



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

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Weeks of January 6, 2019

Issue 696

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First Sunday First Pres Family Gathering January 6



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: several opening songs with our Praise Band, a traditional anthem, Sermon, Time with Younger Disciples, and a 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 Bell Choir.

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 on January 6.

COME TO THE TABLE WITH OUR NEW ELDERS AND DEACONS

On Sunday, January 6, 2019, our congregation will celebrate the ordination and installation of our new Deacons and Elders, and celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Being ordained and/or installed in our *SINGLE WORSHIP SERVICE* that Sunday will be: **Mary Marrs, Richard Moots, Dick Shaw, Emily Snyder, and Ann Walker** to the office of Deacon; and **Gene Aspy, Kelly Butz, Cheryce Harris, Quentin Roe, and Jean Strang** to the office of Elder. These new officers will also assist in the service of communion in worship.



WE ALSO WANT TO THANK OUR OUTGOING OFFICERS FOR THEIR DEDICATED SERVICE

Completing three-year terms of service are:

Elders

**John Eycleshimer, Mary Ann Koon, John Marchetti,
Nanette Rodgers and Lori Roe**

Deacons

Jay Dugger, Laura Powell, Edwin Smith, Nell Speer and Dave Zwicker

CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING

This year we collected over \$2,100 for our Christmas Eve offering. The money collected will be divided between three medical clinics Sponsored by the Medical Benevolence Foundation in Haiti, Kenya, and Bangladesh, and medical mission in Honduras.



Remember in Prayer

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 6

Communion

First Sunday

Officer Ordination/Installation

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School (CE)
- 10:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:15 a.m. Fellowship Luncheon (MH)
- 4:00 p.m. Praise Band (Sanctuary)
- 5:30 p.m. High School Youth Group (GC)

Monday, January 7

- 8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)
- 9:00 a.m. Christmas Decoration Disassembled

Tuesday, January 8

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

Wednesday, January 9

- 8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)
- 12:00 p.m. Buildings & Grounds (MH)
- 3:00 p.m. Christ Kids (CE)
- 5:00 p.m. MSYG Music (GC)
- 5:30 p.m. MSYG (GC)
- 6:00 p.m. Chancel Bells (MS)
- 7:00 p.m. Choir (MS)

