



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

Tower Chimes

Week of September 25, 2016

Issue 596

130 Years of Ministry

WE WILL SAY GOODBYE

Dr. Steven R. Negley
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Dr. C. Alan Harvey
Associate Pastor

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Minister of Visitation

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Christian Education

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Director of
Student Ministries

Lynn M. McCoy
Director of
Music Ministries

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Director of Finance &
Administration

Connie J. Shipley
Administrative Assistant

Rose Flynn
Office Assistant

Sammy D. Bryant
Director of Maintenance

Ann M. Quessenberry
Custodian

After 9 years of loyal service to the church, our custodian **Ann Quessenberry** is leaving her position to move back to Ohio to be near her family (mom, children, and 2 grandchildren!).

We will be hosting a reception on **Sunday, September 25** to recognize Ann for all that she has done as a great staff member and sister in Christ. Please join us in McLeod Hall after the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

There will be a basket at the reception for any cards, notes, or gifts you would like to share with Ann.



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 are required by September 23, 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:** _____



CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, September 25

8:15 a.m. Chapel Worship (Chapel)
 9:15 a.m. The Connection (MH)
 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School
 9:30 a.m. Heart of Worship (Sanctuary)
 9:45 a.m. Children's Sunday School (CE)
 10:40 a.m. Receive New Members (ER)
 11:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
 12:00 p.m. Reception (MH)
 4:30 p.m. HSYG Music Rehearsal (GC)
 5:30 p.m. HSYG (GC)

Monday, September 26

8:45 a.m. MOM
 10:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl (MH)
 2:00 p.m. Friendship Callers (MCR)
 6:30 p.m. Communication Task Force (MH)

Tuesday September 27

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (MCR)
 12:00 p.m. Men's Lunch (MH)
 3:00 p.m. Planning Final Celebration (GC)
 6:15 p.m. Worship & Music (MS)
 6:30 p.m. Planning Final Celebration (GC)

Wednesday, September 28

8:45 a.m. MOM
 10:45 a.m. Preschool Music (CE 103)
 11:15 a.m. Preschool Music (CE 103)
 2:30 p.m. PW Bible Study Leaders (MCR)
 3:00 p.m. Christ Kids (CE)
 5:30 p.m. Community Outreach (MCR)
 5:30 p.m. MSYG (GC)
 6:00 p.m. Chancel Bells (MS)
 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir (MS)

Thursday, September 29

6:00 p.m. Chapel Bells (MS)
 7:00 p.m. Praise and Worship Band
 (Sanctuary)

Friday, September 30

8:45 a.m. MOM

Saturday, October 1

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

Remember in Prayer

members

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

IN THE HOSPITAL: Dannie Dougherty & Jane Hayman

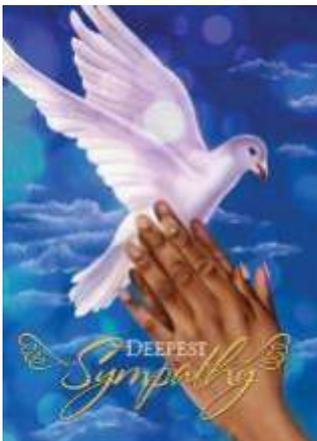
Relatives & Friends

Peggy Argudo	Gene Aspy's friend
Susan Bryan	Jim Francis' friend
Reese Burdette	Dana Cole's cousin
Allen Cofiori	Gale & Gwen Waters' friend
Steve & Kaye Cook & children	Alison & Les O'Neal's friends
Paul Darlington	Rick & Pat Reass' friend
Al Ellis	Jim Threlkel's friend
Raymond Fenstermaker	Gale & Gwen Waters' grandson
Pete Kent	Charley & Nancy Chilton's nephew
Nan Mason	Harvey & Mary Ann Snively's daughter
Kevin McGaffigan	Matt & Sharon McGaffigan's son
Marisa Middaugh	Gene Aspy's niece
Becca, Samara, Aliyah, & Eli Ramirez	Betty Shinn's grandchildren
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



Our deepest sympathy goes to the family and friends of Phyllis Ruble who died Saturday, September 10, 2016.

Our Christian sympathy goes to David Ryan and family on the death of his mother, Dorothy Ryan, who died Tuesday, September 13, 2016.

