



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

## Tower Chimes

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### **FIRST SUNDAY FIRST PRES GATHERING**

Please join us **this Sunday, September 1** for our **10:00 am Single Worship Service** where you will be able to catch up with all your First Pres friends. The service will feature a unique order of worship with elements from our other services such as: several opening songs with our Praise Band, a traditional anthem, Sermon, Time with Younger Disciples, and closing music by one of our hand bell groups or ensembles.



At **11:15 am**, we hope you continue fellowship with our First Pres family and friends, with a **Congregation-wide Fellowship Luncheon in McLeod Hall**.

No reservations requested or required. There will be plenty of food. Any leftovers will be used by our Saturday Soup Kitchen.

**We hope you will join us for this great day of faith, friendship, and fellowship.**

### **CHRIST KIDS STARTS SEPTEMBER 4!**

School is back in and you know what that means?!? **Christ Kids** – our faith-filled and safe after-school program for children 4 years through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. The fun begins **Wednesday, September 4 at 3 pm**. Christ Kids ends at 5:30 pm.

Permission slips for families are on the church website, so spread the word and don't forget to join us as an Adult Volunteer! Questions? Contact Rev. Sarah at the church office at 294-3121 or via email at [sbishop@firstpreswh.org](mailto:sbishop@firstpreswh.org).



# OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

## Sunday, September 1 FIRST SUNDAY

- 10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)  
11:15 am Fellowship Luncheon (MH)

## Monday, September 2 LABOR DAY OFFICE CLOSED

## Tuesday, September 3

- 9:00 am Staff Meeting (MCR)  
12:00 pm Men's Lunch (MH)  
6:30 pm Session (GR)

## Wednesday, September 4

- 8:45 am MOM (CE)  
3:00 pm Christ Kids (CE)  
5:30 pm Middle School Youth Group (GC)  
6:00 pm Chancel Bells (MS)  
7:00 pm Choir (MS)

## Thursday, September 5

- 12:00 pm Chapel Bells (MS)

## Friday, September 6

- 8:45 am MOM (CE)

## Saturday, September 7

- 2:00 pm Soup Kitchen Prep (Kitchen)  
4:00 pm Soup Kitchen (737)

## REMEMBER! THE STEPHEN MINISTERS ARE HERE FOR YOU!



If you, or someone you know, are sad or struggling inside, don't suffer alone. Ask for help. We've got a team of Stephen Ministers who are ready to listen, care, encourage, pray, and help you through a tough time. Men are matched with men, and women with women. (It's completely confidential too!) To find out more about Stephen Ministry for you or someone you know, **call Susan Singleton at 318-9208. Or you can talk with one of our other Stephen Leaders: Alan Harvey, Mary Marrs, Steve Negley, Barbara Perkins, or Jean Strang.**

Stephen Minister Request Form Boxes are placed in the **Centennial Room, narthex, and balcony hallway** for your convenience. These secure boxes make it easy for someone to make a Confidential Request for a Stephen Minister. Forms are found in the pew pockets and forms and pens are also held by the box making it convenient for individuals to request a Stephen Minister.

# Remember in Prayer

## MEMBERS

|                    |                 |                       |
|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Marie Able         | Joyce Hayman    | Edna Mitchell         |
| Kathy Andrews      | Frances Heath   | Bev Morris            |
| Helen Butz         | Kay Hedden      | Nancy Neale           |
| Helen Champlain    | Patti Herndon   | Bill Patchen          |
| Carl Cheatham      | Doris Hill      | Barbara Roberts       |
| Charlie Curry      | Bryan Howard    | Earle Roberts         |
| Charlie Darte      | Bob & Isobel    | John & Marilyn        |
| Patricia Dexter    | Hubbard         | Schleifer             |
| Marjorie DiLorenzo | Jim Huff        | George Seagreaves     |
| Yolanda Dyer       | Martha Johnson  | Cash Sheaffer         |
| Jana Easterling    | Bill Johnston   | Joyce Shirah          |
| Dana Elmore        | John Kissel     | Barbara H. Smith      |
| Bill Everhart      | Toni Krieger    | Joel Smith            |
| Jim Francis        | Dena Lancashire | Pete & Missie Snively |
| Pat Gardner        | Eric Lindstrom  | Christine Stevens     |
| John Gray          | Spike Lucia     | Meg & John Strang     |
| Pam Gray           | Bob McClew      | Pam Tallent-Blackburn |
| Bob Hancock        | Joan McCollough | Carolyn Thompson      |
| Jane Hayman        | Matt McGaffigan | Gwen Waters           |

