



# TOWER CHIMES

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WINTER HAVEN  
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## GOOD NEWS FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN



Each Sunday, beginning in late June, we will settle in as God's children to listen for stories of Good News.

During the "Time With Younger Disciples" the pastors will share an entire children's book that they have selected for the day. The scripture and sermon will then build on the images from that story as we listen for good news of what God has done, and is doing for us, in Jesus Christ.

## MUSICIANS TO MONTREAT



**June 26 through July 1**, some of our church musicians will be attending the "Presbyterian Association of Musicians' 2022 Worship and Music Conference" at the Montreat Conference Center in North Carolina. Please keep them in your prayers as they attend workshops and rehearsals and join in music-making with fellow Christians from around the country. Pray that this is a meaningful time away for them, enjoying both the beauty of music and God's creation in the mountains of Western North Carolina.

## THE CHOSEN BIBLE STUDY



We invite you to join us this summer on a journey into the life of Jesus with the film series **THE CHOSEN**. On select Sunday evenings, we will gather in McLeod Hall for dinner and to view episodes and then discuss the Bible passages that undergird the story. We hope you'll join with other believers as we share faith, fellowship, and film.

Our next class is **Sunday, June 26, 6:30-8:00 pm**. Please bring a covered dish to share for our meal. Child care is provided.

## 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.*

### STAFF

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## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Sunday, June 26

- 9:00 am Heart of Worship  
(Sanctuary/Facebook Live)  
11:00 am Traditional Worship  
(Sanctuary/Facebook Live)  
6:30 pm The Chosen Bible Study and  
Covered Dish Dinner (MH)

### Monday, June 27

- 6:00 pm Associate Pastor Nominating  
Committee (MH)

### Tuesday, May 28

- 9:00 am Staff Meeting (MH)  
5:00 pm Stephen Minister Leaders (MH)  
6:00 pm Stephen Ministers (MH)

### Wednesday, June 29

### Thursday, June 30

### Friday, July 1

### Saturday, July 2

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



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR  
THESE UP-COMING 10 AM  
SINGLE SERVICE WORSHIPS**

July 3                      October 2  
August 21                November 20  
September 11          December 18



## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

### MEMBERS

|                             |                             |                                 |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Melvin & Debbie<br>Anderson | Bryan Howard<br>Jim Huff    | Joyce Shirah<br>Susan Singleton |
| Pat Berrell                 | Scott & Becky Irvin         | Dale Smith                      |
| Bill Brack                  | Martha Johnson              | Katie Sparr                     |
| Helen Champlain             | Dena Lancashire             | Barbara Tackett                 |
| Marjorie DiLorenzo          | Ray & Gladys Larson         | Pam Tallent-Blackburn           |
| Zan Dismuke                 | Pat McCarty                 | Glenn Thomas                    |
| Rob Donaldy                 | Dick McCauley               | Suzy Threadgill                 |
| Dana Elmore                 | Pat Miller                  | Mike Vibral                     |
| Bill Everhart               | Edna Mitchell               | Pat Vobornik                    |
| Jim Francis                 | Richard Moots               | Sug Zowarka                     |
| Rossanne Gorsky             | Jeri & Tom Oldt             |                                 |
| Pam Gray                    | John & Marilyn<br>Schleifer |                                 |
| Jane Hayman                 | Dick Shaw                   |                                 |
| Frances Heath               |                             |                                 |

### FAMILY & FRIENDS

Shelly Arnold ..... Greg & Mary Marrs' friend  
Alex Balequez ..... Lynn Oakley's friend  
Jessica Bowles ..... Peter Coppini's daughter  
Philip Burkhart ..... Lynn Oakley's friend  
Susie Fisher ..... Rob Donaldy & Becky Everhart's cousin  
Kathy & Ron Giuffre ..... Tom & Jeri Oldt's in-laws  
Jasper & Sam Gray ..... Lynn Oakley's friend  
Dottie Griffith ..... Becky Everhart's friend  
Jim Hindley ..... Mary Marrs' friend  
Lori Houmard ..... Rick & Pat Reass' daughter  
Dia Hurst ..... Lee & Pam Wilkenson's friend  
Jim & Belinda Hurst ..... Tom & Jeri Oldt's friends  
Donna Stuart Jackson ..... Becky Everhart's friend  
Kevin Jackson ..... Doris Brack's friend  
Tamara Jacobson ..... Autumn Jacobson's mom  
Funner Judd ..... Lynn Oakley's friend  
Cindy Laeng & family ..... Becky Everhart's friend  
John Lauffer ..... Peter Coppini's nephew  
Khyla Martinez ..... Paul & Ann Montgomery's granddaughter  
Kelly Oakley ..... Tommy Oakley's sister  
Les O'Neil ..... Sandra Hoffman's friend  
Kristin Schmid ..... Rick & Pat Reass' daughter  
Lindsey Tomlinson ..... Lee & Pam Wilkenson's friend

