



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

Tower Chimes

Week of September 8, 2019

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133 Years of Ministry

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Worship (and more) on the Lord's Day at First Pres STARTING SUNDAY – SEPTEMBER 8 Here's what you'll find each Sunday morning!

8:00 am Chapel Worship

A traditional worship service held in our chapel.
The service follows the same order as the 11:00 a.m. worship,
but does not have a Chancel Choir. Musical ensembles will
offer special music on many Sundays.
A Time with Younger Disciples
will be included when we have children in attendance.



9:15 – 10:45 am The Connection

An extended fellowship time in McLeod Hall which will offer a coffee bar type
selection with different flavors, creamers, pastries, etc. It is a gathering place before
(or after) worship, and between worship and Sunday School for some.

9:15 am Heart of Worship

A Praise and Worship service held in our sanctuary.
Along with scripture, sermon, and prayers, a praise
band will help the congregation in adoring and showing
reverence to God. Following the *Time with Younger
Disciples*, children will be invited to join Ms. Lynn
in music and then to join in their own
Children's Sunday School Classes.



9:30 – 10:30 am Adult Sunday School

A variety of Christian Education classes for adults.

9:30 – 10:30 am Children's Sunday School

We will begin with music with Ms. Lynn and then children of all ages will be
welcomed to explore faith in their own classes.

11:00 am Sanctuary Worship

A traditional worship service held in our sanctuary.
The service follows the same order as the 8:00 a.m.
Chapel Service, and includes music from the
Chancel Choir and the organ,
as well as other instruments and groups.



PLEASE
JOIN
US ON
SUNDAYS

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 8

- 8:00 am Chapel Worship
- 9:15 am Connection (MH)
- 9:15 am Heart of Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 am Sunday School-Children/Adults (CE)
- 11:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 5:30 pm High School Youth Group (GC)
- 6:00 pm Service for Wholeness (Chapel)

Monday, September 9

- 8:45 am MOM (CE)
- 6:00 pm Personnel (MCR)

Tuesday, September 10

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

Wednesday, September 11

- 8:45 am MOM (CE)
- 12:00 pm Buildings & Grounds (MH)
- 3:00 pm Christ Kids (CE)
- 5:30 pm Middle School Youth Group (GC)
- 6:00 pm Dave Ramey Financial Peace (MH)
- 6:00 pm Chancel Bells (MS)
- 7:00 pm Choir (MS)

Thursday, September 12

- 12:00 pm Chapel Bells (MS)
- 2:00 pm Membership (MCR)

Friday, September 13

- 8:45 am MOM (CE)

Saturday, September 7

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



Our Christian
sympathy goes to
Cindy Curry upon the
death of her husband,
Charlie Curry,
who died Friday,
August 23, 2019

Remember in Prayer

MEMBERS

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| Marie Able | Joyce Hayman | Edna Mitchell |
| Kathy Andrews | Frances Heath | Bev Morris |
| Helen Butz | Kay Hedden | Nancy Neale |
| Helen Champlain | Patti Herndon | Bill Patchen |
| Carl Cheatham | Doris Hill | Barbara Roberts |
| Charlie Curry | Bryan Howard | Earle Roberts |
| Charlie Darte | Bob & Isobel | John & Marilyn |
| Patricia Dexter | Hubbard | Schleifer |
| Marjorie DiLorenzo | Jim Huff | George Seagreaves |
| Yolanda Dyer | Martha Johnson | Cash Sheaffer |
| Jana Easterling | Bill Johnston | Joyce Shirah |
| Dana Elmore | John Kissel | Barbara H. Smith |
| Bill Everhart | Toni Krieger | Joel Smith |
| Jim Francis | Dena Lancashire | Pete & Missie Snively |
| Pat Gardner | Eric Lindstrom | Christine Stevens |
| John Gray | Spike Lucia | Meg & John Strang |
| Pam Gray | Bob McClew | Pam Tallent-Blackburn |
| Bob Hancock | Joan McCollough | Carolyn Thompson |
| Jane Hayman | Matt McGaffigan | Gwen Waters |

