



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

Tower Chimes

Week of August 23, 2020

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134 Years of Ministry

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MEN'S LUNCH IS NOW HYBRID

You have two ways to attend the First Pres Men's Lunch on Tuesdays at noon.

You can still Zoom and the invite will continue to be sent Tuesday mornings. The Zoom connection will be on the flat panel TV at the end of the live table in McLeod Hall. You will be seen and heard as a full participant in the Men's Lunch. If you would like to join us by Zoom and have not been receiving the invites by email, please contact the office at 294-3121 or office@firstpreswh.org and ask to be added to the list.

OR

You can join us in person at our socially distanced table in McLeod Hall.

- You will need to wear a mask.
- We will be seated around the tables – six feet apart.
- We'll get to see each other face to face (or at least eye to eye) like we can on Sunday mornings.

We hope you'll join us with one of these options as we continue meeting together as brothers in Christ.



PREPARING TO BID FAREWELL

Plans are underway to say good-bye and celebrate 22 years of ministry with Dr. Alan Harvey.

As we all get ready to bid farewell to our well-loved, long-tenured Associate Pastor, the Session is planning a celebration. Alan's last Sunday before retirement is set for **September 13**. You can help us make that a special day by:

Contributing a letter and photos to a Memory Book that will be presented in worship.

Sharing a card with a "love offering" of cash or gift cards for his enjoyment in a retirement trip to the Carolina's for the fall colors.

Joining in our drive-by salute to Alan under the church porte-cochere **following the 11am worship** service on that Sunday.

Please send your letters/photos for the memory book in advance to the church office. You can bring your cards and gifts to the drive-by salute on **September 13**.

Let's share our love and best wishes with Alan as he moves toward becoming Dr. C. Alan Harvey, HR (Honorably Retired!)



OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 23

- 9:00 am Heart of Worship
(Sanctuary/Facebook Live)
11:00 am Traditional Worship
(Sanctuary/Facebook Live)
5:30 pm High School Youth Group
(GC Backyard)

Monday, August 24

- 10:00 am Prayer Shawl (MH)

Tuesday, August 25

- 9:00 am Staff Meeting (MH)
12:00 pm Men's Lunch (MH/Zoom)
4:00 pm Music Director Search (Zoom)
5:00 pm Stephen Minister Leaders (MH/Zoom)
6:00 pm Stephen Ministers (MH/Zoom)
6:15 pm Worship & Music (Zoom)

Wednesday, August 26

- 3:00 pm VBS - Lower Elementary (Zoom)
4:00 pm VBS - Upper Elementary (Zoom)
5:30 pm Middle School Youth Group
(GC Backyard)

Thursday, August 27

- 8:30 am Presbytery of Tampa Bay (Zoom)

Friday, August 28

Saturday, August 29

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

JOIN US FOR OUR LAST VBS

**Hear ye! Hear ye! All ye Kings and
Queens, Knights and Nobles!**

Next Knights of North Castle VBS
gathering **August 26** via ZOOM

By royal decree the difficult decision has been made to cancel the in-person summer gathering of knights known as VBS. All our knights instead have begun a summer quest at home, checking in twice monthly to be sure they are indeed armoring up with love, truth, and faith. On the **2nd and 4th Wednesdays, June-August**



First Pres Castle will host ZOOM gatherings with VBS music, Bible stories, and prayer. Our knights, nobles, and their families connect via **ZOOM**, for **Lower Elementary (PreK-1st) at 3 pm and Upper Elementary (2nd-5th) at 4 pm**. The **LAST** gathering of knights is **August 26**.

Until then, it is joyfully advised to *"be strong in the Lord and the strength of His power"*

Ephesians 6:10

Rev. Sarah, First Pres Castle.

Remember in Prayer

MEMBERS

Marie Able	Jane Hammette	Edna Mitchell
Melvin & Debbie Anderson	Jane Hayman	Nancy Neale
Kathy Andrews	Joyce Hayman	Bethany Owen
Pat Berrell	Frances Heath	Barbara Roberts
Orrin & Helen Champlain	Kay Hedden	George Seagreaves
Carl Cheatham	Doris Hill	Bob Sheffield
Charlie Darte	Shirley Hines	Joyce Shirah
Marjorie DiLorenzo	Bryan Howard	Dale Smith
Zan Dismuke	Isobel Hubbard	Joel & Barbara H. Smith
Jana Easterling	Jim Huff	Christine Stevens
Dana Elmore	Martha Johnson	Pam Tallent-Blackburn
Bill Everhart	Dena Lancashire	Carolyn Thompson
Bill Garrett	Eric Lindstrom	Ellie Threlkel
John Gray	Spike & Jane Lucia	Mike Vibral
	Pat McCarty	Gwen Waters
	Bob McClew	Sug Zowarka

