



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

Tower Chimes

Week of August 14, 2016

Issue 591

130 Years of Ministry

YOUTH SUNDAY

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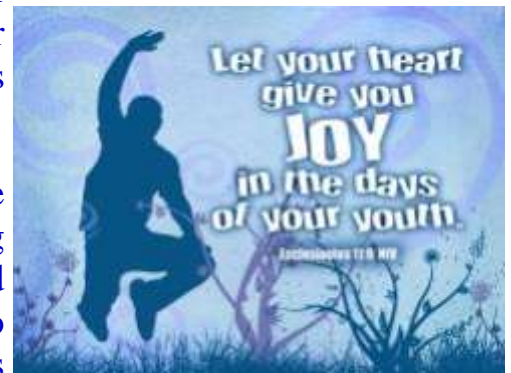
Sammy D. Bryant
Director of Maintenance

Ann M. Quessenberry
Custodian

Sunday, August 14, we will have our youth lead worship. This is a time for them to express how worship touches their hearts.

Both middle school and high school have been on youth trips this summer. During these trips they hear God's message and worship in a way that speaks directly to their hearts. Come and see how God has worked in their lives this summer.

We will also be honoring our seniors as they go out into the world. Come and help us worship with them and send them off with prayers and the love of Jesus.



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



SUMMER IS ALMOST OVER!!!



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

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, August 14

Youth Sunday

8:45 a.m. OJ Fellowship (MH)
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship
4:30 p.m. HSYG Music Rehearsal (GC)
5:30 p.m. HSYG

Monday, August 15

Tuesday August 16

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

Wednesday, August 17

10:00 a.m. 10-2 Lunch Bunch
5:30 p.m. Middle School Youth Group (GC)
6:30 p.m. Officer Training (MCR)

Thursday, August 18

Friday, August 19

Saturday, August 20

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



Remember in Prayer

members

Roger Able	Frances Heath	Keith Ray
Bill Adams	Doris Hill	Barbara Roberts
Jonye Briggs	Camille Howe	Earle Roberts
Millie Carrier	Jim Huff	Dave Ryan
Joan Carruth	Dorothy Johnson	Dorothy Ryan
Helen Champplain	Joey Johnston	Marilyn Schleifer
Anamarie Coffman	Sara Koon	Beverly Seagreaves
Charlie Darte	Ronda Lacy	Barbara A. Smith
Nancy Dobler	Dena Lancashire	Barbara H. Smith
Dannie Dougherty	Jackie Lawn	Argyle Stevens
Jana & Mike Easterling	Spike Lucia	Carol Switalski
Jeanne Estes	Larry Marshall	Pam Tallent-Blackburn
Bill Everhart	Dick McCauley	Carolyn Thompson
Lois Frakes	Jack Meadows	Shirley Turner
Bill Garrett	Lynn Mincey	Jim Vobornik
Margaret Goodman	Joan Murphy	Lee Wilkinson
Clyde & Carolyn Greene	Ed Partridge	Marie Williams
Maggie Hankin	Anthony Premuto	Retha Wright
Marilyn Hearn	Robert Ramseyer	

Relatives & Friends

Peggy Argudo	Gene Aspy's friend
Jim Bohlk	Rose Flynn's friend
Reese Burdette	Dana Cole's cousin
Anna Clawson and expected twins	Linda Stavres' granddaughter
Dave Craig	Jonathan Owen's friend
Jim, James, Jacob, & Edward Daniels	Jonathan Owen's friends
Sue Duncan	Jonathan Owen's friend
Al Ellis	Jim Threlkel's friend
Raymond Fenstermaker	Gale & Gwen Waters' grandson
David Johnson	Lynn Oakley's friend
Pete Kent	Charley & Nancy Chilton's nephew
Matt Krchmar	Tom & Jeri Oldt's friend
Nan Mason	Harvey & Mary Ann Snively's daughter
Dr. Shaw	Lynn Oakley's friend
Kristy Turner	Rick & Pat Reass' daughter
Debbie Webb	Jonathan Owen's friend
Marshall Wood	Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend



Zach Drum	John Marotti
Robert Ferguson	KaitLin Marotti-Pitts
Stephanie Gillie	Ashton Pitts
Eddie Gray	Drew Stapor
David Knowles	

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.

COME ONE, COME ALL!



Our schedule for fall Chancel Choir and bell choirs will begin on **August 24th**. If you have ever wanted to join a group of wonderful people who also happen to be joyful singers and players, now is your chance! The **Chancel Choir meets on Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.** We have two bell groups, the **Chancel Bells meet on Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.** and the **Chapel Bells meet on Thursday at 7:00 p.m.** We take all ages, from youth to 90+! We will also be starting several small ensembles this year, both singers and players. If you have ever played a musical instrument and would like to start playing again or if you have any questions, please give Lynn a call.

