



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
WINTER HAVEN

Tower Chimes

Week of August 7, 2016

Issue 590

130 Years of Ministry

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COMMUNION

THIS SUNDAY, AUGUST 7

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated on **Sunday, August 7** during our worship service. Remember to prepare your hearts to come to the Lord's table.



HOT NIGHTS, COOL JAZZ

The Jazzbyterians will be presenting a coffee house style performance on Sunday evening, **August 28th at 6:00 p.m.** in McLeod Hall. Come hear some of your favorite hymns and enjoy a cup of java and dessert served by our youth group.



The youth will be taking an offering to help support their new partnership with the youth of Honduras. The youth project will provide bag lunches for the families of children who are in the Tegucigalpa Hospital. Come for an evening of cool jazz!

Please make your reservation by August 26 by contacting the church at 294-3121, office@firstpreswh.org, or dropping this tear-off in the offering plate.



Name: _____ # Attending: _____

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, August 7

Communion

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

Monday, August 8

3:30 p.m. Christian Education (GR)

Tuesday August 9

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

Wednesday, August 10

12:00 p.m. Buildings & Grounds (MH)
2:30 p.m. Presbyterian Women Bible Study
Leaders (MCR)
5:30 p.m. Personnel (MCR)

Thursday, August 11

Friday, August 12

Saturday, August 13

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

*Congratulations to
Amy & Joe McKee in the
birth of their son,
Timothy Michael McKee,
born July 28, 2016.*



*The proud grandparents
are Marcia & Dale Smith,
and great-grandmother
is Joan Carruth.*

Remember in Prayer

members

Roger Able
Bill Adams
Jonye Briggs
Millie Carrier
Joan Carruth
Helen Champlain
Anamarie Coffman
Charlie Darte
Nancy Dobler
Dannie Dougherty
Jana & Mike Easterling
Jeanne Estes
Bill Everhart
Lois Frakes
Bill Garrett
Margaret Goodman
Clyde & Carolyn Greene
Maggie Hankin
Joyce Hayman

Marilyn Hearn
Frances Heath
Doris Hill
Camille Howe
Jim Huff
Dorothy Johnson
Joey Johnston
Sara Koon
Ronda Lacy
Dena Lancashire
Jackie Lawn
Spike Lucia
Larry Marshall
Dick McCauley
Jack Meadows
Lynn Mincey
Joan Murphy
Ed Partridge
Anthony Premuto

Robert Ramseyer
Keith Ray
Barbara Roberts
Earle Roberts
Dorothy Ryan
Beverly Seagreaves
Marilyn Schleifer
Barbara A. Smith
Barbara H. Smith
Argyle Stevens
Carol Switalski
Pam Tallent-Blackburn
Carolyn Thompson
Shirley Turner
Lee Wilkinson
Marie Williams
Retha Wright

Relatives & Friends

Jim Bohlk
Reese Burdette
Anna Clawson & expected twins
Dave Craig
Sue Duncan
Al Ellis
Raymond Fenstermaker
David Johnson
Pete Kent
Matt Krchmar
Nan Mason
Dr. Shaw
Kristy Turner
Debbie Webb
Marshall Wood

Rose Flynn's friend
Dana Cole's cousin
Linda Stavres' granddaughter
Jonathan Owen's friend
Jonathan Owen's friend
Jim Threlkel's friend
Gale & Gwen Waters' grandson
Lynn Oakley's friend
Charley & Nancy Chilton's nephew
Tom & Jeri Oldt's friend
Harvey & Mary Ann Snively's daughter
Lynn Oakley's friend
Rick & Pat Reass' daughter
Jonathan Owen's friend
Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend



Zach Drum
Robert Ferguson
Stephanie Gillie
Eddie Gray
David Knowles

John Marotti
KaitLin Marotti-Pitts
Ashton Pitts
Drew Stapor

CONFIDENTIALITY IN STEPHEN MINISTRY

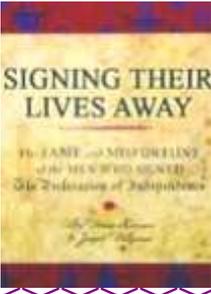


Confidentiality is the cornerstone of Stephen Ministry. It is absolutely essential for building safe, healing, and caring relationships. Stephen Ministers do not reveal what their care receivers have told them. Not to clergy, not to the Stephen Leaders, not to their spouses or friends and not to other Stephen Ministers. Why? Because trust is vital for a caring relationship to be effective. Care receivers are experiencing difficulties that leave them feeling very vulnerable. Discussing their innermost feelings is an important step in the healing process. But in order to open up and discuss that which is troubling them most, care receivers need complete trust in their Stephen Minister, and the assurance that what they say will not be circulated to others and become news for gossip.

