



# TOWER CHIMES

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WINTER HAVEN  
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## YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!



Our Soup Kitchen provides an incredible outreach and positive impact in our community. Every Saturday, this church helps to feed 80-00 hungry people. For many, this meal is one of the few of significant substance that they will eat all week.

Many of our members volunteer just a few hours of their time to help prepare the food and serve those in need. **We currently have most dates open in June and all of July available.** If you have never helped before or have questions, fear not, our Deacons can address any uncertainties and help you feel comfortable in serving.

## SKITTLES PRAYER FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



**June 5-9** is VBS and we'd love your help praying for this year's event. So grab a pack of Skittles (maybe even a fun size from the board in the Narthex) and join us in this prayer.

With every **green** candy, pray for the green light to be given for all of our VBS activities. Pray for good weather, sustaining health for all volunteers and kids and no technical difficulties.

While enjoying the **orange** colored candies, pray for all the parents of children attending VBS. Pray that VBS would be a blessing for them and help their family grow close to Jesus.

Pray for the safety of everyone while they travel to and from VBS and while they are participating in all of the VBS activities with **yellow**.

With the **red** skittles offer prayers for our staff and volunteers for patience and strength through a rewarding but long week.

And finally, with the **purple** skittle we pray for all the children, may they know the Bible story of Joseph a little better, feel God's presence in the music, and enjoy Christ's love for each other in all the fun!

Thank you and we look forward to sharing the recap of the week on Sunday, June 12!

## 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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Maintenance

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## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Sunday, May 29

- 9:00 am Heart of Worship  
(Sanctuary/Facebook Live)  
11:00 am Traditional Worship  
(Sanctuary/Facebook Live)

### Monday, May 30 MEMORIAL DAY OFFICE CLOSED

### Tuesday, May 31

- 9:00 am Staff Meeting (MH)  
12:00 pm Men's Lunch (MH/Zoom)  
6:30 pm Session (GR/Zoom)

### Wednesday, June 1

- 8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CE)  
6:00 pm Chancel Bells (MS)  
7:00 pm Chancel Choir (MS)

### Thursday, June 2

- 1:15 pm Chapel Bells (MS)  
3:30 pm Praise Band (Sanctuary)

### Friday, June 3

- 8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CE)

### Saturday, June 4

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



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE UP-COMING 2022 SINGLE SERVICE WORSHIPS

June 12                      October 2  
July 3                         November 20  
August 21                    December 18  
September 11



## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

### MEMBERS

Melvin & Debbie Anderson	Frances Heath	Schleifer
Kathy Andrews	Bryan Howard	Dick Shaw
Pat Berrell	Jim Huff	Joyce Shirah
Bill Brack	Scott & Becky Irvin	Susan Singleton
Helen Champlain	Martha Johnson	Dale Smith
Marjorie DiLorenzo	Dena Lancashire	Katie Sparr
Zan Dismuke	Ray & Gladys Larson	Barbara Tackett
Dana Elmore	Pat McCarty	Pam Tallent-Blackburn
Bill Everhart	Dick McCauley	Suzy Threadgill
Rossanne Gorsky	Pat Miller	Pat Vobornik
Pam Gray	Edna Mitchell	Sug Zowarka
Jane Hayman	Richard Moots	
	John & Marilyn	

### FAMILY & FRIENDS

Shelly Arnold	Greg & Mary Marrs' friend
Jessica Bowles	Peter Coppini's daughter
Philip Burkhart	Lynn Oakley's friend
Susie Fisher	Rob Donaldy & Becky Everhart's cousin
Kathy & Ron Giuffre	Tom & Jeri Oldt's in-laws
Jasper & Sam Gray	Lynn Oakley's friend
Dottie Griffith	Becky Everhart's friend
Jim Hindley	Mary Marrs' friend
Lori Houmard	Rick & Pat Reass' daughter
Dia Hurst	Lee & Pam Wilkenson's friend
Jim & Belinda Hurst	Tom & Jeri Oldt's friends
Kevin Jackson	Doris Brack's friend
Tamara Jacobson	Autumn Jacobson's mom
Funner Judd	Lynn Oakley's friend
Cindy Laeng & family	Becky Everhart's friend
John Lauffer	Peter Coppini's nephew
Trish & Reed Layne	Larry Davis' friends
Khyla Martinez	Paul & Ann Montgomery's granddaughter
Kelly Oakley	Tommy Oakley's sister
Les O'Neil	Sandra Hoffman's friend
Kristin Schmid	Rick & Pat Reass' daughter
Lindsey Tomlinson	Lee & Pam Wilkenson's friend

