



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
WINTER HAVEN

Tower Chimes

Week of August 28, 2016

Issue 592

130 Years of Ministry

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HOT NIGHTS, COOL JAZZ

THIS SUNDAY EVENING
AUGUST 28 AT 6:00 P.M.

The Jazzbyterians will be
presenting a coffee house
style performance in
McLeod Hall.

Come hear some of your
favorite hymns and enjoy a
cup of java and dessert
served by our youth group.



The youth will be taking an offering to help support their new partnership with the youth of Honduras. The youth project will provide bag lunches for the families of children who are in the Tegucigalpa Hospital. Come for an evening of cool jazz!



Please make your reservation by August 26
by contacting the church at 294-3121,
office@firstpreswh.org, or dropping
this tear-off in the offering plate.

Name: _____ # Attending:

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, August 28

8:45 a.m. OJ Fellowship (MH)
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship
4:30 p.m. HSYG Music Rehearsal (GC)
5:30 p.m. HSYG
6:00 p.m. Jazz Coffee House (MH)

Monday, August 29

6:30 p.m. Communication Task Force (MH)

Tuesday August 30

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (MCR)
12:00 p.m. Men's Lunch (MH)

Wednesday, August 31

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 1

7:00 p.m. Chapel Bells (MS)

Friday, September 2

Saturday, September 3

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



Zach Drum
Robert Ferguson
Stephanie Gillie
Eddie Gray
David Knowles

John Marotti
KaitLin Marotti-Pitts
Ashton Pitts
Drew Stapor



HOW ABOUT TEACHING CHILDREN'S



Are you looking for a way to give back to your church but also get so much more in return? We are looking for children's Sunday School teachers for the Fall and Winter. Please prayerfully consider this amazing opportunity to teach the children of the church about your faith and helping them grow in their faith as well.

Our Preschool group consists of three and four year olds and our elementary group is divided between kindergarten through second grade and third through fifth grade. Please prayerfully consider giving a few weeks every couple of months to serve as a Sunday School teacher. Please contact Amy McKee at 294-3121 or amckee@firstpreswh.org for more information.

Remember in Prayer

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Roger Able
Bill Adams
Jonye Briggs
Millie Carrier
Helen Champlain
Anamarie & Tom
Coffman
Charlie Darte
Nancy Dobler
Dannie Dougherty
Jana & Mike Easterling
Jeanne Estes
Bill Everhart
Lois Frakes
Bill Garrett
Margaret Goodman
Clyde & Carolyn Greene
Marilyn Hearn
Frances Heath

Doris Hill
Camille Howe
Jim Huff
Dorothy Johnson
Joey Johnston
Sara Koon
Dena Lancashire
Jackie Lawn
Spike Lucia
Larry Marshall
Dick McCauley
Amy McKee
Jack Meadows
Lynnis Mincey
Joan Murphy
Ed Partridge
Anthony Premuto
Robert Ramseyer
Keith Ray

Barbara Roberts
Earle Roberts
Dave Ryan
Dorothy Ryan
Marilyn Schleifer
Beverly Seagreaves
Barbara A. Smith
Barbara H. Smith
Marcia Smith
Carol Switalski
Pam Tallent-Blackburn
Carolyn Thompson
Shirley Turner
Jim Vobornik
Lee Wilkinson
Marie Williams
Retha Wright

Relatives & Friends

Peggy Argudo
Jim Bohlk
Reese Burdette
Anna Clawson and expected twins
Allen Cofiori
Steve & Kaye Cook
Dave Craig
Jim, James, Jacob, & Edward Daniels
Sue Duncan
Eric Eelman
Al Ellis
Raymond Fenstermaker
David Johnson
Pete Kent
Matt Krehmar
Nan Mason
Marisa Middaugh
Becca, Samara, Aliyah, & Eli Ramirez
Dr. Shaw
Kristy Turner
Debbie Webb
Marshall Wood

