

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

# Tower Chimes

Weeks of May 27 & June 3 2018

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132 Years of Ministry

Dr. Steven R. Negley Senior Pastor

Dr. C. Alan Harvey Associate Pastor

Dr. James G. Manor Parish Associate

> Lynn M. McCoy Director of Music Ministries

Robin D. Miller Director of Finance & Administration

Leonard A. Mosiah **Director of Student** Ministries

Administrative Assistant

Rose S. Flynn Office Assistant

Sammy D. Bryant Director of Maintenance

> Kathy L. Jackson Custodian

## **OUR SINGLE SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICE BEGINS MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND**

Please plan to join us all summer long for our First Presbyterian Family Reunion (aka: Our Single Summer Worship Service).



Beginning **SUNDAY** ~ **MAY 27** and continuing through Labor Day Weekend, our members and friends from both the 8:15 a.m. worship service and the 11:00 a.m. worship service will gather together each Sunday for one worship service at 10:00 a.m.

This single service is a great opportunity to see folks who may normally attend "the other worship service", as we praise and worship God all summer long.

We hope to see you each week at 10:00 a.m., starting Sunday, MAY 27!

## THE SESSION HAS CALLED FOR TWO **CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS**

Sunday, May 27, 9:55 a.m. (Just before the single summer Sunday worship service) to Connie J. Shipley hear the report of the Nominating Committee to elect Deacons and Elders for the Class of 2021, and member at large to the Nominating Committee for the Class of 2019.

The following slate will be proposed by the nominating committee:

Deacons: Emily Snyder, Annmarie Walker, Richard Moots, Dick Shaw, Mary Marrs Elders: Cheryce Harris, Quentin Roe, Kelly Butz, Jean Strang, Gene Aspy Nominating Committee at Large: Lori Roe, Jonathan Owen, John Eycleshimer, Melissa Rowker, Nell Speer

Sunday, June 3, 10 a.m. (immediately following the single worship service) to hear the report of the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee as they present the name of their candidate, The Rev. Sarah Bishop, to be called as our new Associate Pastor for Christian Education and Family Ministries.



Our theme this year is Shipwrecked June 10 thru 14 ~ Register Now

Katie Sparr is VBS director this year and she needs YOUR help. To volunteer for this special time for our young disciples, please contact Katie at 407-361-1412 or katiesparr15@gmail.com. Get ready for an adventure to an uncharted island where kids are rescued by Jesus!

You can register your child online at <a href="https://goo.gl/forms/Vb8EiBbnwARkUaXj2">https://goo.gl/forms/Vb8EiBbnwARkUaXj2</a>. Or registration forms are available in the Sanctuary, Narthex, McLeod Hall and the church office.



## OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

#### Sunday, May 27

9:30 a.m. The Connection (MH)

9:55 a.m. Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary)

10:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)

Monday, May 28 Memorial Day Office Closed

#### Tuesday, May 29

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (MCR) 12:00 p.m. Men's Lunch (MH) 12:00 p.m. Finance (UR)

12:00 p.m. Sewing for Honduras (GSH) 6:15 p.m. Worship & Music (UR)

7:00 p.m. Praise & Worship Band (Sanctuary)

#### Wednesday, May 30

8:45 a.m. MOM (CE) 5:30 p.m. MSYG (GC)

5:30 p.m. Community Outreach (MCR)

6:00 p.m. Chancel Bells (MS) 6:30 p.m. Honduras Meeting (MH) 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir (MS)

#### Thursday, May 31

#### Friday, June 1

8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)

#### Saturday, June 2

2:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen Prep (Kitchen) 4:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen (737)

### Sunday, June 3

9:30 a.m. The Connection (MH) 10:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)

11:10 a.m. Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary)

#### Monday, June 4

8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)

#### Tuesday, June 5

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (MCR) 12:00 p.m. Men's Lunch (MH)

12:00 p.m. Sewing for Honduras (GSH)

6:30 p.m. Session (GR)

7:00 p.m. Praise & Worship Band (Sanctuary)

#### Wednesday, June 6

8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)

#### Thursday, June 7

Friday, June 8

8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)

#### Saturday, June 9

2:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen Prep (Kitchen)

4:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen (737)

