



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

Tower Chimes

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Issue 700

133 Years of Ministry

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In defining the word “Good-bye”, author and pastor Frederick Buechner reminds us that “it was a long while ago that the words *God be with you* disappeared into the word *goodbye*, but every now and again some trace of them still glimmers through.”

With that in mind, our youth groups will be **holding GOOD-BYE EVENINGS with Leonard Mosiah and his family on Sunday, February 10 (5:30–7:30 p.m.)** for our High Schoolers, and **Wednesday, February 13 (5:30–7:30 p.m.)** for our Middle School youth.

Leonard informed the Session in January that he would be resigning from our position as Director of Student Ministries on February 15 to pursue an opportunity in Texas. We wish Leonard, Elizabeth, Micah, and Nathaniel all the best as we say good-bye (or more appropriately **God be with you.**)

CALLING ALL KNITTERS AND CROCHETERS!

The prayer shawl group needs you! We meet the **4th Monday of the month (next meeting is February 25) at 10:30 a.m.** in McLeod Hall to knit/crochet together. We would love to have you come to our meetings. But... you don't need to be able to meet with us to participate.

You can knit or crochet at home. There is lots of yarn in the closet at the church. So please help us bring comfort to others with the lap robes and prayer shawls that we create. Any pattern you would like to use would be fine, but we usually keep things pretty simple.

We want to continue to be able to meet the need for the prayer shawls so your help will be greatly appreciated! Call the church office at 294-3121 if you have questions.



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, 2019**, 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.!



OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, February 10

- 8:00 a.m. Chapel Worship
- 9:15 a.m. Connection (MH)
- 9:15 a.m. Heart of Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School-Children/Adults (CE)
- 11:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
- 4:00 p.m. Praise Band (Sanctuary)
- 5:30 p.m. High School Youth Group (GC)

Monday, February 11

- 8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)
- 10:00 a.m. Lydia Circle (MH)

Tuesday, February 12

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

Wednesday, February 13

- 8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)
- 12:00 p.m. Buildings & Grounds (MH)
- 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)
- 6:00 p.m. Chancel Bells (MS)
- 7:00 p.m. Choir (MS)

Thursday, February 14

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

Friday, February 15

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

Saturday, February 16

- 2:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen Prep (Kitchen)
- 4:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen (737)
- 7:00 p.m. Saturday Nite Live (MH)

Remember in Prayer MEMBERS

Kathy Andrews	Doris Hill	Dave Ryan
Bill Brack	Bryan Howard	Elsie Savant
Tom Brackett	Bob & Isobel	George Seagreaves
Henry Braun	Hubbard	Cash Sheaffer
Helen Butz	Jim Huff	Joyce Shirah
Helen Champlain	Martha Johnson	Barbara H. Smith
Carl Cheatham	Joey Johnston	Dale 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
Dana Elmore	Bob McClew	Pam Tallent-Blackburn
Bill Everhart	Joan McCollough	Carolyn Thompson
Jane Hayman	Edna Mitchell	Mike & Jennifer Vibral
Joyce Hayman	Bev Morris	Gwen Waters
Frances Heath	Nancy Neale	Retha Wright
Kay Hedden	Earle Roberts	

IN THE HOSPITAL: Jim Manor

Relatives & Friends

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
Ruth Galloway	Kate Eelman's cousin
Mary Gamgeri	Ruth Dunham's friend
Linda Giles	Polly Wilson, Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend
Pat Harmon	Marile Weeks' friend
Pete Kent	Charley & Nancy Chilton's nephew
Bonnie Motts	Marjorie DiLorenzo's friend
Jinny Nguyen	Ruth Dunham's friend
Chris Rollins	Rich & Nancy Dobler's friend
Larry Schlosser	Don & Norma Martin's friend
Marcia Sodko	John & Marilyn Schleifer's daughter
Kristy Turner	Rick & Pat Reass' daughter



MILITARY

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 Christian sympathy goes to George Seagreaves on the death of his wife Beverly Seagreaves, who died Friday, February 1, 2019



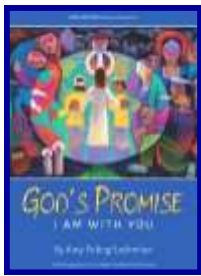
OUR PASTORS ARE EAGER TO VISIT OUR HOSPITALIZED MEMBERS, BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP

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.

