

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

Tower Chimes

Week of September 13, 2015

Issue 553

129 Years of Ministry

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 HAPPENINGS



Don't forget to join us for Rally Day on Sunday, September 13.

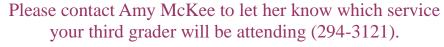
We will start serving breakfast at 9:30 a.m. but the serving will continue till after the Gathering folks

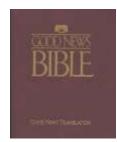
Parish Associate have been served. The menu for the day will be egg, sausage, and cheese Amy L. McKee biscuits, donuts from Donut man, OJ, milk, and coffee.

Christian Education Donations will be accepted. Please join us as we present the Fall Sunday morning Education Events for ALL ages.

THIRD GRADE BIBLES...

will be presented at both the **8:50 Gathering and 11 a.m. service**.





MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE UNTO THE LORD!

We are excited to have our youth and children take an active role in our worship through music.

We will use the talents of our young people on the second Sunday of the month to lead us in song and to share their special music.

They will be sharing as part of the 11:00 a.m. service starting with Rally Day on September 13th.



SERVICE FOR WHOLENESS

Sunday, September 13 at 6:30 p.m. in the chapel.

The Sacrament of the Lord's supper will be included.



Church calendar

Sunday, September 13 3rd Grade Bibles Rally Day

8:50 a.m. Gathering Worship

9:30 a.m. Rally Day Breakfast (MH)

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

5:30 a.m. High School Youth Group (GC)

6:30 a.m. Service for Wholeness (Chapel)

Monday, September 14

8:45 a.m. MOM

6:30 p.m. Christian Education (GR)

Tuesday, September 15

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (MCR)

12:00 p.m. Men's Lunch (MH)

12:00 p.m. Finance (UR)

5:30 p.m. Feed the Hungry Workshop (GR)

6:30 p.m. Deacons (GR)

Wednesday, September 16

8:45 a.m. MOM

2:00 p.m. Congregational Care (MCR)

3:00 p.m. Christ Kids

5:00 p.m. Memorial Garden (MCR)

5:30 p.m. MSYG (GC)

6:00 p.m. Chancel Bells (MS)

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir (MS)

Thursday, September 17

6:00 p.m. Chapel Bells (MS)

Friday, September 18

8:45 a.m. MOM

6:00 p.m. Parents' Nite Out (MH)

Saturday, September 19

8:30 a.m. Session Retreat (MH)

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

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

7:00 p.m. Saturday Nite Live (MH)



Military Robert Ferguson Stephanie Gillie David Knowles

Our sincerest sympathy goes to Sharon McGaffigan in the death of her mother, Margaret Reiss, who died on Wednesday, August 26, 2015.

Remember in Prayer

Roger Able
Win Betrus
Dorothy
Millie Carrier
Orrin Champlain
Norma Conner
Jerry Dugger
Jana Easterling
Jeanne Estes
Bill & Becky Everhart
Marge Goodman
Frances Heath
Doris Hill
Ed & Joan Houston
Camille Howe
Dorothy
Joen Huf
Joey Joh
Corothy
Steve Lu
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Col

Dorothy Johnson
Joey Johnston
Dena Lancashire
Steve Luxford
Elaine Maltese
Gladys Meier
Lynnis Mincey
Jim Morris
Joan Murphy
Randal Palmer
Ann Reddout
Earle Roberts
Dave Ryan

Dorothy Ryan
Barbara A. Smith
Barbara H. Smith
Marcia Strang
Carol Switalski
Pam Tallent-Blackburn
Chuck Tate
Carolyn Thompson
Ed Threadgill
Shirley Turner
Bonnie Walter
Gwen Waters
Anne Windham

IN THE HOSPITAL: Betty von Hahmann & Lee Wilkinson

Family and friends

Rick Cardona Jerry Cooley Al Ellis Raymond Fenstermaker Jean Hehn Vicki Houmard Shea & Lacey Irvin Maria Joyce Vicki Kaufman Pete Kent Glinda Knowles Nan Mason Gail McKinnon Fred Meier Darla Moore Cathy Rector Darcie Wards Laura Williamson Marshall Wood

