



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

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134 Years of Ministry

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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. You can also go to our web-site at firstpreswh.org, or our Facebook page at **First Presbyterian Church of Winter Haven, FL.** to find the link. 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.



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.

If you have a special talent to share and would like to participate, please contact Emily Snyder at esnyder@firstpreswh.org or the church office at 294-3121.



OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 26

- 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)
- 10:30 am Sunday School-Youth (MH)
- 10:55 am Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary)
- 11:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 3:30 pm Mission Honduras Mtg (MH)
- 4:00 pm Stephen Minister Winter Gathering (Off-site)
- 5:30 pm HSYG (GC)

Monday, January 27

- 8:45 am MOM (CE)
- 10:00 am Prayer Shawl (MH-Back)
- 6:00 pm Financial Peace (ER)

Tuesday, January 28

- 9:00 am Staff Meeting (MCR)
- 12:00 pm Men's Lunch (MH)
- 5:00 pm Stephen Minister Leaders (MH)
- 6:00 pm Stephen Ministers (MH)
- 6:15 pm Worship & Music (UR)

Wednesday, January 29

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

Thursday, January 30

- 12:00 pm Chapel Bells (MS)

Friday, January 31

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

Saturday, February 1

- 2:00 pm Soup Kitchen Prep (Kitchen)
- 4:00 pm Soup Kitchen (737)



We extend our deepest sympathy to J. P. Powell in the deaths of his mother, Reba Powell, who died on Monday, December 16, 2019 And his step-father, Ervin Stewart, who died on Friday, December 13, 2019.

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 Dart | 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 |



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

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

Sunday, January 26 at 10:55 am in the sanctuary

**PLEASE JOIN US ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 26 FOR
A HONDURAS INFORMATIONAL MEETING.**



Planning is underway for **MISSION HONDURAS 2020**. The group of senior high youth (you must have completed 9th grade) and adults will be travelling to Honduras from **Tuesday, July 7 – Tuesday, July 14**. As part of our week-long partnership with the Presbytery of Honduras we will be travelling with a Honduran physician working in support roles providing medical clinics in three rural churches in the southern region of Honduras. (Medically trained team members will help offer patient care, while others will help with patient registration, medication distribution, site prep, and recreation/crafts with the hundreds of children who accompany family members to the clinic.) We will also be visiting our sister churches, and interacting with one another and our Honduran sisters and brothers in Christ in worship and fellowship.

An **INFORMATIONAL MEETING WILL BE HELD**
on **Sunday, January 26, at 3:30 pm** in McLeod Hall.

Come and join us as we build our summer mission team.

CHRIST KIDS

Christ Kids – our faith-filled and safe after-school program for children 4 years through 5th 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.



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).

HOW MANY OFFERING ENVELOPES WOULD YOU LIKE?

We are custom printing our offering envelopes this year. If you would like to have envelopes and have not received them yet, please contact Rose in the church office at 294-3121 or rflynn@firstpreswh.org.



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.



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 **February 18 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.*



SEWING FOR HONDURAS

Sewing for Honduras ladies are busy sewing dresses and backpacks. The next sewing day will be **Tuesday, February 11 at 10 am** in the Girl Scout House.



They are in need of donations of the following items you might have at home:

- Dritz 1/2” Non-roll elastic
- White and beige thread
- 32 ply Macramé cord (black preferred) to be used as drawstrings for the backpacks
- Double –fold bias tape of any color.

All of these items are also available at JoAnn Fabrics and have online coupons

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 at 419-332-5268.



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 a Financial Peace Membership. You can register now at fpu.com/1106335/. Join us **Mondays at 6 pm** in the Edinbough Room. Class has just started, so there is still time to join!



FEBRUARY Birthdays

2/1 Susan Owens	2/10 Ethan Boland	2/22 Susan Singleton
Gary Salomon	2/11 Lesley Johnston	Gail Van Allen
2/2 Karen Clarke	2/12 Ron Dunham	2/23 Casey Cheatham
Bob Gerber	Dave Ryan	Bill Everhart
Jake Tackett	Mike Vibral	Kathryn McAllister
Leah Weeks	2/13 Leland Miller	Bob Sheffield
2/3 Marjorie Putnum	Eric Roe	2/24 Richard Moots
Charlie Roe	Bob Turner	Teresa Negley
Sarah Slocum	2/14 Carl Cheatham	Drew Powell
2/5 Kevin Britt	Marj Crittenden	Hunter Shinn
Paige Butz	2/15 Lucas Johnston	2/25 Roger Able
2/6 John Breuning	TD Sowards	Thom Rivers
Zan Dismuke	2/16 Jenna Johnston	Kassady von Hahmann
Ann King	Kaden Rabern	2/26 Walter Ferguson
Steve Lockhart	JW Scheck	Betts Huff
Tracy Scheck	2/17 Marie Able	Addison Robinson
2/7 Tom Wales	2/18 Kristan Sheffield	Nat West
2/8 Steffan Bentley	2/19 Matt McGaffigan	2/27 Joe Badnell
Chase Reineke	Edna Mitchell	2/28 Pam Gray
Argyle Stevens	2/21 Squire Smith	Jane Hayman
2/9 Augie Andrews	2/22 Lynn Aaron	
Kevin Thomas	Neal McBride	

Anniversaries

2/1 Janie & Bob Hammette	2/14 Norman & Bonnie Patrick
2/2 Gus & Shannon Badnell	2/17 Ross & Jill Kosmensky
George & Kelly Butz	2/19 Ron & Kris Dunham
Greg & Shelly Prather	2/21 Hunter & Jennifer Smith
2/9 Debbie & Melvin Anderson	2/22 Adam & Erin Cranmer
2/11 Bob & Shirley Hines	2/24 Bob & Lisa Endres
2/12 Fred & Kathleen Deloach	Jeremiah & Jaleean Johnston
2/14 Ray & Tracy Garcia	

A GREAT WAY YOU CAN HELP A HURTING FRIEND

Do you have a friend, neighbor, coworker, or relative who has suffered a loss or is going through a difficult time? Here's a great way you can help them--tell them about our Stephen Ministry! Stephen Ministers are members of First Presbyterian Church who have received special training to provide high quality, confidential, one-to-one, Christian care to hurting people. Stephen Ministers meet weekly with their care receivers to listen, care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support. (Males are matched with males, and females are matched with females.) The caring relationship lasts for as long as the person needs care. It's free, and it's a powerful way you can help a hurting friend.



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.

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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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).

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-5th 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 1st through 5th 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.

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 21st 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 6th-12th, 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 249 bag lunches
the week of 1/13/20.

Return Service Requested

Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 132 people on 1/18/20.

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 or aharvey@firstpreswh.org and we will take them from there. We would also love it if you included a photo.