



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

Tower Chimes

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HAVE YOU READ OUR NEXT OM, OM BOOK DISCUSSION CLUB SELECTION YET?



Our **Odd Month, Odd (3rd) Monday Book Discussion Club** will meet again on **July 18 at 3:00 p.m.** We will have some light refreshments and will discuss Denise Kiernan and Joseph D'Agnesi's book, *Signing Their Lives Away: The Fame and Misfortune of the Men Who Signed The Declaration of Independence*.

Please call the church office at 294-3121 if you plan to attend. Copies are in our library. You may also contact Jonathan Owen by seeing him on Sunday, calling him at 318-9944, or e-mailing him at jonathan.owen.cu2r@statefarm.com about ordering a personal copy.

GOOD NEWS FOR GOD'S CHILDREN (From some great children's books)

Celebrating the marvelous truth that we are all children of God, our worship services during the month of July is centering on "Good News for God's Children." Each week, during "The Time With Younger Disciples," Dr. Harvey or Dr. Negley will share an entire children's book with the little ones who come forward. (Bigger children, those from 5 to 105, will be able to see the pictures from the book as they are being projected in the sanctuary).



*Hope you are having
a great summer!!!*



The scripture and sermon for each Sunday is woven around the story that has been told to God's children. We hope you will gather with us each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. this month as all God's children share the good news of what God has done, and is doing for us, in Jesus Christ.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, July 10

8:45 a.m. OJ Fellowship (MH)
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
9:15 a.m. Chancel Choir
10:00 a.m. Worship
11:30 a.m. Session (GR)

Monday, July 11

8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)
9:30 a.m. Music Camp (CE103)
6:30 p.m. Christian Education (GR)

Tuesday July 12

8:30 a.m. Kidz Summer Escape (CE)
9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (MCR)
9:30 a.m. Music Camp (CE103)
12:00 p.m. Men's Lunch (MH)
6:30 p.m. Personnel (MCR)

Wednesday, July 13

8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)
9:30 a.m. Music Camp (CE103)

Thursday, July 14

8:30 a.m. Kidz Summer Escape (CE)
9:30 a.m. Music Camp (CE103)
3:00 p.m. Membership (MCR)

Friday, July 15

8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)
9:30 a.m. Music Camp (CE103)

Saturday, July 16

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



Sunday, July 17

3 Cents-a-Meal

8:45 a.m. OJ Fellowship (MH)
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
9:15 a.m. Chancel Choir
10:00 a.m. Worship

Monday, July 18

8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)
3:00 p.m. OM, OM Book Club (MH)

Tuesday, July 19

8:30 a.m. Kidz Summer Escape (CE)
9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (MCR)
12:00 p.m. Men's Lunch (MH)

Wednesday, July 20

8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)

Thursday, July 21

8:30 a.m. Kidz Summer Escape (CE)

Friday, July 22

8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)

Saturday, July 23

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

Remember in Prayer

members

Roger & Marie Able
Jonye Briggs
Millie Carrier
Helen Champlain
Anamarie Coffman
Nancy Dobler
Dannie Dougherty
Jana & Mike Easterling
Jeanne Estes
Bill Everhart
Lois Frakes
Bill Garrett
Margaret Goodman
Clyde & Carolyn Greene
Joyce Hayman
Frances Heath

Doris Hill
Camille Howe
Jim Huff
Dorothy Johnson
Joey Johnston
Sara Koon
Ronda Lacy
Dena Lancashire
Jackie Lawn
Spike Lucia
Larry Marshall
Dick McCauley
Lynnis Mincey
Joan Murphy
Ed Partridge
Anthony Premuto

Robert Ramseyer
Keith Ray
Barbara Roberts
Earle Roberts
Dorothy Ryan
Beverly Seagreaves
Barbara A. Smith
Barbara H. Smith
Argyle Stevens
Pam Tallent-Blackburn
Carolyn Thompson
Shirley Turner
Lee Wilkinson
Marie Williams
Retha Wright

IN THE HOSPITAL: Charlie Dart

Relatives & Friends

Shelly Appleton
Carlotta & Larry Bennett
Reese Burdette
Al Ellis
Raymond Fenstermaker
Jeann Gardner
Heather Harden
Pam Heath
Glenda Henderson
Laurie Hunt
Pete Kent
Nan Mason
Kristy Turner
Julie Whitney
Marshall Wood

Marcia & John Eycleshimer's friend
Bethany Owen's friends
Dana Cole's cousin
Jim Threlkel's friend
Gale & Gwen Waters' grandson
Olga Andrews' friend
Lillian Harden's daughter
Lynn Oakley's friend
Olga Andrews' friend
Polly Wilson's friend
Charley & Nancy Chilton's nephew
Harvey & Mary Ann Snively's daughter
Rick & Pat Reass' daughter
Connie Shipley's friend
Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend



Robert Ferguson
Stephanie Gillie
Eddie Gray
David Knowles

John Marotti
KaitLin Marotti-Pitts
Ashton Pitts
Drew Stapor

*Our condolences goes to
Clyde & Carolyn Greene
on the death of their
daughter,
Melissa Greene Michaux,
who died Monday,
June 13, 2016.*

*Our deepest sympathy
goes to Gale Waters
on the death of
his Aunt,
Grace Cuttingham
who died Tuesday,
June 14, 2016.*

*Our Christian sympathy
goes to
Ronda Lacy on the
death of her father,
Ron Lucas,
who died Tuesday,
June 21, 2016.*

*Our deepest sympathy
goes to Roger Able on
the death of
his step-father,
Ben Semelroth,
who died Thursday,
June 23, 2016.*

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.

Thank you!

3 CENTS-A-MEAL SUNDAY



We will collect the **3 Cents-a-Meal Hunger Offering** during worship on **JULY 17.**

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



CONGREGATION THANK YOUS

To my dear church family,

Many thanks for the calls, cards, hugs, visits, flowers, thoughts, and prayers. My surgery is behind me now with six weeks of radiation to go and I will be on the road to recovery.

Judy Kingham.

During my time of sorrow, our family found much comfort in the outpouring kindness, love, and prayers from our First Presbyterian Church Family.

We thank you all from the bottom of our hearts for your thoughtful support.

In God's love, the family of Jerry Dugger

A SPECIAL INVITATION TO 6TH - 12TH GRADERS JOIN OUR YOUTH GROUP THIS SUMMER

Are you interested in a deeper relationship with Christ while having fun and meeting new people? Then join us this summer for some fun! We are not meeting for regular youth groups, but we will still be going on hands and feet projects and fun trips. If you have any questions, please contact Dana at 412-2897 or...

Stay connected in two ways to see what we are doing by following us on:

- Instagram at [fpwhyouth](https://www.instagram.com/fpwhyouth)
- Facebook at [First Pres WH youth](https://www.facebook.com/FirstPresWHyouth).



Dana also sends out messages via *Remind*. This is an app many teachers use to communicate with their students [Text 81010](https://www.remind101.com/):

- if you are a middle school youth type [@msygfppwh](https://www.remind101.com/)
- if you are a high school youth type [@hsygfppwh](https://www.remind101.com/)

Here's to a great summer! God bless!



Making FIRST PRES Your FIRST CHOICE in This Summer's VBS & Mission Honduras

WHAT AN ADVENTURE WE HAD AT CAVE QUEST VBS!

We had at least 65 children joining us every evening and around 50 adult and teen volunteers helping to lead crews, stations, and making everything come together for the week. This year we held our opening and closing gatherings in the Sanctuary. It was awesome! We also had a live band, all from our church, which was very exciting. Thanks to our tech-crew for bringing the music and pictures to life.

We also collected Back to School supplies for the children of Beth-el farm workers ministry. It was an amazing four nights and we were so blessed to have the support from our members and friends of the congregation as well as from the community. We are already planning toward next year. Please enjoy some pictures from the week!



MISSION ACCOMPLISHED – LET THERE BE LIGHT

One of the things our congregation hoped to accomplish on our 2016 Mission Honduras trip was helping light the interior of the church building for our Christian sisters and brothers in Zuniga.

The Christians in the village of Zuniga only recently joined the Presbytery of Honduras. For over six years, these followers of Jesus in the tiny mountain village in southern Honduras had met for worship in or around one another's homes. They had saved their weekly offerings until they were able to construct their church building. The adobe walls and metal roof protect them from the elements as they gather at night for worship. (Most people in the area are subsistence farmers, and since their daylight hours are for work, worship happens at night. In the past year, they had held their worship services by the light of a single Coleman lantern.)

In our Helping Hondurans fundraiser, we had asked for \$650 to purchase a solar powered lighting system. Through the generosity of our congregation, our mission team purchased the 8 light system in the capital city, and took it with us on Wednesday as we climbed the mountain in our trucks to Zuniga. Having studied the system at the hotel over the weekend, our team decided to hire a man in the village who had experience installing such systems. We paid him \$50 (US Dollars), and watched in awe as he and 4 helpers spent most of the day going up and down ladders turning a box full of wires and 2 large car batteries into a source of light for an entire church. (We turned our attention to medical and dental mission, painting, and helping with the children.)