### MILITARY

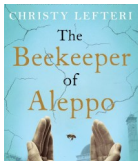
Zach Anaya	Ernie French	David Knowles
Brenden Anderson	Stephanie Gillie	John Marotti
Christian Anderson	Eddie Gray	KaitLin Marotti
Zach Drum	Daniel Harp	Mathew Massam
Robert Ferguson	Sean Harp	Jet Sanderson

## THE CHOSEN BIBLE STUDY



We invite you to join us this summer on a journey into the life of Jesus with the film series **THE CHOSEN**. On select Sunday evenings, we will be gathering in McLeod Hall to view episodes and then discuss the Bible passages that undergird the story. We hope you'll join with other believers as we share faith, fellowship, and film. It all starts on **Sunday, June 12 at 6:30-8:00 pm**.

## START READING FOR THE NEXT EVEN MONTH BOOK CLUB



We invite you to join us on **Monday, June 20 at 3 pm** in McLeod Hall as we discuss *The Beekeeper of Aleppo* by Christy Lefteri. We hope you will come together with us for a time of fellowship and discussion of this intriguing book.

Contact Sue Henry at 863-656-2611 with any questions.

## ALL CHURCH RETREAT RECAP

A special weekend away for 41 of our church family at Cedarkirk has just wrapped up. It was truly an inter-generational delight of line-dancing, campfire, fellowship, swimming, meals, and shark-tooth hunting. We also spent time in conversations acknowledging God in our ordinary life, savoring that presence and community, and then allowing that blessing to go with us out into the world.

Thank you to **Rob Frost, Amanda Rivers, Dr. Negley** and **Rev. Sarah** for leading the group discussions and **Angela Scamehorn** for childcare. It was a joy all around!



## 2022 FLOWER CHART IS IN 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.

## 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 the church office so we can make sure you stay informed. Thank you.

## 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)

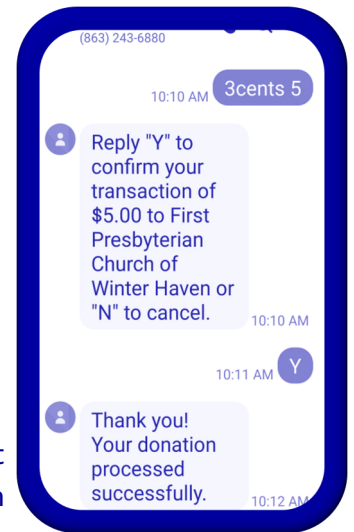
Memorial (for when donating in memory of someone)

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



## 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>.

Robin Miller is available to assist you during office hours or at [rmiller@firstpreswh.org](mailto: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**

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## MEN'S LUNCH GROUP



Every **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](mailto:office@firstpreswh.org) and ask to be added to the list.



# JUNE

## BIRTHDAYS

- |  |   |   |
|--|---|---|
| 6/1 Carol Carter<br>Luci Glenn<br>Barbara Perkins                  | 6/12 John Bader<br>Karen King<br>John Van Allen                   | 6/23 Audrey Hawk<br>Camryn Swango                                       |
| 6/2 Dusty Marshall   | 6/14 Pam Blackburn<br>Kay Hedden<br>Sue Henry<br>Sadie Owen       | 6/24 Dana Elmore<br>Rhonda Garneau<br>MacKenzie Tackett                 |
| 6/3 Bob Endres<br>Hadley Owen                                      | 6/15 Elizabeth Peters<br>Lyn Swart<br>Hamp Walker<br>Julie Wilson | 6/25 Joyce Anderson<br>Dicky Jeffcoat<br>Stella Schwenk<br>Jane Whitney |
| 6/4 Shannon Badnell<br>Joe McKee<br>Sarah Rennie<br>Kylie Robinson | 6/16 Til Fellows<br>Stuart Fitzgerald<br>Kathy Lockhart           | 6/26 Sherry Kennedy   |
| 6/5 Manderley Barthel<br>Janet Lawlor<br>Adam Smith                | 6/19 John Eycleshimer   | 6/27 Millie Kline<br>Emily Snyder                                       |
| 6/7 Ann Adams<br>Sue Hankin<br>Adam Roe                            | 6/19 Steve Lockhart<br>Anna Munoz-Gutierrez                       | 6/28 Rich Dobler  |
| 6/8 Pat Miller   | 6/21 MaryBess Thompson<br>Jennifer Van Allen                      | 6/29 Brett Hunter<br>Clare McAdams<br>Brigitte Thompson                 |
| 6/9 Laura Frost  |   | 6/30 Genie Birch<br>Ellie Threlkel                                      |
| 6/11 Spike Thompson  |   |   |

