



TOWER CHIMES

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

A summer month-long sermon series



Each Sunday during the month of **August** we hope that we will all settle in as God's children to listen for stories of the 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.

MORNING OUT MOM IS NOW HIRING



We are excited for a great year at our Morning Out Mom's ministry starting **August 9**. In order for that to happen, we are needing one more staff person. Do you know of someone who is reliable, caring, and just a joy around young children? Would they be interested in a part-time, MOM's caregiver position?

If you have someone in mind and they have more questions, please contact Rev. Sarah at sbishop@firstpreswh.org.

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

Youth Sunday



The youth will be leading the Sunday worship services on **August 1**. Their summer trips will be highlighted in the services and the seniors will be sharing what their time at First Pres has meant to them. Scholarships will also be awarded to our Seniors. You won't want to miss out on this fun Sunday service!

Paintball



The youth will be meeting to play Paintball on **Monday, August 2 at 10 am**. Both middle school and high school students will be invited to come together to spend some time as we wrap up the summer.

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, August 1 YOUTH SUNDAY

- 9:00 am Heart of Worship
(Sanctuary/Facebook Live)
10:20 am Adult Bible Study (MH)
11:00 am Traditional Worship
(Sanctuary/Facebook Live)

Monday, August 2

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

Tuesday, August 3

- 9:00 am Staff Meeting (MCR)
12:00 pm Men's Lunch (MH/Zoom)
5:45 pm Saturday Nite Live Planning (GR)
6:30 pm Session (MH/Zoom)

Wednesday, August 4

- 10:00 am Adult Bible Study (MH/Zoom)

Thursday, August 5

- 2:30 am Praise Band Practice (Sanctuary)

Friday, August 6

Saturday, August 7

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

SYMPATHY



Our Christian sympathy goes to **Jim Frances** upon the death of his brother, **Tom Frances**, who died on Monday, July 19, 2021.

A YEAR OF THE BIBLE YOU CAN STILL JUMP IN!

We are about halfway through the year and our reading plan to explore the Bible. How has it been going for you? Have you been able to keep up with the schedule? Did you not join in at the beginning, but now want to get started? Did you start earlier this year, but are now struggling to get those readings in?

Don't worry! You can join at any point. If you have fallen behind and worry about catching up, just jump in where we are now. If this becomes an enjoyable spiritual discipline for you, you can always go back later and pick up the readings you missed. So again, we invite you to join us using the schedule in this Tower Chimes. Just pick a day and start discovering what God's Word might say to you today.



REMEMBER IN PRAYER

MEMBERS

Marie & Roger Able	Jay Gray	Dick McCauley
Melvin & Debbie Anderson	Jane Hayman	Bob McClew
Kathy Andrews	Frances Heath	Pat Miller
Pat Berrell	Kay Hedden	Edna Mitchell
Orrin & Helen Champlain	Doris Hill	Richard Moots
Erin Cranmer	Bryan Howard	Arletta Oriani
Charlie Darte	Isobel Hubbard	John & Marilyn Schleifer
Kathy DeLoach	Jim Huff	Joyce Shirah
Marjorie DiLorenzo	Scott & Becky Irvin	Dale Smith
Zan Dismuke	Martha Johnson	Katie Sparr
Dana Elmore	Dena Lancashire	Pam Tallent-Blackburn
Bill Everhart	Judy Lindsay	Gwen Waters
Ed Gorsky	Eric Lindstrom	Kay Weeks
	Spike & Jane Lucia	Sug Zowarka
	Pat McCarty	

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Sophie Allen	.....	Bill & Gloria Allen's great-granddaughter
Carl Barrett	.....	Don & Norma Martin's friend
Mark & Vikki Deedrick	.....	Jane West's friend
John Henry Doughty	.....	Dena Lancashire's brother
Chris Hazelwood	.....	Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend
Ryan Hampton	.....	Bill Lockhart's friend
Jean Hendrickson	.....	Nancy Shaw's cousin
Susanne Miller	.....	Lynn Oakley's friend
Stephanie Roberts	.....	Lynn Oakley's friend
Noreen Sheppard	.....	Connie Shipley's friend
Robbie Thompson	.....	Larry & Peggy Davis' friend
Lynn Davis Van Gundy	.....	Janis Barry's cousin
Kelly Walker	.....	Tommy Oakley's sister
Ray Weem	.....	John & Marilyn Schleifer's son
Kandi Wiles	.....	Kit Threlkel's friend

MILITARY

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

WEEK 30



DAY	OLD Testament	NEW Testament Psalms
1	Job 9, 10	Luke 16
2	Job 11, 12	Luke 17
3	Job 13, 14	Luke 18
4	Job 15-17	Psalms 83, 84
5	Job 18, 19	Luke 19
6	Job 20, 21	Luke 20
7	Job 22, 23	Psalms 85

SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR NEXT BIG EVENT!



