



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

## Tower Chimes

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### “PINT-SIZE” FUNTIMERS JANUARY EVENT Shuffle the Deck -Cards Night January 17 at 6:30 pm



Its back! Your favorite night of the month! The third Friday “Pint-Size” FunTimers will be getting together to play your favorite card games. So bring your deck, whether its UNO, The Great Dalmuti, Go Fish, or classic playing cards. You bring it, we’ll play it. And enjoy a pizza dinner together too! McLeod Hall 6:30 pm Friday, January 17.

And mark your calendar now for **February 21** at Grove Roots!



### OUR TALENT SHOW IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER

Here is some helpful information. It will be held **Sunday, February 9**. Spaghetti dinner will be **5:00 p.m.** with show starting at **5:30 p.m.**

Our annual talent show involves acts by the entire congregation. The talent show is also used as a fundraiser for the youth program. The contributions you make by donating goes towards ensuring our students are able to attend retreats, different music events, and enjoy meals at youth group among other things.

This helps to build friendships and connections with each other but also contributes to spiritual growth. So even if you don't plan on performing at the talent show, we hope you will support us just by attending.



# OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

## Sunday, January 19

- 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)

## Monday, January 20

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

## Tuesday, January 21

- 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 Session (MH)
- 6:30 pm Deacons (MH)

## Wednesday, January 22

- 8:45 am MOM (CE)
- 3:00 pm Christ Kids (CE)
- 5:30 pm Middle School Youth Group (GC)
- 5:30 pm Community Outreach (MCR)
- 6:00 pm Chancel Bells (MS)
- 7:00 pm Choir (MS)

## Thursday, January 23

- 12:00 pm Chapel Bells (MS)

## Friday, January 24

- 8:45 am MOM (CE)
- 5:00 pm Praise Band (Sanctuary)

## Saturday, January 25

- 2:00 pm Soup Kitchen Prep (Kitchen)
- 3:00 pm Rock the Universe (GC/Universal)
- 4:00 pm Soup Kitchen (737)

# Remember in Prayer

## MEMBERS

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

## Relatives & Friends

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|----------------------|--|
| Bruce Bachman        | Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend            |
| Susan Ott-Driggers   | Sharon Ott's sister                      |
| Larry Durrence       | George & Joyce Carefoot's brother-in-law |
| Al Ellis' family     | Jim Threlkel's friend                    |
| Kate Hurd & family   | Cathy Cheatham's friends                 |
| Tom Francis          | Jim Francis' brother                     |
| Verona Johnson       | Lynn Oakley's friend                     |
| John Kluberg         | Nancy Dobler's brother                   |
| Bill Lanoue          | George Butz's friend                     |
| Bob Lapsley          | Susan Singleton's friend                 |
| Carol Moore          | Roger & Marie Able's friend              |
| Sal Moraco           | Tom & Jeri Oldt's friend                 |
| Catherine Mueller    | Jay & Lia Gray's niece                   |
| Michael Oriani       | Joe Oriani's brother                     |
| Ben & Cheryl Tillman | Loretta Smith's friend                   |
| Penni Tinsley        | Tom & Jeri Oldt's friend                 |
| Margarita Villarreal | Lynn Oakley's friend                     |
| Ennis & Liz Young    | Anne Meadows' friend                     |

## MILITARY



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|--------------------|-----------------|
| 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     |

# FIRST PRES CHURCH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY FEBRUARY DATES ARE OPEN FOR REGISTRATION

We are excited to announce that we have requested the services of **Lifetouch Church Directories** to prepare our Pictorial Family Album. It will contain color portraits of all the families and updated addresses and contact information.



Session times are:

**February 4-7 (Tuesday-Friday), 1 - 8 pm, and Saturday, February 8, 10 am - 5 pm.**

You can sign up in the Narthex on Sundays, or go to our web-site at [firstpreswh.org](http://firstpreswh.org) or our Facebook page at **First Presbyterian Church of Winter Haven, FL.**

This year we are unable to use photos from previous directories. So please, make an appointment to have your updated photo taken.

And remember, you will receive one free 8 X 10 photo. There is no obligation to buy.

**We look forward to seeing you in the First Pres 2020 Pictorial.**

## SEWING FOR HONDURAS

Sewing for Honduras ladies have met and are busy sewing dresses and backpacks. They meet once a month on a day convenient for most. The next sewing day is **Wednesday, January 15 at 10 am.**

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.



## 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 **January 21 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 **February 10 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/](http://fpu.com/1106335/). Join us **Mondays at 6 pm** in the Edinbough Room.



## NEXT PRAYER SHAWL MEETING IS MONDAY, JANUARY 27

The prayer shawl group needs you! We meet the **4th Monday** of the month at **10:00 am** 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.

## WE HAVE AN EXTRA WAY OF GIVING!

Go to our Church website at [www.firstpreswh.org](http://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>.

Robin Miller is available to assist you during office hours at 863-294-3121 or email [rmiller@firstpreswh.org](mailto:rmiller@firstpreswh.org).

## 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:sbishop@firstpreswh.org).



### 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 the Sunday rotation in the sound booth. **PLEASE!!**



### 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.

**Miscellaneous:** zip lock bags (gallon, quart and snack size).

## 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.



# 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-5<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> 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.wearSparkhouse.org](http://www.wearSparkhouse.org).

### ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

#### PERSPECTIVES SUNDAY SCHOOL MEETS IN THE GENEVA ROOM

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 21<sup>st</sup> century. The focus of this session is: *Restoring Our Relationship With the Divine*. This class meets at **9:30 am** in the Geneva Room.



## CALLING ALL YOUTH TO SUNDAY SCHOOL!!! 10:30 - 10:55 AM

Youth grades 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, please join us for Sunday School following the 9:15 am Heart of Worship Service, **10:30-10:55 am**. We will enjoy fellowship, breakfast, and dive deeper into the scriptures discussed in the today's worship services. Meet us in the back of McLeod Hall! Come hungry and ready to learn more about God!

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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 199 bag lunches  
the week of 1/6/20.

**Return Service Requested**

### Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 100 people on 1/11/20.

## Announcing the Theme of the 2020 Advent Devotional: Christmastide Travels and Tales



Reading the stories of evangelists Matthew and Luke about Jesus' birth, we learn that there were trips taken: from Nazareth to Bethlehem, from Bethlehem to Egypt, and from Egypt to Nazareth. Holiday decorations, special events and programs often lure us to travel. We would like you to share a tale of a holiday destination, of travel just prior to Thanksgiving to Epiphany (January 6). Examples: visiting Christmas Markets in Austria or Germany, going to NYC to see the Rockettes, attending a special concert by the Mormon Tabernacle Choir or St. Olaf's, touring a home or estate elaborately decorated or watching young Greek men dive for a cross at Tarpon Springs.

We invite you to share your Christmastide Travels and Tales with us. As in the past, to your stories we will add scripture readings and prayers to complete each day's devotional reading. We believe this will be a most enjoyable devotional and we hope you will write a paragraph or as much as a page about your travels and tales at Christmastide. We will need at least 26 submissions. Please take a few moments and write these reflections down while "in the Christmas mood." Submit them to [cshipley@firstpreswh.org](mailto:cshipley@firstpreswh.org) or [aharvey@firstpreswh.org](mailto:aharvey@firstpreswh.org) and we will take them from there. We would also love it if you included a photo.