



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

Tower Chimes

Weeks of February 3, 2019

Issue 699

133 Years of Ministry

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FIRST SUNDAY FIRST PRES GATHERING THIS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3

At the **Single 10:00 a.m. 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: opening songs with our Praise Band, Rooted, a traditional anthem, Sermon, Time with Younger Disciples, and closing music by one of our hand bell groups or ensembles.

At **11:15 a.m.**, we hope you continue fellowship with our First Pres family and friends, with a **Congregation-wide Fellowship Luncheon in McLeod Hall** hosted by our Membership Committee.

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



**We hope you will join us for this great day of faith, friendship,
and fellowship on February 3.**

**2019 SOUP KITCHEN SIGN-UP SHEETS
ARE ON THE BOARD IN McLEOD HALL.
PICK OUT YOUR DATES TODAY!**

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 3**, members of our youth groups will be at the doors with Soup Pots following our single worship service at 10 a.m. to collect dollars for our own Saturday Soup Kitchen. And – at **2 p.m.** 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 3

First Sunday

Souper Bowl Sunday

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School (CE)
- 10:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:15 a.m. Fellowship Luncheon (MH)
- 2:00 p.m. Souper Bowl of Caring Game (PSC)
- 4:00 p.m. Praise Band (Sanctuary)

Monday, February 4

- 8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)

Tuesday, February 5

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

Wednesday, February 6

- 8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)
- 3:00 p.m. Christ Kids (CE)
- 5:00 p.m. Confirmation (ER)
- 5:30 p.m. MSYG (GC)
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study (MH)
- 7:00 p.m. Choir (MS)

Thursday, February 7

- 1:15 p.m. Chapel Bells (MS)

Friday, February 8

- 8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)

Saturday, February 9

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

MEMBERS

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|-----------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| Kathy Andrews | Doris Hill | EEarle Roberts |
| Bill Brack | Bryan Howard | Dave Ryan |
| Tom Brackett | Bob & Isobel | Isie Savant |
| Henry Braun | Hubbard | Beverly Seagreaves |
| Helen Butz | Jim Huff | Cash Sheaffer |
| Helen Champlain | Martha Johnson | Joyce Shirah |
| Carl Cheatham | Joey Johnston | Barbara H. Smith |
| Tom Coffman | John Kissel | Mary Ann Snively |
| Yolanda Dyer | Toni Krieger | Christine Stevens |
| Mike & Jana | Dena Lancashire | Scott Strey |
| Easterling | Spike Lucia | Jay Tackett |
| Bill Everhart | Bob McClew | Pam Tallent-Blackburn |
| Jane Hayman | Joan McCollough | Carolyn Thompson |
| Joyce Hayman | Edna Mitchell | Mike & Jennifer Vibral |
| Frances Heath | Bev Morris | Gwen Waters |
| Kay Hedden | Nancy Neale | Retha Wright |

IN THE HOSPITAL: Jim Manor & Dale Smith

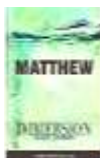
Relatives & Friends

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| Reese Burdette | Dana Cole's cousin |
| Katie Carter | Carol & Bob Carter's daughter-in-law |
| John Doughty | Dena Doughty Lancashire's brother |
| Al Ellis | Jim Threlkel's friend |
| Connie Flanagan | Marile Weeks' friend |
| Ruth Galloway | Kate Eelman's cousin |
| Pat Harmon | Marile Weeks' friend |
| Pete Kent | Charley & Nancy Chilton's nephew |
| Carol Moore | Roger & Marie Able's friend |
| Bonnie Motts | Marjorie DiLorenzo's friend |
| Jinny Nguyen | Ruth Dunham's friend |
| Pearl Olszewski | Susan Singleton's friend |
| Judy & Bill Overlock | Kit Threlkel's friend |
| Chris Rollins | Rich & Nancy Dobler's friend |
| Ken Schleifer | John & Marilyn's Schleifer's son |
| Larry Schlosser | Don & Norma Martin's friend |
| Marcia Sodko | John & Marilyn Schleifer's daughter |
| Liam & Eli Spalding | Beverly Pace's friends |
| Susan Stiles | Sandy Hoffman's friend |
| Tibbs Swick | Amanda Olmert's father |
| Kim Thompson | Marile Weeks' friend |
| Penni Tinsley | Tom & Jerri Oldt's friend |
| Kristy Turner | Rick & Pat Reass' daughter |

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP ~ IMMERSION

A Wednesday evening Bible study class.

