



TOWER CHIMES

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WINTER HAVEN
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SUMMER SUNDAYS SINGLE SERVICE



We hope your summer plans include joining your family of faith for our **Summer Sundays Single Service**. Every Sunday for **June, July, and August** we will worship God in our sanctuary 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.

Let's gather together this summer to praise and worship our God.

PATRIOTIC LUNCHEON AND SING-A-LONG



You are invited to join us on **Sunday, July 7** for our **Summer Sundays Single Service** at **10 am**. Following worship, we will have a Patriotic Luncheon and Sing-a-long in McLeod Hall with pulled pork sandwiches, baked beans, coleslaw, and a patriotic dessert. We will also sing some of our favorite patriotic songs.

We look forward to seeing you as we gather with our church family.

FAITH, FELLOWSHIP, AND FUN!



Our youth will be heading to summer camps in July! We are excited for them to spend a week with one another growing in faith, enjoying fellowship, and having fun!

The high schoolers will be heading to the Montreat Youth Conference on **July 7** for a week in the mountains. The middle schoolers will be heading to The Great Escape on **July 16** for five days in Ocklawaha, FL.

Please say a prayer for safe travels and a great time experiencing God's love!

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

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Assistant

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Director of
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THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, June 30

10:00 am Summer Sundays Single Service
(Sanctuary)

Monday, July 1

6:00 pm Associate Pastor Nominating
Committee (MH)

Tuesday, July 2

9:00 am Staff Meeting (MH)
12:00 pm Men's Lunch (MH)

Wednesday, July 3

Thursday, July 4
INDEPENDENCE DAY
OFFICE CLOSED

Friday, July 5

Saturday, July 6

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



REMEMBER IN PRAYER

MEMBERS

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

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
Brandy & Avery Koeppe	Lee & Pam Wilkinson's sister-in-law
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 Marrs' 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	



BABY ANNOUNCEMENT



Congratulations to **David & Carrie Mitchell** upon the birth of their son, **Lincoln Jessee**, born June 13, 2024. He joins his big sister, Lily in the family.

VBS THANKS



What a memorable time we had at Camp Firelight – where we had an adventure with God and learned how we all can trust God in every situation.

Thank you to all the amazing volunteers who joined us at camp! Thanks to the teams that put together dinner every night: **Pat Campbell, Lia Gray, Sue Henry, Bennie Hines, Connie Minich, Amanda Olmert, Nell Speer, Anne Vondracek, & Sharon Walters**; our leadership at stations: **Cheryce Harris, Autumn, Remy, & Zeymond Jacobson, Steve & Teresa Negley, Elizabeth Nepute, Mary Ellen Rowker, & Katie Sparr**; and our music leadership **Jeremy Rath & Ashley Stroud**.

Thank you to our Camp Counselors: **Philip Batista, Sarah Counter, Skylar Dial, Mary Marrs, Amy & Mike McGee, Amy McKee, Carrie Mitchell, Adam & Brittaney Roe, Lisa Snyder, MaryBess Thompson, Carson & Kay Weeks, & Kalen West**.

As well as our amazing teens: **Rawan David, Rayni Hatzer, Celina & Alina Madhavath, Brayden Olmert, Abby & Laura Sparr, Delaine Stavres, Miller Thompson, & Peyton Warner**.

May we all remember, Psalm 56:3, *“Whenever I’m afraid, I put my trust in you,”* from this camp adventure at VBS!



PLEASE WELCOME OUR TWO NEWEST STAFF MEMBERS



We are excited to welcome **Jenna (Volpe) Wall** to our church staff as our part-time Youth Team coordinator. Jenna, who is currently co-moderator of our Deacons, grew up in our church youth groups, and now will be leading our wonderful volunteer teams as we minister to our Middle School and High School Youth. To start off her time in this new endeavor, Jenna will be attending Montreat and The Great Escape with our youth in July.



The **Rev. Dr. Fred Halde** (a retired Presbyterian minister) and his wife Cynthia have been involved in our worship and fellowship life during 2024, and now Fred will be joining our church staff as a Parish Associate for Visitation. If you or a family member should happen to have a hospital stay, Fred may just appear at your home in the days following your hospital discharge with a casserole from our Congregational Care Committee, and a comforting word. We are excited to welcome Fred to our ministry at First Pres.

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.

ANGELS CARE CENTER OF ELOISE: RUBY TUESDAY GIVE BACK



Thank you for your support of Angels Care of Eloise, the free faith-based medical clinic.

On the first Sunday and Monday of each month, the Angels Care will earn 15% of your lunch, dinner, or take out meal from Ruby Tuesday. Please join them on **July 7 or 8** as the clinic depends on community support for its existence. Make sure you tell your server that you are there for Angels Care. (It can't be done if you are using coupons or discounts.)

ANGELS CARE CENTER NEEDS



Angels Care Center is a free, faith-based medical clinic that serves the poor and needy of Eloise and Wahnetta areas. In addition to medical care, they make and distribute toiletry kits, first aid kits and children's kits to their patients and their families. They also reach out into the greater community and give kits to additional organization serving needy people including Salvation Army, Farmworkers Ministry, HEARTH (serving homeless in schools) and others.