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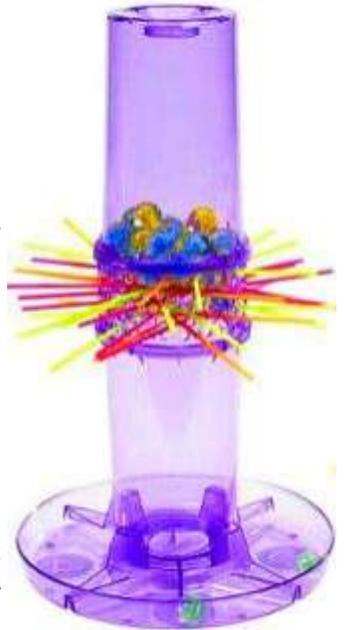
HELP!!! THE CLOCK IS TICKING!

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**



CIRCLE MEETINGS HAVE RETURNED

Lydia Circle meets the **2nd Monday of each month at 10 a.m.** in McLeod Hall.

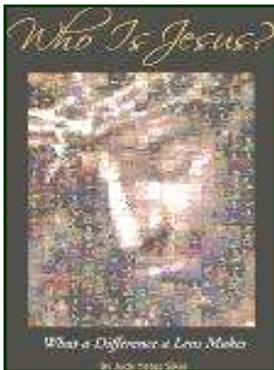
October 10 is the next meeting.

Joy Circle meets the **3rd Tuesday of each month at 9:30 a.m.** at the home of Carol Carter. **October 18** is the next meeting.

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.



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!

CHRIST KIDS IS BACK IN ACTION!

All children ages four through fifth grade can join us on **Wednesday afternoons from 3-5:30 p.m.** for a **FREE** afternoon of Christian growing and learning. The children will have snack, music, recreation, sharing time, and Bible story time.

All we ask is that parents bring individually wrapped snacks to share with the other children every few months. Drop-off and pick-up is on the Playground. We look forward to seeing you all there!



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. Do we really want a wooden donkey and wooden sheep? Do we really want to dress up dogs as a donkey and sheep?



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!!**



WORDS FROM OUR HONDURAS MISSION TEAM

This week has been so meaningful to me. It has been amazing and unique with so many surprises, both in myself and with the mission. It has been an honor to work with this group for one week and to have been welcomed into the Honduran communities by so many. I have volunteered with many organizations and have completed various charity work, but never have I been involved at this magnitude. At first, I was not excited and wanted to get the week over with. I was going to a new country with 20+ people I didn't know. But I feel that I have developed so many new friendships and made a direct change in the lives of people. There's something special about the instant gratification received/given by being involved on a personal level. I recommend everyone go on a mission trip at least once in their lives. the direct reaction is unparalleled.



One thing I will always remember is handing out a toy at the hospital to a 13 year old girl, and as we walked out she said "Bye" in English and it made me so happy and humbled that she wanted to communicate with us back and that she tried! It was simple, but it humbled me. As we go out to touch lives, we forget that our own lives may be touched as well.



Apita Waters (Gale & Gwen Waters granddaughter)

OCTOBER

Birthdays

10/1	Case Emry Ben Garner Stephen Luxford Ariston Walker Lee Wilkinson	10/10	Kasey Ray	10/24	Toni Krieger Jenna Volpe
10/2	Ruth Dunham Julia Parrish Dick Shaw Kyle Van Hahmann, Jr.	10/11	Matthew Gray Ken Hart Lynn Oakley Cori Swango	10/25	Bob Bentley Bill Siegel Mike Tucker
10/3	Mele Souza	10/12	Susan Kahley Sue McClew Shannon Trent	10/26	Martha Burke Ronda Lacy Randall Palmer Bill G. Roe, II
10/4	Pam Baker Karen Gerber John "Jack" Gray, III Marilyn Hearn Traviss Powell	10/14	Brenda Darte Phillip Elmore	10/27	Brad Maness Leah Melvin Jon Powell
10/5	Tilley Montney Grayce Parrish Jeff Snyder	10/16	Tom Gretencord Barbara A. Smith	10/29	Julie Dantzler Rossanne Gorsky Martha Johnson James Powell Steve Stapor Gwen Waters
10/6	Karen Alexander Nicole Roe Mary Ann Snively	10/17	Emily Dunson Pete Harman Annette Whitney	10/30	Katie Kennedy Jeanette Lockhart Dick McCauley Mike Seney Pam Wilkinson
10/7	Whitney Dunham	10/18	Bob Hines Arletta Oriani Brittany Roe Paula Threadgill	10/31	Richard Baker Caitlyn Grady Sara Koon Dorian Miller Ed Mitchell J. P. Powell
10/8	Josh Baker Buddy Kahley Jill Kosmensky Jessica Wilson	10/19	Joan Chilton		
10/9	Michael Baragona Laura Gaye Dunham Scott Scamehorn	10/21	Chelle Doyel Ben Pickos		
		10/22	Jonye Briggs		
		10/23	Mark Bostick Olivia Glenn Kathy Jax Howard Rambeau Jacob Spence Pat Vobornik		

