



# TOWER CHIMES

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WINTER HAVEN  
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## YOUTH TALENT SHOW!



Join us **this Sunday, January 22** in McLeod Hall for a night full of good food, laughs, and fun! A spaghetti dinner will be served at **5:30 pm** and the talent show will start at **6 pm**.

This fundraiser will help support the youth's summer camp trips. All are invited to attend and enjoy a wonderful evening for a great cause.

## MISSION TEAM FROM HONDURAS



During the week of **January 22**, twelve sisters and brothers in Christ from churches in the Presbytery of Honduras will be in central Florida for a Mission Conference at Cedarkirk. First Pres members and people from 4 different presbyteries in our country will be gathering with our Honduran partners to plan missions in the country of Honduras this year and into the future.

In addition to taking part in the week-long conversations, our church will also be hosting the mission team from Honduras over the weekend before the conference. Our twelve friends will be staying in our Golden Student Center, joining us for our **11 am** worship service **Sunday, January 22**, and meeting with members of our own 2023 Mission Honduras Team (and team members from past trips to renew old friendships and dream together about our hoped-for return to Honduras Mission in the summer of 2023).

## FOLLOW ME: A PREACHING SERIES



We have begun 2023 with a sermon series, **Follow Me**, focusing on the disciples of Jesus. Running through **Easter**, we will explore our faith with those who first answered the call to follow Jesus as Lord. Join us each week as we not only look into the lives of the 12 (or 13) and more, but also consider how we are responding to the call to "Follow Me".

### THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

#### Sunday, January 22

- 9:00 am Heart of Worship (Sanctuary/Facebook Live)
- 9:15 am Children Sunday School (CE 206)
- 10:10 am Adult Sunday School (GR)
- 11:00 am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary/Facebook Live)
- 5:30 pm Spaghetti Dinner/Talent Show (MH)

#### Monday, January 23

- 8:15 pm Morning Out Mom (CE)
- 6:00 pm Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (MH)

#### Tuesday, January 24

- 9:00 am Staff Meeting (MH)
- 12:00 pm Men's Lunch (MH/Zoom)
- 5:00 pm Stephen Minister Leaders (MH)
- 6:00 pm Stephen Ministers (MH)
- 6:00 pm Worship & Music (UR)

#### Wednesday, January 25

- 8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CE)
- 3:30 pm Christ Kids (CE)
- 5:30 pm Middle School Youth Group (GC)
- 6:00 pm Chancel Bells (BR)
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir (MS)

#### Thursday, January 26

- 1:15 pm Chapel Bells (BR)

#### Friday, January 27

- 8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CE)

#### Saturday, January 28

- 2:00 pm Soup Kitchen Prep (Kitchen)
- 2:30 pm Rock the Universe (GC)
- 4:00 pm Soup Kitchen (737)



### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

#### MEMBERS

Ann Adams	Jane Hayman	John & Marilyn Schleifer
Debbie Anderson	Jim Huff	Dick Shaw
Pat Berrell	Scott & Becky Irvin	Joyce Shirah
Helen Champlain	Jill Kosmensky	Susan Singleton
Ellie Crowder	Dena Lancashire	Dale Smith
Brenda Darte	Ray & Gladys Larson	Katie Sparr
Marjorie DiLorenzo	Pat McCarty	Kathy Taber
Zan Dismuke	Dick McCauley	Barbara Tackett
Rob Donaldy	Pat Miller	Pam Tallent-Blackburn
Dana Elmore	Edna Mitchell	Pat Vobornik
Bill Everhart	Jeri & Tom Oldt	
Lynne Grady	Jackie Pinkney	
Pam Gray	JP & Kim Powell	

#### FAMILY & FRIENDS

Billy Bennett	Jim & Belinda Hurst	Les & Alison O'Neal
Philip Burkhardt	Jim Joiner	Ray Owen
Rick Colen	Mitch Katros	Carol Redner
Caren Coleman	Trish & Reed Layne	Jack Snively
Bill Fisher	Khyla Martinez	Seretha Tinsley
Flo McNeer	Harold & Jackie Murphy	Phillip Waters
Hamilton	Christy Noll	Lou & Travis Whitehead
Alisa Hart	Brynne Nowroozi	Jess Wilkinson
Keaton Haywood		David Young

#### MILITARY


Zach Anaya	Eddie Gray	Mathew Massam
Brenden Anderson	Daniel Harp	Diane Secord
Christian Anderson	Sean Harp	Shad Skinner
Zach Drum	David Knowles	Drew Stapor
Robert Ferguson	John Marotti	
Stephanie Gillie	KaitLin Marotti	

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**Bag Lunch Ministry**  
We gave out 164 lunches  
the week of 1/9/23.



**Soup Kitchen Ministry**  
We fed 65 people on  
Saturday, 1/14/23.



**Return Service Requested**

## ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING



The Session has called for the Annual Meeting of the Congregation to Review the Pastors' Terms of Call.

We will meet in the sanctuary and by Zoom on **Sunday, January 29 at 10:55 am.**

We need 101 members in attendance in this combined format to achieve our quorum for this congregational meeting. If you are joining by Zoom, look for instructions here next week.

## FAREWELL RECEPTION FOR REV. JOHN REITER



Please join us on **Sunday, January 29** as **John Reiter** delivers his last sermon as our Interim Associate Pastor. Then plan to stay after either of the worship services to join John in McLeod Hall at a reception in his honor. We will have a basket at the reception for your cards and love gifts to John, in appreciation for his over two years of ministry in our midst. Thank you, John, for sharing your life and faith with First Pres!

## CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL



Continuing to *Grow in Faith*, Children's Sunday School follows the Time with Younger Disciples in the Heart of Worship service in CE room 206. Children will explore people Jesus met, healings and miracles of Jesus, and of course, art! Preschoolers through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are encouraged to join us and continue to grow in God's love. Meeting every Sunday with two services.

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: NEW SERIES: THE APOCRYPHAL JESUS



Got questions regarding the New Testament and why some texts are in our Bible while others, that have even been discovered recently, are not? Want to explore the early Church, teachings of Jesus and his first disciples? Join other seekers on this journey as we watch a video from an esteemed professor and discuss. We meet **at 10:10 am in the Geneva Room** every Sunday with two worship services.

## CHOSEN BIBLE STUDY

Our Chosen Bible study has returned. The next gathering is **Sunday, January 29, from 5:30-7 pm** in McLeod Hall.



Please bring a covered dish to share and enjoy an evening with your friends from First Pres. We will be watching Season 3 and focusing on previous episodes more in depth. Please join us even if you haven't watched the Chosen, we will help you catch up. Childcare will be provided.

## SOUP KITCHEN HELP NEEDED

Would you like to help love and serve those who hunger? We need head cooks & helpers for **January, February, & March** dates.



Please sign up in McLeod Hall or call the church office.

## SAVE THE DATE: ALL-CHURCH RETREAT MARCH 25-26

Mark your calendar now for our All-Church Retreat, that's right, happening in March! Join your church family for retreat at Cedarkirk for a day or the weekend.



More details coming soon.

## WOULD YOU LIKE TO PROVIDE A YOUTH GROUP DINNER?

Do you like to cook? Are you looking for a way to help support our youth? You're in luck! We are looking for volunteers to provide dinner for our youth groups! If you are interested in providing a meal, please contact Emily for more information at [esnyder@firstpreswh.org](mailto:esnyder@firstpreswh.org) or call the church office.

