



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

OCTOBER 2, 2016



2016

The first Sunday in October is recognized by Christian churches around the globe as World Communion Sunday, a day on which the table of the Lord is filled around the world by God's children.

We will be celebrating World Communion Sunday on **October 2** with worship and communion by intinction at the four corners of the sanctuary.



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 **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).

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



CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, October 2 World Communion

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)
11:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
12:00 p.m. Honduras Mission Luncheon (MH)
4:30 p.m. HSYG Music Rehearsal (GC)
5:30 p.m. HSYG (GC)

Monday, October 3

8:45 a.m. MOM

Tuesday, October 4

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

Wednesday, October 5

8:45 a.m. MOM
10:45 a.m. Preschool Music (CE 103)
11:15 a.m. Preschool Music (CE 103)
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, October 6

1:15 p.m. Chapel Bells (MS)
6:30 p.m. Praise and Worship Band
(Sanctuary)

Friday, October 7

8:45 a.m. MOM

Saturday, October 8

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
Jonye Briggs
Millie Carrier
Helen Champlain
Tom Coffman
Charlie Darte
Jana & Mike Easterling
Bruce Eelman
Jeanne Estes
Bill Everhart
Lois Frakes
Bill Garrett
Margaret Goodman
Jane Hayman
Marilyn Hearn
Frances Heath
Doris Hill

Camille Howe
Jim Huff
Dorothy Johnson
Joey Johnston
Sara Koon
Toni Krieger
Dena Lancashire
Jackie Lawn
Spike Lucia
Larry Marshall
Dick McCauley
Sharon McGaffigan
Jack Meadows
Gladys Meier
Lynn Mincey
Joan Murphy
Ed Partridge
Anthony Premuto

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

IN THE HOSPITAL: Dannie Dougherty

Relatives & Friends

Peggy Argudo
Susan Bryan
Reese Burdette
Anna Clawson & expected twins
Allen Cofiori
Steve & Kaye Cook & children
Paul Darlington
Sarah Dubinsky
Al Ellis
Raymond Fenstermaker
Pete Kent
Nan Mason
Kevin McGaffigan
Marisa Middaugh
Kate & Johnny Olson
Becca, Samara, Aliyah, & Eli Ramirez
Kristy Turner
Debbie Webb
Marshall Wood

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

Welcome To Our Newest Members



Ellie Crowder (with husband Ben)
863-401-9489
2070 W Lake Hamilton Dr.
Winter Haven FL 33881-9284



Joy Crego
863-206-5512
650 N. Lake Howard Dr. #8B
Winter Haven FL 33881

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!

LAST CALL FOR COMMUNION TO THE FURTHEST PEW: OCTOBER 2 –7

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.



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.

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.

FALL-BULOUS FUN IS COMING...



Wednesday, October 26 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. We will start the festivities with a pizza dinner at 5:30 p.m. Donations will be accepted. **Fall Fest** will begin at 6 p.m. with games, crafts, and Bible trivia. Please be sure to bring your friends and family to this wonderful event.

We will also have set-up that day beginning at 9 a.m. Please RSVP for dinner by calling the church office at 294-3121 or filling out the form and placing it in the offering plate. If you can help out with set-up, please e-mail Amy McKee at amckee@firstpreswh.org.



Name: _____ # Attending: _____

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!



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 12 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



WORDS FROM OUR HONDURAS MISSION TEAM

"I helped in making sandwiches to take to the Hospital Escuela. I was part of the group delivering sandwiches to the children's oncology ward. The 20-30 I saw were mostly without hair, in scrubs, and wearing a face mask. Though we were not allowed to touch them, my heart desperately yearned to hold and play with each one. I knew that people and their families suffered from cancer everywhere, but it was made real to me the moment I stepped into that room. The fact that we could give the children and their families peace, despite everything they were going through, makes me feel blessed to be in their presence. Today I opted to work in the dental clinic. I cleaned dental tools and held the back of patients, heads as they had their teeth extracted. It struck me that we were providing good health care to the community for free. I saw the boxes of medicines and supplies that are given out to patients after their dental procedures. I was happy to be a part of something bigger than myself. For the first time I felt what it was like to be part of a mission."





"To everyone back at home: This trip has been so impactful. From the beginning we were welcomed with open arms by the Hondurans. We started the week with a church service where I didn't need to understand the language to feel God's presence. Throughout the week we got to work alongside the youth group of that church and got to experience amazing fellowship with them. The most memorable moments on this trip include two occasions. The first being the first day of mission where I met a 2 year old girl who I blew bubbles with and laughed and played with her new stuffed cat. Not only did I enjoy spending time with her but the major thanks I got from her mother felt amazing. The second moment was during the third day when I started blowing bubbles and this little girl who was barely old enough to walk started squealing with laughter and excitement. She was so fascinated by the bubbles floating around her. When I looked up, her mother was smiling at me. I never realized how such small acts could make not only me but others feel amazing."

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

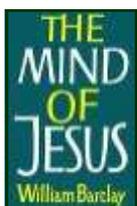
9:15 – 10:45 a.m.

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.



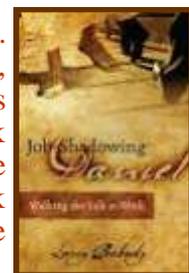
FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:30 a.m. – Adult



The Perspectives Class studies, **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, is 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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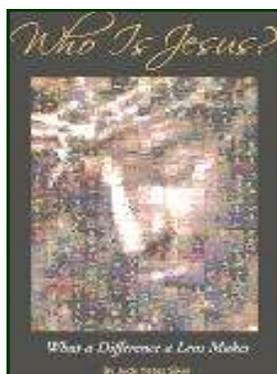
We gave out
308 bag lunches the week of 9/19/16

Return Service Requested

«Mailing Name»
«Address 1»
«Address 2»
«City» «State» «Zip»

Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 130 people on 9/24/16



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.

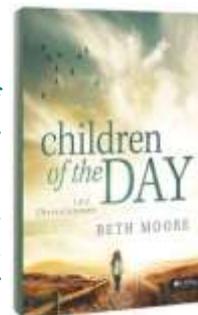
We will be using the PW Horizons Bible study titled: "*Who Is Jesus? What a Difference a Lens Makes*" written by the Rev. Dr. Judy Yates Siker. Join us as we journey through the New Testament, looking at Jesus through a number of various lenses and how these different perspectives impact our understanding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

The study books are now available for \$8.00.

FALL WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY IS NEAR

Children of the Day by Beth Moore

The New Testament believers carried the Spirit of God as they walked along the shores of Thessalonica, just as we carry that light today when we're grocery shopping, having coffee, or picking up children. Your circumstances and conditions are not coincidental in your journey. God's timing is impeccable. Join us in a 9 session video/discussion study with author Beth Moore on the Thessalonian shores as we face real crises, real medical diagnoses, real afflictions, real relationships, real doubts, real concerns, and real fears. Let the tide wash your eyes with fresh vision. Don't let pride or timidity come between you and the presence of God.



If you would like to attend please contact Lia Gray at uncpair@gmail.com or call 863-318-1541.

Optional study books will be about \$18. We will meet in the Golden Center.

All meeting times are from 9am - 11am and will meet: October 20, November 3 & 17, December 1 & 15, January 12 & 26, February 9 & 23.