Gene Aspy's friend
Rose Flynn's friend
Dana Cole's cousin
Linda Stavres' granddaughter
Gale & Gwen Waters' friend
Alison & Les O'Neal's friend
Jonathan Owen's friend
Jonathan Owen's friends
Jonathan Owen's friend
Bruce & Kate Eelman's son
Jim Threlkel's friend
Gale & Gwen Waters' grandson
Lynn Oakley's friend
Charley & Nancy Chilton's nephew
Tom & Jeri Oldt's friend
Harvey & Mary Ann Snively's daughter
Gene Aspy's niece
Betty Shinn's grandchildren
Lynn Oakley's friend
Rick & Pat Reass' daughter
Jonathan Owen's friend
Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend

WE ARE ALSO RECRUITING CHRIST KIDS TEACHERS FOR THE FALL

We need teachers who are able to give of their **Wednesday afternoons from 3 p.m. till 5:30 p.m.** If you could only make it during your class time from **4:30-5:30 p.m.** that works too.



Please prayerfully consider being part of the faith development of the children of our church as well as children from our community. We typically have 25 children each week and we need at least 6 volunteers to make each Wednesday possible. Please contact Amy McKee at amckee@firstpreswh.org or 294-3121.

DISNEY CANDLELIGHT PROCESSIONAL

If you would like to sing with the choir this year for the Disney Candlelight Processional we will have our first rehearsal this week, **August 24** following choir practice at **8:00 p.m.** in the choir room. We will also rehearse after choir on **August 31** and be ready to make our audition tape on September 7th after choir rehearsal.

The audition tapes are due early this year and I would like to have the advantage of getting ours in as soon as possible. If we are fortunate to be chosen this year to participate in the Candlelight Processional we will have several rehearsals scheduled prior to the performance. If you are unable to come to any of these rehearsals, please give Lynn a call.



HELP!

23 Advent 2016 Devotionals Required
- 15 Advent 2016 Devotionals Received
= **8 Advent 2016 Devotionals needed**
to produce a booklet:

*"Toyland - Remembering Favorite Childhood Toys
Received at Christmas"*

If you are willing to help please contact Alan at
aharvey@firstpreswh.org
or 294-3121.
Thanks!

O Lord, how long...

must we wait before our new church pictorial directories arrive?

The answer is: much less time than what has already passed! Haha! Seriously, we have had some editing and proofing challenges with this new directory. Your patience and understanding are greatly appreciated!!



Truly we expect the directories to be available by the latter half of September. The directories are coming!



SANCTUARY FLOWER CALENDAR

*Our 2016 Flower Calendar still has the following open dates:
September 25; October 2 & 16; and December 4 & 11.*

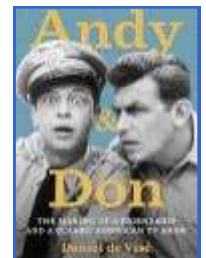
There is space to sign up for placing flowers in the narthex on a given Sunday, when the sanctuary flowers for your desired date have already been selected by someone else.



OM, OM BOOK CLUB

The next meeting of the OM, OM Book Club is **September 19**, when we will discuss these two books:
Signing Their Lives Away by Denise Kiernan;
and *Andy & Don* by Daniel de Vise.

Be sure to call the church office at 294-3121 if you plan to attend.



Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong.

1 Corinthians 16:13

Making *FIRST PRES* Your *FIRST CHOICE* for Music

First Pres has many opportunities for all ages to worship through song. Our many ensembles also provide a special fellowship that can last a lifetime!

Music for the very young Wednesday 10:45-11:15 and 11:15-11:45 (Drop-ins welcome at 10:45)

Lynn does a special music class for the Morning Out Moms' children. Drop-ins are welcome to attend the music session. Singing, movement, pre-reading skills, story time, and playing a variety of non-pitched instruments makes music time fun. Traditional and contemporary children's Christian songs provide a wealth of resources.

