



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

Tower Chimes

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GOTTA DANCE! GOTTA DANCE!

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That is the sentiment of most *Saturday Nite Live* guests. So on **February 15**, with a DJ at the controls, the music will be playing for the Valentine Dance.

Guests are invited to wear something pink, red, or white. McLeod Hall will be decorated, and snacks will be served. Come and join the Dance Party or come to see how much fun the SNL guests have on the third Saturday of the month from 7 – 9 pm.



“PINT-SIZE” FUNTIMERS AT GROVE ROOTS

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 6:30 PM

The “Pint-size” Funtimers will be relaxing on the lawn at *Grove Roots Brewing Company* for their February event! Enjoy a meal at the food truck and challenge a friend to a game of cornhole.

Any and all are welcome to stop by for our February Third Friday event! Questions? Contact Rev. Sarah at 294-3121 or sbishop@firstpreswh.org.



WE HAVE A SPECIAL VISITOR COMING!!!

First Pres is honored to welcome the Rev. Cindy Kohlmann, Co-Moderator of the 223rd General Assembly (2018) of the Presbyterian Church (USA) to our church on **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23**.

Rev. Kohlmann serves as the resource presbyter for the Presbyteries of Boston and northern New England. In her service to the church as Co-Moderator, she also travels the country connecting the Presbyterian Church and encouraging congregations and God’s children in following our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Rev. Kohlmann will be speaking at the stated meeting of the Presbytery of Tampa Bay on Thursday, February 20, helping commission our own Hadley Owen and the other commissioners to the 224th General Assembly (2020, Baltimore). She will be visiting in our area later that week, and then preaching here in Winter Haven on Sunday. Her text will be from Matthew, chapter 25, and Rev. Kohlmann will help us explore the PCUSA’s new Matthew 25 Initiative.

We will hold a **SINGLE WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10:30 AM**. Please plan to join us for this special day of worship and service!



Remember in Prayer

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, February 16 3 Cents-a-Meal

- 8:00 am Chapel Worship
- 9:15 am Connection (MH)
- 9:15 am Heart of Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 am Sunday School-Children/Adults (CE)
- 11:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 5:30 pm HSYG (GC)

Monday, February 17

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

Tuesday, February 18

- 9:00 am Staff Meeting (MCR)
- 9:30 am Joy Circle (Off-site)
- 12:00 pm Men's Lunch (MH)
- 12:00 pm Finance (UR)
- 6:30 pm Deacons (MH)

Wednesday, February 19

- 8:45 am MOM (CE)
- 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 20

- 12:00 pm Chapel Bells (MS)
- 6:30 pm Praise Band (Sanctuary)

Friday, February 21

- 8:45 am MOM (CE)
- 6:30 pm Pint-Size FunTimers (MH)

Saturday, February 22

- 2:00 pm Soup Kitchen Prep (Kitchen)
- 4:00 pm Soup Kitchen (737)

OUR PASTORS ARE EAGER TO VISIT OUR HOSPITALIZED MEMBERS, BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP

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 our pastors know.



**Thank you for helping us stay in touch
with the congregation!**

MEMBERS

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

IN THE HOSPITAL: Gwen Waters

Relatives & Friends

Bruce Bachman	Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend
Jose Cruz & family	George Butz' friends
Steve Dobler	Rich Dobler's brother
Jean Ann & Blake Doyle	Ben & Judy Tucker
Susan Ott-Driggers	Sharon Ott's sister
Susie Fisher	Rob Donaldy and Becky Everhart's cousin
Christy Hemenway	Bob & Lisa Endres' friend
Kate Hurd & family	Kathy Cheatham's friend
John Kluberg	Nancy Dobler's brother
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
Deborah Strother	Sandy Hoffman's friend
Jordyne Taylor	Candy Marshall's friend
Ben & Cheryl Tillman	Loretta Smith's friend
Patricia Timmerman	Orrin & Helen Champlain's friend
Penni Tinsley	Tom & Jeri Oldt'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

3 CENTS-A-MEAL THIS SUNDAY

We will collect the
3 Cents-a-Meal Hunger
Offering during worship services
this **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16.**



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

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 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 Lydia Circle meets on the **2nd Monday** of each month and will meet on **March 9 at 10 am** in the back of McLeod Hall.