Charlie & T. Michael Stavres' friend Susan Singleton's friend Jim Threlkel's friend Gale & Gwen Waters' grandson Ellie Threlkel's friend Rick & Pat Reass' friend Becky Irvin's son & daughter-in-law Dick & Nancy Shaw's friend Amy Speer's mother Charley & Nancy Chilton's nephew Amy Speer's aunt Harvey & Mary Ann Snively's daughter Barbara Puckett's friend Sarah Rennie's dad Amanda Olmert's relative Charlie & T. Michael Stavres' friend Lynn Oakley's friend Nancy Williamson's daughter Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend



Our Christian
sympathy goes to
Mark Bostic in the
death of his father,
Guy Bostick
who died Friday,
August 28, 2015.



Our sincerest sympathy goes to the Denny & Rose Flynn, in the death of their granddaughter, Emily Flynn, who died on Friday, September 4, 2015.

CHRIST KIDS HAS BEGUN

Christ Kids has started. It's not too late for your child to attend. All children ages four through fifth grade are invited to join us on Wednesdays from 3-5:30 p.m.

We meet out on the Playground and then go inside for music, Bible story, crafts, and more. It's a great afternoon for the children. Friends are welcome to attend as well!

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THE NEW TREASURED HYMNS 2015...

will be in the pews ready to use on Sunday September 13th! David Brinson put a lot of research into choosing which hymns to keep and which hymns to retire.



We have also added some of the newer contemporary hymns that we have been using for the past few years along with a few hymns that have been written by some of our members. We are excited to have this additional resource to use in our music worship.

PARENTS NIGHT OUT...

Parent's Night Out will be held on Friday, September 18 from 6-9 p.m. Children in fifth grade and younger are invited to join us for games, crafts, snacks, Bible lesson, and fun times with their friends.

Please RSVP your child by Wednesday, September 16 to Amy McKee at amckee@firstpreswh.org or 294-3121. This is a FREE event and we look forward to spending the evening with your

OM, OM BOOK **DISCUSSION CLUB IS GETTING CLOSER**

Our Odd Month, Odd (3rd) Monday **≀ Book Discussion Club** will meet ≀ again on September 21 at 3:00 p.m. We will have some light refreshments and will discuss Harper Lee's, Go Set *a Watchman*. If you plan to attend, l please call the church office at 294-**≀** 3121.

Copies of this title are now available for checkout in the library.

You may also contact Jonathan Owen by seeing

him on Sunday, calling him at 318-^l 9944, or e-mailing him at Jonathan.owen.cu2r@statefarm.com about ordering a personal copy.



COME TO THE WATERS...

the Presbyterian Women's Bible Study for 2015-2016, will be a rich exploration of water stories in both testaments."Just as water nourishes our bodies, so the scriptures on water nourish our souls." Join one of the Circles for interesting lessons and Christian fellowship.







SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS ON **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20!!!**

TRIVIA NIGHT

Calling all trivia buffs! Do you love food, fun, AND trivia? Then we have a perfect night for you. **Sunday, September 27 at 5:00 p.m.** our youth will be hosting a trivia night fundraiser. Entrance to this afternoon of fun will be donation at the door. Mark your calendars, bring an empty stomach, all of your trivia knowledge, and get ready for some fun! We will need to know how many mouths to feed and how many teams to plan for. Please call the office and let us know if you will be there.



Fundraisers are an essential part of youth ministry. They help offset some of the cost of our summer youth trips. These trips are fantastic ways to grow in Christ and give the youth an opportunity to grow closer to each other. All the proceeds will go directly to our youth ministry here at the church. Please consider participating in this fun filled evening.

FALL WOMEN'S

BIBLE STUDY

Jonah: Navigating a Life Interrupted by Priscilla Shirer



What do we do when God interrupts our lives? Many times, like Jonah, we run! In this 7-session Bible study, Priscilla redefines interruption and shows that interruption is actually God's invitation to do something beyond our wildest dreams. When Jonah was willing to allow God to interrupt his life, the result was revival in an entire city. The cost of this book is \$12.77.

