



TOWER CHIMES

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IT'S TIME FOR CAKE!



Rev. Dr. Steven R. Negley joined First Pres as Head of Staff and Senior Pastor on February 15, 1996. That's over 26 years of service to our congregation and community. Last year, we celebrated his 25th anniversary with a video prior to a worship service. Unfortunately, we were unable to have an appropriate in-person commemoration of this anniversary due to COVID restrictions. Well, the time has come to have a party!

Following our single worship service at **10 am this Sunday, September 11**, we will have a fellowship reception with cake and punch to thank Steve and look ahead to more years of shared ministry. We hope that you will make plans to join us in worship and for this special time together as a church family in September.

FALL IS ALMOST HERE! CHOIR AND BELLS RETURN!



Our First Pres Musicians are getting ready to begin our fall season of music making and we would love to extend an invitation to YOU. Rehearsals will start on **Wednesday, September 14** for **Chancel Bells** and **Chancel Choir**, and **Thursday, September 15** for **Chapel Bells**. We rehearse in the Music Suite on the 3rd floor of the Sanctuary building.

Chancel Bells: Wednesday evenings, 6:00 - 7:00.

Chancel Choir: Wednesday evenings, 7:00 - 8:15.

Chapel Bells: Thursday afternoons, 1:15 - 2:15.

We are so excited to start this choir season and hope you will join in making music with us! For more information, please call Jeremy at the church office or email him at jrath@firstpreswh.org.

CALLING ALL YOUNG ADULTS



If you are a Young Adult between ages 18-30, you are invited to our next gathering on **Friday, September 16**. We will gather at **6 pm** in the church parking lot. We will travel to the host's house for dinner and then to Cypress Lanes to play laser tag.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, September 11

- 10:00 am All Church Gathering Worship (Sanctuary/Facebook)
- 11:15 am Reception Honoring Dr. Negley (MH)
- 5:30 pm Chosen Bible Study (MH)
- 5:30 pm High School Youth Group (GC)

Monday, September 12

- 8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CE)
- 6:30 pm Christian Education (GR)

Tuesday, September 13

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

Wednesday, September 14

- 8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CE)
- 12:00 pm Buildings & Grounds (MH)
- 3:30 pm Christ Kids (CE)
- 5:30 pm Middle School Youth Group (GC)
- 6:00 pm Chancel Bells (MS)
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir (MS)

Thursday, September 15

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

Friday, September 16

- 8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CE)
- 6:00 pm Young Adults Fellowship (PL)

Saturday, September 17

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



REMEMBER IN PRAYER

MEMBERS

John & Ann Adams	Frances Heath	John & Marilyn Schleifer
Debbie Anderson	Bryan Howard	George Seagreaves
Pat Berrell	Jim Huff	Dick Shaw
Bill Brack	Scott & Becky Irvin	Joyce Shirah
Helen Champlain	Jill Kosmensky	Susan Singleton
Charlie Dart	Dena Lancashire	Dale Smith
Marjorie DiLorenzo	Ray & Gladys Larson	Katie Sparr
Zan Dismuke	Pat McCarty	Barbara Tackett
Rob Donaldy	Dick McCauley	Pam Tallent-Blackburn
Dana Elmore	Pat Miller	Mike Vibrat
Bill Everhart	Edna Mitchell	Pat Vobornik
Rossanne Gorsky	Judy Moots	
Pam Gray	Jeri & Tom Oldt	
Jane Hayman	Jackie Pinkney	

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Billy Bennett	Jim Joiner	Less & Alison O'Neal
Flo McNeer	Trish & Reed Layne	Sharon Schloffer
Hamilton	Dwight McKee	Myra Shelton
Jim & Belinda Hurst	Brynne Nowroozi	Jess Wilkinson


MILITARY

Zach Anaya	Stephanie Gillie	KaitLin Marotti
Brenden Anderson	Eddie Gray	Mathew Massam
Christian Anderson	Daniel Harp	Jett Sanderson
Zach Drum	Sean Harp	Diane Secord
Robert Ferguson	David Knowles	Shad Skinner
Ernie French	John Marotti	Drew Stapor

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This newsletter is published weekly.
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Bag Lunch Ministry
We gave out 175 lunches
the week of 8/29/22. 

 **Soup Kitchen Ministry**
We fed 60 people on
Saturday, 9/3/22.

Return Service Requested

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



Fall educational programming is starting soon and there are still opportunities to serve:

1. On-call Sunday nursery substitutes.
2. Folks rotating every 2-3 months teaching Sunday School.
3. Volunteering weekly at our Christ's Kids faith-based after-school program on Wednesday.

Interest peaked and would like to know more? Contact Rev. Sarah at sbishop@firstpreswh.org.

CHRIST'S KIDS

Our faith-based after-school program, Christ's Kids, starts **Wednesday, September 14 at 3:30 pm** on the playground. Kids PreK through 5th grade are invited to join. Just visit our website for more information and this year's registration form. Contact Rev. Sarah with any questions at sbishop@firstpreswh.org.

SERVICE FOR WHOLENESS



Our fall Service for Wholeness will be **Sunday evening, September 18** in the Chapel starting at **7 p.m.** Prayers will be offered for healing and wholeness in our world, our community, our families, and our lives.

Dr. Steve Negley will be leading reflections on scripture and Jeremy Rath will be offering the music for the evening. Communion will be served to those present, and people will be given the opportunity to come forward for individual prayers and anointing with oil if desired. Please join us for this time of worship and communion.



SAVE THE DATE:
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 5:30 PM

Five Wishes: A discussion starter on end of life issues.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children's Sunday School for PreK thru 5th grade will meet in the Christian Education Building, starting **September 18** from **9:15 to 10 am.**, in Room 206. Join the fun on Sunday mornings.

ARCHAEOLOGY OF THE BIBLE

Our Adult Sunday School class, meeting in the Geneva Room from **10:10 till 10:50 am**, continues its exploration of the history and archaeology of the Bible on **Sunday, September 18**. Each Sunday, historians and archaeologists, connect the biblical story with the larger historic world, ancient literature, and archaeological findings. Join this class for a fascinating interactive time with guided conversation and visits from our pastors to answer your questions.



FUNTIMERS RETURN!

Calling all First Pres Funtimers (the 55+ crowd in our congregation.) We will be gathering on **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19** for food, fellowship, and a fanciful organ demonstration by Director of Music Ministries, **Jeremy Rath**.

It all starts at **11 am**. Lunch will be served family-style in McLeod Hall and then we will head to the sanctuary where Jeremy will explain some of the details of our recently renovated Moeller church organ and treat us to some tunes.

We'll wrap up at **1 pm**. To help us have plenty of food prepared, please let us know you're coming by calling or emailing the church office.

