



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

Tower Chimes

Week of September 18, 2016

Issue 595

130 Years of Ministry

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WORSHIP SERVICES **STARTING THIS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18** **here's what you'll find each Sunday morning!**

8:15 a.m.

Chapel Worship

A traditional worship service held in our chapel. The service will follow the same order as the 11:00 a.m. worship, but will not have a Chancel Choir. Musical ensembles will offer special music on many Sundays. A Time with Younger Disciples will be included if we have children in attendance.

9:30 - 10:25 a.m.

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 a.m.

Sanctuary Worship

A traditional worship service held in our sanctuary. The service follows the same order as the 8:15 a.m. Chapel Service, and includes music from the Chancel Choir and the organ, as well as other instruments and groups.



(AND MORE)

9:15 – 10:45 a.m.

The Connection

An extended fellowship time in McLeod Hall which will offer a coffee bar type selection with different flavors, creamers, pastries, etc. It will be a gathering place before (or after) worship, and between worship and Sunday School for some. Videos of church activities will be playing on a loop in McLeod Hall. Hosts will circulate in McLeod Hall and the CE Building to greet and assist people in making connections with others in one of the worship or Christian Education options.

9:30 – 10:45 a.m.

Adult Sunday School

A variety of Christian Education classes for adults. (Pre-care will be offered from 9:30 – 9:45 a.m. for the children of parents attending adult Sunday School. Church school staff/volunteers will escort pre-care children to music at 9:45 a.m.)

9:45 – 10:45 a.m.

Children's Sunday School

We will begin with music with Ms. Lynn at 9:45 a.m. and then children of all ages will be welcomed to explore faith in their own classes



CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, September 18 3 Cents-a-Meal

8:15 a.m. Chapel Worship (Chapel)
9:15 a.m. The Connection (MH)
9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School
9:30 a.m. Heart of Worship (Sanctuary)
9:45 a.m. Children Sunday School (CE)
11:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
4:30 p.m. HSYG Music Rehearsal (GC)
5:30 p.m. HSYG (GC)

Monday, September 19

8:45 a.m. MOM
1:00 p.m. OM, OM Book Club (MH)

Tuesday September 20

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (MCR)
9:30 a.m. Joy Circle (Off-site)
12:00 p.m. Men's Lunch (MH)
12:00 p.m. Finance (UR)
6:30 p.m. Deacons (GR)

Wednesday, September 21

8:45 a.m. MOM
10:45 a.m. Preschool Music (CE 103)
11:15 a.m. Preschool Music (CE 103)
1:00 p.m. Congregational Care (MCR)
3:00 p.m. Christ Kids (CE)
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 22

6:00 p.m. Chapel Bells (MS)
7:00 p.m. Praise and Worship Band
(Sanctuary)

Friday, September 23

8:45 a.m. MOM

Saturday, September 24

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

Remember in Prayer

members

Roger Able
Bill Adams
Jonny Briggs
Millie Carrier
Helen Champlain
Anamarie Coffman
Tom Coffman
Charlie Darte
Nancy Dobler
Dannie Dougherty
Jana & Mike Easterling
Bruce Eelman
Jeanne Estes
Bill Everhart
Lois Frakes
Bill Garrett
Margaret Goodman
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
Lynn Mincey
Joan Murphy
Ed Partridge
Anthony Premuto

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

IN THE HOSPITAL: Sharon McGaffigan & Barbara A. Smith

Relatives & Friends

Peggy Argudo
Susan Bryan
Reese Burdette
Allen Cofiori
Steve & Kaye Cook & children
Al Ellis
Raymond Fenstermaker
Pete Kent
Nan Mason
Kevin McGaffigan
Marisa Middaugh
Becca, Samara, Aliyah, & Eli Ramirez
Kristy Turner
Debbie Webb
Marshall Wood

Gene Aspy's friend
Jim Francis' friend
Dana Cole's cousin
Gale & Gwen Waters' friend
Alison & Les O'Neal's friends
Jim Threlkel's friend
Gale & Gwen Waters' grandson
Charley & Nancy Chilton's nephew
Harvey & Mary Ann Snively's daughter
Matt & Sharon McGaffigan's son
Gene Aspy's niece
Betty Shinn's grandchildren
Rick & Pat Reass' daughter
Jonathan Owen's friend
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 the family and friends of Hildegard Lindstrom who died Saturday, September 3, 2016.