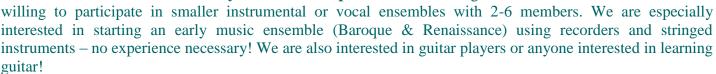
Meeting dates are: Thursdays, 9 - 11 a.m., October 8 & 22, November 5 & 22, December 3, January 7 & 21. Contact Lia Gray to reserve your study booklet at: <u>Uncpair@gmail.com</u> or 318-1541.

WELCOME BACK TO THE NEW FALL SCHEDULE FOR CHOIR AND HAND BELLS!

Rehearsals have started.



Small ensembles will meet on Wednesdays from 8-9 p.m. and on Thursdays from 6-7 p.m. We are looking for members



We would be delighted to have new members join our bell and choir groups. Please check us out and join us in 'making a joyful noise'!

We are planning to audition to sing at the Disney Candlelight Processional. The audition tape is due September 25. If you would like to join us, the rehearsals for Disney will be **September 16 from 8 - 8:15 p.m.**

Save the date of **December 6 at 4 p.m**. for the St. Nicholas Jingle Java Jam. Our choirs and Small Ensembles will share songs of the season.

If you have any questions, please call Lynn McCoy at 294-3121 or email her at lynn.mccoy@firstpreswh.org.

FALL/WINTER/SPRING WORSHIP SCHEDULE RETURNS



At **8:50** a.m., members and friends of First Presbyterian Church are invited to attend The Gathering. This service is held in the sanctuary. 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 at 9:40 a.m.

At **11:00 a.m.**, you are invited to attend our later morning worship. This service is held in the sanctuary with 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 at 12:00 p.m.

We hope you will join us in worship, study, and fellowship!

PLEASE HELP US VISIT OUR HOSPITALIZED MEMBERS!



The tightening of HIPAA regulations has meant that we Have missed visiting some of our members during their hospital stay. If you are a member or a friend of this congregation, or you have a family member admitted to any hospital, please call the church office and let the pastors know.

Thank you for helping us stay in touch with the congregation.

YOUTH GROUP

If you are a middle or high school student we would love for you to join us for youth group each week in our new and improved youth house, The Golden Center. Middle school meets each Wednesday night from 5:30-7:30 and high school meets each Sunday night from 5:30-7:30. During this time we spend time together sharing meals, growing in Christ, playing games, and having LOTS of fun!

Once a month we will meet outside the Golden Center to be the hands and feet of Jesus to help people in our community. We have laid sod for Habitat for Humanity, worked in our soup kitchen feeding the homeless, and bagged countless bag lunches for our bag lunch ministry. These are just a few ways we are the hands and feet of Jesus.

Sometimes we get together simply to have fun. We have been to the corn maze in the dark, Fun Spot, pool parties, camp outs, paint balling and so much more. If you are looking to connect with young people your age while developing a deep relationship with Christ come and join us. We would love to have you!



Our Purpose Statement

First Presbyterian Church 637 6th Street, NW Winter Haven, FL 33881 863-294-3121 FAX 863-294-1105 www.firstpreswh.org office@firstpreswh.org 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. Summer months and holidays published bi-weekly. Church dated material, please deliver by 9/11/15.

Bag Lunch Ministry

We gave out 92 bag lunches the week of 8/31/15.

We gave out a total of 1382 bag lunches in August.

Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 84 people on 9/5/15.

We fed at total of 475 people in August.

Return Service Requested

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A DISCUSSION STARTER ON END OF LIFE ISSUES

Have you thought about:



The person I want to make care decisions for me when I can't?

The kind of medical treatment I want or don't want?

How comfortable I want to be?

How I want people to treat me?

What I want my loved ones to know?

What would I like included in my funeral or memorial service?

Please save the date, **Tuesday, September 22, 2015** and join us at **5:30 PM** in the Golden Center at First Presbyterian Church for a free dinner. Following the meal, Dr. Negley, Dr. Harvey and Dr. Larson will be introducing "Five Wishes", a document which helps open the discussion on these important topics. To reserve your spot at the table, you can call the church office at 294-3121 or drop this reservation form in the offering plate on Sunday.

PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATION BY SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Name:	Number Attending: