



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

# Tower Chimes

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132 Years of Ministry

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## SERVICE FOR WHOLENESS

We will be conducting our fall season Service for Wholeness on **Sunday evening, September 16** in the chapel starting at **6 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 Ms. Lynn McCoy 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 they desire. Please join us for this time of worship and communion.



## FUNTIMERS NEXT OUTING

**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, September 12** by calling the church office at 294-3121 or emailing to [office@firstpreswh.org](mailto:office@firstpreswh.org).



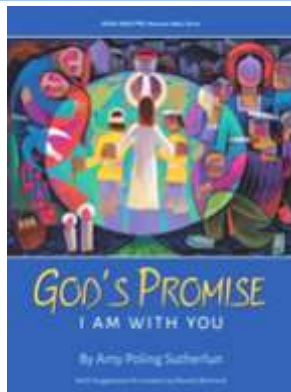
## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN BIBLE STUDY

The Lydia and Joy circles will begin a new study this month titled:  
*God's Promise – "I Am with You."*

**The Joy Circle** meets on the **3rd Tuesday** of each month and will meet for the first time on **September 18 at 9:30 a.m.** the home of Carol Carter.

**The Lydia Circle** meets on the **2nd Monday** of each month and will meet again on **October 8 at 10 a.m.** in the back of McLeod Hall.

The study books are available at a cost of \$10.00. See or call either Sue McClew (875-6176) or Carol Carter (299-4253) to purchase your copy. Both groups are open to any and all women of the church interested in fellowship and Bible study.



# OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

## Sunday, September 16

8:00 a.m. Chapel Worship (Chapel)  
 9:15 a.m. The Connection (MH)  
 9:15 a.m. Heart of Worship (Sanctuary)  
 9:30 a.m. Sunday School (CE)  
 11:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)  
 4:00 p.m. Praise Band (Sanctuary)  
 5:30 p.m. High School Youth Group (GC)  
 6:00 p.m. Service for Wholeness (Chapel)

## Monday, September 17

8:45 a.m. Morning Out Mom (CE)  
 11:15 a.m. FunTimers (MH)  
 3:00 p.m. Odd Month, Odd Monday  
 Book Discussion Club (MH)

## Tuesday, September 18

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (MCR)  
 12:00 p.m. Men's Lunch (MH)  
 12:00 p.m. Finance (UR)  
 1:30 p.m. Memorial Garden (MCR)  
 6:00 p.m. Officer Training (MCR)  
 6:30 p.m. Deacons (GR)

## Wednesday, September 19

8:45 a.m. Morning Out Mom (CE)  
 1:30 p.m. Congregational Care (MCR)  
 3:00 p.m. Christ Kids (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 20

1:15 p.m. Chapel Bells (MS)

## Friday, September 21

8:45 a.m. Morning Out Mom (CE)

## Saturday, September 22

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

## CHRIST KIDS HAS BEGUN



It's hard to believe the new school year is in full swing. And you know what that means?!? A new year of Christ Kids! Our Wednesday after-school program has begun.

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

## MEMBERS

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

IN THE HOSPITAL: Camille Howe & Keith Ray

## Relatives & Friends

|                          |                                      |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Reese Burdette           | Dana Cole's cousin                   |
| Katie Carter             | Bob & Carol Carter's daughter-in-law |
| Al Ellis                 | Jim Threlkel's friend                |
| Thomas & Carolyn Francis | Jim Francis' brother & sister-in-law |
| Lynda Giles              | Polly Wilson's niece                 |
| Dolores Hardy            | Bill & Becky Everhart's friend       |
| Pat Harmon               | Marile Weeks' friend                 |
| Kay Heatherington Holt   | Bill Everhart's friend               |
| Pete Kent                | Charley & Nancy Chilton's nephew     |
| Walter Mayden            | Gale Waters' cousin                  |
| Mary Linda McCarty       | Gale & Gwen Waters' friend           |
| Eve H. Mills             | Gannon Olmert's cousin               |
| Kris Polak               | Sandy Hoffman's friend               |
| Arnie Spangers           | Marile Weeks' friend                 |
| Tibbs Swick              | Amanda Olmert's father               |
| 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  
 Matthew Massam  
 Ryan Peardon  
 KaitLin Marotti-Pitts  
 Ashton Pitts  
 Shad Skinner

# Worship (and more) on the Lord's Day at First Pres

## FALL/WINTER/SPRING SCHEDULE HAS BEGUN

### Here's what you'll find each Sunday morning!

#### **8:00 a.m. Chapel Worship** **(NOTE THE NEW EARLIER TIME)**



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 offer special music on many Sundays.