Children Wednesday Christ Kids and Sunday School

Children from preschool through grade 5 participate in music activities using singing, instruments and movement. They regularly participate in the worship service with their offering of praise through song. They use a variety of percussion instruments, ukulele, guitar and recorders to encourage music reading and to develop their musical talents. There is also a Christ Kids Ringers ensemble for hand bells.

Youth Sunday 4:30

The Youth meet on Sunday prior to Youth group in the Golden Center. Any high school or junior high youth who are interested in singing or playing an instrument are invited to come and join. The Youth regularly share their praise with song during worship service. Resources include a variety of musical styles from classical to contemporary Christian. There are many opportunities to use your talents in a large group or small ensemble so come and



Adult

Chancel Choir meets on Wednesday at 7:00 and Sunday a half hour before service. Anyone from high school age and up is welcome to join a wonderful fellowship of praise through song. There is no audition required. The Chancel Choir regularly sings at the 11:00 service and special events throughout the year. The Choir will be singing at the 2016 Jingle Java Jam in December, Disney Candlelight Processional, and this year we will present a joint concert with Haines City Presbyterian Church – stay tuned!

Hand Bells. We have two adult hand bell groups. Chancel Bells meets on Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. and Chapel Bells meets on Thursday at 7:00 p.m. High School through adult ages are welcome. Both groups play regular for Sunday worship service and for special occasions. We have space for beginners and advanced ringers. You just need to make a commitment to the rehearsal schedule! We have a special Spring Ring planned for April 2017!

Praise and Worship Band. We have a new opportunity this year for those who are interested in playing or singing contemporary Christian music. There will be weekly rehearsals and music will be shared at our new Praise and Worship service on Sunday morning. Please contact Lynn if you are interested in joining this group on a regular or drop-in basis. This is a new and exciting opportunity for musicians in our church.

Solo and Small Ensemble Voice/Instrumental opportunities

If you are a youth with 3 years band experience or an adult who used to play, and any singers who are unable to commit to regular choir rehearsals, we would love to have you join one of our small music ensembles. We use piano, keyboard or organ in every service and we welcome and encourage those with keyboard skills.

There are opportunities every Sunday to share your talent during worship service. Please contact Lynn and we will find a place for you to share your praise on Sunday morning.

Sound Booth

If technology is your thing, we also have a place for you in our musical praise! We are in need of people who would like learn about our sound system and help during the worship service to make sure all our praise is heard! We will be holding a training session so contact Lynn and let her know if you are willing to join the Sunday rotation in the sound booth! *Please.*



LET'S HEAR FROM INDIVIDUALS OF OUR HONDURAS MISSION TEAM



One of my favorite parts about this trip was getting to see all our Honduran friends again. We just picked up where we left off. I loved interacting with the village children and seeing their smiles when they saw bubbles, get stuffed toys, and colored with paper and crayons. **Emily Snyder**



Each time we go into a village with crafts, the children are all so excited. That look never gets old. A smile means the same in every language. I don't need to speak their language to know they feel joy in that moment.

Dana Parrish

We are so appreciative to our First Presbyterian Family for your prayers, support, and extreme thoughtfulness upon the loss of Joan Carruth. Thank you to everyone who attended the Celebration of Life Service. We are blessed with a loving church family. Blessings, The Smith's & McKee's



WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!



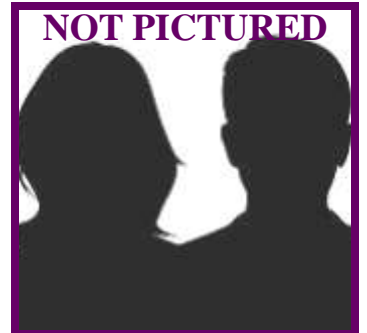
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SEPTEMBER

