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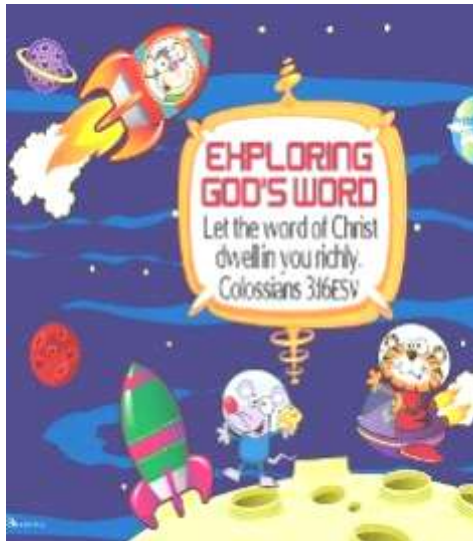
Tower Chimes

Week of September 11, 2016

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130 Years of Ministry

RALLY DAY!!!



Join the excitement as we gather on **Sunday, September 11 from 9 - 9:45 a.m.** for light refreshments and an overview of our Sunday morning Educational Programs.

Please RSVP by Wednesday, September 7 to the church at by calling at 294-3121, emailing to office@firstpreswh.org, if you and your family will be joining us.

We are looking forward to sharing our exciting plans with you all.

Donations will be collected for the refreshments.



SERVICE FOR WHOLENESS

The Service for Wholeness **NEXT Sunday, September 11**, marks the fifteenth anniversary of the airline tragedies in New York City, Washington D.C., and rural Pennsylvania. At this service we will remember what happened and how we were affected by these acts of terrorism.



The service, including the sacrament of Holy Communion, will be held in the chapel. Worshipers will also have the opportunity to request personal prayer and to be anointed with oil.

- 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
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Student Ministries
- Lynn M. McCoy
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Music Ministries
- Ronda A. Lacy
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Administration
- Connie J. Shipley
Administrative Assistant
- Rose Flynn
Office Assistant
- Sammy D. Bryant
Director of Maintenance
- Ann M. Quessenberry
Custodian



CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, September 11

3rd Grade Bibles

Rally Day

- 9:00 a.m. Rally Day Breakfast (MH)
- 10:00 a.m. Worship
- 4:30 p.m. HSYG Music Rehearsal (GC)
- 5:30 p.m. HSYG (GC)
- 6:00 p.m. Service for Wholeness with Communion (Chapel)

Monday, September 12

- 8:45 a.m. MOM
- 10:00 a.m. Lydia Circle (MH)
- 6:30 p.m. Christian Education (GR)

Tuesday September 13

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

Wednesday, September 14

- 8:45 a.m. MOM
- 10:45 a.m. Preschool Music (CE Music Rm)
- 11:15 a.m. Preschool Music (CE Music Rm)
- 12:00 p.m. Buildings & Grounds (MH)
- 3:00 p.m. Christ Kids (CE)
- 5:30 p.m. MSYG (GC)
- 6:00 p.m. Chancel Bells (MS)
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir (MS)

Thursday, September 15

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

Friday, September 16

- 8:45 a.m. MOM

Saturday, September 17

- 2:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen Prep (Kitchen)
- 4:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen (737)
- 7:00 p.m. Saturday Nite Live (MH)



Zach Drum
Robert Ferguson
Stephanie Gillie
Eddie Gray
David Knowles

John Marotti
KaitLin Marotti-Pitts
Ashton Pitts
Drew Stapor

Remember in Prayer

members

Roger Able
Bill Adams
Jonnye Briggs
Millie Carrier
Helen Champlain
Anamarie Coffman
Tom Coffman
Charlie Darte
Nancy Dobler
Dannie Dougherty
Jana & Mike Easterling
Bruce Eelman
Jeanne Estes
Bill Everhart
Lois Frakes
Bill Garrett
Margaret Goodman
Marilyn Hearn
Frances Heath