This assurance builds trust and creates a safe place where care receivers can risk revealing their most painful issues and problems, ones that they might not even discuss with close friends or family. Confidentiality helps create a relationship that promotes healing and hope.

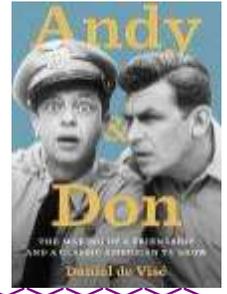
Another aspect of confidentiality is that nobody except the Stephen Minister, care receiver, clergy and referrals coordinator even know that a care receiver has been assigned a Stephen Minister. Care receivers, of course, are free to tell others about the relationship and who their Stephen Minister is, but the Stephen Minister never tells. This means a care receiver can choose to have complete anonymity. If he or she doesn't want people to know that they have a Stephen Minister, no one will ever know.

Why all this talk about confidentiality? To build your trust in Stephen Ministry. It is a high-quality, care giving ministry that you can count on should you ever have the need. Confidentiality is the cornerstone of our Stephen Ministry program.



OM, OM BOOK CLUB

The next meeting of the OM, OM Book Club is **September 19**, when we will discuss these two books:
Signing Their Lives Away by Denise Kiernan;
and *Andy & Don* by Daniel de Vise.



Be sure to call the church office at 294-3121 if you plan to attend.

LET'S HEAR FROM INDIVIDUALS OF OUR HONDURAS MISSION TEAM



I would like to thank all the people who made this trip to Honduras possible. We were able to build bonds with the Honduran youth when we made sandwiches and sorted toys for the Hospital Escuela. One of the best parts was when we played soccer with the Honduran youth. Everyone had a blast! Thanks again, David Alexander.



The friendships we make in Honduras are unbreakable. We grew so close to the youth of Honduras. Because we had three doctors, we finished sooner and had more time to spend with the people. I think it was a sign from God that forming bonds was our primary mission this trip. Casey Cheatham.

SANCTUARY FLOWER CALENDAR

*Our 2016 Flower Calendar still has the following open dates:
August 14; September 25; October 2, 9, & 16; November 27; and 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!



Making *FIRST PRES* Your *FIRST CHOICE* in Christian Education

Even though the temperatures will tell you otherwise,
we are well on our way for Fall Christian Education Programs which will launch in September.

We are recruiting new teachers for our Children's Sunday School program. You have two choices to choose from: Preschool (ages three and four) and Elementary Sunday School (kindergarten through fifth grade).

The Preschool children gather for a time of Bible story, craft time, and of course snack time.
They also enjoy indoor play in their classroom.

We are starting a brand new curriculum this Fall for Elementary Sunday School called 252 Basics.
We are excited to launch this new curriculum. The elementary children are divided into two smaller groups
(kindergarten through second grade) and (third through fifth).

All of your curriculum is provided to you ahead of time, we just need your creative power to bring
it to life as you share the Gospel with the children of the church.

We are excited to welcome new teachers this Fall, so please prayerfully consider how you might serve the
children of the church on Sunday mornings.

All the fun doesn't just happen on Sunday mornings. Every Wednesday afternoon September through early
May, we have a free afterschool program called Christ Kids for children ages four through fifth grade. They
meet from 3-5:30 p.m. and enjoy an afternoon of Music with Ms. Lynn, Playground & Snack time,
circle time, and Bible story/craft time.

We have three classes that meet from 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. where two teachers lead the children in the Bible story
lesson for the day which often times involves a craft or activity. All of the curriculum is provided for you.
We would love to have more volunteers involved in this program. The three classes are divided up as follows:

Preschool and Kindergarten (four and five year olds)
First and Second Grade
Third through Fifth Grade

Please prayerfully consider helping out on Wednesday afternoons with our Christ Kids program.
We typically have around 25 children attend the program, so extra hands are always needed.

Thank you to members and friends of First Presbyterian Church,
we are able to offer year round Sunday School programs for children, youth, and adults and
a weekly afternoon children's program for our children and the surrounding community.

Please contact Amy McKee at amckee@firstpreswh.org for more information on being a Sunday School
teacher or how you can serve at Christ Kids.

We look forward to seeing these programs grow and thrive this Fall at First Pres!



Summer Mission Opportunities

As we are now 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 fall dates: September 3, 17, & 24, October 15, 22, & 29****

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 65 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.