### MILITARY

|                    |                  |                 |
|--------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Zach Anaya         | Ernie French     | David Knowles   |
| Brenden Anderson   | Stephanie Gillie | John Marotti    |
| Christian Anderson | Eddie Gray       | KaitLin Marotti |
| Zach Drum          | Daniel Harp      | Mathew Massam   |
| Robert Ferguson    | Sean Harp        | Jet Sanderson   |

## YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!



Our Soup Kitchen provides an incredible outreach and positive impact in our community. Every Saturday, this church helps to feed 80-100 hungry people. For many, this meal is one of the few of significant substance that they will eat all week.

Many of our members volunteer just a few hours of their time to help prepare the food and serve those in need. **We currently have most dates open in July and August available.** If you have never helped before or have questions, fear not, our Deacons can address any uncertainties and help you feel comfortable in serving.

Interested in learning more or signing up? Contact the church office, any of our Deacons, or check out the sign-up sheet in McLeod Hall.

## 2022 FLOWER CHART IS IN NARTHEX

You are invited to sign up for your important Sunday worship dates. Please be sure to call or email the church office the week before with bulletin information.

## CONTACT INFORMATION UPDATES



The past year has reminded us all of the importance of staying in touch with those we care about. We are always looking to keep our directory current and are seeking to make sure we have your current information on file.

If you have a new phone number, home address, email, or additional contact info (such as a seasonal address), please contact the church office so we can make sure you stay informed. Thank you.

## MEN'S LUNCH GROUP



Every **Tuesday**, the men of the church gather from **12:00-1:00 pm** for lunch together. This fellowship group offers men an opportunity to build friendships and grow in faith.

We hope that you will join us. This gathering is hybrid; meaning you can come in person or join by Zoom. To receive the Zoom invite, please contact the office by phone or email and ask to be added to the list.

## DID YOU KNOW YOU CAN TEXT TO GIVE?



To donate, you will text a **keyword**, (those options are below and special events will be added as they come.), then a **space**, and an **amount** to **863-243-6880**. Example: Text keyword **3cents 5** for gifting \$5 to *3 Cents-a-Meal*. An auto-response will confirm your gift offering. Respond **Y** to confirm and send. Save this number as a contact for future giving.

### Keywords are:

Pledged (for your offering to be credited to your pledged amount for the current year)

Offering (Non-pledge or undesignated gifts)

Music (for Capital Music Campaign Organ/Music)

3cents (for 3 Cents-a-Meal)

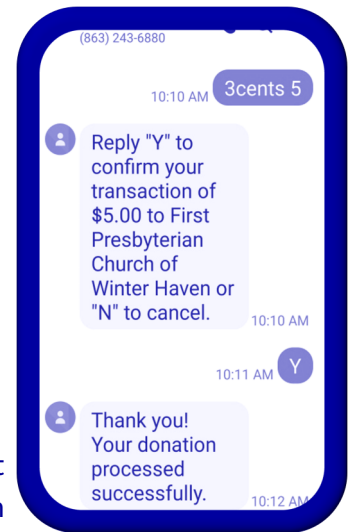
Memorial (for when donating in memory of someone)

Special (for all other donations; example 1 time events)

If you are donating through Text To Give for the first time, you will receive a text containing a link to login or create your Secure Give account. Please save that login information.

You will then be asked to save your default payment information for giving by text. The system will confirm your donation and you will receive an email receipt.

The only time that you should have to enter your login or card information is the first time you donate through



## HOW TO EASILY ACCESS SECURE GIVE

Go to our Church website and click on **give** (top right), you will be re-directed to <https://app.securegive.com/firstpreswh> or you can go directly to the SecureGive website, <https://app.securegive.com/firstpreswh>.

Robin Miller is available to assist you during office hours or at [rmiller@firstpreswh.org](mailto:rmiller@firstpreswh.org).