HOW ABOUT TEACHING CHILDREN'S



Are you looking for a way to give back to your church but also get so much more in return? We are looking for children's Sunday School teachers for the Fall and Winter. Please prayerfully consider this amazing opportunity to teach the children of the church about your faith and helping them grow in their faith as well.

Our Preschool group consists of three and four year olds and our elementary group is divided between kindergarten through second grade and third through fifth grade. Please prayerfully consider giving a few weeks every couple of months to serve as a Sunday School teacher. Please contact Amy McKee at 294-3121 or amckee@firstpreswh.org for more information.

Thank you!

WE ARE ALSO RECRUITING CHRIST KIDS TEACHERS FOR THE FALL

We need teachers who are able to give of their **Wednesday afternoons from 3 p.m. till 5:30 p.m.** If you could only make it during your class time from **4:30-5:30 p.m.** that works too.



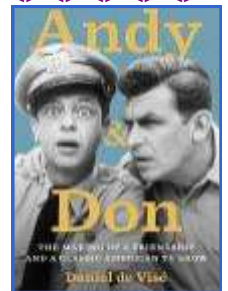
Please prayerfully consider being part of the faith development of the children of our church as well as children from our community. We typically have 25 children each week and we need at least 6 volunteers to make each Wednesday possible. Please contact Amy McKee at amckee@firstpreswh.org or 294-3121.

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.



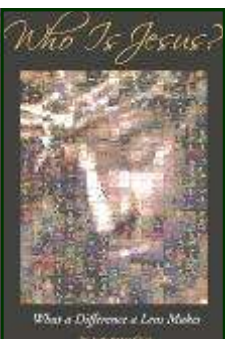
CIRCLE MEETING RETURN SEPTEMBER 12TH AND 20TH

Lydia Circle - **Monday, September 12th at 10 a.m.** in McLeod Hall
Joy Circle - **Tuesday, September 20th at 9:30 a.m.** at the home of Carol Carter

We will be using the PW Horizons Bible study titled: "*Who Is Jesus? What a Difference a Lens Makes*" written by the Rev. Dr. Judy Yates Siker. Join us as we journey through the New Testament, looking at Jesus through a number of various lenses and how these different perspectives impact our understanding of who Jesus is.

The study books are now available for \$8.00.

Contact either Carol Carter at 299-4253 or Sue McClew at 875-6176 for your copy.



Making *FIRST PRES* Your *FIRST CHOICE* in *Our Youth Program*

At First Pres. we have an active youth group that believes in being God's hands and feet here on earth. We work at our soup kitchen, clean gutters, yards, and homes for church members, host a toy drive for the Salvation Army at Christmas and a canned food drive for the Souper Bowl of Caring. These are just a few ways that we actively live out God's mission to be his disciples. We believe that being a disciple is much more than hearing God's word, but living out his word.

During the summer we take the Middle School Youth to the Great Escape and the High School Youth to Montreat. These trips help us grow in our faith in unique and special ways. Every other summer we take a mission trip to Honduras, going outside of our safe and comfortable world to experience God in another place outside of our hometown. None of these trips would be possible without the generosity of our church members. Many donate through youth fundraisers or donate directly to our youth fund for things like summer trips and youth meals. We have an amazingly generous congregation and we are so blessed to be loved by so many.



During the school year, **Middle School Youth Group** meet each **Wednesday night from 5:30 -7:30 beginning August 17** and **High School Youth Group** meets each **Sunday night from 5:30-7:30 beginning August 14** in the beautiful Golden Center. During this time we share a meal together, learn about God's word and how we can live out his word in our daily lives. It is a time of worship and fellowship with each other.

You can 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 [@msygfprwh](#)
- if you are a high school youth type [@hsygfprwh](#)



We are always looking for volunteers to prepare a meal for our youth and spend some time with them. If you are interested in preparing a meal for one of our groups, contact Dana by calling the church office at 294-3121, her phone at 412-2897, or by emailing her at dparrish@firstpreswh.org. There are many ways you can be involved. Call and find out how.



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.



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.

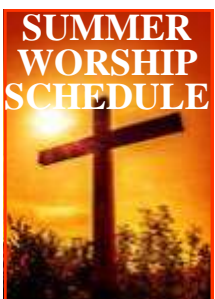


SINGLE SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICE

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
??? bag lunches the week of 8/8/16

Return Service Requested

Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed ??? people on 8/13/16

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: _____