Doris Hill
Camille Howe
Jim Huff
Dorothy Johnson
Joey Johnston
Sara Koon
Dena Lancashire
Jackie Lawn
Spike Lucia
Larry Marshall
Dick McCauley
Sharon McGaffigan
Amy McKee
Jack Meadows
Lynn Mincey
Joan Murphy
Ed Partridge
Anthony Premuto
Robert Ramseyer

Keith Ray
Barbara Roberts
Earle Roberts
Dave Ryan
Dorothy Ryan
Marilyn Schleifer
Beverly Seagreaves
Barbara A. Smith
Barbara H. Smith
Marcia Smith
Carol Switalski
Pam Tallent-Blackburn
Carolyn Thompson
Shirley Turner
Jim Vobornik
Lee Wilkinson
Marie Williams
Retha Wright

Relatives & Friends

Peggy Argudo
Susan Bryan
Reese Burdette
Allen Cofiori
Steve & Kaye Cook & children
Al Ellis
Raymond Fenstermaker
Pete Kent
Nan Mason
Marisa Middaugh
Becca, Samara, Aliyah, & Eli Ramirez
Kristy Turner
Debbie Webb
Marshall Wood

Gene Aspy's friend
Jim Francis' friend
Dana Cole's cousin
Gale & Gwen Waters' friend
Alison & Les O'Neal's friends
Jim Threlkel's friend
Gale & Gwen Waters' grandson
Charley & Nancy Chilton's nephew
Harvey & Mary Ann Snively's daughter
Gene Aspy's niece
Betty Shinn's grandchildren
Rick & Pat Reass' daughter
Jonathan Owen's friend
Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend

An Animal-Less Nativity?

or No Animals May Come To The Stable!

For the past 15 years Marvin and Harriet Brooks (Granma's Hug-N-Farm) have provided us with a donkey and three sheep for our Living Nativity/'Twas the Night Before the First Christmas/ Come To The Stable. The Brooks have retired and thus far attempts to secure animals for the upcoming event on Saturday, December 10, have proven unsuccessful. Do you know of anyone who has such animals for rent and who would be willing to transport them? If so, then please contact Alan at 294-3121 or aharvey@firstpreswh.org as soon as possible.



Thank you!

CHRIST KIDS IS BACK!



Our Christ Kids program began on **Wednesday, September 7**. Children age four through fifth grade are invited to attend this **FREE** program. We gather out on the playground beginning at **3:00 p.m.** and wrap up at 5:30 p.m. We do ask that families bring in individually wrapped snacks (24) every few months for the program.

The children will enjoy an afternoon of outdoor recreation, Bible stories, crafts, music with Ms. Lynn, and creating new friendships. Children from preschool through grade 5 participate in music activities using singing, instruments and movement. They regularly participate in the worship service with their offering of praise through song. They use a variety of percussion instruments, ukulele, guitar and recorders to encourage music reading and to develop their musical talents. There is also a Christ Kids Ringers ensemble for hand bells.

Please e-mail Amy McKee if you have any questions: amckee@firstpreswh.org. We are looking forward to a great year!



OM, OM BOOK CLUB

**This Session Only:
A Luncheon!!**

Monday, September 19, 1 p.m.

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. **Please note the special time of 1:00 p.m.**



Be sure to call the church office to make a reservation no later than **1:00 p.m, on Friday, September 16.**



PLANNING YOUR FINAL CELEBRATION



Have you given any thought to planning your final celebration? Which scriptures and music do you want shared to bring comfort and hope to the loved ones who attend your memorial service or funeral? Our Pastors and Director of Music will be sharing scripture and music selections that folks have found helpful in their planning.

Won't you join us, **September 27**, in the Golden Center (aka the Youth house)? We are offering two identical sessions to accommodate schedules **3:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.** Light refreshments will be provided by our Stephen Ministers - (finger sandwiches, vegetable, cheese and fruit trays, water and peach tea).

