



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

## Tower Chimes

Weeks of July 24 & July 31, 2016

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130 Years of Ministry

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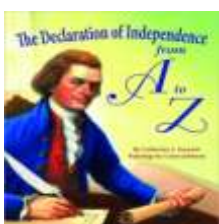
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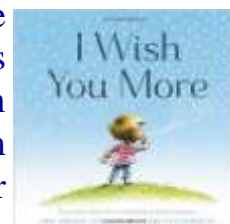
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### GOOD NEWS FOR GOD'S CHILDREN

(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).

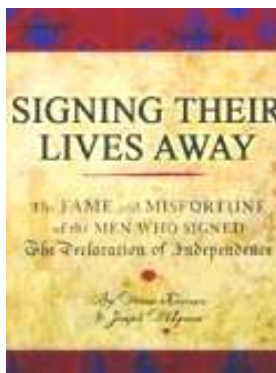


The scripture and sermon for each Sunday is woven around the story that has been told to God's children. We hope you will gather with us each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. this month as all God's children share the good news of what God has done, and is doing for us, in Jesus Christ.

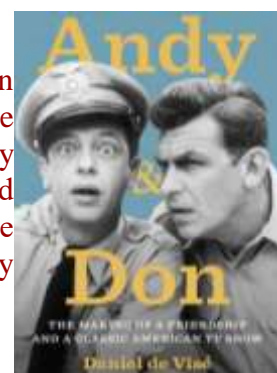


### OM, OM BOOK CLUB

Hope you are having  
a "cool" summer!!!



The OM, OM Book Club for July has been postponed until **September 19**, when we will discuss *Signing Their Lives Away*, by Denise Kiernan & Joseph D'Agnes and *Andy & Don*, by Daniel de Vise. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.



# CHURCH CALENDAR

## Sunday, July 24

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

## Monday, July 25

8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)  
10:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl (MH)  
1:30 p.m. Friendship Callers (MCR)

## Tuesday July 26

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

## Wednesday, July 27

8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)  
5:30 p.m. Community Outreach (MCR)

## Thursday, July 28

1:00 p.m. MSYG leaves for Great  
Escape (GC)

## Friday, July 29

8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)

## Saturday, July 30

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



## Sunday, July 31

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

## Monday, August 1

## Tuesday, August 2

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (MCR)  
12:00 p.m. Men's Lunch (MH)  
6:30 p.m. Session (GR)

## Wednesday, August 3

## Thursday, August 4

## Friday, August 5

## Saturday, August 6

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

# Remember in Prayer

members

Roger & Marie Able  
Bill Adams  
Pam Tallent-Blackburn  
Jonye Briggs  
Millie Carrier  
Helen Champlain  
Anamarie Coffman  
Wes Councell  
Charlie Darte  
Nancy Dobler  
Dannie Dougherty  
Jana & Mike Easterling  
Jeanne Estes  
Bill Everhart  
Lois Frakes  
Bill Garrett  
Margaret Goodman  
Clyde & Carolyn Greene  
Maggie Hankin

Joyce Hayman  
Marilyn Hearn  
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  
Jack Meadows  
Lynn Mincey  
Joan Murphy  
Ed Partridge

Anthony Premuto  
Robert Ramseyer  
Keith Ray  
Barbara Roberts  
Earle Roberts  
Dorothy Ryan  
Beverly Seagreaves  
Marilyn Schleifer  
Barbara A. Smith  
Barbara H. Smith  
Argyle Stevens  
Carol Switalski  
Carolyn Thompson  
Shirley Turner  
Lee Wilkinson  
Marie Williams  
Retha Wright

IN THE HOSPITAL: Dannie Dougherty, Jackie Lawn

## Relatives & Friends

Shelly Appleton	Marcia & John Eycleshimer's friend
Carlotta & Larry Bennett	Bethany Owen's friends
Chuck Bishop's family	Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friends
Reese Burdette	Dana Cole's cousin
Anna Clawson & expected twins	Linda Stavres' granddaughter
Dave Craig	Jonathan Owen's friend
Sue Duncan	Jonathan Owen's friend
Al Ellis	Jim Threlkel's friend
Raymond Fenstermaker	Gale & Gwen Waters' grandson
Jeann Gardner	Olga Andrews' friend
Heather Harden	Lillian Harden's daughter
Jean Hehn's family	Ellie Threlkel's friends
Pam Heath	Lynn Oakley's friend
Glenda Henderson	Olga Andrews' friend
Laurie Hunt	Polly Wilson's friend
David Johnson	Lynn Oakley's friend
Pete Kent	Charley & Nancy Chilton's nephew
Matt Krchmar	Tom & Jeri Oldt's friend
Nan Mason	Harvey & Mary Ann Snively's daughter
Dr. Shaw	Lynn Oakley's friend
Ron Shipley	Connie Shipley's brother
Kristy Turner	Rick & Pat Reass' daughter
Debbie Webb	Jonathan Owen's friend
Julie Whitney	Connie Shipley's friend
Marshall Wood	Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend



