



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

Tower Chimes

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134 Years of Ministry

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FIRST SUNDAY FIRST PRES GATHERING THIS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

At the **Single 10:00 am Worship Service** you will be able to catch up with all your First Pres friends. The service will feature a unique order of worship with elements from our other services such as: several opening songs with our Praise Band, a traditional anthem, Sermon, Time with Younger Disciples, and closing music by one of our hand bell groups or ensembles.



At **11:15 am**, we hope you continue fellowship with our First Pres family and friends, with a **Congregation-wide Fellowship Luncheon in McLeod Hall**. Hosted by the Fellowship Committee and youth featuring soup and sandwiches.

No reservations requested or required. There will be plenty of food. Any leftovers will be used by our Saturday Soup Kitchen.

We hope you will join us for this great day of faith, friendship, and fellowship this Sunday.



SOUPER BOWL OF CARING KICK OFF!

Since 1990, young people have been leading the charge and inspiring others to collect dollars and food the weeks leading up to the Big Game. Teaming up with local partners, these groups give 100% of donations to local charities, changing the nation's largest weekend of football into the largest weekend of caring. OUR YOUTH will once again be joining in the **SOUPER BOWL OF CARING** here in Winter Haven.

This **Sunday morning, February 2**, members of our youth groups will be at the doors with Soup Pots following our single worship service at **10 am** to collect dollars for our own Saturday Soup Kitchen. And – at **1:30 pm** that day, the annual Youth and Geezers flag football game will be played on the soccer fields at Polk State College. The cost of admission (to play or watch) is a non-perishable food item for our Soup Kitchen.

Please plan to join us.



Remember in Prayer

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, February 2 FIRST SUNDAY

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

- 10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:15 am Fellowship Luncheon (MH)
- 1:30 pm Souper Bowl of Caring (Off-site)

Monday, February 3

- 8:45 am MOM (CE)
- 6:00 pm Financial Peace (ER)

Tuesday, February 4

- 9:00 am Staff Meeting (MCR)
- 12:00 pm Men's Lunch (MH)
- 1:00 pm Photo Session (CE/Until 7 pm)
- 6:30 pm Session w/COM (GR)

Wednesday, February 5

- 8:45 am MOM (CE)
- 1:00 pm Photo Session (CE/Until 7 pm)
- 3:00 pm Christ Kids (CE)
- 5:00 pm Confirmation (GC)
- 5:30 pm Middle School Youth Group (GC)
- 6:00 pm Chancel Bells (MS)
- 7:00 pm Choir (MS)

Thursday, February 6

- 12:00 pm Chapel Bells (MS)
- 1:00 pm Photo Session (CE/Until 7 pm)

Friday, February 7

- 8:45 am MOM (CE)
- 1:00 pm Photo Session (CE/Until 7 pm)
- 5:00 pm Praise Band (Sanctuary)

Saturday, February 8

- 10:00 am Photo Session (CE/Until 4 pm)
- 2:00 pm Soup Kitchen Prep (Kitchen)
- 4:00 pm Soup Kitchen (737)

MEMBERS

Melvin & Debbie Anderson	Kay Hedden	Barbara Roberts
Kathy Andrews	Doris Hill	John Schleifer
Orrin & Helen Champlain	Bryan Howard	Zane Schwenk
Carl Cheatham	Isobel Hubbard	George Seagreaves
Charlie Darte	Jim Huff	Cash Sheaffer
Marjorie DiLorenzo	Martha Johnson	Bob Sheffield
Yolanda Dyer	Bill Johnston	Joyce Shirah
Jana Easterling	John Kissel	Barbara H. Smith
Dana Elmore	Dena Lancashire	Joel Smith
Bill Everhart	Eric Lindstrom	Christine Stevens
John Gray	Spike Lucia	Pam Tallent-Blackburn
Jane Hayman	Pat McCarty	Carolyn Thompson
Joyce Hayman	Bob McClew	Mike Vibral
Frances Heath	Edna Mitchell	Gwen Waters
	Nancy Neale	Sug Zowarka
	Jackie Pinckney	

Relatives & Friends

Bruce Bachman	Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend
Jose Cruz & family	George Butz' friends
Susan Ott-Driggers	Sharon Ott's sister
Susan Fisher	Rob Donaldy and Becky Everhart's cousin
Rick Marshall	Candy Marshall's brother-in-law
Carol Moore	Roger & Marie Able's friend
Marlys Regan	Roger & Marie Able's friend
Dianne Remus	Sandy Hoffman's friend
Toni Shaw	Candy Marshall's friend
Jordyne Taylor	Candy Marshall's friend
Ben & Cheryl Tillman	Loretta Smith's friend
Patricia Timmerman	Orrin & Helen Champlain's friend
Marcia Vander Veen	Roger & Marie Able's friend