# Remember in Prayer

#### **MEMBERS**

Kav Hedden Roger Able Maxie Adams **Doris Hill** Becca Alexander Ranell Hillman Joyce Anderson **Bryan Howard** Kathy Andrews Camille Howe Kathleen Avinger Isobel Hubbard Bill Brack Jim Huff Tom Brackett Scott & Becky Irvin Shea & Lacey Irvin Henry Braun Nancy Brooks Martha Johnson Helen Butz Joey Johnston Helen Champlain Peggy Kennedy Sherry Kennedy Tom Coffman Yolanda Dyer John Kissel Jana Easterling Toni Krieger Mike Easterling Dena Lancashire Kathy Lockhart Bill Everhart Rossanne Gorsky Spike Lucia Clyde Greene Gregg Marrs Jane Hayman Larry Marshall Lynnis Mincey Joyce Hayman Frances Heath **Bev Morris** 

Nancy Neale Randall Palmer Keith & Jane Ray Barbara Roberts Earle Roberts Elsie Savant **Beverly Seagreaves** Jovce Shirah Mary Alice, Emma, & John Skipper Barbara H. Smith Amy Speer Scott Strey Jay Tackett Pam Tallent-Blackburn Carolyn Thompson Jennifer Vibral

Jennifer Vibral Lee Wilkinson Judy Winfree Retha Wright

#### Relatives & Friends

Katie Ackendack Reese Burdette Al Ellis Pete Kent John McKibben Mike & Marilyn Melody Amy & John Miles Michael Oriani Mike Parker Jim Powell **Betty Sanders** David Satterfield Rick Tucker Kristy Turner Kevin Tobin Rick Tucker Jeannie Weeks Jerry Williams

Marshall Wood

Bill & Becky Everhart's friend Dana Cole's cousin Jim Threlkel's friend Charley & Nancy Chilton's nephew Jane Whitney's brother Lisa Endres' friend Bethany Owen's friend Joe Oriani's brother Julia Parker, son James Powell's father Jane Whitney's sister Heather Whitney's friend Ben & Judie Tucker's son Rick & Pat Reass' daughter Gale Johnston's friend Ben & Judy Tucker's son Marile Weeks sister-in-law Steve Negley's friend Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend

# CONNECTION TIME CHANGE 9:30—10:55 A.M.

Fellowship time in McLeod Hall offers a coffee bar type selection with different flavored creamers, pastries, etc. It is a gathering place before (or after) worship, and between worship and Sunday School for some.

Hosts circulate in McLeod Hall and the CE Building to greet and assist people in making connections with others in one of the worship or Christian Education options.



Zach Anaya
Brenden Anderson
Christian Anderson
Samuel Crockett
Zach Drum
Robert Ferguson
Stephanie Gillie
Eddie Gray
Daniel Harp

Sean Harp
David Knowles
John Marotti
Mathew Massam
Ryan Peardon
KaitLin Marotti-Pitts
Ashton Pitts
Shad Skinner
Drew Stapor

## 2018 BIOS ELDERS

GENE ASPY was born in South Florida and grew up in Hollywood. His grandparents were Hollywood pioneers, coming in 1923 to help build the city. After high school he went to Mars Hill College in Mars Hill, North Carolina. After graduation, Gene found a teaching position on Amelia Island and remained there for 22 years. He moved to Winter Haven in 1987 and became a member of First Presbyterian Church. He was first ordained a Deacon and then an Elder. He didn't imagine the plans God had in store for him then. Before his retirement, the pastor asked if he would like to go to Honduras on a mission trip. Gene agreed, and thus began a love relationship between him and the people of Honduras. Now that he's retired, he is busy with the International Mission Partnership Committee of Tampa Bay Presbytery, coordinating our covenant relationship with the Presbytery of Honduras. Also, he spends a great deal of time trying to raise money for scholarships for Honduran young people. His other passion is on the Board of Directors of Presbyterian Homes and Housing Foundation. Their mission is affordable housing for senior citizens. They offer only housing, no medical care or meals. There are 19 facilities with three in Lakeland. If you are in Lakeland and want to see one of those facilities check out Lakeland Presbyterian Apartments, on Florida Avenue and Lake Morton Drive. You can't miss it. It's the tallest building in Lakeland.

**KELLY BUTZ** was born and raised in Winter Haven. She obtained her AA degree from what is now known as Polk State College, her BA degree from the University of Florida and her JD degree from Florida State University. Kelly has attended First Presbyterian Church of Winter Haven since 1990. She and her husband, George, have two children, Will and Paige. Kelly is a Circuit Court Judge in the 10th Judicial Circuit (Polk, Highlands and Hardee Counties). She has been involved in several boards including Girls Incorporated of Winter Haven, Polk State College Alumni Association, and Habitat of Humanity. Kelly is honored to be nominated as an Elder. She looks forward to serving First Presbyterian Church of Winter Haven.

