



TOWER CHIMES

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WINTER HAVEN
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YOUTH SUNDAY



Next Sunday, August 4, our youth will lead the *Summer Sundays Single Service* at **10 am**. Their summer trips will be highlighted as we celebrate our ministry with our youth. You won't want to miss out on this fun Sunday service!

CHOIR AND BELLS RETURN!



Our First Pres Musicians are getting ready to begin our fall season of music making and we would love to extend an invitation to YOU. Rehearsals will start on **Wednesday, August 21** for **Chancel Bells** and **Chancel Choir**, and **Thursday, August 22** for **Chapel Bells**. Please read below for more details.

Chancel Choir: We rehearse on **Wednesday evenings from 7:00 - 8:15** (later at times leading up to holidays/special events). Our rehearsals begin with a time of prayer, followed by vocal warmups, and then learning songs and anthems to share at the **10:00 am** worship service. We are an open group of people united by our passion to join our voices together in praise and worship. Our rehearsals are filled with joy, laughter, and music making. We extend an open invitation to you on **August 21** to come experience rehearsal with us (no commitment necessary!) Come make a joyful noise with us!

Chancel Bells: We are a group of people who love to ring out praise of our great God together. Chancel Bells rehearse every **Wednesday evening from 6:00 - 7:00** in the Bell Room on the third floor of the Sanctuary building. We (usually) ring the prelude at the **10:00 am** worship on the first Sunday of each month and offer special anthems at holidays and other services. Handbell music looks like piano music, but each ringer is assigned a certain number of bells/notes for the entire piece. It takes us all to create a beautiful piece of music. If you don't know how to read music, that okay! – It is no excuse for you to try your hand at bell ringing! If you are interested in trying out, we'd love to have you ring with us!

Chapel Bells: We rehearse on **Thursday afternoons from 1:15 - 2:15** in the Bell Room. We use the same bells and read the same type of music as the Chancel Bells, but our music quite a bit easier to play. If you've never rang bells before, this would be the group for you to start in and see how you like it! We offer music throughout the year at the **10:00 am** worship service.

We are so excited to start this choir season and hope you will join in making music with us! For more information, please call Jeremy at the church office or email him at jrath@firstpreswh.org.

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. Sarah A. Bishop
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Christian Education
and Family Ministries
- Dr. Fred R. Halde
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and Administration
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Assistant
- Daryl D. Fenley
Director of
Maintenance

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, July 28

10:00 am Summer Sundays Single Service

Monday, July 29

6:00 pm Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (MH)

Tuesday, July 30

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

Wednesday, July 31

1:00 pm American Mah Jongg (CE 102)

Thursday, August 1

Friday, August 2

Saturday, August 3

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

SUMMER SUNDAYS SINGLE SERVICE



We hope your summer plans include joining your family of faith for our **Summer Sundays Single Service**.

Continuing through **August** we will worship God starting at **10 am**.

Rev. Sarah and Dr. Negley will be preaching on various themes with **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.

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

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
 Jenny Crane Gail Van Allen's friend
 Mason Dorsey Bob & Carol Carter's nephew
 Cole Gorham Tom & Polly Ritter's grandson
 Brian & Anna Griffin Marilyn Sheffield's niece
 Juan Joy Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend
 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
 Karen Sadler-Banks Lee & Pa
 Craig Smith Lynn Oakley's friend
 Ginger Snively-Chad Peggy Davis' friend
 Barbara Spinella Greg & Mary Marris' friend
 Nadine Waters-Robbins Gail Damkjer's friend
 Steve Weeks Zan Dismuke's friend
 Danny 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	

THE FLOWER CHART IS POSTED IN THE NARTHEX



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



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

8/01 Susan Taylor	8/16 David Fellows	8/23 Howard Levasseur
8/02 Patricia Dexter	William Snively	8/24 Andy Johnston
8/03 Amy McKee	Kathryn Thomas	8/24 Stone Schwenk
Jen Smith	8/17 Abby Sparr	8/25 Jeff Bowen
8/04 Bob Carter	8/18 Warren Glenn	8/26 Bonnie Gray
Nancy Meyers	Benny Hines	Kim Lockhart
Bob Sheffield	8/20 Tom Andrews Jr.	8/27 Angie Arnold
8/05 Shirley Hines	Lindsey Ivey	Scott Strey
8/07 Amy McGee	Donna Kelly	8/28 Joe Burke
8/08 Alan Harvey	Shorter Strang, Jr.	Joe Oriani
Sharon McGaffigan	Bob Winfree	Marcia Smith
8/10 Jen Barthel	8/21 Mike McGee	8/29 Rob Donaldy
8/11 John Maltese	8/22 Peggy Davis	Tom Oakley
8/12 Peggy Threlkel	Becky Everhart	8/30 Neal Damkjer
8/13 Norm Patrick	Polly Ritter	Marie Jeffcoat
Court Turner	Tim Swango	Pat Reass
8/15 Lynne Grady	Jennifer Vibral	Suzan Wales
Layton Sheffield	8/23 Scott Irvin	8/31 Brenna Thibodaux

ANNIVERSARIES

8/02 Dave & Pat Davidson	8/20 David & Karen Alexander
Steve & Frances Stapor	8/26 Rick & Tillie Montney
8/04 Eynar & Heidi Munoz-Gutierrez	8/27 Vincent & Lisa Centonze
8/06 Ben & Judie Tucker	8/28 Tom & Jan Wales
8/07 John & Marcia Eycleshimer	8/30 Greg & Mary Marrs
8/13 Bill & Shirley Ussery	8/31 Bruce & Kathryn Eelman
8/15 Adam & Brittany Roe	

A GREAT WAY YOU CAN HELP A HURTING FRIEND



Do you have a friend, neighbor, coworker, or relative who is going through a difficult time? Here's a great way you can help them--tell them about our Stephen Ministry! Stephen Ministers are members of *First Presbyterian Church* who have received special training to provide high quality, confidential, one-to-one, Christian care to people who are grieving the loss of a loved one, coping with a cancer diagnosis, going through a divorce or separation, battling a chronic illness (or caring for a spouse or parent who is chronically ill), experiencing a great deal of stress, facing the loss of a job -- or encountering any of countless other life challenges.

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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Bag Lunch Ministry
We gave out 204 lunches
the week of 7/15/24. 

 **Soup Kitchen Ministry**
We fed 90 people on
Saturday, 7/20/24.

THE CHOSEN



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

YOUTH GROUPS RETURN!

The **Middle School Youth Group** will begin meeting **Wednesday, August 14 from 5:30 until 7:30 pm.**

The **High School Youth Group** will begin meeting **Sunday, August 18 from 5:30 until 7:30 pm.**

Come join us for another awesome year of food, fellowship, and faith building!



SOUP KITCHEN HELP NEEDED



Would you like to help love and serve those who hunger? We need head cooks and helpers for all of **August.**

If you can help with this very important ministry, please sign up in McLeod Hall or call the church office.

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 inspiring and truly American story of two brothers who changed history.