Thursday, January 10

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

Friday, January 11

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

Saturday, January 12

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

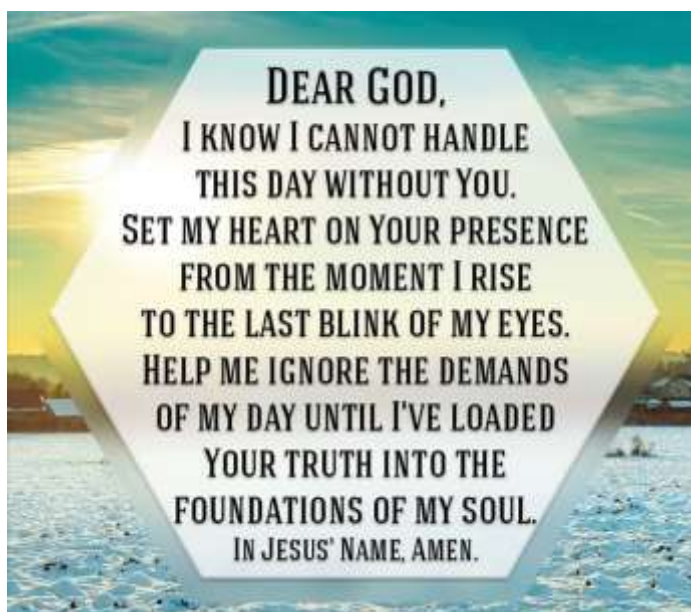
MEMBERS

Kaylee Anderson	Doris Hill	Elsie Savant
Kathy Andrews	Bryan Howard	Beverly Seagreaves
Bill Brack	Bob & Isobel	Cash Sheaffer
Tom Brackett	Hubbard	Joyce Shirah
Henry Braun	Jim Huff	Susan Heyer Singleton
Helen Butz	Kathy Jackson	Barbara H. Smith
Helen Champlain	Martha Johnson	Mary Ann Snively
Carl Cheatham	Joey Johnston	Christine Stevens
Tom Coffman	John Kissel	Scott Strey
Yolanda Dyer	Toni Krieger	Jay Tackett
Mike & Jana	Dena Lancashire	Pam Tallent-
Easterling	Spike Lucia	Blackburn
Bill Everhart	Edna Mitchell	Carolyn Thompson
Jane Hayman	Bev Morris	Gwen Waters
Joyce Hayman	Nancy Neale	Judy Winfree
Frances Heath	Joe Oriani	Retha Wright
Kay Hedden	Earle Roberts	

IN THE HOSPITAL: Dave Ryan, Beverly Seagreaves, & Scott Strey

Relatives & Friends

John Alexander family	Lynn Oakley's friend
Wendy Andrews	Augie Andrews' friend
Dolores Clay Barton	Karen Gerber's sister
Don Breidert	Rose Flynn's friend
Lisbeth Bullington	Larry Davis' cousin
Janice Bullock	Kit Threlkel's friend
Reese Burdette	Dana Cole's cousin
Garry Dutcher	Lynn Oakley's friend
Al Ellis	Jim Threlkel's friend
Connie Flannigan	Marile Week's friend
Mary Gamgemi	Lynn Oakley's friend
Pete Kent	Charley & Nancy Chilton's nephew
Carol Moore	Roger & Marie Able's friend
Pearl Olszewski	Susan Singleton's friend
Judy & Bill Overlock	Kit Threlkel's friend
Don Patchen	Bill Patchen's brother
Ken Schleifer	John & Marilyn's Schleifer's son
Larry Schlosser	Don & Norma Martin's son
Steve Shipley	Connie Shipley's brother
Russell Snively	Peggy & Larry Davis' friend
Marcia Sodko	John & Marilyn Schleifer's daughter
Susan Stiles	Sandy Hoffman's friend
Tibbs Swick	Amanda Olmert's father
Penni Tinsley	Tom & Jerri Oldt's friend
Kristy Turner	Rick & Pat Reass' daughter

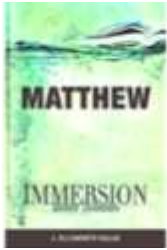


Zach Anaya
Brenden Anderson
Christian Anderson
Samuel Crockett
Zach Drum
Til Fellows
Robert Ferguson

MILITARY

Stephanie Gillie
Eddie Gray
Daniel Harp
Sean Harp
David Knowles
John Marotti
Mathew Massam

Ryan Peardon
KaitLin Marotti-Pitts
Ashton Pitts
Shad Skinner
Drew Stapor



ADULT DISCIPLESHIP ~ IMMERSION

A Wednesday evening Bible study class.

Join Rev. Sarah and additional leadership as we dive deep into scripture.

We will start a new study, the gospel of Matthew **January 9.**

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

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

OUR ANNUAL TALENT SHOW IS ALMOST HERE!!!

Our annual church-wide Talent Show is literally just around the corner!

It will be held **Sunday, January 27 at 5:00.**

This youth fund raiser will help them go to Montreat and Great Escape.

If you have a special talent to share and would like to participate, please contact Leonard Mosiah or the church office at 294-3121.



ATTENTION FUNTIMERS!

Monday, January 28 is the date for our first FunTimers outing in 2019.

We'll gather at the church at **10:15 a.m.** for a short trip through Dundee to *Ridge Live Steamers*.



Rich Dobler will be our host and he'll help us become kids again while riding a model train. We'll have a train ride before our lunch of pulled pork, salad and drinks under the picnic shelter and then another train ride before returning to the church by 3 p.m.

The good news is that if the weather is inclement, we can see a film about the trains - yes, I said "trains" in the plural. You will be amazed at the trains, each unique, and the train route over hill, dale and a railroad bridge!

This wonderful experience is free. We will be outdoors, so dress appropriately...ladies, wear slacks.

Please make your reservations by completing the form below and placing it in the offering plate or call the church office at 294-2121.

