



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# TOWER CHIMES

Week of September 2, 2018

Issue 680

132 Years of Ministry

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Director of Maintenance

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Custodian

## FALL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES!

**Children's Sunday School** for PreSchoolers through 5<sup>th</sup> grade happening in the CE Building, **9:30 a.m. (9 a.m. on the First Sunday.)** Our children will activate faith with *Spark Lectionary* curriculum. Each class will engage the Biblical story of the day through creative, hands-on activities, interactive games, and crafts. We'll also be continuing the story with take-home Spark Family pages! Sunday School for Preschoolers and Kindergartners will meet in Room 101. Our elementary students will meet after music in Room 206. Sunday School starts **Sept. 9 at 9:30 am!**



And don't forget we are practicing each Sunday with Miss Lynn and sharing musical talents on the first Sunday starting **October 7**. On the first Sunday, Sunday School will begin at **9 a.m.**

### Adult Educational Opportunities – Sunday mornings and more!

#### Perspectives Sunday School Class – 9:30am in the Geneva Room



Join a discussion-based, current topics class that values diving deep in today's issues. Topics for 2018-19 include the Middle East and Islamic faith; racism and other contemporary, thematic concerns. Join Jim Threlkel and Glenn Thomas as they plan their year on **Sept 9 at 9:30 a.m.**

#### Be on the lookout for other adult educational opportunities this fall.

**Embracing and Immersing Adult Faith** – starting in late Oct/early November. A second Sunday School adult educational option every other month with rotating leadership.

**Chapel Chats** – A monthly, hour-long exploration of scripture meeting in the Chapel during the week with Dr. Negley. Starting in Oct. Watch for additional news as we confirm a date and time.



## CHRIST KIDS BEGINS SEPTEMBER 12TH

It's hard to believe the new school year is just around the corner! And you know what that means?!? A new year of Christ Kids! Our Wednesday after-school program which starts Sept. 12th.

Permission slips for kids four years through 5th grade are available on the church website. Download and drop off your form today. And don't forget to invite a friend or two!

Adults interested in volunteering? Call Rev. Sarah at 294-3121 or email her at [sbishop@firstpreswh.org](mailto:sbishop@firstpreswh.org).



# Remember in Prayer

## OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

8:00 a.m. Praise and Worship Band (Sanctuary)  
 9:30 a.m. The Connection (MH)  
 10:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)  
 5:30 p.m. High School Youth Group (GC)

**Monday, September 3**  
**LABOR DAY**  
**Office Closed**

**Tuesday, September 4**  
 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (MCR)  
 12:00 p.m. Men's Lunch (MH)

**Wednesday, September 5**  
 8:45 a.m. Morning Out Mom (CE)  
 5:30 p.m. Middle School Youth Group (GC)  
 6:00 p.m. Chancel Bells (MS)  
 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir (MS)

**Thursday, September 6**  
 1:15 p.m. Chapel Bells (MS)

**Friday, September 7**  
 8:45 a.m. Morning Out Mom (CE)

**Saturday, September 8**  
 1:30 p.m. Rock the Universe (Leave GC)  
 2:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen Prep (Kitchen)  
 4:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen (737)

## DON'T FORGET THE ANGEL VAN MINISTRY



The Angel Van is a service deacons provide for adults who have no means of transportation to and from our Sunday worship. Those who would like to take advantage of this service need to call the office at 294-3121 by noon on Fridays. Your request will be relayed to the deacon driving on that Sunday and the deacon will contact you by telephone on Saturday to confirm your desire to be transported and to arrange the time of pick up for our 10:30 a.m. service. Please let us know if we can be of service to you.

## MEMBERS

Roger Able	Doris Hill	Keith & Jane Ray
Joyce Anderson	Bryan Howard	Sarah Rennie
Kathy Andrews	Camille Howe	Barbara Roberts
Bill Brack	Isobel Hubbard	Earle Roberts
Tom Brackett	Jim Huff	Elsie Savant
Henry Braun	Scott & Becky Irvin	Beverly Seagreaves
Nancy Brooks	Shea & Lacey Irvin	Joyce Shirah
Helen Butz	Martha Johnson	Susan Heyer Singleton
Helen Champlain	Joey Johnston	Mary Alice & Emma Skipper
Carl Cheatham	Peggy Kennedy	Barbara H. Smith
Tom Coffman	John Kissel	Christine Stevens
Yolanda Dyer	Toni Krieger	Scott Strey
Mike & Jana Easterling	Dena Lancashire	Jay Tackett
Bill Everhart	Kathy Lockhart	Pam Tallent-Blackburn
Ed & Rossanne Gorsky	Spike Lucia	Carolyn Thompson
Clyde Greene	Larry Marshall	Mike & Jennifer Vibrat
Jane Hayman	Anne McCauley	Lee Wilkinson
Joyce Hayman	Lynnis Mincey	Judy Winfree
Frances Heath	Bev Morris	Retha Wright
Kay Hedden	Nancy Neale	
	Joe Oriani	
	Randall Palmer	