BIRTHDAYS

9/2 Patrick Bentley Richard White	9/10 Rick Reass Hunter Smith	9/21 Cindy Bruce Alison O'Neal
9/3 Maxie Adams Cody Dugger Chris Lyons Sawyer Speer	9/11 Freya Abbott Glen Anderson	Al Porter Katie Stine Jim Zeller
9/4 Sarah Pickos Christa Roe Kit Threlkel	9/12 Elizabeth Miller Amanda Nicholson Meg Tucker Shirley Turner	9/22 Steven Barthel Maggie Beeland Mike Harris Katrina Hoffman
9/5 Kristen Siegel Brett Cranmer Tom Nepute Jonathan Owen	9/13 Nancy Dobler Spike Lucia Megan Robinson	9/23 Kathleen Garner Elsie Savant
9/6 Lauren Clarke Cooper Kirkland Ben Tucker	9/14 Kelly Conner Scott Girouard John McCoy	9/24 Pete Borowski John Clarke, Jr. Elizabeth Dantzler Merle Griffin
9/7 Krista Endres Ken Jorgensen Sherie Ray Julia Strang	9/15 Denise Cole 9/16 Jane Dickey Nell Speer	9/25 Lois Burrell Heidi Munoz-Gutierrez Sam Sheffield
9/8 Linda Fairchild Bill Taylor Lindsay Thibodaux Dalton Weihrauch	9/17 Beckett Chilton Tricia Dugger Phyllis Ruble	9/26 Nikki Gann Beth Koon Judy Lindsay
9/9 Brayden Olmert Frances Stapor Shannon Thompson	9/18 Delaney Gray Kathryn Michaels Bo Palo	9/27 David Emry 9/28 Elizabeth Hart Lara Levasseur
	9/19 Jose Batista Gary Chilton Jacob Hodges	9/29 Jackson Gray 9/30 Melissa Rowker 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 & Tom Oakley Kim & J.P. Powell Pat & Rick Reass	Jane & Spike Lucia Bethany & Jonathan Owen	Peggy & Larry Davis Kathy & Scott Girouard
9/8 Pat & Gary Gardner Joe & Amy McKee Pat & Ken Miller	9/14 Judy & Harry Denlinger 9/16 Susan & Richard Vickers 9/17 Rose & Denny Flynn Donna & Ed Rounsley	9/22 Judy & Richard Moots 9/24 Jean & Dave Tannahill 9/25 Charlie & T. Michael Stavres 9/29 Eva & Mark Chambers
9/10 Isobel & Bob Hubbard	9/19 Lori & Quentin Roe	9/30 Sue & Bob McClew

Worship

noun wor·ship \ 'wər-shəp

**the act of showing respect and love for a god especially by praying with other people who believe in the same god:
the act of worshipping God**

verb show reverence and adoration for God; honor with
religious rites

When we read the history of First Presbyterian Church of Winter Haven, the story is punctuated with references to **Worship**.

Less than a month after our church was organized in December of 1886, the first public worship service was held in a room over a downtown Winter Haven store. In the course of our church's first year, the location of public worship included a hotel, a schoolhouse, and a tomato packing house. By 1893, a permanent house of worship was completed and now we gather each Lord's Day in a sanctuary where God has been worshiped for 90 years.

Our history is one that is rich with worship, and gathering to adore and praise God continues to be the cornerstone upon which our life together is built.

As we move into our 131st year as God's people together here in Winter Haven, we are planning to stay faithful in praising, adoring, and showing reverence to God, by expanding our worship opportunities.

Starting this fall, each Sunday will begin with a Chapel Service at 8:15 a.m. This worship service, following the order of worship which has been our tradition for decades, will be held in our chapel on the first floor of the main building.

At 11:00 a.m., we will continue to gather with the accompaniment of chancel choir and organ for our later morning worship service.

And in the time between these two traditional services, we will be holding the Praise and Worship Service in the sanctuary. Along with scriptures, sermon, and prayers, a praise band will help the congregation in adoring and showing reverence to God.