Relatives & Friends

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| Jeff Bronson | Rose Flynn's brother-in-law |
| Reese Burdette | Dana Cole's cousin |
| Debra Cain | Tom & Jeri Oldt's friend |
| David Campbell | Rose Flynn's friend |
| Joy Cochran | Bethany Owen's friend |
| Drew Croteau | Pam Gray's son-in-law |
| Al Ellis | Jim Threlkel's friend |
| Dottie Griffith | Rob Donaldy & Becky Everhart's friend |
| Tynes & Julia Hildebrand | Rick & Pat Reass' friends |
| Joyce Hoffman | Wade Hoffman's mother |
| Francis Jewell | Bob & Shirley Hine's friend |
| Pete Kent | Charley & Nancy Chilton's nephew |
| Nathan Leaman | Lynn Oakley's friend |
| Earl Martin | Les O'Neal's friend |
| Carol Moore | Roger & Marie Able's friend |
| Shelia Moskowitz | Nell Speer's friend |
| Lettie Lane North | Jean Strang's sister |
| Debbie Rogers | Lynn Oakley's friend |
| Sandy Schwenk | Zane Schwenk's mother |
| Cinda Shelby | Lynn Oakley's friend |
| Arnie Spangers & family | Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friends |
| April Stade | Pam Gray's friend |



MILITARY

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|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Zach Anaya | Sean Harp |
| Brenden Anderson | David Knowles |
| Christian Anderson | John Marotti |
| Samuel Crockett | Mathew Massam |
| Zach Drum | KaitLin Marotti-Pitts |
| Robert Ferguson | Ashton Pitts |
| Stephanie Gillie | Shad Skinner |
| Eddie Gray | Drew Stapor |
| Daniel Harp | |



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Service for Wholeness with Communion

September 8 at 6:00 pm.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN BIBLE STUDY

The Lydia and Joy circles will be joining together this year as we begin a study titled: *“Love Carved in Stone” – A fresh Look at the Ten Commandments.*

We will meet at 9:30 am on **Tuesday, September 17** at the home of **Carol Carter**. The study books are available now at a cost of \$10.

See either Sue McClew or Carol Carter to purchase your copy. Our group is open to any and all women of the church interested in fellowship and Bible study.



WOULD YOU LIKE TO SING IN THE DISNEY CANDLELIGHT PROCESSIONAL



The Chancel Choir is again ready to make an audition tape to sing at the Disney Candlelight Processional. We will be practicing at the end of choir rehearsal for the next three weeks. We will record the audition tape on **Wednesday, September 18 at 7:30 pm**. The audition this year needs to include three of the songs from the Processional, so it will take a little more time to prepare. If the audition is successful, Disney will assign us an evening to perform during the month of December. Please contact Lynn McCoy at 701-570-1485 if you are interested in joining us. The Candlelight Processional is a beautiful way to help celebrate the season.

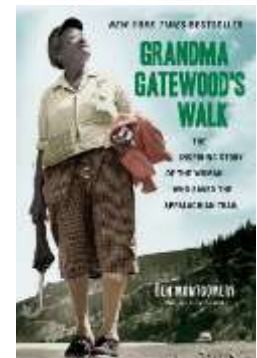
Next Book Club Selection:

Grandma Gatewood's Walk

The Inspiring Story of the Woman Who Saved the Appalachian Trail
by Ben Montgomery

Plan now to join us in the back of McLeod Hall on
Thursday, September 19 at 3 pm.

The book is available for checkout from the library or
Jonathan or Bethany Owen will order a copy for you.



ATTENTION! FUNTIMERS!



On **Wednesday, September 18**, the bus leaves at **9:45 am** for our tour of the Mulberry Phosphate Museum. We'll learn about phosphate mining and its link with the railroad industry as we tour the box cars and railroad depot. The tour ends with a hunt for shark teeth! Then - on to Catfish Country in Bartow for lunch. The only cost is for lunch.

To sign-up for the trip: call the church office at 294-3121, email to office@firstpreswh.org, sign-up at the FunTimers display in McLeod Hall, or fill out this tear-off and drop it in the offering plate or by the office.

Name: _____ Contact #: _____

Attending: _____ Riding Bus: [] Yes [] No

“PINT-SIZE” FUNTIMERS SEPTEMBER EVENT GROVE ROOTS ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 AT 6:30PM

The “Pint-size” Funtimers will be relaxing on the lawn at Grove Roots Brewing Company for their Sept. event! Enjoy a meal at the food truck and challenge a friend to a game of cornhole. Any and all are welcome to stop by for our Sept third Friday event!



