



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
WINTER HAVEN

# Tower Chimes

Week of May 7, 2017

Issue 626

131 Years of Ministry

## SIGN UP NOW FOR VBS JUNE 18 - 22

Join us for VBS at *Avalanche Ranch!*

**Mary Marrs and Katie Sparr** are VBS directors this year and they need YOU to join us for our Wild Ride Through God's Word!

Please contact Mary at [mmarrs001@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:mmarrs001@tampabay.rr.com) and let her know how you can help.



Dr. Steven R. Negley  
Senior Pastor

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Director of Music Ministries

Evelyn W. McMullen  
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Connie J. Shipley  
Administrative Assistant

Rose S. Flynn  
Office Assistant

Sammy D. Bryant  
Director of Maintenance

Kathy L. Jackson  
Custodian



## KIDZ SUMMER ESCAPE Tuesdays & Thursdays 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

4 weeks of fun activities for ages 3 - 6.

**June 27 & 29; July 11 & 13; July 18 & 20; July 25 & 27.**

Donation: \$130 for the 4-week session.

Registration from April 17 - May 17; \$50 due at registration. We must have at least 20 children registered to offer this program.

Questions? Please e-mail Evelyn McMullen: [dce@firstpreswh.org](mailto:dce@firstpreswh.org).



## PLEASE MAKE NOTE OF THE REVISED DATES!

If you are starting to think about your summer schedule, we would love to have you join us for a week of First Pres Music Camp this summer. Music Camp will be from **July 17th through the 21st, 10 a.m. to 12 noon**. We'll do ukulele and recorder, some drumming and I think everyone has been looking at my singing puppets, so we will also work up a skit to share in worship service on the **23<sup>th</sup>**.



There is a sign-up sheet in the church office with a limit of 10 spots.

There is no charge for the camp but we do ask that you plan to come each day and participate in **Sunday Worship on July 16**. If you have questions, please see Lynn McCoy.

# OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

## Sunday, May 7

8:15 a.m. Chapel Worship (Chapel)  
 9:15 a.m. The Connection (MH)  
 9:30 a.m. Heart of Worship (Sanctuary)  
 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School (CE)  
 9:45 a.m. Children Sunday School (CE)  
 11:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)  
 3:00 p.m. All Church Retreat Ends  
 4:30 p.m. HSYG Music Rehears (GC)  
 5:30 p.m. HSYG (GC)

## Monday, May 8

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

## Tuesday, May 9

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

## Wednesday, May 10

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

1:15 p.m. Chapel Bells (MS)  
 3:00 p.m. Membership (MCR)  
 6:30 p.m. Praise & Worship Band (Sanctuary)

## Friday, May 12

8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)

## Saturday, May 13

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

## PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS

Brenden Anderson	Eddie Gray
Christian Anderson\	David Knowles
Karolina Crockett	John Marotti
Samuel Crockett	KaitLin Marotti-Pitts
Zach Drum	Ashton Pitts
Robert Ferguson	Shad Skinner
Stephanie Gillie	Drew Stapor

# Remember in Prayer

## MEMBERS

Roger Able	Camille Howe	Keith Ray
Maxie Adams	Jim Huff	Barbara Roberts
Kathy Andrews	Martha Johnson	Earle Roberts
Bob Beale	Joey Johnston	Ed Rounsley
Tom Brackett	Kelly Kennedy	Marilyn Schleifer
Henry Braun	Peggy Kennedy	Mary Alice, Jaron, Emma, & John Skipper
Millie Carrier	Toni Krieger	Barbara A. Smith
Helen Champlain	Dena Lancashire	Barbara H. Smith
Tom Coffman	Jackie Lawn	Scott Strey
Charlie Darte	Spike Lucia	Pam Tallent-Blackburn
Jana & Mike Easterling	Larry Marshall	Carolyn Thompson
Jeanne Estes	Gladys Meier	MaryBess Thompson & family
Bill Everhart	Lynnis Mincey	Shirley Turner
Margaret Goodman	Bev Morris	Lee Wilkinson
Matthew Gray	Joan Murphy	Marie Williams
Joyce Hayman	Nancy Neale	Nancy Williamson
Marion Hearn	Elizabeth Peters	Judy Winfree
Frances Heath	Jackie Pinckney	Retha Wright
Kay Hedden	Al Porter	
Doris Hill	Doug Purnell	