An Animal-Less Nativity?

or No Animals May Come To The Stable!

For the past 15 years Marvin and Harriet Brooks (Granma's Hug-N-Farm) have provided us with a donkey and three sheep for our Living Nativity/'Twas the Night Before the First Christmas/ Come To The Stable. The Brooks have retired and thus far attempts to secure animals for the upcoming event on Saturday, December 10, have proven unsuccessful. Do you know of anyone who has such animals for rent and who would be willing to transport them? If so, then please contact Alan at 294-3121 or aharvey@firstpreswh.org as soon as possible.

Thank you!





3 CENTS-A-MEAL SUNDAY

We will collect the **3 Cents-a-Meal Hunger Offering** during worship on **September 18**.

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

FALL EDUCATION ON SUNDAY MORNINGS BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 18

9:30 a.m. – Adult Sunday School

The Perspectives Class will begin a new study, **The Mind of Jesus** by William Barclay. Please join this class in the Geneva Room at 9:30 a.m. “Jesus suffered, doubted, hoped, feared, dreamed, wept, knew loneliness, planned, and built. William Barclay achieves in **The Mind of Jesus** his aim “to make the figure of Jesus more vividly alive, so that we may know him better and love him more.” This class is facilitated by Dr. Jim Threlkel and Glenn Thomas.

Job Shadowing – Walking the Talk at Work, will be led by David Fellows and David Alexander. Join this dynamic duo in Room 207 as they embark on looking to Daniel as a workplace mentor, you can see that God calls people not only into church-related work but also into non-religious occupations. His experience will show you what "ministry" looks like in the context of the work world. Daniel's decisions display how to live by kingdom-of-God vision in the workplace. He demonstrates how knowing your identity produces stability under the pressures of the work world. And from Daniel, you can learn many secrets for staying spiritually strong in adverse conditions over the long haul. This class will meet September 18 – October 9.

9:45 – Children’s Sunday School

On Sunday mornings all children age three through fifth grade will have a special music time with Ms. Lynn from **9:45 – 10 a.m.**

At 10 a.m. the Preschool Children (ages 3 and 4) meet in Room 101 for their own time of Bible lesson, craft, snack, and playtime.

The **Elementary children** (kindergarten through fifth grade) are invited to experience a brand new Sunday School curriculum called **252 Basics**. Our first lesson will focus on Weird Science Obedience. We can’t wait to see what God will do in each of our lives as we discover more about what the Bible says about following and obeying God and those He’s put in authority over us.

CIRCLE MEETINGS HAVE RETURNED

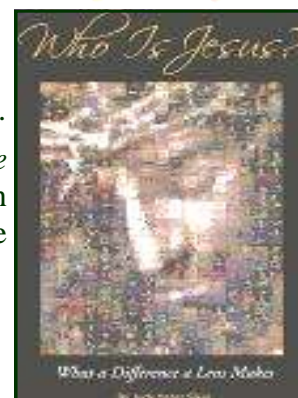
Lydia Circle - **began Monday, September 12th at 10 a.m.** in McLeod Hall.

Joy Circle - **begins 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 **or** Sue McClew at 875-6176 for your copy.



ARE YOU A TECHIE???



If technology is your thing, we have a place for you in our musical praise!! We are in need of people who would like to learn about our sound system and help during the worship services to make sure all our praise is heard! We will be holding a training session so **contact Lynn at 701-570-1485** and let her know if you are willing to join the Sunday rotation in the sound booth. **PLEASE!!**

WE WILL SAY GOODBYE



After 9 years of loyal service to the church, our custodian **Ann Quessenberry** is leaving her position to move back to Ohio to be near her family (mom, children, and 2 grandchildren!).