AUGUST

Birthdays

8/01	Susan Taylor	8/11	John Maltese	8/22	Sarah Claire Smith
8/02	Chelsea Beaver		Joe Sisson		Tim Swango
8/03	Andrea Cardona	8/12	Kathy Reyburn		Jennifer Vibral
	Amy McKee		Karen Schreiber		Clint Walters
	Jen Smith	8/13	Peggy Threlkel	8/23	Scott Irvin
	Aurora Walker		Norm Patrick		Alec Kosmensky
8/04	Bob Carter	8/14	Court Turner	8/24	Howard Levasseur
	Dale Keplinger		Joyce Reints		Andy Johnston
	Nancy Meyers	8/15	Richard Vickers	8/25	Kline Roberts
	Bob Sheffield		Lynne Grady		Jeff Bowen
8/05	Olivia Harp	8/16	Brian Parrish	8/26	Tom Coffman
	Shirley Hines		Layton Sheffield		Will Vickers
8/06	Rigo Cornejo		Sophia Cornejo	8/27	Bonnie Gray
	Erin Emry		David Fellows		Kim Lockhart
	Bill Freeman, II		Ed Partridge		Angie Arnold
	David Lawlor	8/17	William Snively	8/28	George Rowker
	Tia Pittsley		Kathryn Thomas		Dale Smith
	Pam Watson	8/18	Abby Sparr	8/29	Scott Strey
8/07	Will Butz IV		Warren Glenn		Joe Burke
	Pat Gardner	8/19	Ed Reints	8/30	Joe Oriani
	Amy McGee		Helen Champlain		Marcia Smith
8/08	Gene Aspy	8/20	Thomas Andrews Jr.	8/31	Robert Donaldy
	Emily Eycleshimer		Lindsey Ivey		Rose Flynn
	Alan Harvey		Donna Kelly		Tom Oakley
	Judy Kingham	8/21	Shorter Strang, Jr.		Neal Damkjer
	Sharon McGaffigan		Bob Winfree		Pat Reass
8/09	Lisa Arbuthnot	8/22	Mike McGee		Austin Schreiber
	Eric Grode		Ethel Thornton		Suzan Wales
	Jane Lucia		George Chambers		Robbie Luxford II
8/10	Jen Barthel		Peggy Davis		
			Becky Everhart		

Anniversaries

8/01	Mike & Jana Easterling	8/18	Brent & Dana Parrish
8/02	Stephen & Frances Stapor	8/20	David & Karen Alexander
8/04	Eynar & Heidi Munoz- Gutierrez	8/22	Thomas & Laura Negley
8/06	Ben & Judie Tucker	8/26	Rick & Tillie Montney Jr.
8/07	John & Marcia Eycleshimer	8/27	Aaron & Kelly Lock
	Bill & Lucille Freeman II	8/28	John & Ann Adams
8/8	John & Elaine Maltese		Rigo & Stephanie Cornejo
8/13	Tucker & Joann Gray		Tom & Jan Wales
8/13	Bill & Shirley Ussery	8/29	Jerry & Lynnis Mincey
8/14	John & Rosalind McCoy	8/30	Clyde & Carolyn Greene
8/15	Tom & Anamarie Coffman		Greg & Mary Marrs
8/16	Andrea & Brian Cardona	8/31	Bob & Mary Ellen Beale

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

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 select “hot topic questions” for an open discussion. Come as your schedule allows and drop into this open discussion class.

Drs. Negley and Harvey lead adults & youth a class in *We Believe! We Believe? We Believe...* We 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 discuss our belief in the resurrection of the body and life everlasting and more. This class meets in the back of McLeod Hall and the youth are invited to join us.

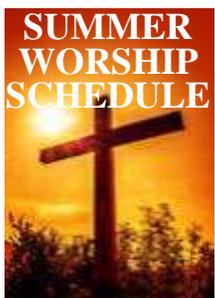


SINGLE SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICE

Please continue to join us this summer 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 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 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 concludes with the Benediction.

Other Sundays we 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.



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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

296 bag lunches the week of 7/18/16

311 bag lunches the week of 7/25/16.

**We gave out 1108 bag lunches
in July.**

Return Service Requested

Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 160 people on 7/23/16

We fed 110 people on 7/30/16.

We fed 650 people in July.



10 TO 2 LUNCH BUNCH RIDES AGAIN

**Join other members and friends of
First Pres for a weekday lunch outing.**

We will:

- * Meet at the church at 10 a.m. on **Wednesday, August 17****
- * Take the church bus (and van) to Melonie's Café in Dundee
The Original Dundee Diner, Est.1980)
(the Messy Mel Hamburger is the signature dish, but other
sandwiches, burgers, and salads abound)**
- * Enjoy a leisurely meal and fellowship**
- * Have you back at the church by 2 p.m.**
- * All it costs is the price of your own lunch**

Call the church office (294-3121) to get your name on the list.