Relatives & Friends

John & Brenda Accardi	Jeri & Tom Oldt's friends
Bruce Bachman	Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend
Joe Boyce	Mary & Greg Mars' friend
Sheri Braun	Margaret Braun's friend
Bob Carolan	Amy Speer's father
Maryann Cassell	Candy Marshall's friend
Connie Craig	Lynn Oakley's friend
Katie Derthick	Marile Weeks' great-niece
Andra Douglas	Lynn Oakley's friend
Paul & Betty Gilliam	Debbie Anderson's parents
Kristen & Dave Hall	Judy Winfree's friends
Marilyn Harris	Mike Harris's mother
Sidney Hilliard	Tillie Montney's mother
LuAnn Hurley	Sandy Hoffman's friend
Helen Lake	Sandy Hoffman's friend
Sue Miller	Lynn Oakley's friend
Michael Oriani	Joe Oriani's brother
Paula Penna	Steven Lockhart's friend
Joan Richter	Lynn Oakley's friend
Jane & Mario Scarpa	Judy Winfree's friends
Toni Shaw	Candy Marshall's friend
Bennie Spangers	Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend
Jim Steele	Bob Steele's brother

MILITARY

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

Our Christian sympathy goes to Pam Gray, Courtney Croteau, and Matthew Gray upon the death of their father/grandfather, Clyde Gray, who died on Thursday, August 13, 2020.

THE SESSION IS CALLING FOR A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday September 13, 2020 at 10:35 AM.

This will be a HYBRID FORMAT MEETING. There will be an opportunity for members to attend, discuss, and vote EITHER IN-PERSON IN THE SANCTUARY OR VIA ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE CALL.

We need 101 members in attendance in these combined formats to achieve our quorum for this Congregational Meeting. Please plan to join us. The Zoom invite to join virtually will be emailed the week prior.

The business to be conducted at the Congregational Meeting is to:



1. Act upon Dr. Alan Harvey's request that the Associate Pastor Relationship be dissolved on September 17, 2020 so that he might move to Honorably Retired Status with the PC(USA).
2. Hear the report of the Nominating Committee and elect elders and deacons for the Class of 2023 (and one deacon and one elder to fill un-expired terms in the Class of 2021) and to elect at-large members to the Nominating Committee Class of 2021.

If you do not currently receive the Tower Chimes or daily devotions by email and would like to join this meeting by Zoom, please send your email address to office@firstpreswh.org.

**WE ARE HAPPY TO BE HOLDING WORSHIP
EACH SUNDAY ON FACEBOOK LIVE AND
IN-PERSON HERE AT 9:00 AND 11:00 AM**

In order to maintain order and safety, we need some help on Sunday mornings.



We need greeters each Sunday (one per service) to staff the table under the porte-cochere from **8:30 – 9:05 am** and/or from **10:30 – 11:05 am** (you can still attend most of the worship service that follows your volunteer time.)

We need 2 ushers at the **9:00 am** Heart of Worship Service and 4 ushers at the **11:00 am** Traditional Service to help seat and dismiss the congregation. (Please come 30 minutes prior to the service and plan to stay until the entire congregation has departed.)

We also need 2 volunteers each week to help church custodian, Tonia Milbry, clean the facility between services. (Please plan to be here from **10:00 – 10:30 am** for the "In-Between Cleaning Crew").

If you could help with any of these tasks on any Sunday, please contact the church office at 294-3121 or office@firstpreswh.org and we'll sign you up to serve.

SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE CARD

One form is necessary for each person attending.

Heart of Worship at 9:00 am; Traditional Worship at 11:00 am

For the safety of all entering the church facilities for in-person worship, please complete this brief survey. (If you answer yes to any of the questions, please return home and join us for virtual worship on Facebook Live.)

Yes No Have you had a fever, dry cough, or shortness of breath in the last 14 days?

Yes No Have you been in close contact with someone who has a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the past 14 days?

Yes No Have you traveled to a COVID-19 hotspot in the past 14 days?

Name (Please print): _____

Phone Number: _____ Date: _____

First Time Visitor Address: _____

Thank you for helping us provide for the safety of the entire church family.



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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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<p>Bag Lunch Ministry We gave out 109 bag lunches the week of 8/10/20.</p>
<p>Soup Kitchen Ministry We fed 90 people on 8/15/20.</p>

Return Service Requested

MOVIE NIGHT! FRIDAY, AUGUST 21 AT 7 PM



Join your church friends and family for a ‘sit-in’ movie night! Pack your comfy chairs, masks, and snacks as we social distance to enjoy a movie together. We’ll also be serving Root beer floats! Movie will be child-friendly for the enjoyment of all. Gathering in McLeod Hall at **7 pm on Friday, August 21.**



CALLING ALL YOUTH!

Youth groups will be meeting (socially distanced & safe) in person again at the start of the school year! We are so excited to be gathering again outside the youth house and can’t wait to see all of you soon. We will also be welcoming our new middle schoolers and new high schoolers!

MSYG: Wednesday, August 19 from 5:30 – 7:30 pm
HSYG: Sunday, August 23 from 5:30 – 7:30 pm

Come join us at for food, fellowship, and faith building. We can’t wait for another awesome year with our youth!

If you have any questions or would like to sign up to provide a meal for our students, please contact Emily Snyder at 224-4403 or esnyder@firstpreswh.org.