CHERYCE D. HARRIS grew up in Cocoa, Florida. She graduated from Cocoa High School, Brevard Community College, and Florida State University where she earned a Bachelor of Music Education degree. Cheryce has been married to Mike for 31 years. They have a daughter, Rachel, and a daughter-in-law, Zoe. Cheryce taught band for two years in Mariana, Florida and for 30 years in Haines City at Boone Middle School. This year Cheryce was selected as the teacher of the year for her school, and then was selected as the Polk County District 2 Teacher of the Year. Cheryce grew up at Cocoa Presbyterian Church and was a member there. She attended First Presbyterian Church of Tallahassee, and First Presbyterian Church of Mariana. When she and Mike came to Winter Haven, they joined First Presbyterian Church of Winter Haven in 1990. Since then Cheryce has served this church in many ways: Choir member, bell choir member, youth volunteer, Deacon, Elder, Commissioner to the General Assembly, Bible School teacher, Worship and Music Committee, Youth sub-committee, 4 search committees, Clerk of Session, Christian Education Committee, and Fellowship Committee. Cheryce loves this church, and is truly looking forward to serving as an Elder once again.

**QUENTIN ROE** was born and raised in Winter Haven, the 5<sup>th</sup> child of Marj and Willard Roe. College took him out of state to a little Division 3 Presbyterian school called Wooster, located in Wooster, Ohio. Lori and Quentin met at college and were married shortly after graduation. They have two sons, Eric and Adam. Since college, they have lived in Winter Haven. Quentin has worked in the family citrus business since 1980. In his free time, he enjoys playing golf, reading, and cooking. He has been a lifelong member of First Presbyterian Church of Winter Haven. Quentin is honored to be nominated as an Elder within our church. He hopes his many life experiences both in business and church life will be beneficial to the leadership of our church community.

JEAN STRANG was born in Eufaula, Alabama and baptized in the Historic Presbyterian Church there. She grew up surrounded by loving family and began a life long habit of Sabbath worship. She married the late Shorter Thornton Strang. At once they became involved in the activities of the church as leaders of the Youth Group, choir members. In her early 20s Jean was president of the Women of the church. They moved to Huntsville, Alabama where Shorter worked for NASA during the explosion of the space program. Jean was leader of the Church Cub Scout Pack and had as members many of the German Scientist's young boys. First Presbyterian Church was their church home. She taught Sunday School and was active in the Woman of the Church. Working with Yoke Fellows, a spiritual growth organization, was for her a time of renewal. 1972 was the move to Winter Haven and membership in our church. Jean was a Youth Group leader and chaperoned them on the exciting school bus trips to the New Wilmington, Pennsylvania Mission conference. It was a learning and worship experience and life changing for many of our youth. Jean has served on the nominating committee several times, packed lunches, worked in the soup kitchen and as a greeter. She liked Reading the Bible in 90 Days and particularly enjoys in-depth Bible studies. She was ordained and served as a Deacon, a Stephen Minister, and is presently a Stephen Leader. Jean has three sons and as Steve says, two very special "daughters-in-loves." Shorter married to Marcia, James Daniel, and Fred Foy married to Cecily. We are blessed with five amazing grandchildren and three beautiful great grandchildren. Fully relying on God and the strength and wisdom of the current Ruling Elders to guide her, she is honored to be considered for this privilege.

### **DEACONS**

MARY MARRS was born and raised in Toledo, Ohio. Her father, along with her two brothers, had a family commercial building business and her mother was a nurse. Mary started her career right out of High School at a local business, The Babcock Dairy Company. Employed with this company for 16 years, she work in several areas from computer "keypunch" entry, customer service, and accounting. The next 6 years Mary served as an office manager at a local Metal Cleaning Company. Career growth opportunities came along and the next 11 years she was employed with the Maytag Corporation..... serving in leadership roles, in Contact Centers in Indiana, Ohio, Tennessee, and Iowa......finishing her career with Maytag Appliances back in the Toledo/Detroit area as a District Sales Manager. During her time with Maytag Corporation, Mary met Greg Marrs and they were married in 2003. A new career opportunity for Greg, brought them to Florida and they settled in the Auburndale area in 2008. Their search for a church home began...they attended a few services at First Presbyterian Church in Winter Haven, and their search was over. Mary has volunteered over the years working in the Church office, helping with Christ Kids, Mom's Out Morning, and VBS. Mary has also gone through the Stephen Minister training and is currently a Stephen Leader. Mary is a member and is currently President of a local chapter of a woman's organization, PEO. Mary loves to spend time with her family. She has a daughter, 3 grandchildren, 1 great grandchild that live in the Palm Harbor, Florida area and a step son and his family that live in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

RICHARD MOOTS was born Cleveland, Ohio then moved to Florida when he was 11 years old. He graduated from Mt. Dora High School and Polk Community College. Richard worked as an accountant for 52 years and started his private accounting service about the time he started his career. He has been very active in Little League Baseball where he coached and was on the Board of Directors for 8 years. Presently he is involved with Senior Softball league and was elected into the Polk County Softball Hall of Fame and also served on the board of directors for the league. Richard was married to Judi with whom he has two sons and 6 grandchildren. His wife passed in 2011. He joined the First Presbyterian Church in 2012 after his second marriage to present wife Judy. He is presently active as a Stephen Minister and also volunteers counting the weekly Sunday money offerings.

