



TOWER CHIMES

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WINTER HAVEN
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SUMMER SUNDAYS SINGLE SERVICE



Beginning **this Sunday, May 26**, we hope your summer plans will include joining with your family of faith for our **Summer Sundays Single Service**. Every Sunday of **June, July, and August** we will worship God in our sanctuary starting at **10 am**.

Rev. Sarah and Dr. Negley will be preaching on various themes and **Good News For God's Children**. Music throughout the summer will include our Praise Band, a pick-up choir, various soloists & ensembles, and Jeremy Rath on the organ and piano.

Let's gather together this summer to praise and worship our God.

FIRST PRES MUSIC SHOWCASE



Be sure to join us on **Sunday, June 2 at 3 pm** for a celebration of music! Our talented First Pres musicians will share a variety of music in an afternoon program in the sanctuary.

You'll hear musical selections from our Chancel Choir, Chancel Bells, Chapel Bells, and Jazzbyterians. There'll also be a couple of hymns for you to join in on the music making!

After the concert, we will all enjoy a reception in McLeod Hall.

MUSICIANS TO MONTREAT



At the end of this month, some of our church musicians will be attending the "Presbyterian Association of Musicians' 2024 Worship and Music Conference" at the Montreat Conference Center in North Carolina. The theme of the conference is "Lead Us Homeward."

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 conference is from **June 23 through June 28**.

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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THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, May 26

10:00 am Summer Sundays Single Service (Sanctuary)

Monday, May 27

**MEMORIAL DAY
OFFICE CLOSED**

Tuesday, May 28

9:00 am Staff Meeting (MH)
12:00 pm Men's Lunch (MH)
5:00 pm Stephen Minister Leaders (MCR)
6:00 pm Stephen Ministers (MCR)
6:30 pm Worship & Music (UR)

Wednesday, May 28

8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CE)
6:00 pm Chancel Bells (BR)
7:00 pm Chancel Choir (CR)

Thursday, May 30

1:15 pm Chapel Bells (BR)

Friday, May 31

8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CE)

Saturday, June 1

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

THE CHOSEN



You are invited to join us this **Sunday, June 23 from 5 - 7 pm** in McLeod Hall to watch season 4, episode 3 from **The Chosen**, then discuss what we have seen. Please

join us even if you haven't watched the series, we will help you catch up.

Please bring a covered dish to share and enjoy an evening with your friends from First Pres. Childcare will be provided.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY



The membership committee has decided that we will produce a new church pictorial directory in house.

When completed, every church family will have at their finger tips pictures, address and contact information for the entire congregation.

You can submit your photo in a JPG or PNG format (not PDF) to assistant@firstpreswh.org.

If you prefer, a committee or church staff member will be happy to take your picture Sunday after worship, or during office hours.

Please email your contact info if you have had any recent changes. Example, you have eliminated your land line.



REMEMBER IN PRAYER

MEMBERS

Ann Adams	Jane Hayman	Edna Mitchell
Jonye Briggs	Wade & Sandy Hoffman	Heidi Munoz-Gutierrez
Joe Burke	Jim Huff	Jeri & Tom Oldt
Kelly Butz	Scott & Becky Irvin	Arletta Oriani
Orrin Champlain	Beth & Randy Koon-Spiwak	Sharon Ramseyer
David Chilton	James & Mary Ann Koon	Teresa Renney
Joan Chilton	Sara Koon	Marilyn Schleifer
Scott Chilton	Joanie Kooser	Dick & Nancy Shaw
Marjorie DiLorenzo	Jill Kosmenschky	Marilyn Sheffield
Rob Donaldy	Ray & Gladys Larson	Joyce Shirah
Dana Elmore	Lynn Lassater	Katie Sparr
Bill Everhart	Sharon Mann	Barbara Tackett
Gloria Goss	Pat McCarty	Pam Tallent-Blackburn
Caitlyn Grady	Pat Miller	Jennifer & Mike Vibral
Lynne Grady		Gale & Gwen Waters
Pam Gray		
Ken Hart		

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Chad Anderson	Lynn Oakley's friend
Wayne Berry	Bob & Judy Winfree's friend
Sara Cliett	Kalen West's friend
Pat Cokewell	David Lane's mother
Tammy Cowart	Tilly Montney's sister
Mason Dorsey	Bob & Carol Carter's nephew
Millie Fowler Family	Judy Winfree's friends
Cole Gorham	Tom & Polly Ritter's grandson
Brian & Anna Griffin	Marilyn Sheffield's niece
Hobby Jeffrey Family	Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friends
Juan Joy	Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend
Brandy & Avery Koeppel	Lee & Pam Wilkinson's sister-in-law
Ada Lopez-Mendez	Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend
James & Eileen Martin	Jane West's friends
Khyla Martinez	Paul & Anne Montgomery's granddaughter
Dick McCauley	Bob Hines' friend
Ann Reddout	Pat Reass' friend
Jack Robinson	Gale Waters' cousin
Craig Smith	Lynn Oakley's friend
Ginger Snively-Chad	Peggy Davis' friend
Barbara Spinella	Greg & Mary Marrs' friend
Nadine Waters-Robbins	Gail Damkjer's friend
Weeder Family	Zan Dismuke's friends
Steve Weeks	Zan Dismuke's friend
Dany Williams	Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend

MILITARY

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

SYMPATHY



Our Christian sympathy goes to **Joan Chilton, Teresa Renney, and David & Scott Strey** upon the death of their husband/father, **Gary Chilton**, who died on Thursday, May 16, 2024.