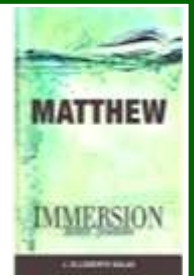
ADULT DISCIPLESHIP ~ IMMERSION

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.



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!

Fun Timers Event

Sunday, March 3 at 2:30 p.m.

Barbershop Harmony Society Show – "Be Our Guest" at Polk State College Winter Haven.

The show features a comedy quartet, a "guys and gals" quartet and the chapter chorus.

Sign-up now: secure tickets at the reduced group price: \$15 each

(a.) complete and place the sign-up form below in the offering plate

or

(b.) sign-up at the display in McLeod Hall

or

(c.) call the church office at 294-3121.

Ticket pick-up: Any Sunday in February "The Connection" McLeod Hall.

(Please have cash or check payable to "Winter Haven Chapter".)

Have questions? Call Dick Shaw at 863-258-9233.

Join us at FPC at 1:45 p.m., March 3 for transportation or meet us there.

Open seating - arrive early! The theatre is handicapped accessible; drop off - north entrance.

Please complete the form below and place it in the offering plate.

Fun-Timers Sign-up: "Be Our Guest" Barbershop Harmony Society Show

Name _____ No. of tickets at \$15 ea. _____

Contact # _____ Need Transportation? Yes [] No []



FIRST PRES IS LIVE ON FACEBOOK!

Heading out of town but still desire to be part of this worshipping 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.

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.)



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 recurring
- 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.

JOIN US ON SUNDAYS!!!

8:00 a.m. Chapel Worship

A traditional worship service held in our chapel. The service follows the same order as the 11:00 a.m. 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 - 10:15 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 8:00 a.m. Chapel Service, and includes music from the Chancel Choir and the organ, as well as other instruments and



DON'T MISS THE CONNECTION 9:15-10:45 A.M.

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 OPPORTUNITIES!

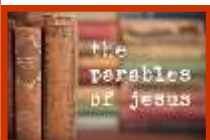
Children's Sunday School for PreSchoolers through 5th grade happening in the CE Building, **9:30 a.m. (9 a.m. on the First Sunday.)** Our children will activate faith with *Spark Lectionary* curriculum. Each class will engage the Biblical story of the day through creative, hands-on activities, interactive 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!

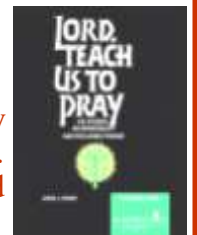
Perspectives Sunday School Class – 9:30am in the Geneva Room



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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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 197 bag lunches
the week of 1/28/19.

Return Service Requested

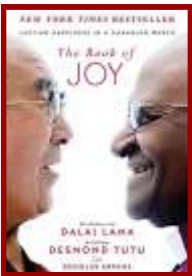
Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 75 people on 2/2/19.

ODD MONTH THIRD THURSDAY AT 3 OMTT3 BOOK CLUB

Next Book Club Selection:

The Book of Joy by the Dalai Lama and Desmond Tutu



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.

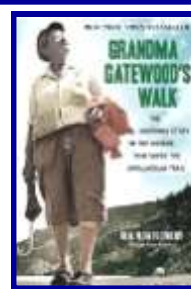
Plan now to join us in the back of McLeod Hall on **Thursday, March 21, at 3 p.m.** The book is available for checkout from the library or Jonathan or Bethany Owen will order a copy for



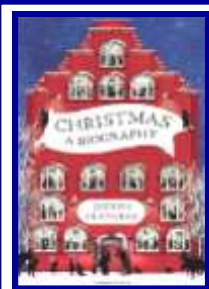
May 16
The Last Castle
House
by Denise
Kiernan



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