Reservations required by September 20, 2016. Please contact the church office at 294-3121, office@firstpreswh.org, or drop this tear off in the offering plate on Sunday.

We look forward to seeing you then!

Name: _____ **Time:** _____ **# Attending:** _____

LET'S HEAR FROM INDIVIDUALS FROM OUR HONDURAS MISSION TEAM



I was blessed to be able to share this time and experience with my son Austin. My favorite part of the mission was watching our youth and how their parents and our church has nurtured them into the strong faith they have and the great oneness they show to each other and to the Hondurans they met. *Lynn McCoy*



The thing that impacted me most was how welcoming the Honduran people are. Everyone was so helpful, accepting, and friendly to our group. It really opened my eyes and my mind to see even little things like handing out stuffed animals and balls or just our live with each other will change our lives forever. *Lydia Rennie*



ARE YOU A TECHIE???



If technology is your thing, we have a place for you in our musical praise!! We are in need of people who would like to learn about our sound system and help during the worship services to make sure all our praise is heard! We will be holding a training session so **contact Lynn at 701-570-1485** and let her know if you are willing to join the Sunday rotation in the sound booth. **PLEASE!!**



HELP!!!

Did you know that the number of days of Advent varies? It can begin as early as November 27 or as late as December 3. That means there can be as many as 29 days or as few as 23 days of Advent.

Using my Presbyterian Planning Calendar, I accidentally consulted the 2017 calendar (23 days) instead of the 2016 calendar (29 days) in calculating the number of devotions needed for this year's Advent Devotional. As Eeyore's luck would have it, I need the most possible number of devotionals for this year. Consequently, I need not 7 as I had been thinking, but 13 more stories in order for us to have an Advent 2016 Devotional, to run from the First Sunday in Advent (November 27) through Christmas Day.



If you are willing to help, please contact Alan by calling 294-3121 (Tuesday-Friday) or writing him at aharvey@firstpreswh.org.

This year's theme is: *"Toyland – Remembering Favorite Childhood Toys Received at Christmas."* I will be glad to give you the guidelines for writing your story yourself or to record your information and write up your story. Many thanks! *Alan*



COMMUNION TO THE FURTHEST PEW SIGN-UP

Yes, I/we would like to receive Holy Communion at our home sometime the week of October 2-7.

Name(s): _____ Phone Number for Contact: _____



Please indicate the best time for you:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10-12	X	10-12	10-12	10-12
2-5	2-5	2-5	2-5	2-5



Please call the office at 294-3121 and ask for Alan, Ray, or Steve so that a time for this service may be arranged and coordinated with a church officer. Thank you!



FAQs about *“Communion to the Furthest Pew”*



1. What is *“Communion to the Furthest Pew”*?

This is an organized program, conceived by the Community Outreach Committee and the Deacons and approved by the Session, to schedule and implement serving the Lord’s Supper to those who are homebound or confined to long term health care facilities.

2. When will *“Communion to the Furthest Pew”* begin?

We plan to initiate the program beginning on Sunday October 2, World Communion Sunday. The week following a Sunday worship service with Holy Communion, a minister accompanied by a past or currently serving elder or deacon will make a visit to members confined to home or a health care facility who have requested the sacrament. The goal is to administer *“Communion to the Furthest Pew”* three to four times a year following a Communion service on the church’s worship calendar. Along with World Communion Sunday, other dates being considered are: the First Sunday in Lent and Pentecost.

3. How does one request receiving *“Communion to the Furthest Pew”*?

Please call the Church Office at 294-3121 to let us know of your desire and ask that your name be placed on the list. A minister will return your call to find a time convenient for him and an active or inactive church officer to visit and serve Holy Communion to you.

