



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

## Tower Chimes

Week of September 15, 2019

Issue 725

133 Years of Ministry

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### **Worship (and more) on the Lord's Day at First Pres** **Here's what you'll find each Sunday morning!**

#### **8:00 am Chapel Worship**

A traditional worship service held in our chapel.

The service follows the same order as the 11:00 a.m. worship, but does not have a Chancel Choir. Musical ensembles will offer special music on many Sundays.

*A Time with Younger Disciples*

will be included when we have children in attendance.



#### **9:15 – 10:45 am The Connection**

An extended fellowship time in McLeod Hall which will offer a coffee bar type selection with different flavors, creamers, pastries, etc. It is a gathering place before (or after) worship, and between worship and Sunday School for some.

#### **9:15 am 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.



#### **9:30 – 10:30 am Adult Sunday School**

A variety of Christian Education classes for adults.

#### **9:30 – 10:30 am Children's Sunday School**

We will begin with music with Ms. Lynn and then children of all ages will be welcomed to explore faith in their own classes.

#### **11:00 am Sanctuary Worship**

A traditional worship service held in our sanctuary. The service follows the same order as the 8:00 a.m. Chapel Service, and includes music from the Chancel Choir and the organ, as well as other instruments and groups.



PLEASE  
JOIN  
US ON  
SUNDAYS

# OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

## Sunday, September 15 3 Cents-a-Meal

- 8:00 am Chapel Worship
- 9:15 am Connection (MH)
- 9:15 am Heart of Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 am Sunday School-Children/Adults (CE)
- 11:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 5:30 pm High School Youth Group (GC)

## Monday, September 16

- 8:45 am MOM (CE)

## Tuesday, September 17

- 9:00 am Staff Meeting (MCR)
- 12:00 pm Men's Lunch (MH)
- 12:00 pm Finance (UR)
- 6:30 pm Deacons (MH)

## Wednesday, September 18

- 8:45 am MOM (CE)
- 9:45 am Fun-Timers (MB)
- 1:30 pm Congregational Care (MCR)
- 2:30 pm Membership (MCR)
- 3:00 pm Christ Kids (CE)
- 5:30 pm Middle School Youth Group (GC)
- 6:00 pm Dave Ramey Financial Peace (MH)
- 6:00 pm Chancel Bells (MS)
- 7:00 pm Choir (MS)

## Thursday, September 19

- 12:00 pm Chapel Bells (MS)
- 3:00 pm OMTT3 (MH)

## Friday, September 20

- 8:45 am MOM (CE)
- 6:30 pm Pint-Size FunTimers (Grove Roots)

## Saturday, September 21

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



Our Christian sympathy goes to Kathi Barr upon the death of her mother, Toni Kreiger, who died Friday, August 30, 2019

Our sincerest sympathy goes to Marcie Dershimer upon the death of her sister, Sherry Kyker, who died Thursday, September 5, 2019

# 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       |
| Cindy 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      | Dena Lancashire | Joel Smith            |
| Jim Francis        | Eric Lindstrom  | Pete & Missie Snively |
| Pat Gardner        | Spike Lucia     | Christine Stevens     |
| John Gray          | Bob McClew      | Meg & John Strang     |
| Pam Gray           | Joan McCollough | Pam Tallent-Blackburn |
| Bob Hancock        | Matt McGaffigan | Carolyn Thompson      |
| Jane Hayman        |                 | Gwen Waters           |

## Relatives & Friends

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|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Jeff Bronson             | Rose Flynn's brother-in-law           |
| Reese Burdette           | Dana Cole's cousin                    |
| Debra Cain               | Tom & Jeri Oldt'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             |
| Joyce Hoffman            | Wade Hoffman's mother                 |
| 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 Moskowitz         | 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

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|--------------------|-----------------------|
| 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        |                       |

# 3 CENTS-A-MEAL THIS SUNDAY

We will collect the **3 Cents-a-Meal Hunger Offering** during worship services this **SUNDAY, September 15**. This offering is divided between our Soup Kitchen/Bag Lunch Ministry, Beth-El Farm-workers Ministry, and Honduras.



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## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN BIBLE STUDY

The Lydia and Joy circles will be joining together this year as we begin a study titled: *“Love Carved in Stone” – A fresh Look at the Ten Commandments.*

We will meet at 9:30 am on **Tuesday, September 17** at the home of **Carol Carter**. The study books are available now at a cost of \$10.

See either Sue McClew or Carol Carter to purchase your copy. Our group is open to any and all women of the church interested in fellowship and Bible study.



## 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.

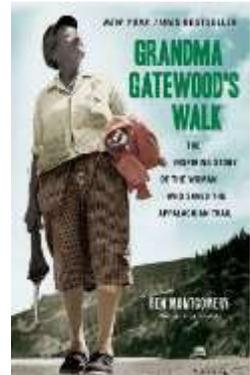
## Next Book Club Selection:

*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.



## ATTENTION! FUNTIMERS!



On **Wednesday, September 18**, the bus leaves at **9:45 am** for our tour of the Mulberry Phosphate Museum. We'll learn about phosphate mining and its link with the railroad industry as we tour the box cars and railroad depot. The tour ends with a hunt for shark teeth! Then - on to Catfish Country in Bartow for lunch. The only cost is for 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 drop it in the offering plate or by the office.

