



# TOWER CHIMES

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## 3 CENTS-A-MEAL THIS SUNDAY



We will collect the *3 Cents-a-Meal Hunger Offering* during our worship service this **Sunday, September 15**. This special offering is divided among our Soup Kitchen & Bag Lunch Ministry, the Beth-El Farmworker Ministry, and our support of the church in Honduras. We hope you will set aside your pennies to help.

## SERVICE FOR WHOLENESS



Our fall Service for Wholeness will be this **Sunday, September 15** in the Chapel starting at **6:30 pm**. Prayers will be offered for healing and wholeness in our world, our community, our families, and our lives.

Dr. Steve Negley will be leading reflections on scripture and Jeremy Rath will be offering the music for the evening. Communion will be served to those present, and people will be given the opportunity to come forward for individual prayers and anointing with oil if desired. Please join us for this time of worship and communion.

## FALL WORSHIP SCHEDULE HAS BEGUN



Members and friends of First Pres are able to choose to worship in the chapel at **8:00 am**, OR the sanctuary (hope springs eternal) at **10:00 am**.

We focus on the same scriptures at both Sunday services as we sing, pray, and reflect together on God's Word each week. (There will not be a children's Sunday school offered during the 8:00 am hour, but the pastors will include *A Time with Younger Disciples* in the service with any children who might attend.) Both Sunday worship services include a variety of styles of offering our praise to God through music. We hope you will join us this fall at one of our worship gatherings.

## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Sunday, September 15 3 CENTS-A-MEAL

- 8:00 am Chapel Worship
- 9:00 am Adult Sunday School (GR)
- 10:00 am Sanctuary Worship
- 10:15 am Children Sunday School (CE 206)
- 5:30 pm High School Youth Group (GC)
- 6:30 pm Service for Wholeness (Chapel)

### Monday, September 16

- 8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CE)
- 3:00 pm Book Club (MH)
- 6:00 pm Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (MH)

### Tuesday, September 17

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

### Wednesday, September 18

- 8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CE)
- 1:00 pm American Mah Jongg (CE 102)
- 1:30 pm Congregational Care (MH)
- 3:15 pm Christ's Kids (Playground/CE)
- 5:30 pm Middle School Youth Group (GC)
- 6:00 pm Chancel Bells (MH)
- 6:30 pm Officer Training (MCR)
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir (MH)

### Thursday, September 19

- 11:00 am FunTimers to The Columbia (MH)
- 1:15 pm Chapel Bells (MH)

### Friday, September 20

- 8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CE)

### Saturday, September 21

- 2:00 pm Soup Kitchen Prep (Kitchen)
- 4:00 pm Soup Kitchen (737)
- 6:00 pm Saturday Nite Live (MH)



## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

### MEMBERS

Ann Adams	Ken Hart	Tom Oldt
Orrin Champlain	Jane Hayman	Norm Patrick
Marjorie DiLorenzo	Wade & Sandy Hoffman	Sharon Ramseyer
Rob Donaldy	Betts Huff	Pat Reass
Richard & Dana Elmore	Scott & Becky Irvin	Dick & Nancy Shaw
Bill Everhart	Joanie Kooser	Joyce Shirah
Gloria Goss	Ray & Gladys Larson	Katie Sparr
Caitlyn Grady	Lynn Lassater	Linda Stavres
Lynne Grady	Kyle Lease	Barbara Tackett
Pam Gray	Pat McCarty	Pam Tallent-Blackburn
Heidi Munoz-Gutierrez	Pat Miller	Jennifer & Mike Vibral
	Edna Mitchell	Gale & Gwen Waters
		Lee Wilkinson