MILITARY



Zach Anaya	Daniel Harp
Brenden Anderson	Sean Harp
Christian Anderson	David Knowles
Samuel Crockett	John Marotti
Zach Drum	KaitLin Marotti
Robert Ferguson	Mathew Massam
Stephanie Gillie	Shad Skinner
Eddie Gray	Drew Stapor

DON'T FORGET TO SCHEDULE YOUR PHOTO SESSION FOR OUR 2020 FIRST PRES CHURCH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY



We are excited to announce that we have requested the services of **Lifetouch Church Directories** to prepare our Pictorial Family Album. It will contain color portraits of all the families and updated addresses and contact information.

Session times are:

February 4-7 (Tuesday-Friday), 1 - 7 pm, and Saturday, February 8, 10 am - 5 pm.

You can sign up in the Narthex on Sundays, or go to our web-site at firstpreswh.org or our Facebook page at **First Presbyterian Church of Winter Haven, FL** and click the link.

This year we are unable to use photos from previous directories. So please, make an appointment to have your updated photo taken. And remember, you will receive one free 8 X 10 photo.

There is no obligation to buy.

We want to see you in the **First Pres 2020 Pictorial Directory**.

FUNTIMERS VINTAGE CAR SHOW

Monday, February 10 at 10 am

The “Car Show” will be in the south parking area followed by a catered lunch in McLeod Hall and a brief program.



Lunch Menu: BBQ pulled pork sandwich, cole slaw, potato salad, beverage, dessert.
Cost: \$8 –pay at the door.

Lunch reservations are required. You can RSVP by signing up on the “Vintage Car Show” list in McLeod Hall, filling out this tear-off and dropping it in the offering plate, calling the church office at 294-3121, or emailing to office@firstpreswh.org.

Name: _____ # Attending: _____

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN BIBLE STUDY

The Lydia and Joy circles current Bible Study is:
“Love Carved in Stone” – A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments.

The Lydia Circle meets on the **2nd Monday** of each month and will meet on **February 10 at 10 am** in the back of McLeod Hall.

The Joy Circle meets on the **3rd Tuesday** of each month and will meet on **February 18 at 9:30 am** at the home of Carol Carter.

The study books are available at a cost of \$10. See either Sue McClew or Carol Carter, or come by the *church office to purchase your copy. Our group is open to any and all women of the church interested in fellowship and Bible study.*



DAVE RAMSEY’S FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

Take control of your money with *Financial Peace University* (FPU)! This nine-lesson course uses biblical wisdom and common sense to help you tackle budgeting, pay off debt, and make your money work for you! FPU includes your member workbook and a year of free online resources through Financial Peace Membership. You can register now at fpu.com/1106335/. Join us **Mondays at 6 pm** in the Edinbough Room.



SEWING FOR HONDURAS

Sewing for Honduras ladies are busy sewing dresses and backpacks. The next sewing day will be **Tuesday, February 11 at 10 am** in the Girl Scout House.



They are in need of donations of the following items you might have at home:

- Dritz 1/2” Non-roll elastic
- White and beige thread
- 32 ply Macramé cord (black preferred) to be used as drawstrings for the backpacks
- Double –fold bias tape of any color.

All of these items are also available at JoAnn Fabrics and have online coupons to save more. Donations are being accepted at the church office.

In the meantime, if you are curious or slightly interested and would like to see the patterns, materials, have a suggestion, or want to get started, please contact Sharon Mitchell 419-332-5268.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP GATHERINGS



Middle School Youth meets on **Wednesday evenings, from 5:30 – 7:30 pm**. Join our leaders and sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students as we enjoy time of food (we always have a meal), fun, and faith. Feel free to invite your friends to come along too.

High School Youth, our ninth, tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grade young people along with leaders gather on **Sunday evenings (5:30 – 7:30 pm)** to share food, Christian fellowship, and service. Come check us out and watch your walk with Jesus deepen.

Both groups meet in the Golden Student Center (711 Sixth Street, NW).



CHRIST KIDS

Christ Kids – our faith-filled and safe after-school program for children 4 years through 5th grade meets **Wednesdays at 3 pm**. Permission slips for families are on the church website, so spread the word and don't forget to join us as an Adult Volunteer! Questions? Contact Rev. Sarah via calling the church office at 294-3121 or emailing sbishop@firstpreswh.org.



SOUND BOARD OPERATORS WANTED

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!!**



HOW MANY OFFERING ENVELOPES WOULD YOU LIKE?