Join Rev. Sarah and additional leadership at **6 p.m. Wednesdays** as we dive deep into scripture with the Gospel of Matthew.



The book is \$10 and available in the church office.

Questions? Contact Rev. Sarah at 294-3121 or sbishop@firstpreswh.org.

MILITARY

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



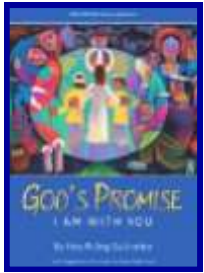
OUR PASTORS ARE EAGER TO VISIT OUR HOSPITALIZED MEMBERS, BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP

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!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN BIBLE STUDY

The Lydia and Joy circles current Bible study: *God's Promise – "I Am with You."*



The Lydia Circle meets on the **2nd Monday** of each month and will meet on **February 11 at 10 a.m.** in the back of McLeod Hall.

The Joy Circle meets on the **3rd Tuesday** of each month and will meet on **February 19 at 9:30 a.m.** at the home of Carol Carter.

The study books are available at a cost of \$10.00. See or call either Sue McClew (875-6176) or Carol Carter (299-4253) to purchase your copy. Both groups are open to any and all women of the church interested in fellowship and Bible study.

Do You Like to Dance?

Do You Enjoy Watching Other People Dance?

If your answer to either question is "Yes!", then please accept this as your invitation to *Saturday Nite Live* on **February 16** in McLeod Hall. We will keep the Valentine spirit alive by wearing something "red".

Come and see what happens on **February 16** or any third Saturday of each month, September through May between **7 and 9 p.m.!**

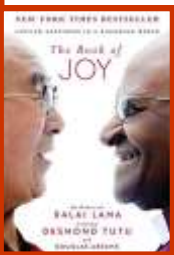


ODD MONTH THIRD THURSDAY AT 3 BOOK CLUB (OMTT3)

March 21: *The Book of Joy* by the Dalai Lama and Desmond Tutu with Douglas Abrams

You will want to read this 305 page book early because you need to spend some time doing the Joy Practices at the end of the book that the authors recommend.

Plan now to join us in the back of McLeod Hall on **Thursday, March 21 at 3 p.m.** The book is available for checkout from the library or Jonathan or Bethany Owen will order a copy for you.



FIRST PRES IS LIVE ON FACEBOOK!

Heading out of town but still desire to be part of this worshiping community on Sunday?

Heard something lovely said or played in worship and need to hear it again?

Want to share with a friend a taste of worship with First Pres?

Then visit the our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/FPCWinterHaven/>! Every Sunday we will be live-streaming the 9:15am Heart of Worship and 11am Traditional worship services on our Facebook page. These services will be available by video after worship as well.

The church website at <https://www.firspreswh.org> will also continue to have recordings of Sunday's worship on the main page. Scroll down to "Latest Videos" at the bottom.

Either way, there are opportunities to worship with your church family when you cannot be present in person.



PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR FAVORITE HOLIDAY RECIPE

For our 2019 Advent Devotional Cookbook

"Sweeter Than Honey" Holiday Sweets and Treats

"How sweet are Your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth."

Psalm 119:103



Members and Friends, please help us by submitting your favorite holiday recipes for sweets (breads, cakes, desserts, pies, puddings, etc.) and treats (candies, cookies, pastries, etc.). Please include a brief narrative including information such as: source of recipe, for example, from a relative, friend, magazine, or cookbook; a tradition with your family for how long, what you serve with them, etc.

The editor will choose scriptures and write prayers to accompany your submission. Please sign posters placed around the church if you would like to participate. Devotions with recipes will be accepted through February.

Thank you!

What WE do – Thanks to YOU

A celebration of generosity and ministry

2019 marks the 133rd year of ministry for those who gather as First Presbyterian Church of Winter Haven. Thanks to the generous support of the friends and members of our congregation, we continue to live out our purpose of ministering to the world in the name of Jesus Christ. When tell of Christ's presence in each of our lives through worship, study, service, and fellowship, we give witness to our purpose as Christ's church.

OUR PURPOSE

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 the Session, 2003

First Presbyterian Church of Winter Haven operates with a unified church budget. This means that the ministry that we conduct through all our program areas falls under a single church budget, which is supported by the generosity of our members and friends in their tithes and offerings. Every person who gives in support of this budget is a partner in everything that we do.