RICHARD "DICK" SHAW is a native of Winter Haven and grew up in neighborhoods close to First Presbyterian. He was educated locally through high school and served first as Vice President and then President of the WHHS Student Council. Dick served in the U.S. Navy for three years and then enrolled at the University of Florida where he graduated with honors. Dick earned a Master's in Rehabilitation Counseling and served as a District Director for the State Agency for several years before moving to Polk Community College where he counseled with students for 25 years. Along the way, he earned a Doctorate in Educational Administration from Nova University. Dick is married to Nancy and they have two adult daughters and three grandchildren. He has been involved in church service for many years, having been deacon in two Baptist churches prior to his arrival at FPC. He has also served as an Elder at FPC. Dick has spent 50 years as a member of the Barbershop Harmony Society both singing and in administration to the level of International President of the Society. He is pleased that he can continue his service at FPC as a deacon.

**EMILY SNYDER** was born in Winter Haven and has been a member of First Presbyterian Church ever since. She was an active member in the youth group throughout her years in middle and high school. She was a part of the Honduras mission trips in 2014 and 2016 and will be going again this summer. Emily served on the Youth Director Search committee in 2015, serves on the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee, and was a Young Adult Advisory Delegate at the 222<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly. She was active in the community during high school, coaching upward soccer and volunteering twice a week at Elbert Elementary School. She is a Senior in college studying Graphic Design.

ANNMARIE WALKER has attended First Presbyterian Church since 2005. Annmarie has two children, Aurora, 16 and Ariston, 15. All three of them are active members of the church family. Annmarie has been a resident of Winter Haven since 1995. She earned her associates degree from Polk Community College, her Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from University of Central Florida in 1998, and then her education credentials from Florida Southern College in 2000. She has been a teacher since 1998, spending the past 15 years teaching for Polk County Public Schools. For the first 15 years of her teaching career she taught elementary school. She currently teaches English at Winter Haven High School. At First Pres Annmarie has chaperoned and assisted with Middle and High School Youth Group over the past 7 years. She has volunteered in various youth activities and is eager to assist anytime she is needed. Annmarie currently assists with Praise and Worship Practice when needed, and acts as usher and assists with communion preparation for Heart of Worship Service. She also serves on Music and Worship Committee. Annmarie is humbled and honored to be nominated for Deacon.

### **NOMINATING**

JOHN EYCLESHIMER is a fourth generation Winter Havenite, born in 1952 at Winter Haven Hospital and raised within a stone's throw of First Presbyterian Church. He began attending this church during his early childhood. John's fifth grade teacher, Mrs. Bond, was also his Sunday School teacher at FPC. He was an active Cub Scout and later Boy Scout with this church's Troop 121. He was also active in the Junior Choir. His friends said that he sang really loud. In 1964 he became a communicant member of this church. After graduating with a BA degree in Humanities from UCF, John went to work for Walt Disney World for ten years, where he met his wife, Marcia. In 1987 their only child, Emily, was born. He returned to college to earn a degree in biology before attending dental school at MCV. While in Virginia, they attended Sycamore Presbyterian Church, PCA. In 1995 the Eycleshimers returned to Winter Haven where John joined his father's dental practice. In those days, he and Marcia taught Sunday School at Covenant Presbyterian. They later attended Cypress Ridge before joining First Presbyterian Church. John has served our church as an Elder and is honored to be a Nominating Committee nominee and it would be a privilege to serve.

JONATHAN OWEN was born in Charlottesville, Virginia., but moved to Florida after the third grade. He lived in Winter Haven for four years before moving to the Ft. Lauderdale area. Jonathan graduated from the University of Florida where he majored in English with a minor in Business Administration. He began working with State Farm Insurance after graduation and has been there for almost 28 years. Since moving back to Winter Haven in 1998, he and his wife Bethany have been active with the Winter Haven Public Library, volunteering at their daughters' schools, and in the church life at First Pres. Jonathan is the chair of the city board of directors for the Winter Haven Public Library and a past president of the Friends of the Library. He is a resting Elder and Deacon at First Presbyterian, very active with the High School Youth Group, and he and Bethany run the church's three libraries. Jonathan is also a member of the World Mission and Personnel Committees. In his spare time, Jonathan likes to read, travel with his family, and ride his motorcycle.