We will be hosting a reception on **Sunday, September 25** to recognize Ann for all that she has done as a great staff member and sister in Christ. Please join us in McLeod Hall after the 11:00 a.m. worship. There will be a basket at the reception for any cards, notes, or gifts you would like to share with Ann.



CHRIST KIDS IS BACK IN ACTION!

All children ages four through fifth grade can join us on **Wednesday afternoons from 3-5:30 p.m.** for a FREE afternoon of Christian growing and learning. The children will have snack, music, recreation, sharing time, and Bible story time.

All we ask is that parents bring individually wrapped snacks to share with the other children every few months. Drop-off and pick-up is on the Playground. We look forward to seeing you all there!



PLANNING YOUR FINAL CELEBRATION



Have you given any thought to planning your final celebration? Which scriptures and music do you want shared to bring comfort and hope to the loved ones who attend your memorial service or funeral? Our Pastors and Director of Music will be sharing scripture and music selections that folks have found helpful in their planning.

Won't you join us, **September 27**, in the Golden Center (aka the Youth house)? We are offering two identical sessions to accommodate schedules **3:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.** Light refreshments will be provided by our Stephen Ministers - (finger sandwiches, vegetable, cheese and fruit trays, water and peach tea).

Reservations required by September 20, 2016. Please contact the church office at 294-3121, office@firstpreswh.org, or drop this tear off in the offering plate on Sunday.

We look forward to seeing you then!

Name: _____ Time: _____ # Attending: _____

COMMUNION TO THE FURTHEST PEW SIGN-UP

Yes, I/we would like to receive Holy Communion at our home sometime the **week of October 2-7.**

Name(s): _____ Phone Number for Contact: _____



Please indicate the best time for you:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10-12	X	10-12	10-12	10-12
2-5	2-5	2-5	2-5	2-5



Please call the office at 294-3121 and ask for Alan, Ray, or Steve so that a time for this service may be arranged and coordinated with a church officer. Thank you!

RALLY DAY FOLLOW-UP

We Blasted Off to Fall Education on Sunday, September 11, where we announced our upcoming Fall Educational classes and events. We are excited to offer Adult Sunday School and Children's Sunday School this Fall, as well as other educational events that will be held on other days and times. Thank you to everyone who came out and celebrated with us. Special thanks to Mary Ellen Rowker and Marty Bentley for the adorable table decorations. Thank you to Dr. Harvey for assistance with the food selection.



YOUTH JAZZBYTERIAN FUNRAISER REVIEW

The Youth Jazzbyterian fundraiser was a huge success. We had a wonderful evening filled with great music, coffee house type atmosphere, coffee and dessert. Our Jazzbyterians were so kind to offer their time and talents for our youth. They encouraged our youth to play on stage with them and to see them all on stage together was simply magical. We would also like to thank all of our church members who came out in support of our youth program. Your financial support will help many youth attend summer camps as well as our



brothers and sisters in Christ in Honduras. Their youth will be able to feed many people bag lunches at their local hospital. This was something our mission team did this summer with the Honduran youth. It was a very special way to connect with other human beings who had loved ones suffering in the hospital. To be able to alleviate hunger by handing out bag lunches to people who cannot afford to eat during stressful and heart heavy times was a blessing to many, including our mission team. Thank you for being a part of both our local youth group and our world mission efforts to be God's hands and feet.