More details of the services and times will be coming your way in the next few weeks as we keep worshipping the God who made, saves, and claims us.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children ages three through fifth grade graduates are invited to join us for *252 Basics* in Room 102 of the Christian Education building each Sunday. This curriculum focuses on three basic truths: I need to make the wise choice; I can trust God no matter what; and I should treat others the way I want to be treated. Join us each Sunday for 45 minutes of music, Bible lesson, crafts, snacks, and more!

Adults can choose between two classes this Summer:

Coffee and Questions will meet in Room 207 of the Christian Education Building where they select “hot topic questions” for an open discussion. Come as your schedule allows and drop into this open discussion class.

Drs. Negley and Harvey lead adults & youth a class in *We Believe! We Believe? We Believe...* We explore what we believe about: God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, Our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost and born to a virgin; Who suffered and died; Who descended to Hell and then rose again; and the third person of the Trinity – the Holy Ghost. We discuss our belief in the resurrection of the body and life everlasting and more. This class **meets in the back of McLeod Hall and the youth are invited to join us.**

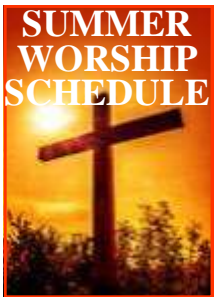


SINGLE SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICE

Please continue to join us this summer for our First Presbyterian Family Reunion
(aka: Our Single Summer Worship Service).

As it continues through Labor Day Weekend, our members and friends from both the 8:50 a.m. worship service and the 11:00 a.m. worship service gather together each Sunday for this one worship service.

This single service is a great opportunity to see folks who may normally attend “the other worship service”, as we praise and worship God all summer long.



Some Sundays we follow our “Gathering” service. The piano is the primary instrument for leading in congregational music with a variety of instruments adding special touches from week to week. The prayers in worship and the flow of the service help the congregation gather in God’s love. The Gathering ordinarily lasts 50 minutes and concludes with the Benediction.

Other Sundays we worship in the style of our “Traditional” order of worship. This service has music and responses regularly led by our chancel choir and accompanied by organ and piano. In the tradition of our church, cultivated over the last few decades, a full liturgy gives the congregation opportunities for spiritual enrichment and the sense of God’s love and grace. This worship service ordinarily lasts one hour and concludes with the Benediction.

In either format, we are certain that God will be glorified.

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 Summer Worship Service at 10 a.m. Please let us know if we can be of service to you.



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Our Purpose Statement

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
218 bag lunches the week of 8/15/16

Return Service Requested

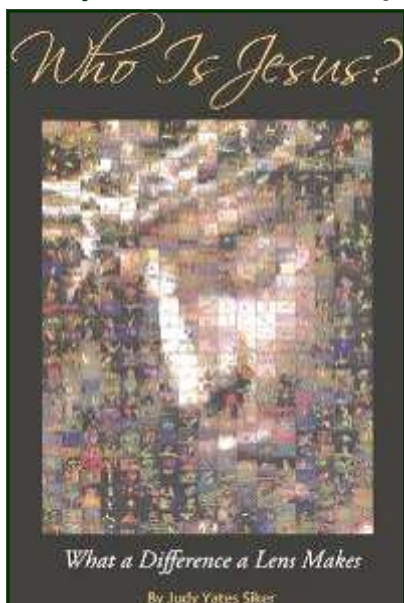
Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 105 people on 8/20/16

CIRCLE MEETINGS RETURN SEPTEMBER 12TH & 20TH

Lydia Circle - **Monday, September 12th at 10 a.m.** in McLeod Hall

Joy Circle - **Tuesday, September 20th at 9:30 a.m.** at the home of Carol Carter



We will be using the PW Horizons Bible study titled:
"Who Is Jesus? What a Difference a Lens Makes"
written by the Rev. Dr. Judy Yates Siker.

Join us as we journey through the New Testament,
looking at Jesus through a number of various lenses
and how these different perspectives impact
our understanding of who Jesus is.

The study books are now available for \$8.00.

Contact either Carol Carter at 299-4253
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