



TOWER CHIMES

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WINTER HAVEN
MONTHLY NEWSLETTER | AUGUST 29, 2021 | ISSUE 832

CHRIST'S KIDS STARTS WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 3:30-5:30PM



We are so excited to welcome back our *Christ's Kids*! Any child 3 years through 5th grade is invited to this great afternoon every **Wednesday** from **3:30 pm** till **5:30 pm**. Meeting on our playground then doing some amazing Bible study and music, our kids will grow in their faith this year. Registration forms are now available on our church website.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEEDS YOUR INPUT AS WE PLAN NEW EVENTS AND OFFERINGS



Are you an adult wanting to grow in your faith with your church family? Looking to supplement your week with meaningful conversations and prayer? Curious to do some deeper study? Then share your input by completing this quick survey!

Click the link or visit the link on our church website and help us plan some new offerings!

Visit: <https://forms.gle/LotNQfU6m6trXPpw7>

SAVE THE DATE: A SERVICE FOR HEALING AND WHOLENESS



Would you like to gather around the Lord's Table in a search for health and well-being during this seemingly fractured time?

Are you feeling the need to pray for our church and our community in the midst of the COVID-19 crisis?

Then consider joining us for our **SERVICE OF HEALING AND WHOLENESS** on Sunday, **September 19** at **6 pm**.

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.

STAFF

Dr. Steven R. Negley
Senior Pastor

Rev. John F. Reiter
Interim
Associate Pastor

Rev. Sarah A. Bishop
Associate Pastor for
Christian Education
and Family Ministries

Jeremy T. Rath
Director of
Music Ministries

Emily G. Snyder
Director of
Student Ministries

Robin D. Miller
Director of Finance
and Administration

Connie J. Shipley
Administrative
Assistant

Gladys N. Valle
Office Assistant

Daryl D. Fenley
Director of
Maintenance

Tonia L. Milbry
Custodian

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, August 29

- 9:00 am Heart of Worship (Sanctuary/Facebook Live)
- 10:20 am Adult Bible Study (MH)
- 11:00 am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary/Facebook Live)
- 5:30 pm High School Youth Group (GC)

Monday, August 30

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

Tuesday, August 31

- 9:00 am Staff Meeting (MH)
- 12:00 pm Men's Lunch (MH/Zoom)
- 6:15 pm Worship & Music (UR/Zoom)

Wednesday, September 1

- 8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CE)
- 10:00 am Adult Bible Study (MH/Zoom)
- 5:30 pm Middle School Youth Group (CE)
- 6:00 pm Chancel Bells (MS)
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir (MS)

Thursday, September 2

- 1:15 pm Chapel Bells (MS)
- 2:30 am Praise Band Practice (Sanctuary)

Friday, September 3

- 8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CE)

Saturday, September 4

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



REMEMBER IN PRAYER MEMBERS

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

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Margaret Carswell.....	Barbara Puckett's friend
Mark & Vikki Deedrick.....	Jane West's friend
Timothy Goss.....	Punkin Smith's friend
Chris Hazelwood.....	Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend
Ryan Hampton.....	Bill Lockhart's friend
Marilyn Harris.....	Mike Harris' mother
Jean Chip Inman.....	Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend
Gary & Nancy Schack.....	Candy Marshall's friend
Diane Secord.....	Gail Van Allen's friend
Kelly Walker.....	Tommy Oakley's sister
Rolland Waters.....	Gale & Gwen Waters' son
ArNelle Wright.....	Lynn Lasseter's daughter
Bill Yost.....	Connie Shipley's friend

PLEASE NOTE

We update the Family & Friends prayer list periodically. If there is someone who needs to remain on the list, please call the church office.

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	

A YEAR OF THE BIBLE YOU CAN STILL JUMP IN!

We are more than 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.

WEEK 34



DAY	OLD Testament	NEW Testament Psalms
1	Proverbs 25, 26	1 Thessalonians 4
2	Proverbs 27, 28	1 Thessalonians 5
3	Proverbs 29, 30	2 Thessalonians 1
4	Proverbs 31	Psalms 94
5	Ecclesiastes 1-3	2 Thessalonians 2
6	Ecclesiastes 4, 5	2 Thessalonians 3
7	Ecclesiastes 6, 7	Psalms 95, 96

COME MAKE MUSIC!



Chancel Choir and the Bell Choirs are ramping up for a fun-filled musical fall! Please consider joining us in sharing one of God's most beautiful gifts:

music! The **Chancel Choir** meets on **Wednesday** evenings at **7:00 pm** in the Music Suite on the third floor and assists in leading hymns and sharing anthems in our **11:00 am** Worship Service. Our Bell Choirs also share musical offerings once a month in the **11:00 am** Worship Service. The **Chancel Bells** rehearse on **Wednesday** evenings at **6:00 pm** and the **Chapel Bells** rehearse on **Thursday** afternoons at **1:15 pm**. Feel free to contact Jeremy or chat with a choir member if you have any questions. No musical experience is required for any group – come and make a joyful noise! We'd love for you to join us!

PINT-SIZE FUNTIMERS IS BACK!

Gathering outside Grove Roots
Friday, September 24 at 6 pm.



Join an all ages gathering for fellowship

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 your informed. Thank you.

OUR YOUTH GROUPS ARE BACK!



Our youth groups are back to meeting on **Wednesdays** and **Sundays** at **5:30 pm** in the Golden Center! Come join us for food, fun, faith, and fellowship! We are excited to see all of our youth soon for a great school year!

Middle schoolers meet on **Wednesdays**.
High schoolers meet on **Sundays**.

Please pray for a safe and fun year for all of our students and teachers as they have started back to school. We look forward to seeing you back at youth group in the upcoming weeks!