WORDS FROM OUR HONDURAS MISSION TEAM

"I'll never forget seeing an older man with a cast on his leg and crutches lying beside him and he lay under a tree waiting to get into the Hospital Escuela. I remember also the joy and smile as I handed him a bag lunch we prepared"

"It is always wonderful to see how easy the North Americans and Hondurans come together as a team to execute our mission. When working for God we rise above our differences and become family"



PLAN TO JOIN US FOR OUR HONDURAS MISSION LUNCHEON



The 22 members from our June 2016 weeklong mission to Honduras invite you to join them for some of the tastes and stories from their adventure. The Mission Team will be preparing a Central American meal, and hosting a luncheon for our congregation on **Sunday, October 2 (World Communion Sunday) following the 11 a.m** worship service. You will have

one of our Honduras Mission Team members as your table leader. We will be sharing our experiences through words and photos. Let us know if we can save a seat for you at the table by calling (294-3121) or emailing the office (office@firstpreswh.org), or dropping the reservation form in the collection plate.

Name: _____ # Attending: _____



FAQs about *“Communion to the Furthest Pew”*



1. What is *“Communion to the Furthest Pew”*?

This is an organized program, conceived by the Community Outreach Committee and the Deacons and approved by the Session, to schedule and implement serving the Lord’s Supper to those who are homebound or confined to long term health care facilities.

2. When will *“Communion to the Furthest Pew”* begin?

We plan to initiate the program beginning on Sunday October 2, World Communion Sunday. The week following a Sunday worship service with Holy Communion, a minister accompanied by a past or currently serving elder or deacon will make a visit to members confined to home or a health care facility who have requested the sacrament. The goal is to administer *“Communion to the Furthest Pew”* three to four times a year following a Communion service on the church’s worship calendar. Along with World Communion Sunday, other dates being considered are: the First Sunday in Lent and Pentecost.

3. How does one request receiving *“Communion to the Furthest Pew”*?

Please call the Church Office at 294-3121 to let us know of your desire and ask that your name be placed on the list. A minister will return your call to find a time convenient for him and an active or inactive church officer to visit and serve Holy Communion to you.

4. How do active or inactive church officers volunteer to assist with this important and meaningful ministry?

Several weeks before a Communion Sunday, notices will be placed in the bulletin and Tower Chimes recruiting officers to volunteer to assist with *Communion to the Furthest Pew*. Please call one of the church’s ministers at 294-3121 to let him know of your desire and availability to accompany him or another minister in making these visits. Steve, Alan or Ray will be glad to learn of your willingness to assist and add your name to the schedule.

5. What should I/we expect when the Lord’s Supper is brought to me/us?

A minister and an elder or deacon will come to your home or the health care facility at an agreed upon time. They will bring the bread and juice. The minister will offer a prayer, read some scripture and do a brief reflection before Holy Communion is served. Each visit should be 20 minutes to less than a half hour in length.

6. Why is it necessary for a church officer to accompany the minister?

According to our church’s policy, neither of the sacraments, Baptism or Holy Communion is to be a private act, but one administered by and for the church. Therefore, an elder or deacon accompanies the minister and represents the church at a “home” communion.

7. Will it just be the three of us?

If a spouse or child is present at the home or facility, then certainly the invitation to receive the sacrament will be extended to them. Also, if there are several members confined to one facility, the pastor might contact the administrators to see if a room might be available for a small service of Holy Communion rather than being done in several individual rooms. In such situations, that service might resemble a “mini” church service of several members being gathered together. In any case, the minister will need to be informed of the “extras” ahead of time so that the necessary arrangements and provisions can be made.



YOUTH GROUP FALL SCHEDULE



It is that time of year again. Summer is over. What? How? Can it really be true? No fear, because youth group will be back in swing and we are ready to see what God has in store for us this year.

Youth group is a time of worship and fellowship with each other. Middle school meets Wednesdays from 5:30-7:30 and high school meets Sundays from 5:30-7:30. We share a meal each week and learn more of God's word and how we can become disciples of Jesus Christ. How can we become doers of the words not just hearers of the word?

You can 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 [@msygfpmh](#)
- if you are a high school youth type [@hsygfpmh](#)



We are always looking for volunteers to prepare a meal for our youth and spend some time with them. If you are interested in preparing a meal for one of our groups contact Dana in the church office or at 863-412-2897 or by email @ dparrish@firstpreswh.org. There are many ways you can be involved. Call and find out how.