## RELATIVES & FRIENDS

Reese Burdette	Dana Cole's cousin
Greg Clark & family	Neal & Anne McBride's grandson
Mimi Convoy	Pat Vobornik's sister
Vivian DeRussy	Mary Ellen Rowker's friend
Al Ellis	Jim Threlkel's friend
Charlotte Epstein	Roger & Marie Able's niece
Lynda Giles	Polly Wilson's niece
Dolores Hardy	Bill & Becky Everhart's friend
Kay Heatherington Holt	Bill Everhart's friend
David Horell	Roger & Marie Able's friend
Pete Kent	Charley & Nancy Chilton's nephew
Walter Mayden	Gale Waters' cousin
Mary Linda McCarty	Gale & Gwen Waters' friend
John McKibben	Jane Whitney's brother
Carol Moore	Roger & Marie Able's friend
Betty Sanders	Jane Whitney's sister
David Satterfield	Heather Whitney's friend
Margaret Stanley	Alison O'Neal's sister
Blake Szarnak	Rose Flynn's friend
Kristy Turner	Rick & Pat Reass' daughter
Samuel Cole Vibrat	Jennifer & Mike Vibrat's grandson
Marshall Wood	Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend



Zach Anaya  
 Brenden Anderson  
 Christian Anderson  
 Samuel Crockett  
 Zach Drum  
 Til Fellows  
 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

# CALLING ALL MUCIANS!

Our fall music programming has begun. First Presbyterian offers many opportunities for members to share their musical talent.



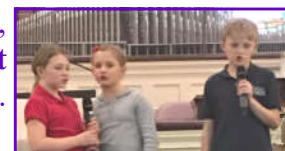
**Chancel Choir** meets on **Wednesday from 7–8 p.m.** Ages high school and up are welcome to participate. The Chancel Choir usually participates in the 11 a.m. worship service and several special programs throughout the year. We have been asked to participate in a Mark Hayes concert again in January and will be making our audition tape for Disney's Candlelight Processional in a few weeks!

**Chancel Bells** meets on **Wednesday from 6-7 p.m.** and **Chapel Bells** meets on **Thursday at 1:15 p.m.** Ages high school and up are welcome to participate. Our Chapel Bells welcome beginners. Our bell choirs require a weekly commitment to be musically successful. The handbell choirs participate in the 11 a.m. worship service and several special programs throughout the year.



**Praise Band** meets for rehearsal once a week and participates weekly during the **9:15 a.m. Heart of Worship** service. If you have an interest in contemporary music and a talent playing a stringed instrument, keyboard or singing, please give Lynn a call. This is an auditioned group.

We offer a diverse music program for **our children and youth** that includes singing, ukuleles, handbells, and Orff instruments. The **children meet regularly during Christ Kids** programming on Wednesday after school and during the **Sunday School hour. Preschool music meets during Morning Out Moms** on Wednesday mornings.



If you like to sing and/or play an instrument and are unable to commit to a regular rehearsal we would love to have you share at any of the worship services for **special music**. This year we are hoping to form a brass ensemble that would be able to participate on special occasions for worship service and special programming.

Please call Lynn at 701-570-1485 or email her at [lynn.mccoy@firstpreswh.org](mailto:lynn.mccoy@firstpreswh.org) if you would like to share your talent in any of our music programs!



For 11 a.m. worship services. If you would be interested in helping welcome, greet, seat, and assist people at worship, we could use your assistance as an usher.

Please contact the church office at 294-3121 or [office@firstpreswh.org](mailto:office@firstpreswh.org).