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

6/1	Carol Carter Luci Glenn Dave Lane Barbara Perkins Grayson Putnum	6/7	Sue Hankin Adam Roe	6/19	Steve Lockhart Anna Munoz-Gutierrez
6/2	Dusty Marshall	6/8	Pat Miller	6/21	MaryBess Thompson
6/3	Bob Endres Hadley Owen	6/9	Laura Frost	6/23	Camryn Swango
6/4	Shannon Badnell Joe McKee Sarah Rennie Kylie Robinson	6/11	Spike Thompson	6/24	Dana Elmore
6/5	Manderley Barthel Janet Lawlor Adam Smith	6/12	Richard Johnson Karen King John Van Allen	6/25	Joyce Anderson Dicky Jeffcoat Stella Schwenk Jane Whitney
6/6	Andy Harmyk	6/14	Pam Blackburn Sue Henry Sadie Owen	6/27	Emily Snyder
6/7	Ann Adams	6/15	Lyn Swart Julie Wilson	6/28	Rich Dobler
		6/16	TJ Fellows Kathy Lockhart Sylvester Stroud	6/29	Brett Hunter Clare McAdams Paul Rubner
		6/19	John Eycleshimer	6/30	Genie Birch Ellie Threlkel

ANNIVERSARIES

6/1	Kevin & Lynne Grady	6/9	Jeff & Lisa Snyder	6/16	David & Carrie Mitchell
6/2	Andy & Sherie Ray	6/10	Rob & Laura Frost Steve & Kim Lockhart	6/21	Mike & Cheryce Harris
6/4	Richard & Dana Elmore Sylvester & Ashley Stroud Jim & Ellie Threlkel	6/11	Dick & Nancy Shaw	6/22	Adam & Leah Weeks
6/6	Mark & Patti Bostick	6/12	Rich & Nancy Dobler George & Ruth Dunham	6/24	Ron & Gail Damkjer John & Gail Van Allen
6/8	Steven & Jen Barthel Spike & MaryBess Thompson	6/13	Bill & Gloria Allen	6/25	Dana & Denise Cole Ed & Sharon Mitchell
6/9	Geoff & Nicole Roe	6/14	Tom & Pat Nepute	6/28	Charles & Nancy Chilton
		6/15	Matt & Connie Minich	6/30	Jim & Betts Huff

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS HURTING?



If you know someone--perhaps a friend, neighbor, coworker, or relative--who is going through a difficult time, there's a wonderful way you can help them receive the care and support they need. Tell them about Stephen Ministry! Our Stephen Ministers have received 50 hours of training to provide high quality, confidential, one-to-one, Christian care to hurting people. Stephen Ministers meet weekly with their care receivers to listen, care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support. (Males are matched with males, and females are matched with females.) The caring relationship lasts for as long as the person needs care. It's free, and it's a powerful way you can help a hurting friend.

To learn how to connect someone you know with a Stephen Minister, **call Connie Shipley at 863-221-2224. Or you can talk with one of our other Stephen Leaders: Mary Marrs, Steve Negley, or Lisa Snyder.** Our Stephen Ministers are there to care!

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>.

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Return Service Requested

Bag Lunch Ministry

We gave out 176 lunches
the week of 5/13/24.



Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 132 people on
Saturday, 5/18/24.

CAMP FIRELIGHT VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 9-13



We'll be going on a Summer Camp Adventure with God at VBS **Sunday, June 9 – Thursday, June 13 5:30-8pm**. Registration is now open for children 4 years through 5th grade as participants. Teens and adults can volunteer as counselors. Visit the website to complete registration today! We'll start the evening out with a community dinner every night, then the adventure will begin.

Can't join us? Check out the donation bulletin board for supplies needed.

On this adventure with God, we will show children they can trust God all the time!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL COMMUNITY DINNER SERVERS NEEDED



Our final volunteer teams are needed to cook pre-prepared meals to serve at **5:30 pm** every night during VBS. The food will all be here. Folks are needed to prepare the evening's main course. Those main courses include, pizza, hot dogs, chicken nuggets, spaghetti and walking tacos. You can help for just a night or every night by signing up on the bulletin board or contacting Sue Henry at 989-725-8224 or Rev. Sarah. Join your church on this memorable adventure with God!

VBS MISSION BACKPACK CHALLENGE



This year during VBS, we will be collecting backpacks for all school-age friends at Beth-El Farmworkers Ministry and our VBS children are challenging YOU to join us!

Just bring a backpack (new or slightly used) to McLeod Hall during the month of June and help us collect 300 backpacks. Backpacks can be adult or children themed. Beth-El is also collecting other school supplies if you'd like to fill your backpack with pencils, loose leaf paper (wide or college ruled), crayons (24 ct.), markers, scissors, or pencils pouches/boxes.

Look for the collection buckets and thank you!