Zach Drum  
Robert Ferguson  
Stephanie Gillie  
Eddie Gray  
David Knowles

John Marotti  
KaitLin Marotti-Pitts  
Ashton Pitts  
Drew Stapor



Our Christian sympathy  
goes to  
Bob Endres on the death of  
his mother,  
Loucilla Patty,  
who died Thursday,  
June 30, 2016.

## 10 TO 2 LUNCH BUNCH RIDES AGAIN

Join other members and friends of  
First Pres for a week-day lunch outing.

We will:

- \* Meet at the church at 10 a.m. on **Wednesday, August 17**
- \* Take the church bus (and van) to Melonie's Café in Dundee (The Original Dundee Diner, Est.1980) (the Messy Mel Hamburger is the signature dish, but other sandwiches, burgers, and salads abound)
- \* Enjoy a leisurely meal and fellowship
- \* Have you back at the church by 2 p.m.
- \* All it costs is the price of your own lunch

Call the church office (294-3121) to get your name on the list.



A special thank you to those who helped make the  
First Pres Summer Music Camp a success!

Adult helpers Sue McClew, Ellen Zeller and Janet Howard, parents of our campers for the special treats, and all our kids who made this week so much fun, Riley and Brady Hicks, Isabella Sumner, Rebecca Cowie, Landon and Brayden Olmert, Jenna Johnston, Will Vickers, Lydia Badnell and Hanley Renney.



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

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](#)
- *Facebook* at [First Pres WH youth](#).



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

- if you are a middle school youth type [@msygfppwh](#)
- if you are a high school youth type [@hsygfppwh](#)

Here's to a great summer! God bless!





# WE BROUGHT SMILES



Thanks to the generosity of our congregation, there were smiles everywhere our mission team went in Honduras.

On Sunday, June 12, our group joined with the youth group from the Pena de Horeb Presbyterian Church in Tegucigalpa in one of their mission efforts.

The combined groups prepared 300 ham and cheese lunch bags, and then delivered the meals, balls, and stuffed animals to several hundred patients and their family members at one of the 4 largest hospitals in the capital city. The Hospital Escuela cares for the indigent population from all over the country.



One of our team members shares this memory: "Today we went to the Hospital Escuela. It was very heartbreaking. I got to visit the pediatric oncology ward. Their faces lit up when they saw the balls we brought them. A little boy, Henry, was bouncing the ball against the wall with a big smile on his face as we went by his room again.

Even though the hospital itself was heartbreaking, it was so heartwarming seeing children so happy and appreciative over a simple ball..."



On Monday, we spread the smiles around in the form of balls and stuffed animals as we conducted a medical/dental clinic at the Nueva Suyapa Presbyterian Church on the other side of Tegucigalpa. And the smiles headed south with us, as we shared stuffed animals, balls, and medical care with scores of people in the villages of Zuniga and Puerto Grande.

A heartfelt Thank You goes to every man, woman, and child at First Pres who helped by donating over 600 balls and 1100 stuffed animals! Smiles abound.





# *Honduras Highlights*



# Summer Mission Opportunities

As we are now 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 fall dates: September 3, 17, & 24, October 15, 22, & 29\*\***

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.*

*Adopted by Session, 2003*

This newsletter is published weekly.  
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Church dated material, please deliver by 7/22/16.

### Bag Lunch Ministry

**We gave out**

**330 bag lunches the week of 7/4/16**

**252 bag lunches the week of 7/11/16.**

### Soup Kitchen Ministry

**We fed 117 people on 7/9/16**

**We fed 155 people on 7/16/16.**

**Return Service Requested**

Non-profit Org.  
U.S. Postage Paid  
Permit No. 1162  
Lakeland, FL

## Sunday School is Cool



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](mailto:amckee@firstpreswh.org) for more information.

**Thank you!**

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