Questions? Contact Rev. Sarah sbishop@firstpreswh.org or 294-3121.

CHRIST KIDS HAS BEGUN!



School is back in and you know what that means?!? **Christ Kids** – our faith-filled and safe after-school program for children 4 years through 5th grade. The fun happens on **Wednesdays at 3 pm**. Christ Kids ends at 5:30 pm.

Permission slips for families are on the church website, so spread the word and don't forget to join us as an Adult Volunteer! Questions? Contact Rev. Sarah at the church office at 294-3121 or via email at sbishop@firstpreswh.org.

SCHOOL IS BACK IN SESSION AND SO ARE OUR WEEKLY YOUTH FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS

Middle School Youth is meeting on **Wednesday evenings, from 5:30 – 7:30 pm** in the Golden Student Center. Join with **Philip Batista, Bill Lockhart, Steve Negley, and Emily Snyder** and our sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students as we enjoy time of food (we always have a meal), fun, and faith. Feel free to invite your friends to come along, too.

High School Youth (our ninth, tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grade young people along with **Cheryce Harris, Steve Negley, Jonathan Owen, Emily Snyder, and Peggy Threlkel**) gathers at the Golden Student Center (711 Sixth Street, NW) on **Sunday evenings (5:30 – 7:30 pm)** to share food, Christian fellowship, and service. Come check us out and watch your walk with Jesus deepen.



CALLING ALL MUSICIANS!



If you love music, we'd love to have you join us! Chancel Choir has started practice after our summer months off. We gather **Wednesdays at 7:00 pm**. The Chancel Bells also practices on **Wednesdays at 6:00 pm**. And the Chapel Bells rehearses on **Thursdays at 1:15 pm**.

Please call Lynn at 701-570-1485 if you are interested in joining a bell group. We are also very appreciative of those who share with special music at our services. So, if you are unable to join us for a regular rehearsal please let Lynn know if you are interested in sharing special music for one of our services.



CAN YOU HELP WITH CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SUPPLIES?



As we start a new school year, what better way to help First Pres continue to be a welcoming and fun church! We need your help! Our Christ Kids, Sunday School and Morning Out Moms program has created an Amazon wish list (https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1UYO02DN421X0?ref_=wl_share) of new toys, games and supplies to make that space fresh! You can purchase right from the list or use it as a guide to pick something up as you are out and about town.

Questions? Contact Rev. Sarah at sbishop@firstpreswh.org or 294-3121.

THE MEMORIAL GARDEN



You do not want to miss this event!

Monday, September 30 at 6:30 pm

**The event will be outside on the veranda overlooking the Memorial Garden.
Light refreshments will be served.**

Dr. Steve Negley and Dr. Alan Harvey will be explaining:

What is the purpose of the Memorial Garden?

What is Cremation?

Does Cremation take place at the Funeral Home?

Does Cremation take the place of a Funeral?

How are the remains or “cremains” usually handled?

What are the options for the final disposition of the cremated remains?

What are the religious guidelines towards cremation?

And more!

Please call the Church Office for reservations: (863) 294-3121 or
email: office@firstpreswh.org.

AVAILABLE FOR LOAN



Over the years, church members have donated wheelchairs, walkers, shower chairs, potty chairs, and other medical equipment to the church and they are available to loan people in the First Pres family who have a short-term need.



If you wish to borrow some useful equipment, contact the church office at 294-3121 and a staff member can help you go through available items.

REMEMBER!

THE STEPHEN MINISTERS ARE HERE FOR YOU!



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 Susan Singleton at 318-9208. Or you can talk with one of our other Stephen Leaders: Alan Harvey, Mary Marrs, Steve Negley, Barbara Perkins, or Jean Strang.

TEXT TO GIVE

1. Donor texts the keyword and amount (ex. Tithe 100 –**There must be a space between the keyword and amount**) to the number that is assigned to your organization. (If only an amount is texted without a keyword, the funds will go to a default category- unless you are using the short code- there is no default category on the short code.)
2. First time text donors receive a text with a link to sign into their SecureGive account or create a new one.
3. Donor signs in or creates an account and saves a default payment method to be used for text giving.
4. When this is complete, donor receives a confirmation that their first text donation has been processed. They will also receive an email receipt.