By the time we were ready to head back down the mountain, there was light in the Zuniga church! (8 lights, and one charging plug to be exact.) The system uses a solar panel installed on the church roof to charge the 2 car batteries, which act as a power reserve for the light bulbs.

We thank God for the generous donations by the friends and members of First Pres. And we join the Christians in Zuniga in giving God praise for light so that they can worship the Light of the World.

Summer Mission Opportunities

As we move into the summer, many people find they have a little extra time (and maybe money) on their hands that they might want to invest in the kingdom of God. Here are some wonderful ways that you can get involved, help our neighbors, and generously serve God with a smile at the same time:

Saturday Soup Kitchen—Head Cooks and Helpers Wanted

*****Available Dates are July 16, August 20 & 27, September 3, 17, & 24*****

We feed around 100 people each Saturday night, year-round. Our weekly ministry of providing a hot meal, in the name of Jesus Christ, to the hungry in our community will not hit a summer slump. The crews usually meet in the church kitchen around 2:00 p.m. on Saturday for food prep and set-up. The serving hour at our 737 building is 4:00-5:00 p.m. Clean-up is usually done in 30 minutes, and the volunteers are out the door by 5:30 p.m.—filled with the knowledge that lots of our neighbors will not go to bed hungry that night! If you would like to be a part of this ministry of care and compassion, sign up on the bulletin board in McLeod Hall. Head cooks and helpers are needed.



Bag Lunch Ministry—Assemble Food Bags on your Schedule



For over 20 years, First Presbyterian Church has responded to Matthew 25 by feeding every hungry person who comes to our doors. Now, our Bag Lunch Ministry feeds an average of 65 people each weekday. Food items are purchased in bulk by the Deacons, and volunteers are needed to assemble bag lunches. It takes about an hour or two for one person to bag 125 lunches (about a half week's worth of our distribution). If you would be willing to come by, just call the church office and find out how our supply is holding out, and schedule your time to help.

Meals on Wheels—Summer Drivers Needed

Each weekday, over two hundred residents of our area depend on the drivers from Meals on Wheels to deliver the hot, nutritious lunch and personal contact that helps them stay in their own homes. During the summer months, when many regular Meals on Wheels volunteers are away at their alternate addresses, or on vacation, Meals on Wheels desperately needs fill-in drivers. It takes a couple of hours around lunch time to deliver the meals on a route. If you could help one or more days a week, or even one or two days this summer, it would be a God-send. Meals on Wheels is located on Sixth Street, NW, directly across from our church. Call 299-1616 or drop by to find out where you are needed.



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 will select “hot topic questions” for an open discussion. Come as your schedule allows and drop into this open discussion class.

Drs. Negley and Harvey will lead adults & youth a class in *We Believe! We Believe? We Believe...* We will 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 will discuss our belief in the resurrection of the body and life everlasting and more. This class will **meet in the back of McLeod Hall and the youth are invited to join us.**



SINGLE SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICE

Please plan to join us all summer long 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 will 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 will 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 will conclude with the Benediction.

Other Sundays we will 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
330 bag lunches the week of 6/20/16
252 bag lunches the week of 6/27/16.

**We gave out 1204 bag lunches
in June.**

Return Service Requested

Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 117 people on 6/25/16
We fed 100 people on 7/2/16.

We fed 420 people in June.

CONFIDENTIALITY IN STEPHEN MINISTRY



Confidentiality is the cornerstone of Stephen Ministry. It is absolutely essential for building safe, healing, and caring relationships. Stephen Ministers do not reveal what their care receivers have told them. Not to clergy, not to the Stephen Leaders, not to their spouses or friends and not to other Stephen Ministers. Why? Because trust is vital for a caring relationship to be effective. Care receivers are experiencing difficulties that leave them feeling very vulnerable. Discussing their innermost feelings is an important step in the healing process. But in order to open up and discuss that which is troubling them most, care receivers need complete trust in their Stephen Minister, and the assurance that what they say will not be circulated to others and become news for gossip.

This assurance builds trust and creates a safe place where care receivers can risk revealing their most painful issues and problems, ones that they might not even discuss with close friends or family. Confidentiality helps create a relationship that promotes healing and hope.

Another aspect of confidentiality is that nobody except the Stephen Minister, care receiver, clergy and referrals coordinator even know that a care receiver has been assigned a Stephen Minister. Care receivers, of course, are free to tell others about the relationship and who their Stephen Minister is, but the Stephen Minister never tells. This means a care receiver can choose to have complete anonymity. If he or she doesn't want people to know that they have a Stephen Minister, no one will ever know.

Why all this talk about confidentiality? To build your trust in Stephen Ministry. It is a high-quality, care giving ministry that you can count on should you ever have the need. Confidentiality is the cornerstone of our Stephen Ministry program.