On **August 22**, we will gather as a church family to celebrate a great summer, to kick off our school-year programs, and to lift up the start of the school year in prayer. This annual summer picnic will take place immediately **following a combined worship service at 10 am** and will feature great food, lots of fun, and time to come together and enjoy the company of this incredible community of faith. More details will be coming soon and we hope you will make this event a priority on your calendar.

Plan to dress casually, and stay after church for a wonderful time of food and fellowship with the First Pres family. No RSVP necessary. We look forward to seeing you there!

YOUTH GROUPS WILL BEGIN SOON!



The **Middle School Youth Group** begins meeting on **Wednesday, August 18** from **5:30 until 7:30 pm**.

The **High School Youth Group** will begin meeting on **Sunday, August 22** 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.

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 winter address), please contact Connie at the church office so we can make sure you stay informed. Thank you.

CHECK OUT OUR WISHLIST



Have you seen the new Amazon Wishlist? It is an easy way to help purchase supplies and play items for our Morning Out Mom and Christ Kids ministries. We are seeking to replace and update some of the much loved and used items here at the church.

Even if you don't purchase items from the list, you may be able to use it for ideas this summer at garage sales or cleaning out at home. You can view the list at <http://tinyurl.com/zs9pfcyz/>.

Please contact Rev. Sarah with any questions.

ANGEL CARE CENTER OF ELOISE



Angels Care Center continues to give out special kits to their patients and families, e.g. toiletry kits, first aid kits, children's kits, and senior bags. This is not possible without the donation of items to fill these kits! We have made and given out over 31,000 in the last 9 years!

But... in the last few months they have come up short of what is needed to fill the kits. This is a year round project and the need is great. They are in particular need of deodorant, disposable razors, small combs, quart and snack size zip lock bags, Band-Aids, washcloths, sunscreen, small hand sanitizer, and small samples from hotel/motels. Also, any and all items for the senior bags, whatever will make their senior citizens' lives easier and brighter: laundry soap, Lysol cleaning wipes, paper towels, mugs or plastic plates, bowls, teabags, oatmeal packs, crossword puzzles/activity pads, seasonal item/décor, gift cards (Walmart, restaurants, etc.) You can put these items in the Angels Care collection box located in McLeod Hall.

FLOWER CHART IS IN NARTHEX

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



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:

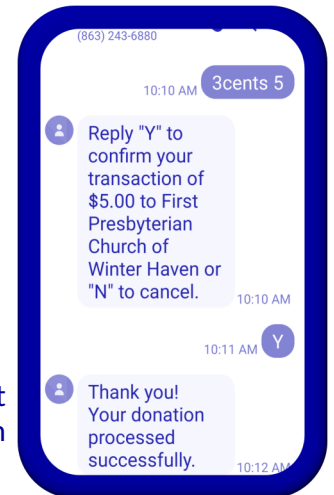
- Pledged (for your offering to be credited to your pledged amount for the current year)
- Offering (Non-pledge or undesignated gifts)
- Music (for Capital Music Campaign Organ/Music)
- 3cents (for 3 Cents-a-Meal)
- Memorial (for when donating in memory of someone)
- Special (for all other donations; 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 Text to Give. After your first transaction, your Secure Give account and card information will be recognized automatically and you will simply reply **Y**.

The next time you would like to give by text, simply type the keyword and amount to the number above and you will receive a request to confirm with **Y**.



WE HAVE AN EXTRA WAY OF GIVING!

Go to our Church website at www.firstpreswh.org 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.

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MEN'S LUNCH GROUP

Each **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 office@firstpreswh.org and ask to be added to the list.