## YOU CAN HELP SUPPORT YOUR CHURCH...

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# JULY

## BIRTHDAYS

|      |  |      |  |      |  |
|------|--|------|--|------|--|
| 7/1  | Dorothy Leavitt<br>Gannon Olmert<br>Bill Ussery                    | 7/15 | Jeremiah Johnston<br>Ann Walker  | 7/24 | Jim Threlkel<br>Kenneth vonHahmann   |
| 7/2  | Bill Johnston<br>Tim Swango  | 7/16 | Larry Davis<br>Elizabeth Nepute<br>Bethany Owen<br>James Shinn                           | 7/25 | Kathy Andrews<br>Weegie Bentley<br>Sarah Dugger<br>Markie McCann<br>Bob Steele |
| 7/3  | Brock Johnston   | 7/17 | Janet Howard<br>Chuck Watson   | 7/26 | Sharon Mitchell  |
| 7/4  | Cameron Badnell  | 7/18 | Charlie Darte  | 7/27 | Landon Allen<br>Gail Damkjer<br>Bob Doyel<br>Joann Gray<br>Pete Snively        |
| 7/5  | Kyle Lease<br>Cindy Steele   | 7/19 | Justin Hoagland<br>Brooklyn Porter   | 7/28 | Kathy Cheatham<br>Timothy McKee<br>T. Michael Stavres                          |
| 7/6  | Pat McCarty  | 7/20 | Brody Brescia<br>Gladys Larson<br>David Nicholson<br>Cynthia Saterbo<br>Angela Scamehorn | 7/29 | Ray Garcia<br>Dena Lancashire<br>Katie Nepute<br>Lois Russell                  |
| 7/7  | Margaret Braun   | 7/21 | Billy Johnston<br>Mary Marrs<br>Kaye Stine   | 7/30 | Anne McCauley<br>John Scheck   |
| 7/8  | Ken Miller<br>Lori Roe   | 7/22 | David Dismuke<br>Robin Miller<br>Doug Purnell<br>Linda Stavres                           | 7/31 | Lisa Endres<br>David Mitchell  |
| 7/9  | Sarah Abbott<br>Reagan Scheck                                      | 7/23 | Jim Huff<br>Landon Olmert  |      |  |
| 7/10 | Marjorie DiLorenzo<br>Sharon Mann<br>Tami O'Neal<br>Lauren Schwenk | 7/24 | Bob Bentley  |      |  |
| 7/12 | Kate Eelman<br>Sean Ivey<br>Len Porter                             |      |  |      |  |
| 7/13 | Kelly Bogey<br>Melody Johnson                                      |      |  |      |  |
| 7/14 | Emily Alexander  |      |  |      |  |
| 7/15 | Toni Barger  |      |  |      |  |

## ANNIVERSARIES

|      |                          |      |   |      |  |
|------|--------------------------|------|---|------|--|
| 7/4  | Jim & Pat Vobornik       | 7/14 | Richard & Sharon Bogey                          | 7/21 | Janet & Bob Howard<br>Kenny & Lynn Lasseter<br>Rod & Betty Lewis |
| 7/5  | John & Marilyn Schleifer | 7/16 | Dave & Bonnie Ryan                              | 7/23 | Bill & Karen Siegel  |
| 7/7  | Tim & Glynn Swango       | 7/17 | Dave & Katie Sparr                              | 7/28 | David & Mandy Matha  |
| 7/9  | Mike & Amy Speer         | 7/20 | Randy & Roxane McCann                           |      |  |
| 7/10 | Bob & Judy Winfree       | 7/20 | Billy & Leah Melvin<br>Randy & Karla vonHahmann |      |  |
| 7/13 | Mal & Lynn Boland        |      |   |      |  |

## 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 (or someone you know) are 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, contact **Connie Shipley** at 863-221-2224 or one of our other Stephen Minister Leaders, **Mary Marrs, Steve Negley, or Barbara Perkins.**

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**Return Service Requested**

**Bag Lunch Ministry**  
We gave out 209 lunches  
the week of 6/13/22. 

 **Soup Kitchen Ministry**  
We fed 66 people on  
Saturday, 6/18/22.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW! - JULY PICNIC LUNCHEON



Our next Single Worship Service Sunday and luncheon is fast approaching. We hope that you will join us on **Sunday, July 3** for a single service at **10 am** followed by a picnic luncheon with grilled hot dogs and hamburgers as well as your favorite sides. We look forward to seeing you and worshipping together as a church family.

## YOUTH GROUPS SUMMER TRAVEL



Please pray for our youth and leaders as they prepare to go on their summer trips to learn more about faith.

Our high schoolers will be leaving for *Montreat Youth Conference* on **July 16** and our middle schoolers will be leaving for *Great Escape* on **July 23**.

We are excited for our young people to grow in their relationship with God and their church family.

## FIRST PRES SUMMER PICK-UP CHOIR



Interested in a low-commitment singing group? Come join our Summer Pick-Up Choir! We will meet at **10:30 am** in the Music Suite to learn an easy anthem or hymn to sing during the 11:00 Worship Service. During the Worship Service, we will gather around the piano on the north side of the Sanctuary and share an offering of praise. We will start on **Sunday, July 17** and sing each Sunday through **August 21**.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Jeremy at [jrath@firstpreswh.org](mailto:jrath@firstpreswh.org). We are looking forward to having you join us!