## IN THE HOSPITAL: John Skipper

## Relatives & Friends

Carlotta & Larry Bennett	Bethany Owen's friend
Jewel Bondurant	Gale & Gwen Waters' friend
Tom Brett	Bill & Becky Everhart's friend
Reese Burdette	Dana Cole's cousin
Bruce Connor	Jane Hayman's friend
Florence Curtis	Stephany Alexander's mother
Al Ellis	Jim Threlkel's friend
Raymond Fenstermaker	Gale & Gwen Waters' grandson
Cooper Hicks	Mary Ellen Rowker's friend
Laurie Hunt	Polly Wilson's friend & Morgan Wilson's mother
Julie Jenkins	Gail Van Allen's friend
Pete Kent	Charley & Nancy Chilton's nephew
Mike Lane & family	Jonathan Owen's brother-in-law
Tia Tasso Litz	Bob & Lisa Endres' niece
Sharon Maulden	Judy Winfree's sister
Marilyn Morris	Barbara Puckett's cousin
Marilyn Pierson	John & Marilyn Schleifer's daughter
Madison Ruhl	Mary Ellen Rowker's friend
Susan Taylor	Gannon Olmert's cousin
Lisa Tocchi	Lynn Oakley's friend
Kristy Turner	Rick & Pat Reass' daughter
Jack Van Hart	Cynthia Saterbo's father
Gary Webb	Mathew Gray's father
Marshall Wood	Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend

## CAN YOU SPARE MONDAY MORNINGS?

Our MOM program needs a substitute caregiver for the months of May and June. Do you love children? Are you available on Mondays from 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.?

Please contact Carol Roe for details:  
[croe@wgroe.com](mailto:croe@wgroe.com)



## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Session has called for a Congregational Meeting to be held **Sunday, May 21, at 10:55 a.m.** in the sanctuary, to hear the report of the Nominating Committee for the election of Elders, Deacons, and members-at-large to the churchwide Nominating Committee. The following slate will be presented by the Nominating Committee:



### ELDER (Class of 2020)

Richard Baker, Justin Hoagland, Amanda Olmert, Lauren Schwenk, & Mary Bess Thompson.

### DEACON (Class of 2020)

Laura Frost, Cecelia Linn, David Nicholson, Karen Premuto, & Kevin Thomas.

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE (Class of 2018)

Gene Aspy, Gannon Olmert, Jonathan Owen, Peggy Threlkel, & Heather Whitney.



## PIANO RECITAL

We have recently completed the refurbishing of the Steinway piano that is in the chapel. We would love to celebrate the sounds of this beautiful instrument so we are planning a special Steinway piano recital for **June 4<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.** If you are a beginner or advanced student, or just love to play, please contact Lynn at the church and we will include you in the program. If you don't play, please plan on joining us on the 4<sup>th</sup> for a wonderful afternoon of piano music. We'll also be serving tea and dessert!



## CIRCLE MEETINGS

We are using the PW Horizons Bible study titled: "*Who Is Jesus? What a Difference a Lens Makes.*" Study books are available for \$8.00.

Contact either Carol Carter at 299-4253 or Sue McClew at 875-6176 for book or with any questions.