The next time the donor would like to give by text, they simply type the keyword and amount and will receive a request to confirm with Y. After replying, they will receive a text confirmation that their donation was processed and will receive an email receipt.

****We recommend that the donor save your organization's text number as a contact in their phone for future use****

****Donors can text a question mark “?” to be sent helpful tips.**

****Donors can text STOP to de-activate text giving from their phone. If they have texted STOP at any point, they must text START to get re-started.**

Robin Miller is available to assist you during office hours at 294-3121 or email rmiller@firstpreswh.org.

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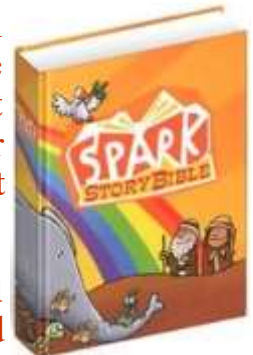
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SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES BEGINS SEPTEMBER 8, 9:30 - 10:30 AM

FOR THE CHILDREN

SPARK Sunday School will begin for our children (PreK-5th grade) and will be sparking faith starting **Sunday, September 8** after the time with younger disciples in the Heart of Worship service. PreK-K will be meeting in Room 101 and 1st through 5th grades in Room 206. Don't forget they will also be doing music with Ms. Lynn before their respective classes and ART on the third Sunday. Sunday School ends at 10:30 am.



Can't make it to church? Your family can activate faith with God's Word by connecting with the stories at home with our Spark home sheets and buying a copy of the Story Bible at www.weareSparkhouse.org.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL KICKS OFF SEPTEMBER 8 AT 9:30 AM

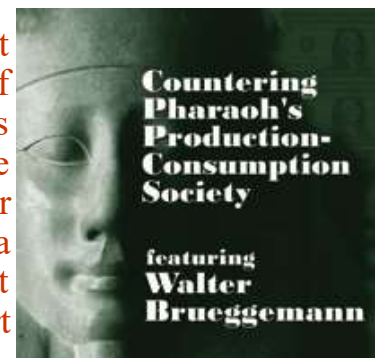
EMBRACING: FORGIVENESS WITH BARBARA CAWTHORNE CRAFTON – ROOM 207



Join **Bill Lockhart** and videos with **Barbara Cawthorne Crafton** as we study embracing forgiveness – beginning with clarity that eases the guilt often associated with the lack of forgiveness by saying what it isn't. It is not a job or task; it is not a conditional act to earn God's love. It is, Crafton believes, a spiritual gift given freely by a God who simply wants to connect with us. Over the five-week study, she shows how forgiveness can remove the tumor of anger from our hearts to become a means of grace that gives back our humanity. May the thoughtful insights of this class weigh the transforming power of forgiveness in your own life. (Reminder, this class will not be meeting on the First Sundays.)

PERSPECTIVES SUNDAY SCHOOL GENEVA ROOM, STARTS SEPTEMBER 22 AT 9:30 AM

Perspectives Class with **Glenn Thomas** and Old Testament scholar, **Walter Brueggemann**, presents five weeks of entertaining and thoughtful, fifteen-minute, video clips of his message *Countering Pharaoh*. Brueggemann's message sharpens our understanding of the Exodus story and our responsibility to address the similarities that exist in America today. Our discussion following each week's video will attempt to faithfully discuss those similarities. The first class will start on **Sunday, September 22**.



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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DAVE RAMSEY'S FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY **Wednesdays at 6:00 pm in McLeod Hall** **September 11 – November 6**

Take control of your money with *Financial Peace University (FPU)*! This nine-lesson course uses biblical wisdom and common sense to help you tackle budgeting, pay off debt, and make your money work for you!



FPU includes your member workbook and a year of free online resources through Financial Peace Membership. Join this FPU group today! Be sure to purchase your member registration online at <https://www.fpu.com/1095087> and then join us. Just look for First Presbyterian Church in available classes.

Questions? Contact Lee Wilkinson at
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