### FAMILY & FRIENDS

Chad Anderson	Juan Joy	Karen Sadler-Banks
Wayne Berry	Tamara Keyes	Charles Sample
Sara Cliett	Ada Lopez-Mendez	Bob & Nikki Shade
Pat Cokewell	James & Eileen Martin	Craig Smith
Diane Conaly	Jeannie Martin	Barbara Spinella
Tammy Cowart	Khyla Martinez	Lyric Taylor
Jenny Crane	Dick McCauley	Nadine Waters-Robbins
Mason Dorsey	Heather Nelson	Steve Weeks
Cole Gorham	Ann Reddout	Danny Williams
Brian & Anna Griffin	Jack Robinson	
Bryan Howard		



## OUR SYMPATHIES

Our Christian sympathy goes to **Richard Elmore** upon the death of his brother, **John Elmore**, who died on Friday, August 30, 2024.

Our heartfelt sympathy goes to **Tom Oldt** upon the death of his wife, **Jeri Oldt**, who died on Saturday, August 31, 2024.

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Return Service Requested

**Bag Lunch Ministry**  
We gave out 217 lunches  
the week of 9/2/24.



**Soup Kitchen Ministry**  
We fed 90 people on  
Saturday, 9/7/24.



## THE CHOSEN



You are invited to join us on **Sunday, September 22, 5 - 7 pm** in McLeod Hall to watch season 4, episode 8 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.

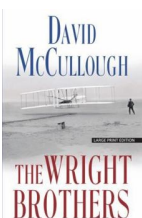
## FUNTIMERS RETURNS!

Our next FunTimers event will be on **Thursday, September 19**. We will meet in McLeod Hall at **11 am** then travel to historic Ybor City for lunch at Florida's oldest restaurant, **The Columbia**. The cost is the price of your lunch. We will have you back at the church by 3 pm.

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



## SEPTEMBER BOOK CLUB



We will meet on **Monday, September 16** at **3 pm** in McLeod Hall as we discuss **The Wright Brothers** by David McCullough.

We hope you will join us for this story of two courageous brothers who taught the world how to fly.

## CHOIR AND BELLS HAVE RETURNED!

**Chancel Bells** rehearses every **Wednesday evening** from **6:00 - 7:00** in the Bell Room.

**Chancel Choir** rehearses on **Wednesday evening** from **7:00 - 8:15** in the Choir Room.

**Chapel Bells** rehearses every **Thursday afternoon** from **1:15 - 2:15** in the Bell Room.

For more information, please call Jeremy at the church office or email him at [jrath@firstpreswh.org](mailto:jrath@firstpreswh.org).



## A FANNY CROSBY HYMN FESTIVAL



You may not be familiar with the name of Fanny Crosby, but her hymn texts have helped shape the faith of thousands of Christians around the globe.

Fanny was a 19<sup>th</sup>-century American hymn writer, poet, musician, and missionary. She penned more than 8,000 hymn texts and gospel songs; some of which include: *To God Be the Glory*, *Blessed Assurance*, and *Rescue the Perishing*. Blinded by a physician when she was just a baby, Fanny did not let her blindness hinder her music or her incredible faith.

Come hear her fascinating story and sing her songs on **Sunday, September 29** at **2:00 pm** in the Sanctuary.

## CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School has returned for our children (PreK-5th grade) after the Time with Younger Disciples in the 10:00 am worship service. Class meets in **CE room 206**. And ART Sundays meet in **Room 207**. We are excited for a year where together, kids experience God's greatest gift, being Simply Loved.



## ADULT'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our Adult Sunday School has begun a new series, **The Story of the Bible**, meeting at **9:00 am** in the **Geneva Room**. In our fall lessons they will join a New Testament professor in videos discussing the four stages of the history, process, critical periods and even recovery of new ancient sources that were stitched together to form our Biblical canon.



## CHRIST'S KIDS



Our faith-based after-school program, Christ's Kids continues **Wednesdays at 3:15 pm** on the playground till 5:30pm. Preschool age through 5<sup>th</sup> grade kids will remember 'we are God's accomplishments, created in Christ Jesus to do good things'. (Eph. 2:10) Contact Rev. Sarah for more information.