be given to Hog Heaven by **MONDAY June 27**. Thank you!

PATRIOTIC LUNCHEON RESERVATION

Name: _____ # of Adults: _____ # of Children: _____

Please do not pre-pay. Money will be collected the day of luncheon.