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! They 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:

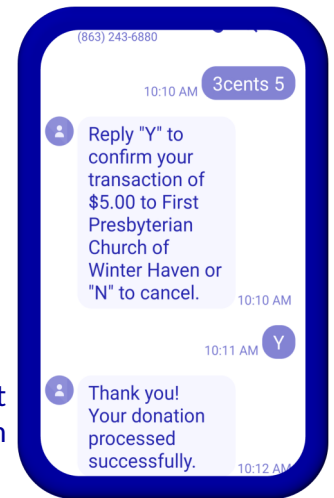
- Pledged (for your offering to be credited to your pledged amount for the current year)
- Offering (Non-pledge or undesignated gifts)
- Music (for Capital Music Campaign Organ/Music)
- 3cents (for 3 Cents-a-Meal)
- Memorial (for when donating in memory of someone)
- Special (for all other donations; 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.

YOU CAN HELP SUPPORT YOUR CHURCH...

just by shopping at this special Amazon link.

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/59-0668481>

Your shopping will support **Winter Haven First Presbyterian Church**

- Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the charitable organization of your choice.
- AmazonSmile is the same Amazon you know with the same products, same prices, same service.
- Support your charitable organization by starting your shopping at smile.amazon.com.



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.



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

9/2 Pat Bentley
Richard White
9/3 Cody Dugger
Hal Jeffcoat
Sawyer Speer
9/4 Sarah Pickos
Kit Threlkel
9/5 Adam Cranmer
James Miller
Tom Nepute
Jonathan Owen
Kristen Siegel
9/6 Lauren Clarke
Cooper Kirkland
Ben Tucker
9/7 Ken Jorgensen
Sherie Ray
9/8 Bill Taylor
Lindsay Thibodaux
Dalton Weihrauch
9/9 Brayden Olmert
Frances Stapor
9/9 Shannon Thompson

9/10 Rick Reass
Hunter Smith
9/11 Freya Abbott
9/12 Elizabeth Miller
Amanda Jo Nicholson
Meg Tucker
9/13 Nancy Dobler
Spike Lucia
Megan Robinson
9/14 Kelly Conner
9/15 Denise Cole
9/16 Jane Dickey
Nell Speer
9/17 Beckett Chilton
Tricia Dugger
9/18 Delaney Gray
Grant Kortgoede
Kathy Michaels
Bo Palo
9/19 Jose Batista
Gary Chilton
9/20 Mary Ann Koon
9/21 Eric Lindstrom

9/21 Al Porter
Katie Stine
Jim Zeller
9/22 Steven Barthel
Mike Harris
Scarlett Lockhart
9/23 Kathy Garner
9/24 Pete Borowski
John Clarke, Jr.
Merle Griffin
9/25 Heidi Munoz-Gutierrez
Sam Sheffield
9/26 Nikki Gann
Beth Koon-Spiwak
Judy Lindsay
9/27 Drew Croteau
9/28 Elizabeth Hart
Lara Levasseur
9/29 Jackson Gray
9/30 Melissa Rowker
Bob Wilson

ANNIVERSARIES

9/6 Lynn & Tommy Oakley
Kim & J.P. Powell
Pat & Rick Reass
9/8 Pat & Gary Gardner
Amy & Joe McKee
Pat & Ken Miller

9/8 Loretta & Ed Smith
9/11 Jane & Spike Lucia
Bethany & Jonathan Owen
9/17 Donna & Ed Rounsley
9/19 Lori & Quentin Roe
9/21 Marty & Bob Bentley

9/21 Peggy & Larry Davis
9/22 Judy & Richard Moots
9/25 Charlie & T. Michael Stavres
9/30 Marie & Hal Jeffcoat

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.**

First Presbyterian Church
637 6th Street, NW
Winter Haven, FL 33881

863-294-3121
www.firstpreswh.org
office@firstpreswh.org
Facebook.com/FPCWinterHaven

Non-profit Org.
U.S. Postage Paid
Permit No. 1162
Lakeland, FL

This newsletter is published weekly.
Church dated material, please deliver by 8/27/21.

Return Service Requested

Bag Lunch Ministry
We gave out 110 lunches
the week of 8/16/21. 

 **Soup Kitchen Ministry**
We fed 46 people on
Saturday, 8/21/21.

FIRST PRES AT COMMUNITYFEST - SAVE THE DATE: OCTOBER 2



CommunityFest Winter Haven is a free, family festival featuring local crafters, businesses, food vendors, entertainment, games, and more. First Presbyterian Church will be featured at a booth and will be running the Shooting Star Basketball Game. We will need a few volunteers, but more importantly we would love to see you stop by the booth and say HI. This is also a great opportunity to bring a friend to the festival and invite them to learn more about your home church!

CommunityFest is from **11 am-4 pm** on **October 2** in the Winter Haven Downtown Central Park.

SAVE THE DATE – FAMILIES AND FRIENDS OF FIRST PRES



October 10, 12:30-3:00 pm

Wasn't the excitement, joy and plain fun of VBS something you enjoyed this summer? Did you miss VBS with your kids and wish you could experience it again? Is the music of VBS still playing in your head? Then mark your calendar now! As we do a special VBS with a meal and all the fun after worship on **Sunday, October 10**. Look for more information coming soon!

TRUNK-R-TREAT: OCTOBER 24, 5-7 PM

Fun for all ages is just around the corner, with our annual Trunk or Treat event! Come with your best Halloween-themed car trunk and pass out candy in the church parking lot. Children are encouraged to wear their Halloween costumes as well, safely collect candy and vote on their favorite, most original, and funniest trunk. Prizes for our best car-trunk will be awarded. Start brainstorming your ideas now! Not able to join us? Donations of candy will also be collected at church.