## YOUTH GROUPS ARE IN FULL SWING!

We are well into the year and our **High School Youth Group** meets on **Sundays 5:30-7:30 p.m.** **Middle School Youth Group** meets on **Wednesdays 5:30-7:30 p.m.** Both groups gather in the **Golden Center**. We encourage you to invite friends to share this fun time and a nice meal.

### SPEAKING OF YOUTH MEALS...

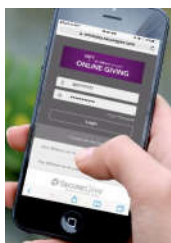
Our youth groups provide a safe environment for students to meet, have fun, and learn about Christ. We provide dinner for students at every youth group. What can you do? Help us by volunteering to provide dinner for our students. This contribution also exposes you to what Christ is doing in our youth program.



# WE HAVE A NEW WAY OF GIVING!

Here are a few ways to access this new option:

- Go to our Church website at [www.firstpreswh.org](http://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>
- First time users will click on sign-up
- Complete all fields and click the blue sign-up box \*\* password must be a minimum of 8 characters, including numbers and uppercase and lowercase letters.
- Click donate
- Choose your donation option, under special offering you will enter your special request, ie. pastor fund, butterfly etc
- Choose one time or reoccurring
- Enter card information (if you choose to save your information the next time you login the information will be there and make giving much easier)
- Submit (this is where you will add your additional message if needed)
- You will receive an email confirmation of your giving for your records



There's also an APP for that!

- Simply go to your App store and download the free **SecureGive Vision** (you must type in SecureGive Vision) app and follow the prompts on each screen. Once you login or create an account you will be prompted to search for First Presbyterian church by name, city and/or state, follow the steps and enter the amount you wish to donate and the designation, one-time or recurring and then enter your card information.

Robin Miller is available to assist you during office hours at 863-294-3121 or email [rmiller@firstpreswh.org](mailto:rmiller@firstpreswh.org).

## Looking for words to comfort a friend?

*"I really don't know what to say. All I can say is that I'm here with you. I really care about you."*

Stephen Ministries, Stephen Ministries Training Manuel, St. Louis; 2000.

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## STEPHEN MINISTERS ARE HERE TO HELP



If you, or someone you know, are sad or struggling inside, don't suffer alone. Ask for help. We've got a team of Stephen Ministers who are ready to listen, care, encourage, pray, and help you through a tough time. Men are matched with men, and women with women. (It's completely confidential too!) To find out more about Stephen Ministry for you or someone you know, **call Pat Reass at 206-9914. Or you can talk with one of our other Stephen Leaders: Alan Harvey, Mary Marrs, Steve Negley, Barbara Perkins, Susan Singleton, or Jean Strang.**

Stephen Minister Request Form Boxes are placed in the **Centennial Room, narthex, and balcony hallway** for your convenience. These secure boxes make it easy for someone to make a Confidential Request for a Stephen Minister. Forms are found in the pew pockets and forms and pens are also held by the box making it convenient for individuals to request a Stephen Minister.

# THE SANCTUARY FLOWER CALENDAR HAS THE FOLLOWING AVAILABLE DATES FOR REST OF THE YEAR:

**September 9, 23, & 30; October 14, 21, & 28;  
November 4, 11, 18, & 25; December 2, 9, & 30**

There is also space to sign up for placing flowers in the narthex if the sanctuary flowers for your desired date have already been selected by someone else.

*Please remember these important points:*

1. Include your best contact number.
2. Include the name of your florist.
3. Tell your florist that the arrangement **must** be at the church by **Friday, 1:00 p.m.**
4. Call the office the week before to give bulletin information (294-3121.)



Never given sanctuary or narthex flowers before and wonder what to do? Follow these simple instructions:

1. Sign your name on the calendar for the date you wish to give flowers. If the sanctuary spot has already been selected, then you can choose to have your floral arrangement in the narthex for the same date.
2. Complete this step by giving your phone number and identifying your florist.
3. If giving sanctuary flowers and you would like to use the church's brass urn, please ask Kathy or Sam for the glass liner and deliver it to your florist or ask the florist to pick it up at the church.
4. Place an order for flowers from your preferred florist.
5. Call Connie at the church office (294-3121) no later than Wednesday prior to your chosen date and inform her as to how you wish for the acknowledgment of flowers to read in the bulletin.
6. Request that the florist deliver the flowers to the church by 1:00 on Friday and have them include a name on the arrangement so that we know by whom they are given and where they are to be placed.