Lydia Circle meets the **2nd Monday** of each month at **10:00 a.m.** in McLeod Hall.  
**The next meeting is May 8.**

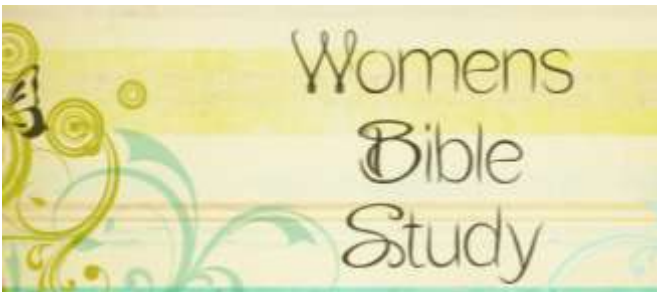
Joy Circle meets the **3rd Tuesday of each month at 9:30 a.m.** The next meeting is **June 20** at the home of Carol Carter.

## STRESSED? FEELING DOWN? NEED ENCOURAGEMENT?



Stephen Ministers don't just provide care for people experiencing a major crisis. They also provide care and support for people weighed down by the little things in life. If you're feeling down, lonely, stressed or discouraged, you could benefit from the care, support, and encouragement of a Stephen Minister. It's free. It's confidential. And it will really make a difference in your life!

To find out more, call **Pat Reass at 206-9914.** Or you can talk with one of our other Stephen Leaders: **Alan Harvey, Mary Marrs, Steve Negley, Les O'Neal, Barbara Perkins, or Jean Strang.** Our Stephen Ministers are there to care!





## ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

We collected **\$1,465** for **One Great Hour of Sharing Offering** this Easter. Our gifts provide relief to those affected by natural disasters (through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance), provide food to the hungry, and assist in helping to empower the poor and oppressed.

Thank you for your generosity!

### ANGELS CARE CENTER OF ELOISE- Angel Collection Box Needs

There is an ongoing need for the following items to give out at the Angels Care Center. Please leave items in the Angel Collection Box in McLeod Hall. Thank YOU, and God Bless!!!

**First Aid Kits:** washcloths, band-aids, wet wipes, small soaps, small antibacterial soap, Q-tips, small packets of antibiotic ointment, etc.

**Children's "Jesus Kits":** coloring sheets with Biblical themes, crayons, scripture/song cards (simple and short for children), small books, stickers, etc.

**Toiletry Kits:** shampoo, soap, deodorant, razors, feminine products, combs, washcloths, hand gel, lotion, toothbrush and toothpaste, small samples from hotel/motels, etc.

**Miscellaneous:** zip lock bags (gallon, quart and snack size).



**MAY 21, JUNE 4 & 25, JULY 9, 16, 23, & 30**

### ARE AVAILABLE DATES TO SIGN UP FOR SANCTUARY FLOWERS

There is also space to sign up for placing flowers in the narthex if the sanctuary flowers for your desired date have already been selected by someone else.

*Please remember these important points:*

1. Include your best contact number.
2. Include the name of your florist.
3. Tell your florist that the arrangement *must* be at the church by **Friday, 1:00 p.m.**
4. Call the office the week before to give bulletin information (294-3121.)

**Any other questions, please call Alan or Connie. Thank you!**



### JOIN ONE OF OUR YOUTH GROUPS

If you are a middle or high school student, we would love for you to join us for youth group each week in our youth house, The Golden Center. **Middle School** meets each **Wednesday night from 5:30-7:30** and **High School** meets each **Sunday night from 5:30-7:30**. During this time we spend time together sharing meals, growing in Christ, playing games, and having LOTS of fun!



Once a month we meet outside the Golden Center to be the hands and feet of Jesus to help people in our community. We have laid sod for Habitat for Humanity, worked in our soup kitchen feeding the homeless, and bagged countless lunches for our bag lunch ministry. These are just a few ways we are the hands and feet of Jesus.

Sometimes we get together simply to have fun. We have been to the corn maze in the dark, Fun Spot, pool parties, camp outs, paint balling, and so much more. Upcoming events being planned are: a Chain of Lakes canoe cookout and Ice Skating. If you are looking to connect with young people your age while developing a deep relationship with Christ, come and join us. We would love to have you!