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

# Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Riding Bus: [ ] Yes [ ] No

## “PINT-SIZE” FUNTIMERS SEPTEMBER EVENT GROVE ROOTS ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 AT 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.

### CHRIST KIDS HAS BEGUN!



School is back in session 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 happens on **Wednesdays 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).

### 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 has started practice after our summer months off. We gather **Wednesdays at 7:00 pm**. The Chancel Bells also practices on **Wednesdays at 6:00 pm**. And the Chapel Bells rehearses on **Thursdays 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).

### \*\*\*As First Press members you should know\*\*\*

A Ledger article appearing August 9<sup>th</sup> mentioned that First Presbyterian Church of Winter Haven was still owed \$185,490.46 at the time Stephen L. Smith's probation was terminated. (Mr. Smith's probation and restitution were from incidents related to a fraudulent enterprise in the 1980's known as SH Oil). Some readers may have drawn the understandable but erroneous conclusion that our church had been an investor. Please be assured that First Presbyterian Church never invested a dime in Mr. Smith's company. However, a congregant who had been an investor and who had been awarded a judgment against Smith, bequeathed to our church a portion of his estate, which included that judgment. The State Attorney's office has advised us to record the final judgment in the (unlikely) event that adequate additional assets controlled by Mr. Smith should be located over the next twenty years. Over the course of the past decade the church has received ten or twenty dollars a year representing our portion of funds that Smith had sent to probation authorities. We have used this money in our Feed the Hungry ministry.

As members, we want you to rest assured in our church's management of the financial gifts entrusted to our care. Please share this information with any of your friends or acquaintances who might have been confused by what was originally printed in the Ledger.

### 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



### 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**

## 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.



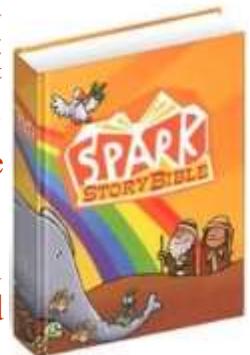
Questions? Contact Lee Wilkinson at 863-221-2006 or [wilkeglk@verizon.net](mailto:wilkeglk@verizon.net).

# SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES

## 9:30 - 10:30 AM

### FOR THE CHILDREN

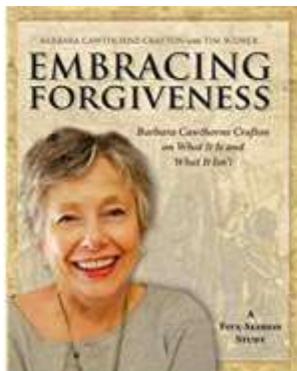
SPARK Sunday School will begin for our children (PreK-5<sup>th</sup> grade) and will be sparking faith after the *Time With Younger Disciples* in the Heart of Worship service. PreK-K will be meeting in Room 101 and 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grades in Room 206. Don't forget they will also 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 AT 9:30 AM

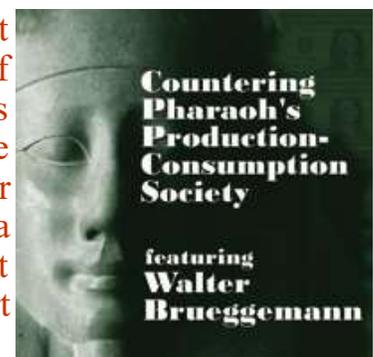
#### EMBRACING: FORGIVENESS WITH BARBARA CAWTHORNE CRAFTON – ROOM 207



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 213 bag lunches  
the week of 8/26/19.

We gave out 105 bag lunches  
the week of 9/2/19.

We gave out 1033 bag lunches  
in August 2019.

### Return Service Requested

«Mailing Name»

«Address 1»«Address 2»

«City», «State» «Zip»

### Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 75 people on 8/31/19.

We fed 76 people on 9/7/19.

We fed 411 in August 2019.

## WELCOME EMILY!!



The Session is excited to announce the calling of Emily Snyder as our **NEW DIRECTOR OF STUDENT MINISTRIES**. The Director of Student Ministries Search Committee (Jonathan Owen, Lindsey Ivey, Peggy Threlkel, Ava Frost, Cheryce Harris, Kade Rabern, MaryBess Thompson, Dillon Powell, and Steve Negley) met weekly since early March. After reviewing dozens of resumes, and a series of Skype and face to face interviews, the committee unanimously recommended Emily to the Session as their selection as our new Student Ministries Director. The Session concurred (also unanimously) to welcome Emily to this position. Emily is no stranger to our youth and congregation. Emily was born, baptized, and confirmed in our church. She was also ordained a Deacon here a year ago. Emily has been a faithful member of our Honduras Mission team on several trips. She attended the Montreat Senior High Youth Conference four times, and the Montreat College Conference the past three years.

For the past couple of summers she has chaperoned our Middle School Youth at the Great Escape. Emily was elected by our presbytery as a Young Adult Advisory Delegate to the General Assembly. Emily recently graduated from Florida Southern College, and she resides here in Winter Haven.

Welcome, Emily, to this new adventure in ministry.