*A Time with Younger Disciples* is included when we have children in attendance.

**9:15 – 10:45 a.m. The Connection** An extended fellowship time in McLeod Hall which offers 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 - 10:15 a.m. Heart of Worship** **(NOTE THE NEW EARLIER TIME)**

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



#### **9:30 – 10:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School**

A variety of Christian Education classes for adults.

#### **9:30 – 10:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School**

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

#### **11:00 a.m. 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.

# And beginning in October... the First Sunday *First* Pres Family Gathering

10:00 a.m. Worship

11:15 a.m. Congregational Luncheon

WHEN? Every First Sunday

|            |            |          |
|------------|------------|----------|
| October 7  | February 3 | June 2   |
| November 4 | March 3    | July 7   |
| December 2 | April 7    | August 4 |
| January 6  | May 5      |          |



**WHAT?** A single worship service followed by a fellowship luncheon

***A Single Worship Service at 10:00 a.m.  
(Sunday School will be held at 9:00 a.m.)***

A unique order of worship with elements from our other services:

A couple of opening songs with our Praise Band

An anthem presented by our Chancel Choir

A hymn accompanied on our pipe organ

Closing music by one of our hand bell groups or ensembles

Sermon and Time with Younger Disciples by our Pastors

***Congregation-wide Fellowship Luncheon at 11:15 a.m.***

Served family style in McLeod Hall at our round tables.

No reservations requested or required. There will be plenty of food.

(Any leftovers will be used by our Senior High Youth for their Sunday night meal, our Middle School Youth for their Wednesday night meal, or our Saturday Soup Kitchen.)



## 3 CENTS-A-MEAL IS THIS SUNDAY

We will collect the **3 Cents-a-Meal Hunger Offering** during our worship service **Sunday, September 16.**

This offering is divided between our Soup Kitchen/Bag Lunch Ministry, Beth-El Farm-workers Ministry, and Honduras.



(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).

## 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.



## CONNECTION TIME CHANGE

**9:15—10:45 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.

## FALL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES!

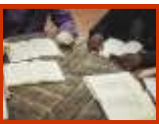
**Children's Sunday School** for PreSchoolers through 5<sup>th</sup> grade is happening in the CE Building, **9:30 a.m. (9 a.m. on the First Sunday.)** Our children activates faith with *Spark Lectionary* curriculum. Each class engages the Biblical story of the day through creative, hands-on activities,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

## 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 155 bag lunches  
the week of 9/3/18.

**Return Service Requested**

### Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 128 people on 9/8/18.

## CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF MINISTRY TOGETHER

What happened in the year 1998?

- ◇ Titanic becomes the first film to gross over \$1 Billion Dollars.
- ◇ Google, Inc, is founded in Menlo Park, California.
- ◇ St. Louis Cardinals first baseman Mark McGwire hits his 62nd home run of the season, breaking a record set in 1961.
- ◇ Hurricane Mitch makes landfall in Central America, killing an estimated 11,000 people.



And, in Winter Haven, Florida, **Rev. C. Alan Harvey** was installed as Associate Pastor on September 15, 1998!

We are planning to celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the start of Dr. Harvey's ministry in our midst on **Sunday, October 7, 2018** with a reception as a part of our First Sunday Luncheon.

The Session is preparing for this memorable day, and would like to invite First Pres members and friends to share their personal stories and memories with cards and notes to be included with other gifts that will be given to Alan at the celebration.

Please plan to join us for the luncheon (**11:15 a.m.**) and reception as we reflect back over 20 wonderful years.