We are custom printing our offering envelopes this year. If you would like to have envelopes and have not received them yet, please contact Rose in the church office at 294-3121 or rflynn@firstpreswh.org.



A GREAT WAY YOU CAN HELP A HURTING FRIEND



Do you have a friend, neighbor, coworker, or relative who has suffered a loss or is going through a difficult time? Here's a great way you can help them--tell them about our Stephen Ministry! Stephen Ministers are members of First Presbyterian Church who have received special training to provide high quality, confidential, one-to-one, Christian care to hurting people. Stephen Ministers meet weekly with their care receivers to listen, care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support. (Males are matched with males, and females are matched with females.) The caring relationship lasts for as long as the person needs care. It's free, and it's a powerful way you can help a hurting friend.

Stephen Minister Request Form Boxes are placed in the **Centennial Room, narthex, and balcony hallway** for your convenience. These secure boxes make it easy for someone to make a Confidential Request for a Stephen Minister. Forms are found in the pew pockets and forms and pens are also held by the box making it convenient for individuals to request a Stephen Minister.

To find out more about Stephen Ministry for you or someone you know, **call Susan Singleton at 318-9208**. Or you can talk with one of our other Stephen Leaders: Alan Harvey, Mary Marrs, Steve Negley, Barbara Perkins, or Jean Strang.

FUNTIMERS - MARCH EVENT

The Wonderful World of Harmony, is a Barbershop Harmony Show on **Sunday, March 8 at 2:30 pm** at Polk State College Theatre, Winter Haven.

Tickets are on sale at a group rate of \$20 each. Sign-up in McLeod Hall at the FunTimers display. Dick Shaw will deliver your tickets. Any questions – call Dick at 863-258-9233. Plan to meet us there.



DEAGAN CHIMES UPDATE

We were delighted to have the combination of the Deagan chimes and the luminaries at our Christmas Eve services this year. You might have noticed that the Chimes have been a bit silent for the past few weeks. The chimes are pushing 100 years old so they have been a bit cranky as we have put them to work! We have had two visits from the “Chime Guys” out of Tennessee. They have made several adjustments up in the tower and to the wiring all the way up to the music suite. The manual keyboard for the chimes is now in good shape. They have taken the automatic scroll machine back to the shop and will repair it or have a replacement for us soon. This means that we are looking for additional chime players on Sunday mornings!

If you are able to pick out a hymn tune with one finger, you are a good prospect as a chime player! We would like the chimes to play before and after each Sunday morning service. Please see Lynn or give the office a call if you are interested in finding out more about playing the Deagan chimes. A big thank you to Rich Dobler, Diane Repass, Nanette Rodgers, Tom Oldt, Cheryce Harris, Pat Nepute, and Anamarie Coffman who are some of our regular players.



TEXT TO GIVE

1. Donor texts the keyword and amount (ex. Tithe 100 – **There must be a space between the keyword and amount**) to the number that is assigned to your organization. (If only an amount is texted without a keyword, the funds will go to a default category- unless you are using the short code- there is no default category on the short code.)
2. First time text donors receive a text with a link to sign into their SecureGive account or create a new one.
3. Donor signs in or creates an account and saves a default payment method to be used for text giving.
4. When this is complete, donor receives a confirmation that their first text donation has been processed. They will also receive an email receipt.



The next time the donor would like to give by text, they simply type the keyword and amount and will receive a request to confirm with Y. After replying, they will receive a text confirmation that their donation was processed and will receive an email receipt.

****We recommend that the donor save your organization’s text number as a contact in their phone for future use****

****Donors can text a question mark “?” to be sent helpful tips.**

****Donors can text STOP to de-activate text giving from their phone. If they have texted STOP at any point, they must text START to get re-started.**

Robin Miller is available to assist you during office hours at 294-3121 or email rmiller@firstpreswh.org.



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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 203 bag lunches
 the week of 1/20/20.

Return Service Requested

Soup Kitchen Ministry
 We fed 126 people on 1/25/20.

OUR TALENT SHOW IS ALMOST HERE!

Here is some helpful information. It will be held **Sunday, February 9**. Dinner will be **5:00 p.m.** with show starting at **5:30 p.m.**

Our annual talent show involves acts by the entire congregation. The talent show is also used as a fundraiser for the youth program. The contributions you make by donating goes towards ensuring our students are able to attend retreats, different music events, and enjoy meals at youth group among other things.

This helps to build friendships and connections with each other but also contributes to spiritual growth. So even if you don't plan on performing at the talent show, we hope you will support us just by attending.

If you have a special talent to share and would like to participate, please contact Emily Snyder at esnyder@firstpreswh.org or the church office at 294-3121.