**Any other questions, please contact Connie at 294-3121 or [cshipley@firstpreswh.org](mailto:cshipley@firstpreswh.org). Thank you!**

## ANGELS CARE CENTER OF ELOISE Angel Collection Box Needs

There is an ongoing need for the following items to give out at the Angels Care Center. Please leave items in the Angel Collection Box in McLeod Hall. Thank YOU, and God Bless!!!

**First Aid Kits:** washcloths, band-aids, wet wipes, small soaps, small antibacterial soap, Q-tips, small packets of antibiotic ointment, etc.

**Children's "Jesus Kits":** coloring sheets with Biblical themes, crayons, scripture/song cards (simple and short for children), small books, stickers, etc.

**Toiletry Kits:** shampoo, soap, deodorant, razors, feminine products, combs, washcloths, hand gel, lotion, toothbrush and toothpaste, small samples from hotel/motels, etc.

**Miscellaneous:** zip lock bags (gallon, quart and snack size).



*In Everything Give* <sup>1 Thes. 5:18</sup>  
**THANKS**

# SEPTEMBER

## BIRTHDAYS

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|-----|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|----------------------------------------------------------------|------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| 9/2 | Patrick Bentley<br>Richard White                                               | 9/9  | Shannon Thompson                                               | 9/21 | Eric Lindstrom<br>Al Porter                            |
| 9/3 | Maxie Adams<br>Cody Dugger<br>Hal Jeffcoat<br>Sawyer Speer                     | 9/10 | Rick Reass<br>Hunter Smith                                     |      | Katie Stine<br>Jim Zeller                              |
| 9/4 | Sarah Pickos<br>Kit Threlkel                                                   | 9/11 | Freya Abbott                                                   | 9/22 | Steven Barthel<br>Mike Harris<br>Scarlett Lockhart     |
| 9/5 | Brett Cranmer<br>James Miller<br>Tom Nepute<br>Jonathan Owen<br>Kristen Siegel | 9/12 | Elizabeth Miller<br>Amanda Nicholson<br>Meg Tucker             | 9/23 | Kathy Garner<br>Elsie Savant                           |
| 9/6 | Lauren Clarke<br>Cooper Kirkland<br>Ben Tucker                                 | 9/13 | Nancy Dobler<br>Spike Lucia<br>Megan Robinson                  | 9/24 | Pete Borowski<br>John Clarke, Jr.<br>Merle Griffin     |
| 9/7 | Ken Jorgensen<br>Sherie Ray<br>Julia Strang                                    | 9/14 | Kelly Conner<br>John McCoy                                     | 9/25 | Lois Burrell<br>Heidi Munoz-Gutierrez<br>Sam Sheffield |
| 9/8 | Bill Taylor<br>Lindsay Thibodaux<br>Dalton Weihrauch                           | 9/15 | Denise Cole                                                    | 9/26 | Nikki Gann<br>Beth Koon<br>Judy Lindsay                |
| 9/9 | Brayden Olmert<br>Frances Stapor                                               | 9/16 | Jane Dickey<br>Nell Speer                                      | 9/27 | David Emry                                             |
|     |                                                                                | 9/17 | Beckett Chilton<br>Tricia Dugger                               | 9/28 | Elizabeth Hart<br>Lara Levasseur                       |
|     |                                                                                | 9/18 | Delaney Gray<br>Grant Kortgoede<br>Kathryn Michaels<br>Bo Palo | 9/29 | Jackson Gray                                           |
|     |                                                                                | 9/19 | Jose Batista<br>Gary Chilton                                   | 9/30 | Melissa Rowker<br>Bob Wilson                           |
|     |                                                                                | 9/20 | Mary Ann Koon                                                  |      |                                                        |

## ANNIVERSARIES

- |      |                      |      |                            |      |                              |
|------|----------------------|------|----------------------------|------|------------------------------|
| 9/2  | Pat & George Roeback | 9/11 | Suzanne & Charles Brantley | 9/21 | Marty & Bob Bentley          |
| 9/6  | Lynn & Tommy Oakley  |      | Jane & Spike Lucia         |      | Peggy & Larry Davis          |
|      | Kim & J.P. Powell    |      | Bethany & Jonathan Owen    | 9/22 | Judy & Richard Moots         |
|      | Pat & Rick Reass     | 9/14 | Judy & Harry Denlinger     | 9/25 | Charlie & T. Michael Stavres |
| 9/8  | Pat & Gary Gardner   | 9/16 | Susan & Richard Vickers    | 9/30 | Marie & Hal Jeffcoat         |
|      | Joe & Amy McKee      | 9/17 | Rose & Denny Flynn         |      | Sue & Bob McClew             |
|      | Pat & Ken Miller     |      | Donna & Ed Rounsley        |      |                              |
| 9/10 | Isobel & Bob Hubbard | 9/19 | Lori & Quentin Roe         |      |                              |