Angels Care Center has an ongoing need for the following items to give out in kits to patients and families. Thank you for your donations—they are a blessing to so many people, and truly an expression of God's love and care for His children. Items may be placed in the collection box in McLeod Hall.

First Aid Kits: band-aids, wet wipes, small soaps, washcloths, Q-tips, cotton balls, small bacterial soap or hand sanitizer, Kleenex, etc.

Toiletry Kits: shampoo, soap, deodorant, razors, toothbrush & toothpaste, combs, lotion, hand gel, washcloths, small samples from hotel/motels, dental floss, etc.

Children's "Jesus Kits": coloring sheets with Biblical themes, crayons, stickers, small books, small containers of Play Doh, small safe toys, toy cars, children's toothbrushes & hair clips

Miscellaneous: zip lock bags (quart and gallon sizes)



JULY BIRTHDAYS

7/1 Dorothy Leavitt Gannon Olmert	7/16 Larry Davis Elizabeth Nepute Bethany Owen James Shinn	7/23 Landon Olmert 7/24 Bob Bentley Jim Threlkel
7/2 Bill Johnston Tim Swango	7/17 Janet Howard	7/25 Kathy Andrews Weegie Bentley Sarah Dugger Bob Steele
7/4 Cameron Badnell	7/19 Justin Hoagland Lily Mitchell Brooklyn Porter	7/26 Sharon Mitchell
7/5 Kyle Lease Cindy Steele	7/20 Brody Brescia Gladys Larson David Nicholson Cynthia Saterbo	7/27 Landon Allen Gail Damkjer Bob Doyel Pete Snively
7/6 Pat McCarty	7/21 Billy Johnston Mary Marrs Kaye Stine	7/28 Kathy Cheatham Timothy McKee T. Michael Stavres
7/7 Margaret Braun	7/22 David Dismuke Robin Miller	7/29 Ray Garcia Katie Nepute Lois Russell
7/8 Ken Miller Lori Roe	Doug Purnell	7/30 John Scheck
7/9 Luna Abbott	Linda Stavres	7/31 Lisa Endres David Mitchell
7/10 Marjorie DiLorenzo Sharon Mann Lauren Schwenk	7/23 Jim Huff	
7/12 Kate Eelman Sean Ivey		
7/13 Melody Johnson		
7/15 Toni Barger Jeremiah Johnston Walter Rivers		

ANNIVERSARIES

7/4 Jim & Pat Vobornik	7/17 Dave & Katie Sparr	7/21 Rod & Betty Lewis
7/7 Tim & Glynn Swango	7/18 Andy & Pat Harmy	7/23 Bill & Karen Siegel
7/9 Mike & Amy Speer	7/20 Randy & Roxane McCann Randy & Karla von Hahmann	7/28 David & Mandy Matha
7/10 Bob & Judy Winfree	7/21 Janet & Bob Howard Kenny & Lynn Lasseter	
7/13 Mal & Lynn Boland		
7/14 Richard & Sharon Bogey		

STRESSED? DISCOURAGED? LONELY? SAD? DON'T SUFFER ALONE. HELP IS AVAILABLE.



Sometimes we fall into a trap where we think it's a sign of weakness to ask for help. So when we're stressed, discouraged, lonely, or sad, we try to keep our struggles hidden and are reluctant to ask for help. However, that's not God's plan. Galatians 6:2 says, "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." God wants us to care for others--and allow others to care for us in our time of need.

If you're sad or struggling inside, **don't suffer alone**. Ask for help. We've got a team of Stephen Ministers who are ready to provide confidential one-to-one care, encouragement, and support to help you through a tough time. Find out more about Stephen Ministry by **calling 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 ready to bring God's love and care into your life.

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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Return Service Requested

Bag Lunch Ministry
We gave out 234 lunches
the week of 6/17/24. 

 **Soup Kitchen Ministry**
We fed 125 people on
Saturday, 6/22/24.

SAVE THE DATE



The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated **Sunday, July 14**. Prepare your heart to come to the Lord's Table.

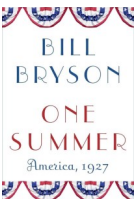
THE CHOSEN



You are invited to join us on **Sunday, July 14 From 5 - 7 pm** in McLeod Hall to watch season 4, episode 4 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.

JULY BOOK CLUB



We will meet on **Monday, July 15 at 3 pm** in McLeod Hall as we discuss **One Summer America 1927** by Bill Bryson

We hope you will join us for this history book that chronicles the events in the United States during the summer of 1927.

SOUP KITCHEN HELP NEEDED

Would you like to help love and serve those who hunger? We need helpers for **Saturdays, July 20** and head cook and helpers for **July 27**.



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

THE 2024 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 dedication information.



FUTURE BOOK CLUB SELECTIONS

SEPTEMBER 16

The Wright Brothers by David McCullough

NOVEMBER 18

Mr. Dickens & His Carol by Samantha Silva