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

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|---------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| 8/01 Susan Taylor | 8/14 Richard Vickers | 8/23 Scott Irvin |
| 8/03 Andrea Cardona | 8/15 Lynne Grady | Alec Kosmensky |
| Rod Lewis | Layton Sheffield | Howard Levasseur |
| Amy McKee | 8/16 Sophia Cornejo | 8/24 Andy Johnston |
| Jen Smith | David Fellows | Kline Roberts |
| Aurora Walker | William Snively | Stone Schwenk |
| 8/04 Bob Carter | Kathryn Thomas | 8/25 Jeff Bowen |
| Nancy Meyers | 8/17 Abby Sparr | Will Vickers |
| Bob Sheffield | 8/18 Melvin Anderson | 8/26 Bonnie Gray |
| 8/05 Olivia Harp | Warren Glenn | Kim Lockhart |
| Shirley Hines | Betty Lewis | 8/27 Angie Arnold |
| 8/06 Rigo Cornejo | Ed Reints | George Rowker |
| Bill Freeman, II | 8/19 Helen Champlain | Dale Smith |
| David Lawlor | 8/20 Thomas Andrews Jr. | Scott Strey |
| 8/07 Will Butz, IV | Lindsey Ivey | 8/28 Joe Burke |
| Pat Gardner | Donna Kelly | Joe Oriani |
| Amy McGee | Shorter Strang, Jr. | Marcia Smith |
| 8/08 Alan Harvey | Bob Winfree | 8/29 Rob Donaldy |
| Sharon McGaffigan | 8/21 Mike McGee | Tom Oakley |
| 8/09 Jane Lucia | Ethel Thornton | 8/30 Neal Damkjer |
| 8/10 Jen Barthel | 8/22 Peggy Davis | Marie Jeffcoat |
| 8/11 John Maltese | Becky Everhart | Pat Reass |
| 8/12 Peggy Threlkel | Sarah Claire Smith | Suzan Wales |
| 8/13 Norm Patrick | Tim Swango | 8/31 Robbie Luxford II |
| Court Turner | Jennifer Vibrat | Brenna Thibodaux |
| 8/14 Joyce Reints | Clint Walters | |

ANNIVERSARIES

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|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 8/02 Dave & Pat Davidson | 8/13 Bill & Shirley Ussery | 8/28 Rigo & Stephanie Cornejo |
| Steve & Frances Stapor | 8/15 Adam & Brittaney Roe | Tom & Jan Wales |
| 8/04 Eynar & Heidi Munoz-Gutierrez | 8/16 Andrea & Brian Cardona | 8/30 Clyde & Carolyn Greene |
| 8/06 Ben & Judie Tucker | 8/20 David & Karen Alexander | Greg & Mary Marrs |
| 8/07 John & Marcia Eycleshimer | 8/26 Rick & Tillie Montney Jr. | 8/31 Bob & Mary Ellen Beale |
| 8/13 Tucker & Joann Gray | 8/28 John & Ann Adams | Bruce & Kathryn Eelman |

HOW ARE YOU DOING?



Our newly commissioned Stephen Ministers have begun monthly supervision and continuing education. Pray for them as they begin their first caregiving assignments and continue to grow as caregivers. Here are the topics they'll be covering in continuing education in the coming months: Ministering to the Dying and Their Family and Friends; Caring for People Before, During, and After Hospitalization; Ministering to Those Experiencing Losses Related to Aging; Ministering to Persons Needing Long-Term Care; Ministering to Those Experiencing Divorce; Crises of Pregnancy and Childbirth; and Providing Spiritual Care.

Are you struggling? Do you need someone to talk to? To find out more about Stephen Ministry for you or someone you know, call **Connie Shipley** at 863-221-2224 or speak to 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 89 lunches
the week of 7/19/21. 

 **Soup Kitchen Ministry**
We fed 45 people on
Saturday, 7/24/21.

A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL!

As summer is moving along, the First Pres Senior High Youth have just returned from the Youth Conference in Montreat, North Carolina. The week-long event was an opportunity for worship, faith formation, and great Christian fellowship.

We want to thank **Hadley Owen, Pat and Tom Nepute**, and our Director of Student Ministries, **Emily Snyder** for serving as adult chaperones and making this mountaintop experience possible for our youth.

