



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

## Tower Chimes

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133 Years of Ministry

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### 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.!

### 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!

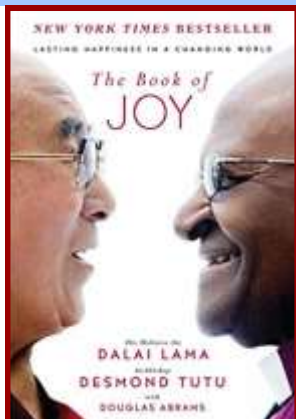
## ODD MONTH THIRD THURSDAY AT 3 OMTT3 BOOK CLUB

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 you.



# OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

## Sunday, February 17 3 Cents-a-Meal

- 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 18

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

## Tuesday, February 19

- 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (MCR)
- 9:30 a.m. Joy Circle (Off-site)
- 12:00 p.m. Men's Lunch (MH)
- 12:00 p.m. Finance (UR)
- 6:30 p.m. Deacons (GR)

## Wednesday, February 20

- 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)
- 6:00 p.m. Chancel Bells (MS)
- 7:00 p.m. Choir (MS)

## Thursday, February 21

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

## Friday, February 22

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

## Saturday, February 23

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

## 3 CENTS-A-MEAL THIS SUNDAY

We will collect the  
**3 Cents-a-Meal Hunger  
Offering** during worship services  
this **SUNDAY, February 17.**

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



# 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
Charlie Darte	Toni Krieger	Christine Stevens
Yolanda Dyer	Dena Lancashire	Scott Strey
Mike & Jana	Spike Lucia	Jay Tackett
Easterling	Jim Manor	Pam Tallent-Blackburn
Dana Elmore	Bob McClew	Carolyn Thompson
Bill Everhart	Joan McCollough	Mike & Jennifer Vibrat
Jane Hayman	Edna Mitchell	Gwen Waters
Joyce Hayman	Bev Morris	Retha Wright
Frances Heath	Nancy Neale	
Kay Hedden	Earle Roberts	

## Relatives & Friends

Reese Burdette	Dana Cole's cousin
Katie Carter	Carol & Bob Carter's daughter-in-law
Marge Dofman	Brenda Darte's mother
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 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!**



# A SUPER, SOUPER BOWL OF CARING SUNDAY

From the dollars dropped into the soup pots following worship, to the energetic fans and players at our annual Upstarts vs. Geezers flag football game, we had a super Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday.

Thirty athletes took the field at Polk State College. The Upstarts jumped to a 21-7 lead by halftime. The Geezers clawed back in the second half, taking a 35-28 lead with only ten minutes remaining. Un-phased, the Upstarts tied the game up 35-35 with 5 minutes left on the clock, and the 2019 game ended in a tie.

So – the winners? The hundreds of people who will be fed as a result of a super day.

\$1350.15 was collected in cash, and 53 canned goods were donated. The entire collection will be used in the Feeding the Hungry Ministries here at First Pres. What collected will fully fund the food for our Saturday Soup kitchen for an entire month AND buy the food for two week's worth of bag lunches for our daily Bag Lunch Ministry!

Thanks, youth and adults, for talking hunger in such a super way.



## 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.

# What WE do – Thanks to YOU

## A celebration of generosity and ministry

**What WE do through our mission partnerships in the Winter Haven community.**

Jesus, in chapter 25 of Matthew's gospel (Matthew 25:31-46), gives the church a part of its mission statement as he tells the parable of the sheep and the goats. "I was hungry", the Lord says in this parable, "and you gave me something to eat." Those instructions from our Lord to His disciples formed the basis for our church's Saturday Soup Kitchen.

Every Saturday since February 7, 2004, our congregation has hosted the hungry in Winter Haven to a delicious hot meal. This weekly "gift of food to the least of these" is now averaging over one hundred diners each and every Saturday. (The number of diners that first February Saturday in 2004 was under thirty.) God is blessing this work.

A portion of every tithe and offering to our church is placed in the Deacon's Fund. The Deacons allocate some of these resources to purchase the food for the Saturday Meals. Our church also uses one third of the Three-Cents-a-Meal Hunger Offering (collected monthly) to help fund our Saturday Soup Kitchen and our Bag Lunch Ministry. Hundreds of our church members work with our Saturday Soup Kitchen each year.



And again this year at Christmas, the girls and young women who study dance at Barbara's Centre for Dance here in Winter Haven, held a blanket drive to help us provide blanket to our Soup Kitchen guests during the cold winter months.

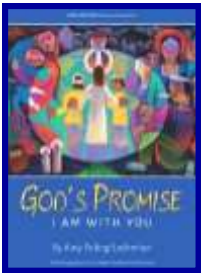
On December 27, 2018 students from Barbara's Centre for Dance presented Dr. Negley 75 blankets for the benefit of people who dine at our Saturday Soup Kitchen. The girls and parents from Barbara's also served as the cooks and servers at our Soup Kitchen on Saturday, February 2, 2019.



We are thrilled to have so many mission partners in our community working with us to meet the needs of our neighbors. On behalf of our church, please thank these partners for working with us in reaching out with Christ's love. And, if you feel that God is calling you to "feed the hungry", you are welcome to sign up in McLeod Hall on the Deacon's bulletin board to come and share your talents in the Saturday Soup Kitchen.

# 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.

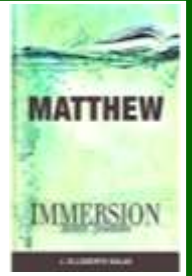
## ADULT DISCIPLESHIP ~ IMMERSION

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](mailto:sbishop@firstpreswh.org).



## 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.firstpreswh.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.)



## 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.



# 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 groups.



## 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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!

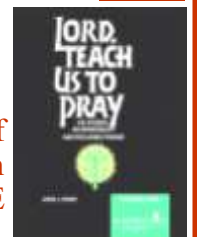


### **Perspectives Sunday School Class – 9:30am in the Geneva Room**

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.

### ***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.**

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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.*

Adopted by Session, 2003

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### Bag Lunch Ministry

We gave out 206 bag lunches  
the week of 2/4/19.

Return Service Requested

### Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 121 people on 2/9/19.

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## FunTimers 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 [ ]