Anniversaries

10/1	Mike & Amy McGee	10/12	Buddy & Susan Kahley	10/24	Leland & Elizabeth Miller
10/2	Jared & Chalsey Lockhart		Bill & Susan Taylor	10/25	Gannon & Amanda Olmert
10/7	Bryan & Angie Arnold	10/17	Ed & Rossanne Gorsky	10/26	Scott & Rusty Hart
10/9	Pete & Missie Snively	10/20	Brent & Megan Robinson	10/28	Dale & Regina Keplinger Dick & Anne McCauley
10/10	Steven & Chelsey Lockhart Al & Marjorie Porter	10/22	Warren & Elsie Savant	10/31	Don & Norma Martin
10/11	Sam & Ginny Bryant	10/23	Paul & Jennifer MacDonald Sam & Kristan Sheffield		
10/11	Mark & Karen Schreiber	10/24	John & Cheryl Marchetti		



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?

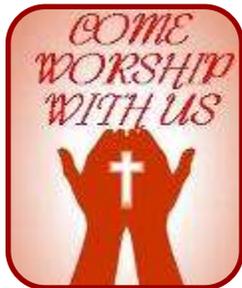
According to our church’s policy, neither of the sacraments, Baptism or Holy Communion is to be a private act, but one administered by and for the church. Therefore, an elder or deacon accompanies the minister and represents the church at a “home” communion.

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.

HERE'S WHAT YOU'LL FIND EACH SUNDAY MORNING!

WORSHIP SERVICES



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.

9:30 - 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.

THE CONNECTION

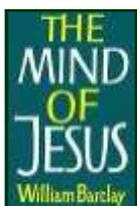
9:15 – 10:45 a.m.

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.



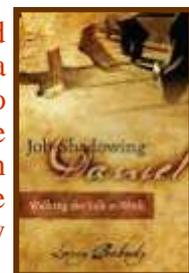
FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:30 a.m. – Adult



The Perspectives Class will begin a new study, **The Mind of Jesus** by William Barclay. Please join this class in the Geneva Room at 9:30 a.m. "Jesus suffered, doubted, hoped, feared, dreamed, wept, knew loneliness, planned, and built. William Barclay achieves in **The Mind of Jesus** his aim "to make the figure of Jesus more vividly alive, so that we may know him better and love him more." This class is facilitated by Dr. Jim Threlkel and Glenn Thomas.

Job Shadowing – Walking the Talk at Work, will be led by David Fellows and David Alexander. Join this dynamic duo in Room 207 as they embark on looking to Daniel as a workplace mentor, you can see that God calls people not only into church-related work but also into non-religious occupations. His experience will show you what "ministry" looks like in the context of the work world. Daniel's decisions display how to live by kingdom-of-God vision in the workplace. He demonstrates how knowing your identity produces stability under the pressures of the work world. And from Daniel, you can learn many secrets for staying spiritually strong in adverse conditions over the long haul. This class will meet September 18 – October 9.



9:45 – Children

On Sunday mornings all children age three through fifth grade will have a special music time with Ms. Lynn from **9:45 – 10 a.m.**

At 10 a.m. the Preschool Children (ages 3 and 4) meet in Room 101 for their own time of Bible lesson, craft, snack, and playtime.

The **Elementary children** (kindergarten through fifth grade) are invited to experience a brand new Sunday School curriculum called **252 Basics**. Our first lesson will focus on Weird Science Obedience. We can't wait to see what God will do in each of our lives as we discover more about what the Bible says about following and obeying God and those He's put in authority over us.



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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
326 bag lunches the week of 9/12/16

Return Service Requested

Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 87 people on 9/17/16

PLAN TO JOIN US FOR OUR HONDURAS MISSION LUNCHEON



The 22 members from our June 2016 weeklong mission to Honduras invite you to join them for some of the tastes and stories from their adventure. The Mission Team will be preparing a Central American meal, and hosting a luncheon for our congregation on **Sunday, October 2 (World Communion Sunday) following the 11 a.m** worship service. You will have one of our Honduras Mission Team members as your table leader.

We will be sharing our experiences through words and photos. Let us know if we can save a seat for you at the table by calling (294-3121) or emailing the office (office@firstpreswh.org), or dropping the reservation form in the collection plate.



Name: _____

Attending: _____