# DON'T MISS THE CONNECTION

9:15 – 10:45 a.m.

Fellowship time in McLeod Hall offers a coffee bar type selection with different flavored creamers, pastries, etc. It is a gathering place before (or after) worship, and between worship and Sunday School for some. Hosts 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.



## PLEASE JOIN US FOR ONE OF OUR THREE WORSHIP SERVICES



### 8:15 a.m. ~ Chapel Worship

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

### 9:30 a.m. ~ Heart of Worship

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

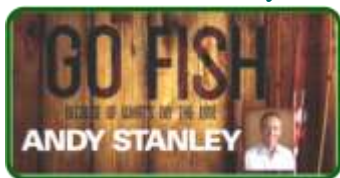
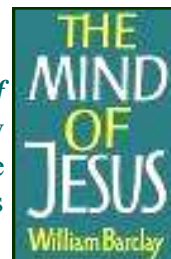
### 11:00 a.m. ~ Sanctuary Worship

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.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES

### 9:30 a.m. ~ Adult

Please join the Perspectives Class studies at **9:30 a.m.** in the Geneva Room for *The Mind of Jesus* by William Barclay. "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.



You are invited to join Lia and Jay Gray in Room 207 from **9:30 – 10:30 a.m.** Andy Stanley's DVD will help the class learn a natural way to share our faith, making it an easy part of everyday life. Catch these thought-provoking sessions: Why Fish? . . . Fish Guts . . . Fishing Buddies.

### 9:30 a.m. ~ Children

On Sunday mornings all children age three through fifth grade 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 the Sunday School curriculum called **252 Basics**. This curriculum is designed to provoke discovery and invite kids into a new understanding of how to grow in relationship with Jesus.



**We look forward to you all joining us on Sunday mornings!**

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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 302 bag lunches  
the week of 4/24/17.

We gave out 1,065 bag lunches  
in April, 2017.

**Return Service Requested**

### Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 60 people on 4/29/17.

We fed 401 people in April, 2017.

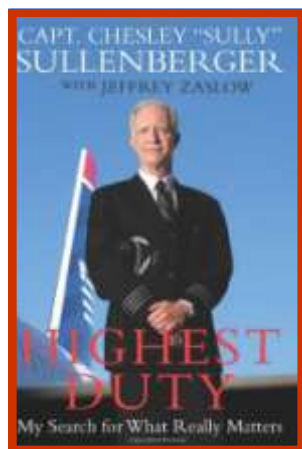
## OUR NEXT ODD MONTH, ODD MONDAY BOOK DISCUSSION IS ALMOST HERE

The next meeting of the OM, OM Book Club is **May 15 at 3 pm** in the back of McLeod Hall. We will enjoy light refreshments and discuss the book *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman. Reservations are requested to ensure adequate refreshments. These may be made through the church office at 294-3121.

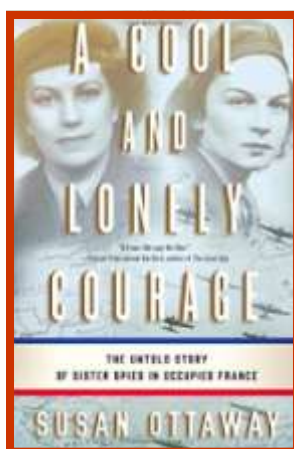


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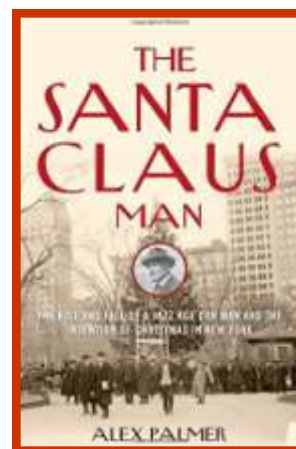
### TITLES FOR THE REST OF 2017



**July 17**



**September 18**



**November 20**