



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

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CONGREGATIONAL MEETING THIS SUNDAY, JANUARY 27

*The Session has called for the Annual Meeting of the
Congregation to Review the Pastors' Terms of Call
Sunday, January 27, 2018 at 10:55 a.m. in the sanctuary.*

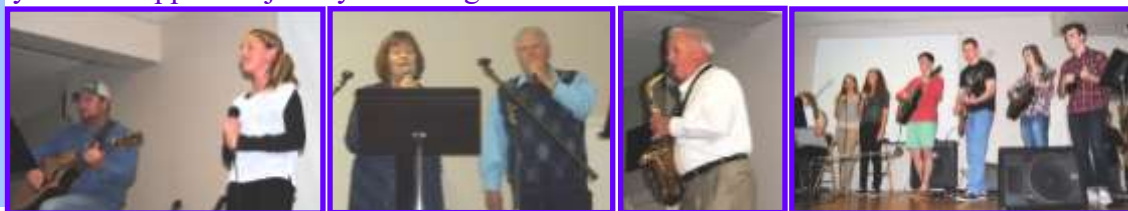
DON'T MISS THE TALENT SHOW

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, and different music events.

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.



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 or emailing us at office@firstpreswh.org.



OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 27

- 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 (CE)
- 11:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
- 4:00 p.m. Praise Band (Sanctuary)
- 5:00 p.m. Talent Show (MH)

Monday, January 28

- 8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)
- 10:15 a.m. FunTimers (MH/Off-site)
- 10:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl (MH)

Tuesday, January 29

- 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (MCR)
- 12:00 p.m. Men's Lunch (MH)
- 6:15 p.m. Worship & Music (UR)

Wednesday, January 30

- 8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)
- 3:00 p.m. Christ Kids (CE)
- 5:00 p.m. Confirmation (ER)
- 5:00 p.m. MSYG Music (GC)
- 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 31

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

Friday, February 1

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

Saturday, February 2

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

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.



Remember in Prayer

MEMBERS

Kathy Andrews	Bryan Howard	Elsie Savant
Bill Brack	Bob & Isobel	Beverly Seagreaves
Tom Brackett	Hubbard	Cash Sheaffer
Henry Braun	Jim Huff	Joyce Shirah
Helen Butz	Martha Johnson	Susan Heyer Singleton
Helen Champlain	Joey Johnston	Barbara H. Smith
Carl Cheatham	John Kissel	Dale Smith
Tom Coffman	Toni Krieger	Mary Ann Snively
Yolanda Dyer	Dena Lancashire	Christine Stevens
Mike & Jana	Spike Lucia	Scott Strey
Easterling	Bob McClew	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	Earle Roberts	Retha Wright
Doris Hill	Dave Ryan	

IN THE HOSPITAL: Scott Strey Relatives & Friends

Reese Burdette	Dana Cole's cousin
Katie Carter	Carol & Bob Carter's daughter-in-law
John Doughty	Dena Doughty Lancashire's brother
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
Jinny Nguyen	Ruth Dunham'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

MILITARY

Zach Anaya	Stephanie Gillie	Ryan Peardon
Brenden Anderson	Eddie Gray	KaitLin Marotti-Pitts
Christian Anderson	Daniel Harp	Ashton Pitts
Samuel Crockett	Sean Harp	Shad Skinner
Zach Drum	David Knowles	Drew Stapor
Til Fellows	John Marotti	
Robert Ferguson	Mathew Massam	



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!

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING KICK OFF!

Since 1990, young people have been leading the charge and inspiring others to collect dollars and food the weeks leading up to the Big Game. Teaming up with local partners, these groups give 100% of donations to local charities, changing the nation's largest weekend of football into the largest weekend of caring. OUR YOUTH will once again be joining in the SOUPER BOWL OF CARING here in Winter Haven.

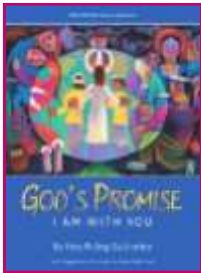


On **Sunday morning, February 3**, members of our youth groups will be at the doors with Soup Pots following our single worship service at 10 a.m. to collect dollars for our own Saturday Soup Kitchen. And – at **2 p.m.** that day, the annual Youth and Geezers flag football game will be played on the soccer fields at Polk State College. The cost of admission (to play or watch) is a non-perishable food item for our Soup Kitchen.

Please plan to join us.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN BIBLE STUDY

The Lydia and Joy circles current Bible study: *God's Promise – "I Am with You."*

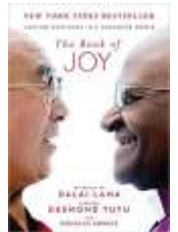


The Lydia Circle meets on the **2nd Monday** of each month and will meet on **February 11 at 10 a.m.** in the back of McLeod Hall.

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.

ODD MONTH THIRD THURSDAY AT 3 BOOK CLUB (OMTT3)



March 21, we will meet in the Upper Room at **3 p.m.** for discussion and light refreshments.

Our next book is *The Book of Joy* by the Dalai Lama and Desmond Tutu with Douglas Abrams

Please RSVP by calling 294-3121 or emailing office@firstpreswh.org.

TEXT TO GIVE



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.

FEBRUARY

Birthdays

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

Anniversaries

2/1 Janie & Bob Hammette	2/12 Fred & Kathleen Deloach
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
2/4 Ed & Joyce Reints	2/22 Adam & Erin Cranmer
2/9 Debbie & Melvin Anderson	2/24 Bob & Lisa Endres
2/11 Bob & Shirley Hines	Jeremiah & Jaleean Johnston

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!

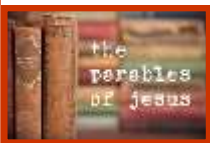
Children's Sunday School for PreSchoolers through 5th grade happening in the CE Building, **9:30 a.m. (9 a.m. on the First Sunday.)** Our children will activate faith with *Spark Lectionary* curriculum. Each class will engage the Biblical story of the day through creative, hands-on activities, interactive 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!

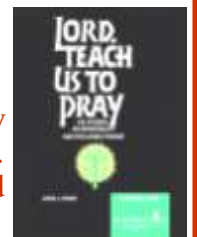
Perspectives Sunday School Class – 9:30am in the Geneva Room



This discussion-based class is guided by Dr. Kenneth Bailey's lectures on the Parables of Jesus. Join us for this engaging class at **9:30 a.m.** in the Geneva room. Perspectives **DOES NOT** meet on First Sundays.

NEW SUNDAY CLASS HAS STARTED!

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.**

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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Bag Lunch Ministry

We gave out 253 bag lunches
the week of 1/15/19.

Return Service Requested

Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 75 people on 1/19/19.

PLEASE SIGN UP FOR 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!

2019 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES ARE IN!



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

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