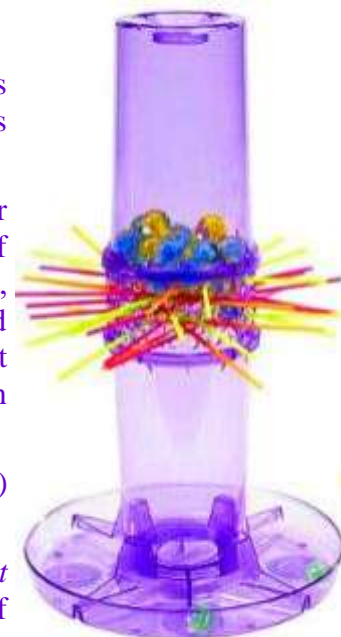
HELP!!!

Did you know that the number of days of Advent varies? It can begin as early as November 27 or as late as December 3. That means there can be as many as 29 days or as few as 23 days of Advent.

Using my Presbyterian Planning Calendar, I accidentally consulted the 2017 calendar (23 days) instead of the 2016 calendar (29 days) in calculating the number of devotions needed for this year's Advent Devotional. As Eeyore's luck would have it, I need the most possible number of devotionals for this year. Consequently, I need not 7 as I had been thinking, but 13 more stories in order for us to have an Advent 2016 Devotional, to run from the First Sunday in Advent (November 27) through Christmas Day.

If you are willing to help, please contact Alan by calling 294-3121 (Tuesday-Friday) or writing him at aharvey@firstpreswh.org.

This year's theme is: "Toyland – Remembering Favorite Childhood Toys Received at Christmas." I will be glad to give you the guidelines for writing your story yourself or to record your information and write up your story. Many thanks! *Alan*



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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.
Summer months and holidays published bi-weekly.
Church dated material, please deliver by 9/16/16.

Bag Lunch Ministry

We gave out
233 bag lunches the week of 9/5/16

Return Service Requested

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

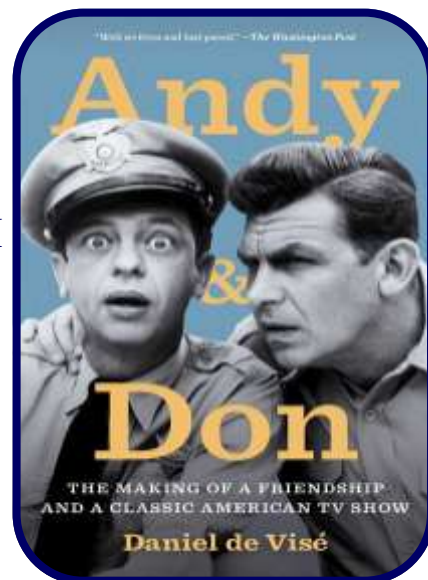
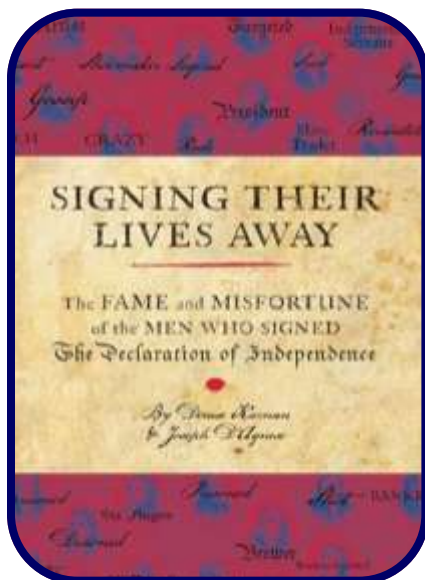
Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 92 people on 9/10/16

OM, OM BOOK CLUB

**This Session Only:
A Luncheon!!
Monday,
September 19, 1 p.m.**

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. **Please note the special time of 1:00 p.m.**



Be sure to call the church office to make a reservation no later than
1:00 p.m. on Friday, September 16.