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.



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



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.



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.



SEWING FOR HONDURAS

Sewing for Honduras ladies are busy sewing dresses and backpacks. The next sewing date will be posted soon.



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.



THE 2020 SANCTUARY FLOWER CALENDAR IS UP IN THE NARTHEX

If your desired date is not available, there is space to sign up for placing flowers in the narthex.

Please remember these important points:

- * Include your best contact number.
- * Include the name of your florist.
- * Tell your florist that the arrangement *must* be here by **Friday, 12 pm**.
- * Call the church office the week before to give bulletin information at 294-3121.



NAME TAG ORDER FORM

“My Go By” First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address/City/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Can we text you? Yes [] No []

We are requesting your address, phone and e-mail in order to update church files.

OPTIONAL: “Conversation Starters”-The space on the name tag has room for three additional items. Please fill in the appropriate information by one or more items below:

Birthdate-Month/day: _____ Birthplace/Hometown: _____

Year joined First Pres: _____ Sunday School teacher (class): _____

Deacon? [] Elder? [] Choir? [] Stephen Minister? []

Member of _____ Circle. Member of _____ Committee

Other: _____



JOIN US ON SUNDAYS!!!



8:00 am Chapel Worship

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

9:15 am 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 am Sanctuary Worship

A traditional worship service held in our sanctuary. The service follows the same order as the 8:00 am Chapel Service, and includes music from the Chancel Choir and the organ, as well as other instruments and groups.

DON'T MISS THE CONNECTION 9:15-10:45 AM

This fellowship time in McLeod Hall offers a coffee bar type selection with different flavored creamers, pastries, etc. It is a gathering place before or between worship and Sunday School for some folks.



SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES CHILDREN & ADULTS: 9:30 - 10:30 AM

FOR THE CHILDREN



SPARK Sunday School will begin for our children (PreK-5th grade) and will be sparking faith after the *Time With Younger Disciples* in the Heart of Worship service. PreK-K will be meeting in Room 101 and 1st through 5th grades in Room 206. Don't forget they will also be doing music with Ms. Lynn before their respective classes and ART on the third Sunday. Sunday School ends at 10:30 am.

Can't make it to church? Your family can activate faith with God's Word by connecting with the stories at home with our Spark home sheets and buying a copy of the Story Bible at www.weareSparkhouse.org.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

PERSPECTIVE

The Adult Perspectives Class will start a seven Sunday DVD/discussion series on **January 12** titled *Honoring Creation* where we will interact with seven acclaimed scholars, theologians and authors exploring what is next for Christianity. We will ponder what our response to God's creation might look like for ourselves and others in the 21st century. The focus of this session is: *Restoring Our Relationship With the Divine*. This class meets at **9:30 am** in the Geneva Room.



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

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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 160 bag lunches
the week of 2/3/20.

Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 80 people on 1/8/20.

Return Service Requested



SHROVE TUESDAY-PANCAKE SUPPER TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 5:30 PM

As we enter the Lenten season, we first need to use up all our syrup! I mean, First Pres must do a little celebrating and use up the eggs and sugar as we enter the 40 days of Lent with a Pancake supper. Kids, bring your best spatula and apron to try your hand at pancake flipping! Our special cooks invite YOU for a pancake, eggs, and sausage dinner starting at 5:30 pm in McCleod Hall. Happy Mardi Gras!

JOIN US FOR ASH WEDNESDAY February 26 at 6:30 pm

In the service outlined for Ash Wednesday in the Book of Common worship, the pastor is invited to make this statement:

Friends in Christ, every year at the time of the Christian Passover (Easter) we celebrate our redemption through the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Lent is a time to prepare for this celebration and to renew our lives in this holy mystery. We begin this season by acknowledging our need for repentance, and for the mercy and forgiveness proclaimed in the gospel of Jesus Christ. We begin our journey to Easter with the sign of ashes. This ancient sign speaks of the frailty and uncertainty of human life, and mark the penitence of this community.



We hope you will join your friends in Christ at our Ash Wednesday service, on **February 26 at 6:30 pm** in the sanctuary. You will hear the Word proclaimed, and have the opportunity to be marked with ashes as you begin your own Lenten journey to the empty cross.