The strength of a unified budget rests in the fact the Session makes decisions of overall significance, so that each area of ministry can function without the constant concern of how to raise funds for items which are common to and crucial for the overall life of Christ's church here.

As we look to 2019, our plan for how we will use our shared our resources so that the church can be the church is revealed in our vision budget. If we look at one area, Facilities operations and maintenance, we see that it represents over \$140,000 of our budget, in addition to the salaries of our Church Custodian and Director of Maintenance. (These costs are monitored annually by the Buildings and Grounds Committee.) That means that providing space for all that we do, insuring that space, and appropriately maintaining that space costs almost \$20,000 a month just so that we can all share in ministry here.

As we look at most recently completed year, we see how we have generously invested in our shared ministry.

OPERATING BUDGET

Missions (national/international, through Presbytery, Synod, Honduras, and General Assembly)	\$24,000
Deacons Funds (local missions)	26,200
Stephen Ministry	1,000
Pastors' Fund (Congregational Assistance)	2,000
Congregational Care	800
Per Capita Support of Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly	32,600
Honduras	1,000
International Mission (Strang)	3,000
Office Operation	38,400
Christian Education Programs	5,000
Youth Ministry Programs	8,000
Volunteer Screening	2,000
Library Supplies	100
Adult Fellowship/ FunTimers	300
Evangelism/Community Outreach	2,000
Hospitality and Fellowship	9,000
Membership	600
Stewardship	200
Properties and facilities operations	142,550
Worship Supplies	2,000
Music—Music Maintenance	6,000
Personnel (Salaries and Benefits)	691,227
Total 2018 Operating Budget	\$997,977

Our investment in the Worship of God throughout the Year

\$350,000



Our investment in Christian Education and Nurturing Disciples

\$250,000



Our investment in In-reach and Outreach (Pastoral/congregational care and Evangelism)

\$200,000



Our investment in Mission and Benevolences

\$190,000



Our total church budget for 2019 represents nearly \$1,000,000 of our treasures, much of which has been generously donated by all of us in the partnership we share as a church of Jesus Christ. The prayerful support and extravagant generosity of our congregation makes ministry happen.

Now, in this New Year, the Session of our church will soon finalize our annual church operating budget for 2019. We hope that you feel God is calling you to be a generous partner with us in accomplishing our purpose as Christ's followers into the future. Thanks to all the members and friends who have let us know your plans for financially sharing in our work together. And, if you haven't already indicated that support by prayerfully considering and completing an estimate of giving card for the year 2019, we hope you will return the attached card to Robin Miller, our Director of Finance and Administration.

First Presbyterian Church Estimate of Generosity for 2019

Last Name _____ First Name(s) _____ Envelope # _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

In gratitude for God's love, I/we make the following *estimate of generous support* of the church, its local mission and commitment to Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly:
(The amount of this *estimate* may be increased or decreased if your circumstances change.)

\$ _____ : Per Week [] Per Month [] Per Year []

I/we want contribution envelopes for **2020**: Yes [] No []

For where your treasure is there will your heart be also.
Matt 6:21

Signature _____

THE 2019 SANCTUARY FLOWER CALENDAR IS UP IN THE NARTHEX



There is also space to sign up for placing flowers in the narthex if the sanctuary flowers for your desired date have already been selected by someone else.

Please remember these important points:

1. Include your best contact number.
2. Include the name of your florist.
3. Tell your florist that the arrangement **must** be at the church by **Friday, 12:00 p.m.**
4. Call the office the week before to give bulletin information (294-3121.)

ANGELS CARE CENTER OF ELOISE

Angel Collection Box Needs

There is an ongoing need for the following items to give out at the Angels Care Center. Please leave items in the Angel Collection Box in McLeod Hall. Thank YOU, and God Bless!!!

First Aid Kits: washcloths, band-aids, wet wipes, small soaps, small antibacterial soap, Q-tips, small packets of antibiotic ointment, etc.

Children's "Jesus Kits": coloring sheets with Biblical themes, crayons, scripture/song cards (simple and short for children), small books, stickers, etc.

Toiletry Kits: shampoo, soap, deodorant, razors, feminine products, combs, washcloths, hand gel, lotion, toothbrush and toothpaste, small samples from hotel/motels, etc.