We hope you will join us **and** bring a friend. Please RSVP by **Wednesday, January 23** by calling the church office at 294-3121, emailing us at office@firstpreswh.org, or filling out this attachment and placing in the offering plate.

Name: _____ # Attending: _____

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.**



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.

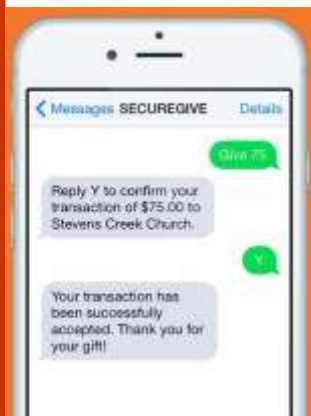


(For 11 a.m. worship services.)

If you would be interested in helping welcome, greet, seat, and assist people at worship, we could use your assistance as an usher.

Please contact the church office at 294-3121 or office@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.**

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

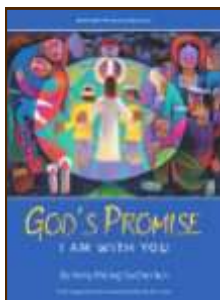
PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN BIBLE STUDY

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 **January 14 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 **January 15 18 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.



ANNOUNCING THE THEME OF THE 2019 ADVENT DEVOTIONAL:

“Sweeter Than Honey” Holiday Sweets and Treats
2019 Advent Devotional Cookbook

*“How sweet are Your words to my taste,
sweeter than honey to my mouth.”*
Psalm 119:103



Members and Friends are invited to submit 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. Recipes will be accepted through Thursday January 31, 2019. Please sign posters placed around the church if you would like to participate.

Thank you!

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.**

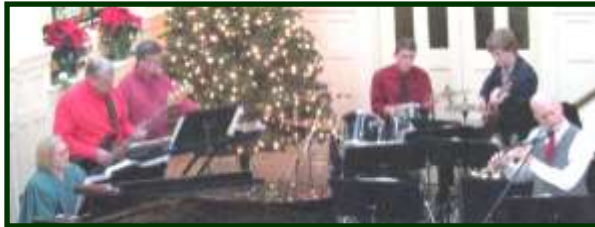


We received 78 blankets from Barbara's Centre For Dance



We received 89 jackets from Tyrek Cuffee & Summerlin Academy

SCENES FROM CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE



Our Purpose Statement

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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 235 bag lunches
the week of 12/17/18.

Return Service Requested

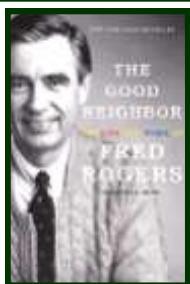
Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 100 people on 12/29/18.

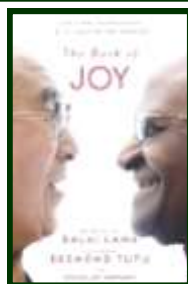
ANNOUNCING 2019 TITLES FOR ODD MONTH THIRD THURSDAY AT 3 OMTT3 BOOK CLUB

Each meeting we will meet in the back of McLeod Hall
at 3 p.m. for discussion and light refreshments.

Please RSVP by calling 294-3121 or
emailing office@firstpreswh.org.



January 17
The Good Neighbor
The Life and Work of Fred Rogers
By Maxwell King



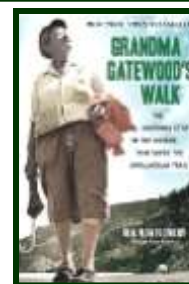
March 21
The Book of Joy
by the Dalai Lama and Desmond Tutu
with Douglas Abrams



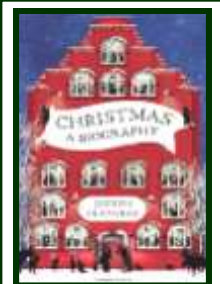
May 16
The Last Castle
House
by Denise Kiernan



July 18
The Little Paris Bookshop
by Nina George



September 19
Grandma Gatewood's Walk
by Ben Montgomery



November 21
Christmas A Biography
By Judith Flanders