## Relatives & Friends

|                          |                                       |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Jeff Bronson             | Rose Flynn's brother-in-law           |
| Reese Burdette           | Dana Cole's cousin                    |
| Debra Cain               | Tom & Jeri Oldt's friend              |
| David Campbell           | Rose Flynn's friend                   |
| Joy Cochran              | Bethany Owen's friend                 |
| Drew Croteau             | Pam Gray's son-in-law                 |
| Al Ellis                 | Jim Threlkel's friend                 |
| Dottie Griffith          | Rob Donaldy & Becky Everhart's friend |
| Tynes & Julia Hildebrand | Rick & Pat Reass' friends             |
| Francis Jewell           | Bob & Shirley Hine's friend           |
| Pete Kent                | Charley & Nancy Chilton's nephew      |
| Nathan Leaman            | Lynn Oakley's friend                  |
| Earl Martin              | Les O'Neal's friend                   |
| Carol Moore              | Roger & Marie Able's friend           |
| Shelia Moskowicz         | Nell Speer's friend                   |
| Lettie Lane North        | Jean Strang's sister                  |
| Debbie Rogers            | Lynn Oakley's friend                  |
| Sandy Schwenk            | Zane Schwenk's mother                 |
| Cinda Shelby             | Lynn Oakley's friend                  |
| Arnie Spangers & family  | Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friends        |
| April Stade              | Pam Gray's friend                     |



## MILITARY

|                    |                       |
|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Zach Anaya         | Sean Harp             |
| Brenden Anderson   | David Knowles         |
| Christian Anderson | John Marotti          |
| Samuel Crockett    | Mathew Massam         |
| Zach Drum          | KaitLin Marotti-Pitts |
| Robert Ferguson    | Ashton Pitts          |
| Stephanie Gillie   | Shad Skinner          |
| Eddie Gray         | Drew Stapor           |
| Daniel Harp        |                       |



# MARK YOUR CALENDARS

## Service for Wholeness

### September 8 at 6:00 pm.

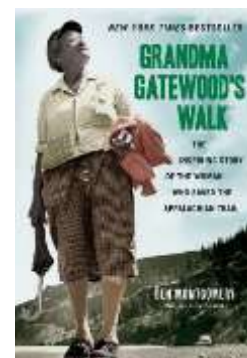
### Next Book Club Selection:

*Grandma Gatewood's Walk*

The Inspiring Story of the Woman Who Saved the Appalachian Trail  
by Ben Montgomery

Plan now to join us in the back of McLeod Hall on  
**Thursday, September 19 at 3 pm.**

The book is available for checkout from the library or Jonathan  
or Bethany Owen will order a copy for you.



### “PINT-SIZE” FUNTIMERS SEPTEMBER EVENT

### GROVE ROOTS ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 6:30PM



The “Pint-size” Funtimers will be relaxing on the lawn at Grove Roots Brewing Company for their Sept. event! Enjoy a meal at the food truck and challenge a friend to a game of cornhole. Any and all are welcome to stop by for our Sept third Friday event!

Questions? Contact Rev. Sarah [sbishop@firstpreswh.org](mailto:sbishop@firstpreswh.org) or 294-3121.

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### OUR NEXT FUNTIMERS IS WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

**We are going to the Mulberry Phosphate Museum in Mulberry  
and the bus leaves 9:45 am.**

We will have a docent led tour of the box car galleries that compose the museum. The Phosphate Gallery, located in the first set of box cars, shows how phosphate is found, how it is mined and processed, and how we use it in our everyday life. The second set of cars houses historic photos and info on Polk County, the railroad industry and the phosphate industry. The Fossil Gallery is located in the historic train depot. The outdoor exhibit features a 44 yard Dragline bucket once used to dig phosphate out of the ground. Museums visitors can try their luck at finding shark teeth and other prehistoric animal remains.



We will have lunch at the Cuban Café which has outside dining. Please bring money to pay for your lunch.

**To sign-up for the trip:** call the church office at 294-3121, email to [office@firstpreswh.org](mailto:office@firstpreswh.org), sign-up at the FunTimers display in McLeod Hall, or fill out this tear-off and putting in the offering plate.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact #: \_\_\_\_\_ # Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

## WOULD YOU LIKE TO SING IN THE DISNEY CANDLELIGHT PROCESSIONAL



The Chancel Choir is again ready to make an audition tape to sing at the Disney Candlelight Processional. We will be practicing at the end of choir rehearsal for the next three weeks. We will record the audition tape on **Wednesday, September 18 at 7:30 pm**. The audition this year needs to include three of the songs from the Processional, so it will take a little more time to prepare. If the audition is successful, Disney will assign us an evening to perform during the month of December. Please contact Lynn McCoy at 701-570-1485 if you are interested in joining us. The Candlelight Processional is a beautiful way to help celebrate the season.

### AVAILABLE FOR LOAN



Over the years, church members have donated wheelchairs, walkers, shower chairs, potty chairs, and other medical equipment to the church and they are available to loan people in the First Pres family who have a short-term need.

If you wish to borrow some useful equipment, contact the church office at 294-3121 and a staff member can help you go through available items.



### SCHOOL IS BACK IN SESSION AND SO ARE OUR WEEKLY YOUTH FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS

**Middle School Youth** is meeting on **Wednesday evenings, from 5:30 – 7:30 pm** in the Golden Student Center. Join with **Philip Batista, Bill Lockhart, Steve Negley, and Emily Snyder** and our sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students as we enjoy time of food (we always have a meal), fun, and faith. Feel free to invite your friends to come along, too.

**High School Youth** (our ninth, tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grade young people along with **Cheryce Harris, Steve Negley, Jonathan Owen, Emily Snyder, and Peggy Threlkel**) gathers at the Golden Student Center (711 Sixth Street, NW) on **Sunday evenings (5:30 – 7:30 pm)** to share food, Christian fellowship, and service. Come check us out and watch your walk with Jesus deepen.



### CALLING ALL MUSICIANS!



If you love music, we'd love to have you join us! Chancel Choir will be starting practice after our summer months off this **Wednesday, August 21 at 7:00 pm**. We will also begin Chancel Bells on **August 21 at 6:00 pm**. The Chapel Bells will start rehearsal on **Thursday, August 22 at 1:15 pm**.

Please call Lynn at 701-570-1485 if you are interested in joining a bell group. We are also very appreciative of those who share with special music at our services. So, if you are unable to join us for a regular rehearsal please let Lynn know if you are interested in sharing special music for one of our services.



### CAN YOU HELP WITH CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SUPPLIES?

As we start a new school year, what better way to help First Pres continue to be a welcoming and fun church! We need your help! Our Christ Kids, Sunday School and Morning Out Moms program has created an Amazon wish list ([https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1UYO02DN421X0?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1UYO02DN421X0?ref=wl_share)) of new toys, games and supplies to make that space fresh! You can purchase right from the list or use it as a guide to pick something up as you are out and about town.

Questions? Contact Rev. Sarah at [sbishop@firstpreswh.org](mailto:sbishop@firstpreswh.org) or 294-3121.



