



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
WINTER HAVEN

Tower Chimes

Week of August 21, 2016

Issue 591

130 Years of Ministry

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3 CENTS-A-MEAL THIS SUNDAY

We will collect the **3 Cents-a-Meal Hunger Offering** during worship services **THIS SUNDAY, AUGUST 21**. This offering is divided between our Soup Kitchen/Bag Lunch Ministry, Beth-El Farm-workers Ministry, and Honduras.



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 21

3 Cents-a-Meal

8:45 a.m. OJ Fellowship (MH)
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
9:00 a.m. Chancel Choir (MS)
9:30 a.m. Receive New Members (ER)
10:00 a.m. Worship
11:00 a.m. New Member Reception (MH)
4:30 p.m. HSYG Music Rehearsal (GC)
5:30 p.m. HSYG

Monday, August 22

10:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl (MH)
1:30 p.m. Friendship Callers (MCR)

Tuesday August 23

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 & Music (MS)

Wednesday, August 24

5:30 p.m. Middle School Youth Group (GC)
5:30 p.m. Community Outreach (MCR)
6:00 p.m. Chancel Bells (MS)
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir (MS)

Thursday, August 25

7:00 p.m. Chapel Bells (MS)

Friday, August 26

Saturday, August 27

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



Our Christian sympathy goes to Marcia Smith & Amy McKee on the death of their mother/grandmother, Joan Carruth, who died Sunday, August 14, 2016.

Remember in Prayer

members

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

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
Allen Cofiori	Gale & Gwen Waters' friend
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
Robert Ferguson
Stephanie Gillie
Eddie Gray
David Knowles

John Marotti
KaitLin Marotti-Pitts
Ashton Pitts
Drew Stapor

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.

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.

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.

Bell players: anyone interested in Disney bells, please let Lynn know before August 24th.



HELP!

23 Advent 2016 Devotionals Required
- 15 Advent 2016 Devotionals Received
= 8 Advent 2016 Devotionals needed
to produce a booklet:

"Toyland - Remembering Favorite Childhood Toys Received at Christmas"

If you are willing to help please contact Alan at
aharvey@firstpreswh.org
or 294-3121.

Thanks!

O Lord, how long...

must we wait before our new church pictorial directories arrive?

The answer is: much less time than what has already passed! Haha! Seriously, we have had some editing and proofing challenges with this new directory. Your patience and understanding are greatly appreciated!!

Truly we expect the directories to be available by the latter half of September. The directories are coming!

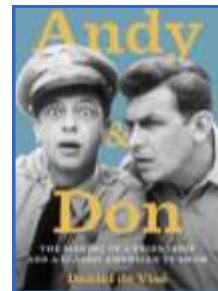


OM, OM BOOK CLUB

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.

WE CAME. WE CARED.

During our 2016 summer mission week in Honduras, our team worked alongside Dr. Moreno, a Honduran medical doctor and Cynthia Baca, a medical school student in Tegucigalpa, to provide medical and dental care for people in one urban church and two remote villages.

Dr. John Eycleshimer, one of our current Session members and church member, provided dental care in each of our three day medical clinics. Several team members assisted Dr. Eycleshimer in his work.



Lia Gray, church member and pediatric nurse practitioner, helped us expand the medical care that we provided to include scores of children each day.



This year, **Dr. Austin McCoy**, son of our church's Director of Music Ministries Lynn McCoy, joined our team to offer his skills in treating many of the hundreds of patients that we cared for during our week-long mission.



As our mission trips often focus on bringing medical care to the communities that surround the Presbyterian churches in Honduras, the skills of our North American team member add so much to the mission. John, Lia, and Austin helped us share God's love and healing. Many other members of our mission team provided the direct assistance and translation services to our medical professionals. The whole team provided the environment where this health ministry was possible. And, the members and friends of First Pres who generously donated the money for the medicine and the trip, and prayerfully supported our team at every step along the way, helped make this wonderful mission possible.

Worship

noun wor·ship \ 'wər-shəp

**the act of showing respect and love for a god especially by praying with other people who believe in the same god:
the act of worshipping God**

verb show reverence and adoration for God; honor with
religious rites

When we read the history of First Presbyterian Church of Winter Haven, the story is punctuated with references to **Worship**.

Less than a month after our church was organized in December of 1886, the first public worship service was held in a room over a downtown Winter Haven store. In the course of our church's first year, the location of public worship included a hotel, a schoolhouse, and a tomato packing house. By 1893, a permanent house of worship was completed and now we gather each Lord's Day in a sanctuary where God has been worshiped for 90 years.

Our history is one that is rich with worship, and gathering to adore and praise God continues to be the cornerstone upon which our life together is built.

As we move into our 131st year as God's people together here in Winter Haven, we are planning to stay faithful in praising, adoring, and showing reverence to God, by expanding our worship opportunities.

Starting this fall, each Sunday will begin with a Chapel Service at 8:15 a.m. This worship service, following the order of worship which has been our tradition for decades, will be held in our chapel on the first floor of the main building.

At 11:00 a.m., we will continue to gather with the accompaniment of chancel choir and organ for our later morning worship service.

And in the time between these two traditional services, we will be holding the Praise and Worship Service in the sanctuary. Along with scriptures, sermon, and prayers, a praise band will help the congregation in adoring and showing reverence to God.

More details of the services and times will be coming your way in the next few weeks as we keep worshipping the God who made, saves, and claims us.

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.

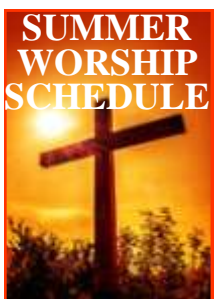


SINGLE SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICE

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
246 bag lunches the week of 8/8/16

Return Service Requested

Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 120 people on 8/13/16

YOUTH GROUP FALL SCHEDULE RETURNS

August 21 for High School and August 24 for Middle School



It is that time of year again. Summer is over. What? How? Can it really be true? No fear, because youth group will be back in swing and we are ready to see what God has in store for us this year.

Youth group is a time of worship and fellowship with each other. Middle school meets Wednesdays from 5:30-7:30 and high school meets Sundays from 5:30-7:30. We share a meal each week and learn more of God's word and how we can become disciples of Jesus Christ. How can we become doers of the words not just hearers of the word?

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 [@msygfwh](#)
- if you are a high school youth type [@hsygfwh](#)



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 in the church office or at 863-412-2897 or by email [@ dparrish@firstpreswh.org](#). There are many ways you can be involved call and find out how.