2019 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES ARE IN!

They are in alphabetical order in McLeod Hall. You may pick up yours on Sunday or during the week.

WE HAVE AN EXTRA WAY OF GIVING!

Here are a few ways to access this new option:

- Go to our Church website at www.firstpreswh.org and click on **give** (top right), you will be re-directed to <https://app.securegive.com/firstpreswh> or you can go directly to the SecureGive website, <https://app.securegive.com/firstpreswh>
- First time users will click on sign-up
- Complete all fields and click the blue sign-up box ** password must be a minimum of 8 characters, including numbers and uppercase and lowercase letters.
- Click donate
- Choose your donation option, under special offering you will enter your special request, i.e. pastor fund, butterfly etc
- Choose one time or reoccurring
- Enter card information (if you choose to save your information the next time you login the information will be there and make giving much easier)
- Submit (this is where you will add your additional message if needed)
- You will receive an email confirmation of your giving for your records



There's also an APP for that!

- Simply go to your App store and download the free **SecureGive Vision** (you must type in SecureGive Vision) app and follow the prompts on each screen. Once you login or create an account you will be prompted to search for First Presbyterian church by name, city and/or state, follow the steps and enter the amount you wish to donate and the designation, one-time or recurring and then enter your card information.

Robin Miller is available to assist you during office hours at 863-294-3121 or email rmiller@firstpreswh.org.

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.**

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SUNDAY SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES!

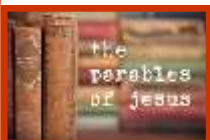
Children's Sunday School for PreSchoolers through 5th grade happening in the CE Building, **9:30 a.m. (9 a.m. on the First Sunday.)** Our children will activate faith with *Spark Lectionary* curriculum. Each class will engage the Biblical story of the day through creative, hands-on activities, interactive games, and crafts. Sunday School for preschoolers and kindergartners will meet in Room 101. Our elementary students will meet after music in Room 206. Sunday School ends at 10:30 a.m.



First Sundays – Sunday School at **9 a.m.** and sharing musical talents in worship at **10a.m.**

Adult Educational Opportunities – Sunday mornings and more!

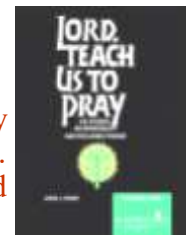
Perspectives Sunday School Class – 9:30am in the Geneva Room



This discussion-based class is guided by Dr. Kenneth Bailey's lectures on the Parables of Jesus. Join us for this engaging class **at 9:30 a.m.** in the Geneva room. Perspectives **DOES NOT** meet on First Sundays.

NEW SUNDAY CLASS HAS STARTED!

Lord, Teach Us To Pray. The Lord's Prayer is among the greatest treasures of faith. This study explores the key phrases of the Lord's Prayer as they lead us to greater spirituality and growth. Study books are available in the classroom as well as in the church office. Join Carol Carter and Richard Baker in room CE 207 at **9:30am.**



REMEMBER! THE STEPHEN MINISTERS ARE HERE FOR YOU!



If you, or someone you know, are sad or struggling inside, don't suffer alone. Ask for help. We've got a team of Stephen Ministers who are ready to listen, care, encourage, pray, and help you through a tough time. Men are matched with men, and women with women. (It's completely confidential too!) 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.**

Our Purpose Statement

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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 1/25/19.

Bag Lunch Ministry

We gave out 160 bag lunches
the week of 1/21/19.

Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 75 people on 1/26/19.

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A 21 YEAR SALUTE TO SAMMY BRYANT

If you have taken part in any portion of our ministry on the First Pres campus in the past two decades, then you have benefited from the professionalism, hard work, and dedication of our Director of Maintenance, **Sam Bryant**.



Sammy joined our church staff on February 9, 1998, and we, as a congregation have been blessed with his gifts for 21 years. Sam is a dedicated disciple of Jesus Christ, and he cares for our facilities as the house of God. Coming to us from a career as a custom home builder, Sammy is a skilled craftsman. Overseeing our maintenance and all building/facilities/grounds improvements over the past two decades plus, Sammy has saved our church thousands of dollars while keeping our church home in excellent shape.

On his 21st anniversary of employment, we applaud this servant of God. This is a time of recognition, not retirement. The next time you see him, please make sure to thank Sammy for all that he does here at First Pres.