# THE MEMORIAL GARDEN



**You do not want to miss this event!**

**Monday, September 30 at 6:30 pm**

**The event will be outside on the veranda overlooking the Memorial Garden.  
Light refreshments will be served.**

**Dr. Steve Negley and Dr. Alan Harvey will be explaining:**

What is the purpose of the Memorial Garden?

What is Cremation?

Does Cremation take place at the Funeral Home?

Does Cremation take the place of a Funeral?

How are the remains or “cremains” usually handled?

What are the options for the final disposition of the cremated remains?

What are the religious guidelines towards cremation?

And more!

Please call the Church Office for reservations: (863) 294-3121 or  
email: [office@firstpreswh.org](mailto:office@firstpreswh.org).

# SEPTEMBER

## BIRTHDAYS

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|-----|---|------|--|------|--|
| 9/2 | Pat Bentley<br>Richard White  | 9/9  | Frances Stapor<br>Shannon Thompson                           | 9/20 | Mary Ann Koon  |
| 9/3 | Cody Dugger<br>Hal Jeffcoat<br>Sawyer Speer                                   | 9/10 | Rick Reass<br>Hunter Smith                                   | 9/21 | Eric Lindstrom<br>Katie Stine<br>Jim Zeller              |
| 9/4 | Sarah Pickos<br>Christa Roe<br>Kit Threlkel                                   | 9/11 | Freya Abbott   | 9/22 | Steven Barthel<br>Mike Harris<br>Scarlett Lockhart       |
| 9/5 | Adam Cranmer<br>James Miller<br>Tom Nepute<br>Jonathan Owen<br>Kristen Siegel | 9/12 | Elizabeth Miller<br>Amanda Jo Nicholson<br>Meg Tucker        | 9/23 | Kathy Garner   |
| 9/6 | Lauren Clarke<br>Cooper Kirkland<br>Ben Tucker                                | 9/13 | Nancy Dobler<br>Spike Lucia<br>Megan Robinson                | 9/24 | Pete Borowski<br>John Clarke, Jr.<br>Merle Griffin       |
| 9/7 | Krista Endres<br>Ken Jorgensen<br>Sherie Ray<br>Julia Strang                  | 9/14 | Kelly Conner<br>John McCoy                                   | 9/25 | Heidi Munoz-Gutierrez<br>Taylor Plowden<br>Sam Sheffield |
| 9/8 | Bill Taylor<br>Lindsay Thibodaux<br>Dalton Weihrauch                          | 9/15 | Denise Cole  | 9/26 | Nikki Gann<br>Beth Koon<br>Judy Lindsay                  |
| 9/9 | Brayden Olmert  | 9/16 | Jane Dickey<br>Nell Speer                                    | 9/27 | Drew Croteau<br>David Emry                               |
|     |   | 9/17 | Beckett Chilton<br>Tricia Dugger                             | 9/28 | Elizabeth Hart<br>Lara Levasseur                         |
|     |   | 9/18 | Delaney Gray<br>Grant Kortgoede<br>Kathy Michaels<br>Bo Palo | 9/29 | Jackson Gray   |
|     |   | 9/19 | Jose Batista<br>Gary Chilton                                 | 9/30 | Melissa Rowker<br>Bob Wilson                             |

## ANNIVERSARIES

- |      |  |      |   |      |  |
|------|--|------|---|------|--|
| 9/2  | Pat & George Roeback   | 9/11 | Jane & Spike Lucia                        |      | Peggy & Larry Davis                      |
| 9/6  | Lynn & Tommy Oakley<br>Kim & J.P. Powell<br>Pat & Rick Reass |      | Bethany & Jonathan Owen                   | 9/22 | Judy & Richard Moots                     |
| 9/8  | Pat & Gary Gardner<br>Joe & Amy McKee<br>Pat & Ken Miller    | 9/14 | Judy & Harry Denlinger                    | 9/25 | Charlie & T. Michael Stavres             |
| 9/10 | Isobel & Bob Hubbard   | 9/16 | Susan & Richard Vickers                   | 9/30 | Marie & Hal Jeffcoat<br>Sue & Bob McClew |
|      |  | 9/17 | Rose & Denny Flynn<br>Donna & Ed Rounsley |      |  |
|      |  | 9/19 | Lori & Quentin Roe                        |      |  |
|      |  | 9/21 | Marty & Bob Bentley                       |      |  |

# SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES BEGINS SEPTEMBER 8, 9:30 - 10:30 AM

## FOR THE CHILDREN

SPARK Sunday School will begin for our children (PreK-5<sup>th</sup> grade) and will be sparking faith starting **Sunday, September 8** after the time with younger disciples in the Heart of Worship service. PreK-K will be meeting in Room 101 and 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grades in Room 206. Don't forget they will also be doing music with Ms. Lynn before their respective classes and ART on the third Sunday. Sunday School ends at 10:30 am.



Can't make it to church? Your family can activate faith with God's Word by connecting with the stories at home with our Spark home sheets and buying a copy of the Story Bible at [www.weareSparkhouse.org](http://www.weareSparkhouse.org).

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL KICKS OFF SEPTEMBER 8 AT 9:30 AM

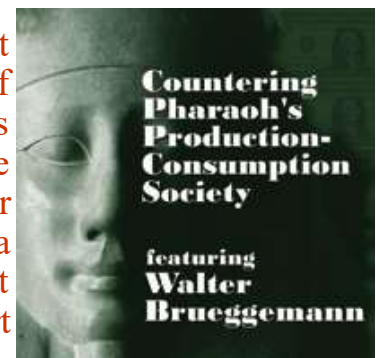
### EMBRACING: FORGIVENESS WITH BARBARA CAWTHORNE CRAFTON – ROOM 207



Join **Bill Lockhart** and videos with **Barbara Cawthorne Crafton** as we study embracing forgiveness – beginning with clarity that eases the guilt often associated with the lack of forgiveness by saying what it isn't. It is not a job or task; it is not a conditional act to earn God's love. It is, Crafton believes, a spiritual gift given freely by a God who simply wants to connect with us. Over the five-week study, she shows how forgiveness can remove the tumor of anger from our hearts to become a means of grace that gives back our humanity. May the thoughtful insights of this class weigh the transforming power of forgiveness in your own life. (Reminder, this class will not be meeting on the First Sundays.)

### PERSPECTIVES SUNDAY SCHOOL GENEVA ROOM, STARTS SEPTEMBER 22 AT 9:30 AM

Perspectives Class with **Glenn Thomas** and Old Testament scholar, **Walter Brueggemann**, presents five weeks of entertaining and thoughtful, fifteen-minute, video clips of his message *Countering Pharaoh*. Brueggemann's message sharpens our understanding of the Exodus story and our responsibility to address the similarities that exist in America today. Our discussion following each week's video will attempt to faithfully discuss those similarities. The first class will start on **Sunday, September 22**.



## Our Purpose Statement

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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 282 bag lunches  
the week of 8/12/19.

We gave out 232 bag lunches  
the week of 8/19/19.

We gave out 1,018 bag lunches  
in July 2019.

**Return Service Requested**

### Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 90 people on 8/3/19.

We fed 64 people on 8/10/19.

We fed 94 people on 8/17/19.

We fed 88 people on 8/24/19.

We fed 343 in July 2019.

## DAVE RAMSEY'S FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

### Wednesdays at 6:00 pm in McLeod Hall

### September 11 – November 6

Take control of your money with *Financial Peace University (FPU)*! This nine-lesson course uses biblical wisdom and common sense to help you tackle budgeting, pay off debt, and make your money work for you!



FPU includes your member workbook and a year of free online resources through Financial Peace Membership. Join this FPU group today! Be sure to purchase your member registration online at <https://www.fpu.com/1095087> and then join us. Just look for First Presbyterian Church in available classes.

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