## ANNIVERSARIES

- |   |  |  |
|---|--|--|
| 6/1 Kevin & Lynne Grady                               | 6/10 Steve & Kim Lockhart                        | 6/22 Adam & Leah Weeks                             |
| 6/2 Andy & Sherie Ray                                 | 6/11 Dick & Nancy Shaw                           | 6/24 Ron & Gail Damkjer<br>John & Gail Van Allen   |
| 6/4 Richard & Dana Elmore<br>Jim & Ellie Threlkel     | 6/12 Rich & Nancy Dobler<br>George & Ruth Dunham | 6/25 Dana & Denise Cole<br>Ed & Sharon Mitchell    |
| 6/6 Mark & Patti Bostick                              | 6/13 Bill & Gloria Allen                         | 6/28 Charles & Nancy Chilton<br>Chuck & Pam Watson |
| 6/8 Steven & Jen Barthel<br>Spike & MaryBess Thompson | 6/14 Tom & Pat Nepute                            | 6/30 Jim & Betts Huff                              |
| 6/9 Geoff & Nicole Roe<br>Jeff & Lisa Snyder          | 6/16 David & Carrie Mitchell                     |  |
| 6/10 Rob & Laura Frost                                | 6/19 Justin & Sarah Ryan                         |  |
|   | 6/21 Mike & Cheryce Harris                       |  |
|   | 6/22 Len & Mary Ellen Porter                     |  |

## STRESSED? FEELING DOWN? NEED ENCOURAGEMENT?



Stephen Ministers don't just provide care for people experiencing a major crisis. They also provide care and support for people weighed down by the little things in life. If you (or someone you know) are feeling down, lonely, stressed or discouraged, you could benefit from the care, support, and encouragement of a Stephen Minister. It's free. It's confidential. And it will really make a difference in your life!

To find out more, contact **Connie Shipley** at 863-221-2224 or one of our other Stephen Minister Leaders, **Mary Marrs, Steve Negley, or Barbara Perkins.**

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**Return Service Requested**

**Bag Lunch Ministry**  
We gave out 209 lunches  
the week of 5/16/22. 

 **Soup Kitchen Ministry**  
We fed 120 people on  
Saturday, 5/21/22.

## SAVE THE DATE: JUNE 12, SINGLE WORSHIP SERVICE AND VBS LUNCHEON



Be sure to mark your calendars for our next single service and church family luncheon. On June 12, we will worship together at **10 am** as we hear music and scriptures from the preceding week of VBS.

Following worship, we will all gather for a luncheon at **11:15 am** in McLeod Hall to celebrate the fun, fellowship, and faith from VBS. We look forward to seeing you there!

## MUSICIANS TO MONTREAT



At the end of this month, some of our church musicians will be attending the “*Presbyterian Association of Musicians’ 2022 Worship and Music Conference*” at the Montreat Conference Center in North Carolina. The theme of the conference is “*In The Stranger’s Guise*” which is inspired by the [Celtic Rune of Hospitality](#): *I saw a stranger today. I put food for him in the eating-place and drink in the drinking-place and music in the listening-place. In the Holy name of the Trinity He blessed myself and my family. And the lark said in her warble often, often, often goes Christ in the stranger’s guise. O, oft and oft and oft, goes Christ in the stranger’s guise.*

Please keep them in your prayers as they attend workshops and rehearsals and join in music making with fellow Christians from around the country. Pray that this is a meaningful time away for them, enjoying both the beauty of music and God’s creation in the mountains of Western North Carolina. The conference is from **June 26 through July 1**.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Did you know that every Saturday morning, a volunteer from our church heads over to the Publix on Cypress Gardens Blvd (near Legoland) to pick up unsold bread and baked goods. This delicious resource is then distributed to the hungry at Soup Kitchen that evening and during the week with our Bag Lunch ministry. Volunteers typically pick up break just a few Saturdays a year. If you feel like this is something you would be interested in helping with, please contact John Reiter (jreiter@firstpreswh.org) to learn more.