LORI ROE grew up in Rochester, New York. She is thankful for a life-long connection to the Presbyterian Church. She met her husband, Quentin Roe, while attending the College of Wooster in Ohio. She has her MA in Guidance and Counseling from USF. Lori is the Director of Beymer Methodist Preschool and Kindergarten. Lori and Quentin's family includes Eric and his wife, Nicole; and Adam, his wife Brittaney and one grandchild, Bliss. Lori and Quentin taught Middle School Sunday School together and enjoyed several years of chaperoning the youth to Montreat. She previously served this church as a Deacon and currently serves as an Elder. Lori has also enjoyed participating in Saturday Night Live and as a Stephen Minister. Over the past few months, she has enjoyed serving on the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee and looks forward to new opportunities to learn and grow at First Pres.

**MELISSA ROWKER** grew up in Winter Haven and has attended First Presbyterian Church since her family joined in the 1980's. In 2000, she served as the summer Interim Youth Director. Melissa graduated from Winter Haven High school and went on to attend the University of Florida earning a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education with a specialization in Middle School. First Presbyterian sponsored Melissa as a Presbyterian Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) as she served a year of mission service in Belfast, Northern Ireland. Through an acquaintance Melissa made with Presbyterian Missionaries to Guatemala at a world's mission conference in Belfast, Melissa was offered a position on the faculty of an interdenominational mission school called InterAmerican School of Quatezaltenango, Guatemala. Melissa served as a math and Bible teacher in the middle school at the InterAmerican School for three years. Melissa has taught middle school math at Discovery Academy in Lake Alfred and high school intensive reading at Fort Meade Middle/Senior High School. She also taught high school math in Chicago. Melissa moved from Chicago to Boston to attend Harvard University where she earned a Master's degree in Educational Policy and Management. Melissa is the National Director of Academic Program for City Year a national Americorps program. She works for the Boston-based company remotely from her home in Winter Haven. Melissa's three year old son, Will, attends the nursery and participates in the Morning Out Mom program.

**NELL SPEER** was born in Ocala, Florida and moved to Winter Haven when she was four years old. She graduated from Winter Haven High School in 1956 and went to work for GTE. She married Ralph Speer in 1957 and they raised 3 children; Steve, Mike, and Diane. She grew up in the Baptist faith, but was a founding member of St. Johns Methodist being involved in many committees and activities. She graduated from Polk Community College in 1977 with a Nursing Degree. She retired from Winter Haven Hospital in 2001 after 25 years. Ralph passed away in 2011. She stays very in involved wit her children, 10 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. She has been a member of First Presbyterian for 6 years. She currently serves on membership, congregational care, and nominating committees. She enjoys traveling, gardening, cooking, the beach, and family. After many years of searching, she feels inspired and blessed by this church and it's family and staff.



Our Purpose Statement

First Presbyterian Church 637 6th Street, NW Winter Haven, FL 33881 863-294-3121 FAX 863-294-1105 www.firstpreswh.org office@firstpreswh.org 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.

**Return Service Requested** 

Adopted by Session, 2003

This newsletter is published weekly. Summer months and holidays published bi-weekly. Church dated material, please deliver by 5/25/18.

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Bag Lunch Ministry

We gave out 156 bag lunches the week of 5/14/18.

Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 130 people on 5/19/18.

## SEWING FOR HONDURAS



We have suspended our Tuesday meetings for the summer months. If you have any completed dresses, please drop them off at the church office by **Monday**, **June 4** to be included in the shipment going down with the Mission group.

The project will continue next fall, so if you want to keep sewing this summer, please contact either Jane West at 863-297-9387 or Linda Stavres at 863-325-0974 as they will have access to the available supply of material.

Thanks so much to everyone who provided fabric, supplies, donations, and sewing machines. To date, our total number of dresses is 610.

# **ATTENTION,** F unT imers!

#### **Save the Date**

Our next gathering will be on **Monday, June 11 at 11:00 a.m.** at the church. We will travel to Port Hatchineha for lunch at the Port Steak and Seafood Restaurant.

The restaurant has both good food and good views of Lake Hatchineha. Sign up now so we can reserve a place for you.

Please RSVP by **Wednesday**, **June 6**, by calling the church office at 294-3121, emailing to office@firstpreswh.org, or filling out this attachment and putting in the offering plate.

Name: # of Adults:

