



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

Tower Chimes

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132 Years of Ministry

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THINKING ABOUT THE TALENT SHOW?

Here is some helpful information. It will be held **Sunday, January 27**. 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 having 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.

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 for safety...closed toe shoes and long pants please. 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: _____

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 20 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)
- 2:30 p.m. Mark Hayes Concert (Off-site)
- 4:00 p.m. Praise Band (Sanctuary)
- 5:30 p.m. High School Youth Group (GC)

Monday, January 21

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

Tuesday, January 22

- 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (MCR)
- 12:00 p.m. Men's Lunch (MH)
- 5:15 p.m. Stephen Minister (MH)
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Minister 25th Anniversary (MH)

Wednesday, January 23

- 8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)
- 3:00 p.m. Christ Kids (CE)
- 5:00 p.m. MSYG Music (GC)
- 5:30 p.m. Community Outreach (MCR)
- 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, January 24

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

Friday, January 25

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

Saturday, January 26

- 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, JANUARY 20.**

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



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

Remember in Prayer

MEMBERS

Kaylee Anderson	Doris Hill	Earle Roberts
Kathy Andrews	Bryan Howard	Dave Ryan
Bill Brack	Bob & Isobel	Elsie Savant
Tom Brackett	Hubbard	Beverly Seagreaves
Henry Braun	Jim Huff	Cash Sheaffer
Helen Butz	Kathy Jackson	Joyce Shirah
Helen Champlain	Martha Johnson	Susan Heyer Singleton
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	Joan McCollough	Pam Tallent-Blackburn
Jane Hayman	Edna Mitchell	Carolyn Thompson
Joyce Hayman	Bev Morris	Gwen Waters
Frances Heath	Nancy Neale	Judy Winfree
Kay Hedden	Joe Oriani	Retha Wright

IN THE HOSPITAL: Scott Strey

Relatives & Friends

Reese Burdette	Dana Cole's cousin
Katie Carter	Carol & Bob Carter's daughter-in-law
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
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

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!



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 Glenn Thomas and other leaders for this engaging class **at 9:30 a.m.** in the Geneva room. Perspectives ***DOES NOT*** meet on First Sundays.

THE 2019 SANCTUARY FLOWER CALENDARS UP IN THE NARTHEX

SIGN UP FOR YOUR IMPORTANTS DATES SOON

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 p.m.**
- * Call the office the week before to give bulletin information (294-3121.)





The Chancel Choir will participate in the “Mark Hayes In Concert!”

...on **Sunday, January 20 at 2:30 p.m.** at Hope Presbyterian Church, 2110 Cypress Gardens Blvd, Winter Haven. Admission is free and a Love Offering will be taken.

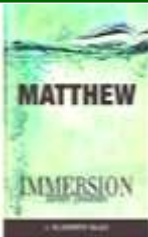
Mark Hayes is a prolific Composer, Pianist and Conductor and we frequently use his musical arrangements for special music in all of our services.

Other choirs participating are Hope Presbyterian, Beymer United Methodist Church, First Presbyterian Church of Lakeland, Polk State College and Theatre Winter Haven.

NEW SUNDAY CLASS HAS BEGUN!

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**.



ADULT DISCIPLESHIP ~ IMMERSION

A **Wednesday** evening Bible study class.

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

We have started a new study, the gospel of Matthew, on **Wednesdays at 6 p.m.**

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

2019 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES ARE IN!

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



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

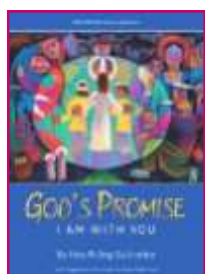
PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN BIBLE STUDY

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!

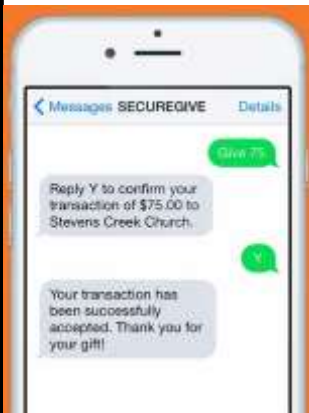
REMEMBER! THE STEPHEN MINISTERS ARE HERE FOR YOU!

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.

TEXT TO GIVE



- 1.1. 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.

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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Lakeland, FL

Bag Lunch Ministry

We gave out 246 bag lunches
the week of 1/7/19.

Return Service Requested

Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 110 people on 1/12/19.

SATURDAY NITE LIVE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

SNL is a group for teenagers and adults with mental and physical disabilities and their families that is sponsored by First Pres. It meets in McLeod Hall the third Saturday of each month from September through May, 7 - 9 p.m. It strives to create a fun atmosphere with a focus on God.

January 19 is a service night. One of the "service projects" the SNL guests will be doing is assembling bag lunches. If you have bagged lunches, then you could help SNL guests learn how-to render this service as well.

If you have never visited SNL, but have bagged lunches, then you could share the joy of feeding others and getting to know our SNL guests and volunteers who staff this ministry as they learn.

Another service project to benefit the Soup Kitchen guests will let our SNL guests and volunteers bag trail mix as favors to be distributed to our Soup Kitchen guests on the Saturday closest to Valentine's Day. Please come and join us on **Saturday, January 19 at 7 p.m.** in McLeod Hall.

