



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

## Tower Chimes

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133 Years of Ministry

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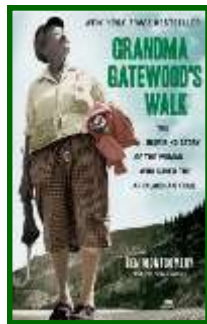
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### ODD MONTH THIRD THURSDAY AT 3



Please join us **THIS Thursday, September 19**  
at 3 pm in McLeod Hall.

*Grandma Gatewood's Walk*

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

### SATURDAY NITE LIVE RETURNS!!

Saturday Nite Live begins a new year of entertainment and educational activities for physically and mentally challenged late teens through adults **THIS Saturday, September 21 at 7 pm** in McLeod Hall.

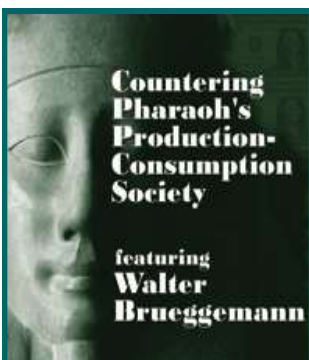
If you know of someone who would benefit from attending this program, please contact Dr. Harvey at 294-3121.



This month, *Jigglemann* will make a return engagement and we will celebrate all of our Saturday Nite Live guests' birthdays. Word has it that pizza is on the snack menu.

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

Perspectives Class with 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 **THIS Sunday, September 22**.



# OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

## Sunday, September 22 3 Cents-a-Meal

- 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)

## Monday, September 23

- 8:45 am MOM (CE)
- 10:00 am Prayer Shawl (MH)

## Tuesday, September 24

- 9:00 am Staff Meeting (MCR)
- 12:00 pm Men's Lunch (MH)
- 6:15 pm Worship & Music (UR)

## Wednesday, September 25

- 8:45 am MOM (CE)
- 3:00 pm Christ Kids (CE)
- 5:30 pm Community Outreach (MCR)
- 5:30 pm Middle School Youth Group (GC)
- 6:00 pm Dave Ramey Financial Peace (PL)
- 6:00 pm Chancel Bells (MS)
- 7:00 pm Choir (MS)

## Thursday, September 26

- 12:00 pm Chapel Bells (MS)
- 3:00 pm OMTT3 (MH)

## Friday, September 27

- 8:45 am MOM (CE)

## Saturday, September 28

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



## 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        |                       |

# Remember in Prayer

## MEMBERS

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

## 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                 |
| Joy Cochran              | Bethany Owen's friend                    |
| Drew Croteau             | Pam Gray's son-in-law                    |
| Larry Durrence           | George & Joyce Carefoot's brother-in-law |
| Al Ellis                 | Jim Threlkel's friend                    |
| Dottie Griffith          | Rob Donaldy & Becky Everhart's friend    |
| Doug Heyer               | Susan Singleton's son                    |
| 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 Spanjers & family  | Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friends           |
| April Stade              | Pam Gray's friend                        |

## NEXT PRAY SHAWL MEETING IS MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

The prayer shawl group needs you! We meet the **4th Monday** of the month at **10:00 am** in McLeod Hall to knit/crochet together. We would love to have you come to our meetings. But... you don't need to be able to meet with us to participate.

You can knit or crochet at home. There is lots of yarn in the closet at the church. So please help us bring comfort to others with the lap robes and prayer shawls that we create. Any pattern you would like to use would be fine, but we usually keep things pretty simple.

We want to continue to be able to meet the need for the prayer shawls so your help will be greatly appreciated! Call the church office at 294-3121 if you have questions.



## 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, October 15** at the home of **Carol Carter**.

The study books are available now at a cost of \$10. See either Sue McClew or Carol Carter, or come by the church office to purchase your copy. Our group is open to any and all women of the church interested in fellowship and Bible study.



## 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](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](mailto:sbishop@firstpreswh.org) or 294-3121.

## 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.



## 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](mailto:rmiller@firstpreswh.org).

## “PINT-SIZE” FUNTIMERS SEPTEMBER EVENT GROVE ROOTS THIS 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 September third Friday event!

Questions? Contact Rev. Sarah [sbishop@firstpreswh.org](mailto:sbishop@firstpreswh.org) or 294-3121.



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## DAVE RAMSEY’S FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY Wednesdays at 6:00 pm in the Price Library Runs through 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 863-221-2006 or [wilkeglk@verizon.net](mailto:wilkeglk@verizon.net).

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## 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.



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## CHRIST KIDS HAS BEGUN!



School is back in session and you know what that means?!? **Christ Kids** – our faith-filled and safe after-school program for children 4 years through 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:sbishop@firstpreswh.org).

# JOIN US ON SUNDAYS!!!



## 8:00 am Chapel Worship

A traditional worship service held in our chapel. The service follows the same order as the 11:00 am 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 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.



## 11:00 am Sanctuary Worship

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



## DON'T MISS THE CONNECTION 9:15-10:45 AM

This fellowship time in McLeod Hall offers a coffee bar type selection with different flavored creamers, pastries, etc. It is a gathering place before or between worship and Sunday School for some folks.



## SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES

9:30 - 10:30 AM

### FOR THE CHILDREN



SPARK Sunday School will begin for our children (PreK-5<sup>th</sup> grade) and will be sparking faith after the *Time With Younger Disciples* in the Heart of Worship service. PreK-K will be meeting in Room 101 and 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.weareSparkhouse.org).

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

### 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.)



## 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 203 bag lunches  
the week of 9/9/19.

**Return Service Requested**

### Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 70 people on 9/14/19.

## THE MEMORIAL GARDEN

**You do not want to miss this event!**

**Monday, September 30 at 6:30 pm.**



**This 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](mailto:office@firstpreswh.org).

The event is sponsored by the Stephen Ministry Program of First Presbyterian Church