4. How do active or inactive church officers volunteer to assist with this important and meaningful ministry?

Several weeks before a Communion Sunday, notices will be placed in the bulletin and Tower Chimes recruiting officers to volunteer to assist with *Communion to the Furthest Pew*. Please call one of the church’s ministers at 294-3121 to let him know of your desire and availability to accompany him or another minister in making these visits. Steve, Alan or Ray will be glad to learn of your willingness to assist and add your name to the schedule.

5. What should I/we expect when the Lord’s Supper is brought to me/us?

A minister and an elder or deacon will come to your home or the health care facility at an agreed upon time. They will bring the bread and juice. The minister will offer a prayer, read some scripture and do a brief reflection before Holy Communion is served. Each visit should be 20 minutes to less than a half hour in length.

6. Why is it necessary for a church officer to accompany the minister?

According to our church’s policy, neither of the sacraments, Baptism or Holy Communion is to be a private act, but one administered by and for the church. Therefore, an elder or deacon accompanies the minister and represents the church at a “home” communion.

7. Will it just be the three of us?

If a spouse or child is present at the home or facility, then certainly the invitation to receive the sacrament will be extended to them. Also, if there are several members confined to one facility, the pastor might contact the administrators to see if a room might be available for a small service of Holy Communion rather than being done in several individual rooms. In such situations, that service might resemble a “mini” church service of several members being gathered together. In any case, the minister will need to be informed of the “extras” ahead of time so that the necessary arrangements and provisions can be made.

WORSHIP (AND MORE) ON THE LORD'S DAY AT FIRST PRES



STARTING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18
here's what you'll find each Sunday morning!



8:15 a.m.

Chapel Worship

A traditional worship service held in our chapel. The service will follow the same order as the 11:00 a.m. worship, but will not have a Chancel Choir. Musical ensembles will offer special music on many Sundays. A Time with Younger Disciples will be included if we have children in attendance.

9:15 – 10:45 a.m.

The Connection

An extended fellowship time in McLeod Hall which will offer a coffee bar type selection with different flavors, creamers, pastries, etc. It will be a gathering place before (or after) worship, and between worship and Sunday School for some. Videos of church activities will be playing on a loop in McLeod Hall. Hosts will circulate in McLeod Hall and the CE Building to greet and assist people in making connections with others in one of the worship or Christian Education options.

9:30 – 10:45 a.m.

Adult Sunday School

A variety of Christian Education classes for adults. (Pre-care will be offered from 9:30 – 9:45 a.m. for the children of parents attending adult Sunday School. Church school staff/volunteers will escort pre-care children to music at 9:45 a.m.)

9:45 – 10:45 a.m.

Children's Sunday School

We will begin with music with Ms. Lynn at 9:45 a.m. and then children of all ages will be welcomed to explore faith in their own classes

9:30 - 10:25 a.m.

Heart of Worship

A Praise and Worship service held in our sanctuary. Along with scripture, sermon, and prayers, a praise band will help the congregation in adoring and showing reverence to God. Following the Time with Younger Disciples, children will be invited to join Ms. Lynn in music and then to join in their own Children's Sunday School Classes.

11:00 a.m.

Sanctuary Worship

A traditional worship service held in our sanctuary. The service follows the same order as the 8:15 a.m. Chapel Service, and includes music from the Chancel Choir and the organ, as well as other instruments and groups.



YOUTH GROUP FALL SCHEDULE



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 [@msygfpmh](#)
- if you are a high school youth type [@hsygfpmh](#)



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.



“Oh, no, I’ve been setting up Holy Communion for 30 years!”

Seriously, Bill Patchen has been setting up the Lord’s Supper for First Presbyterian Church for thirty years. That’s a long time! At the August meeting of the Worship and Music Committee, he announced that he was retiring. We have depended upon Bill for preparing the trays, setting the table and clean-up. He has proven very faithful to this task. We wish him Godspeed as he retires and we offer our great appreciation for his years of service to our church.



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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
266 bag lunches the week of 8/29/16

Return Service Requested

Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 91 people on 9/3/16

CIRCLE MEETINGS 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.

