



# TOWER CHIMES

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WINTER HAVEN  
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## YOUTH SUNDAY



**This Sunday, July 30**, our youth will lead the *Summer Sundays Single Service* at **10 am**. Their summer trips will be highlighted as we celebrate our ministry with our youth. You won't want to miss out on this fun Sunday service!

## CHOIR AND BELLS RETURN!



Our First Pres Musicians are getting ready to begin our fall season of music making and we would love to extend an invitation to YOU. Rehearsals will start on **Wednesday, August 16** for **Chancel Bells** and **Chancel Choir**, and **Thursday, August 17** for **Chapel Bells**. Please read below for more details.

**Chancel Choir:** We rehearse on **Wednesday evenings from 7:00 - 8:15** (later at times leading up to holidays/special events). Our rehearsals begin with a time of prayer, followed by vocal warmups, and then into learning songs and anthems to share at the 11:00 am Traditional Worship service. We are an open group of people united by our passion to join our voices together in praise and worship. Our rehearsals are filled with joy, laughter, and music making. We extend an open invitation to you on **August 16** to come experience rehearsal with us (no commitment necessary!). After rehearsal, we will share a time of fellowship and refreshments. Come make a joyful noise with us!

**Chancel Bells:** We are a group of people who love to ring out praise of our great God together. Chancel Bells rehearse every **Wednesday evening from 6:00 - 7:00** in the Bell Room on the third floor of the Sanctuary building. We (usually) ring the prelude at the 11:00 am worship on the first Sunday of each month and offer special anthems at holidays and other services. Handbell music looks like piano music, but each ringer is assigned a certain number of bells/notes for the entire piece. It takes us all to create a beautiful piece of music. If you don't know how to read music, that is okay! – It is no excuse for you to try your hand at bell ringing! If you are interested in trying us out, we'd love to have you ring with us!

**Chapel Bells:** We rehearse on **Thursday afternoons from 1:15 - 2:15** in the Bell Room. We use the same bells and read the same type of music as the Chancel Bells, but our music is quite a bit easier to play. If you've never rang bells before, this would be the group for you to start in and see how you like it! We offer music throughout the year at the 11:00 am worship service.

We are so excited to start this choir season and hope you will join in making music with us! For more information, please call Jeremy at the church office or email him at [jrath@firstpreswh.org](mailto:jrath@firstpreswh.org).

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Tonia L. Milbry  
Custodian

## 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.*

## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Sunday, July 30

10:00 am Summer Sundays Singe Service  
(Sanctuary/Facebook)

### Monday, July 31

6:00 pm Associate Pastor Nominating  
Committee (MH)

### Tuesday, August 1

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

### Wednesday, August 2

### Thursday, August 3

### Friday, August 4

### Saturday, August 5

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

## TIME FOR TERMITE TENTING

Our church has been blessed with wonderful facilities to use as our base of mission and ministry. And the time has come for us to engage in a major maintenance issue at our church. Over the past few months, we have spotted evidence of termites in our 98-year-old sanctuary building. After consulting with multiple professionals, it has become clear that the only effective solution is tenting the structure. And since the main building is connected by a covered walkway to our Christian Education building (which was constructed in 1966) we have decided it could be prudent to tent and treat that building as well.

This project is scheduled to begin on **Monday, August 7**. Ideally, the entire process will be completed in three days. But, since weather and wind can cause delays to a perfect plan, we have made arrangements with the city to hold our 10 AM worship service on Sunday, August 13 at Nora Mayo Hall.

Office operations and church meetings (Men's Lunch, Personnel Committee, Buildings and Grounds) that are scheduled for Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday of that week will be moved to the Golden Center for Student Ministry at 711 Sixth Street.

Watch the Tower Chimes for reminders and updates. And you might want to drive by on August 7 or 8 to see a "once ion a century tenting."



## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

### MEMBERS

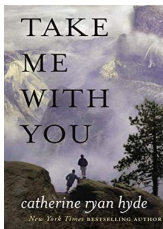
Ann Adams	Jim Huff	Jackie Pinckney
Pat Berrell	Scott & Becky Irvin	Mary Ellen Porter
Orin Champlain	Ray & Gladys Larson	Marilyn Schleifer
Ellie Crowder	Beth Luxford	Dick Shaw
Marjorie DiLorenzo	Pat McCarty	Joyce Shirah
Zan Dismuke	Sue McClew	Dale Smith
Rob Donaldy	Pat Miller	Katie Sparr
Dana Elmore	Edna Mitchell	Kathy Taber
Bill Everhart	Heidi Munoz-	Barbara Tackett
Lynne Grady	Gutierrez	Pam Tallent-Blackburn
Pam Gray	Jeri & Tom Oldt	Jennifer & Mike Vibral
Jane Hayman	Joe Oriani	

### FAMILY & FRIENDS

Holton & Briley Adcock .....	Jeff, Lisa, & Emily Snyder's friends
Jameson Adcock.....	Jeff, Lisa, & Emily Snyder's friend
Katie Barris & family .....	Lynn Oakley's friends
Donna Brannen.....	Jill Kosmensky's friend
Dolores Clay-Barton.....	Karen Gerber's sister
Phillip Burkhart.....	Lynn Oakley's friend
Nancy & Nicki Catania.....	Diane Repass' friends
Caren Coleman .....	Lynn Van Gundy's friend
Scott Davis.....	Larry & Peggy Davis' son
Phillip Deblinger .....	Greg & Mary Marrs' friend
Paul Gilliam .....	Debbie Anderson's dad
Hap Hazelwood .....	Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend
Stephen Houmard.....	Rick & Pat Reass' grandson
Juan Joy .....	Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend
Helen Lewis .....	Jonathan Owen's friend
John Linn .....	Sharon Mann's brother
Ada Lopez-Mendez.....	Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend
Khyla Martinez.....	Paul & Anne Montgomery's granddaughter
Kile McKee .....	Greg Marrs' cousin
Ed & Anne Neumyer.....	Candy Marshall's friend
Dennis Ryan .....	Lynn Oakley's friend
Ginger Stanley.....	Lynn Oakley's friend
Karon Taylor .....	Jeff Bowen's friend
Karen Thompson.....	Kristen Sheffield' mother
Lori Turner & family .....	Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friends
Jack Tyler & family.....	Becky Irvin's brother-in-law
Tara Wilks.....	Gannon Olmert's friend
David Young.....	Lynn Oakley's friend
Tonya Zidel.....	Jeff Bowen's friend

### MILITARY

Zach Anaya	Eddie Gray	Mathew Massam
Brenden Anderson	Daniel Harp	Diane Secord
Christian Anderson	Sean Harp	Shad Skinner
Zach Drum	David Knowles	Drew Stapor
Robert Ferguson	John Marotti	
Stephanie Gillie	KaitLin Marotti	



## ARE YOU READING FOR OUR NEXT BOOK CLUB!

We will meet on **Monday, September 18** at 3 pm in McLeod Hall as we discuss **Take Me With You** by Catherine Ryan Hyde.

In this time of fellowship, we will discuss the story about good people doing their best to survive.



# AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

8/01 Susan Taylor	8/16 David Fellows	8/24 Stone Schwenk
8/03 Amy McKee	William Snively	8/25 Jeff Bowen
Jen Smith	Kathryn Thomas	8/26 Bonnie Gray
8/04 Bob Carter	8/17 Abby Sparr	Kim Lockhart
Nancy Meyers	8/18 Warren Glenn	8/27 Angie Arnold
Bob Sheffield	8/20 Tom Andrews Jr.	Dale Smith
8/05 Shirley Hines	Lindsey Ivey	Scott Strey
8/07 Amy McGee	Donna Kelly	8/28 Joe Burke
8/08 Alan Harvey	Shorter Strang, Jr.	Joe Oriani
Sharon McGaffigan	Bob Winfree	Marcia Smith
8/10 Jen Barthel	8/21 Mike McGee	8/29 Rob Donaldy
8/11 John Maltese	8/22 Peggy Davis	Rose Flynn
8/12 Peggy Threlkel	Becky Everhart	Tom Oakley
8/13 Norm Patrick	Tim Swango	8/30 Neal Damkjer
Court Turner	Jennifer Vibral	Marie Jeffcoat
8/14 Joyce Reints	8/23 Scott Irvin	Pat Reass
8/15 Lynne Grady	8/23 Howard Levasseur	Suzan Wales
Layton Sheffield	8/24 Andy Johnston	8/31 Brenna Thibodaux

## ANNIVERSARIES

8/02 Dave & Pat Davidson	8/20 David & Karen Alexander
Steve & Frances Stapor	8/26 Rick & Tillie Montney
8/04 Eynar & Heidi Munoz-Gutierrez	8/27 Vincent & Lisa Centonze
8/06 Ben & Judie Tucker	8/28 Tom & Jan Wales
8/07 John & Marcia Eycleshimer	8/30 Greg & Mary Marrs
8/13 Bill & Shirley Ussery	Bruce & Kathryn Eelman
8/15 Adam & Brittaney Roe	

## CHOSEN BIBLE STUDY



We will meet **Sunday, August 27** in McLeod Hall, **from 5:30 to 7:00 pm**. Bring a covered dish to share OR bring your own meal as we enjoy fellowship together around the table.

We will dig deeper into the background stories as they relate to scripture and hear from their Biblical consultants! For this study we will watch the Bible Roundtable Discussion for Season 1, Episode 4.

We will also be putting together ***The Chosen Bible Study Cookbook*** soon! Join us to learn details. We look forward to seeing you!

## DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE GOING THROUGH A DIFFICULT TIME?



Do you have a friend, neighbor, co-worker, or relative who has been struggling with the loss of a loved one, loneliness, cancer, a layoff, relocation, divorce, a spiritual crisis, recuperation, single parenthood, or any of countless other life challenges? Our Stephen Ministers can provide them with the focused care, encouragement, and support they need to make it through the crisis.

Our Stephen Ministers are ready to provide focused, confidential, one-to-one Christian care and to help you experience the healing power of Christ's love in your life.

To find out more, call **Connie Shipley at 863-221-2224**. Or you can talk with one of our other Stephen Leaders: **Mary Marrs, Steve Negley, or Barbara Perkins**.

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**Return Service Requested**

**Bag Lunch Ministry**  
We gave out 183 lunches  
the week of 7/17/23. 

 **Soup Kitchen Ministry**  
We fed 120 people on  
Saturday, 7/22/23.

## AUGUST FUNTIMERS IS MOVED TO SEPTEMBER



Trivia and Potluck will be held at the church on **Thursday, September 21** from **11 am to 2 pm**. Please bring your favorite dish or dessert to share. Chicken tenders will be provided. After lunch, each table will compete in a fun trivia game.

Please RSVP by signing up in McLeod Hall, or calling or emailing the church office. And bring a friend!

## YOUTH GROUPS RETURN!



The **High School Youth Group** will begin meeting **Sunday, August 20** from **5:30** until **7:30 pm**.

The **Middle School Youth Group** will begin meeting **Wednesday, August 23** from **5:30** until **7:30 pm**.

Come join us for another awesome year of food, fellowship, and faith building! If you have any questions or would like to sign up to provide a meal for our students, please contact Emily Snyder at 863-224-4403 or [esnyder@firstpreswh.org](mailto:esnyder@firstpreswh.org).

## 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 of August dates 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.

## SAVE THE DATE

Our Director of Music Ministries, **Jeremy Rath**, is going to be giving a piano & organ concert here at First Pres on **Sunday, September 10** at **4pm**.