**CHILDREN'S  
SUNDAY  
SCHOOL  
AT 9:00 A.M.  
IN THE CE  
BUILDING.**



## **RE-READING THE GOSPELS** **Spending the Summer in the Story of Jesus**

We hope that the maturing disciples in our midst (Middle School/High School Youth and Adults) will join us on the summer Sundays when they are in town for a Sunday morning class: *Re-Reading the Gospels*. Class members will read 2 chapters a day from the gospels throughout the summer, and our weekly gatherings will help us to hear the good news about Jesus from the unique perspectives of Mark, Matthew, Luke, and John.

You don't have to be here every week to be a part of the class. Just join us in the reading plan and come on the Sundays you can for our discussions.

This class meets from **9:00 – 9:45 a.m.** in the back of McLeod Hall.

## **CONNECTION TIME CHANGE** **9:30—9:55 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 Sunday School & worship for some.



## **OUR SINGLE SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICE**



Continuing through Labor Day Weekend, our members and friends from the 8:15, 9:00, & 11:00 a.m. worship services 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 "another worship service", as we praise and worship God all summer long.

We hope to see you each week at 10:00 a.m. We will be alternating worship formats between Heart of Worship & Traditional styles.

**August 19 & 26** we will follow *Traditional* and **September 2**, *Heart of worship*.

## **WE CAN USE YOUR HELP...**

as a substitute care-giver in our church nursery. Do you like spending time with God's smallest children? We have a wonderful staff who regularly provide child-care in our church nursery on Sunday mornings, but occasionally those folks need some time away.

If you would be willing to serve as a substitute, please contact Rev. Sarah at 294-3121 or email her at [sbishop@firstpreswh.org](mailto:sbishop@firstpreswh.org) to get your name on our nursery substitute list.



**Our Purpose Statement**

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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.*

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**BAG LUNCH MINISTRY**

We gave out 205 bag lunches  
the week of 8/13/18.

We gave out 231 bag lunches  
the week of 8/20/18.

**Return Service Requested**

**SOUP KITCHEN MINISTRY**

We fed 95 people on 8/18/18.

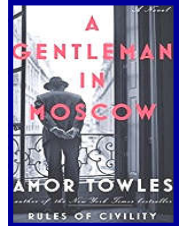
We fed 106 people on 8/25/18.

**The next Odd Month, Odd Monday Book Club is September 17**

*A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles

We will meet in the back of McLeod Hall **at 3 p.m.** for discussion and light refreshments.

Please RSVP by calling 294-3121 or emailing office@firstpreswh.org.



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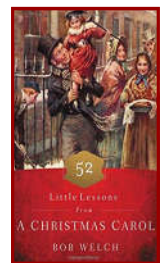
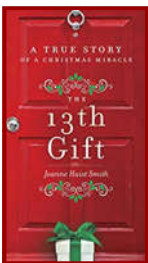
**And for the last gathering of the year...**

November 19: *The 13th Gift* by Joanne Huist Smith

*52 Little Lessons from A Christmas Carol* by Bob Welch

A copy or copies of the titles should soon be available for check out in the library.

Should you wish to order a copy you may contact Jonathan or Bethany Owen in the library.



**FUNTIMERS, SAVE THE DATE**

**Monday, Sept 17 at 11:15 a.m.**



We will travel from the church to the *Museum of Winter Haven History* in the Woman's Club Building located at Pope Ave. and Lake Howard Dr. Bob Gernert, museum director, will present a narrated tour of the museum.

Following the program we will gather at the Fire Restaurant on Central Avenue for lunch.

All it will cost you is the price of your lunch.

We hope you will join us **and** bring a friend. Please RSVP by **Wednesday, Sept. 12** by calling the church office at 294-3121 or emailing to [office@firstpreswh.org](mailto:office@firstpreswh.org), or filling out this attachment and placing in the offering plate.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ # Attending: \_\_\_\_\_