



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

Tower Chimes

Week of January 28, 2018

Issue 656

132 Years of Ministry

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DON'T FORGET OUR TALENT SHOW IS THIS SUNDAY

January 28 at 5:00

Please join us for an evening of
food, fellowship and fun! Please
RSVP to 294-3121 or
office@firstpreswh.org.



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING, SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

The Session has called for the Annual Meeting
of the Congregation to Review the Pastors' Terms
of Call for this Sunday, January 28, 2018 at
10:55 a.m. in the sanctuary.

DO YOU LIKE TO SEW? WE NEED YOU!

We have begun sewing dresses for Honduras pre-school girls. We gather in the Girl Scout House on **Tuesdays from 12 to 2 p.m.** (Bring a sack lunch.)

NEEDED:

- Sewers either at church or in your own home
- Sewing machines
- Fancy pillow cases
- Bias tape
- Ribbon for draw strings - 2 1/2 yards and 5/8" wide
- 100% cotton material in 3/4 yard or 1 yard pieces
- Patterns:
 - Simplicity "pillowcase fashions" #2391, size A 3-8
 - Mcalls #M7111, size CCE 3-6
 - Mcalls #M5613, size CCE 3-6



For details, a ride, or a pick up of material, supplies or a sewing machine please contact Lydia Circle member Sharon Mitchell 419-332-5268.



OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 28

- 8:15 a.m. Chapel Worship (Chapel)
- 9:15 a.m. The Connection (MH)
- 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School (CE)
- 9:30 a.m. Heart of Worship (Sanctuary)
- 10:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School (CE)
- 10:55 a.m. Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary)
- 11:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
- 5:30 p.m. Talent Show

Monday, January 29

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

Tuesday, January 30

- 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (MCR)
- 10:15 a.m. FunTimers (MH)
- 12:00 p.m. Men's Lunch (MH)
- 6:15 p.m. Worship & Music (UR)
- 6:30 p.m. Praise & Worship Band (Sanctuary)

Wednesday, January 31

- 8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)
- 10:45 a.m. Preschool Music (CE 103)
- 2:30 p.m. Presbytery Woman Bible Study Leaders (MCR)
- 3:00 p.m. Christ Kids (CE)
- 3:45 p.m. Christ Kids Bell Ringers (MS)
- 5:00 p.m. Confirmation (GC)
- 5:30 p.m. Middle School Youth Group (GC)
- 6:00 p.m. Chancel Bells (MS)
- 6:00 p.m. APNC (ER)
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir (MS)

Thursday, February 1

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

Friday, February 2

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

Saturday, February 3

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

Remember in Prayer

MEMBERS

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| Roger Able | Camille Howe | James Shinn |
| Maxie Adams | Jim Huff | Joyce Shirah |
| Kathy Andrews | Scott & Becky Irvin | Mary Alice & Emma |
| Kathleen Avinger | Shea & Lacey Irvin | Skipper |
| Bill Brack | Martha Johnson | Barbara H. Smith |
| Tom Brackett | Joey Johnston | Ed Smith |
| Henry Braun | Peggy Kennedy | Jeff Snyder |
| Nancy Brooks | Toni Krieger | Scott Strey |
| Helen Butz | Dena Lancashire | Barbara Sweeney |
| Helen Champlain | Kathy Lockhart | Carol Switalski |
| Tom Coffman | Spike Lucia | Jay Tackett |
| Yolanda Dyer | Larry Marshall | Pam Tallent-Blackburn |
| Jana & Mike Easterling | Lynniss Mincey | Carolyn Thompson |
| Jeanne Estes | Bev Morris | Bob Turner |
| Rossanne Gorsky | Nancy Neale | Court Turner |
| Clyde Greene | Norm Patrick | Mark Turner |
| Jane Hayman | Jane Ray | Scott Turner |
| Frances Heath | Keith Ray | John Van Allen |
| Kay Hedden | Barbara Roberts | Jennifer Vibral |
| Doris Hill | Earle Roberts | Lee Wilkinson |
| Ranell Hillman | Elsie Savant | Judy Winfree |
| Bryan Howard | Beverly Seagreaves | Retha Wright |

IN THE HOSPITAL: Bill Everhart & John Skipper

Relatives & Friends

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| Robert Allen | Denise Cole's father |
| Dusty Barr | Mary Ellen Rowker's cousin |
| Reese Burdette | Dana Cole's cousin |
| Al Ellis | Jim Threlkel's friend |
| Renee Fugate | Karen Alexander's friend |
| Debbie Hunt | Lisa Endres' friend |
| Pete Kent | Charley & Nancy Chilton's nephew |
| Diane Mauldin | Kit Threlkel's friend |
| Anne McBride | Rick & Pat Reass' friend |
| Fred Meier | Sarah Rennie's father |
| Mike Oriani | Joe Oriani's brother |
| Paula & Claude Owens | Walter Ferguson's friends |
| Austin Snively | Amy Powell's friend |
| Lois Susac | Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend |
| Kristy Turner | Rick & Pat Reass' daughter |
| Joy Wallace | Arletta Oriani's aunt |
| Marshall Wood | Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend |



Our Christian sympathy goes to Bob, Court, Mark, & Scott Turner on the death of their wife & mother, Shirley Turner, who died Thursday January 18, 2018.



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



SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

February 13 at 5:30 p.m.

ALL CHURCH RETREAT

April 21 & 22

THE 2018 SANCTUARY FLOWER CALENDAR IS POSTED IN THE NARTHEX.

Available dates for the near future are:

February 4 & All of March

There is space to sign up for placing flowers in the narthex on a given Sunday, when the sanctuary flowers for your desired date have already been selected by someone else.



Please remember these important points:

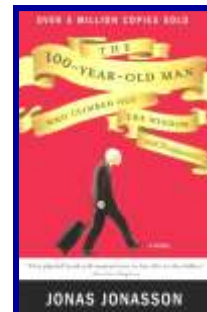
1. Include your best contact number.
2. Include the name of your florist.
3. Tell your florist that the arrangement *must* be here by **Friday, 1:30 p.m.**
4. Call the office the week before to give bulletin information (294-3121.)

START READING FOR OUR NEXT Odd Month, Odd Monday Book Club?

March 19: *The One Hundred Year Old Man* By Jonas Jonasson

We will meet in the back of McLeod Hall at 3 p.m. for discussion and light refreshments.

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

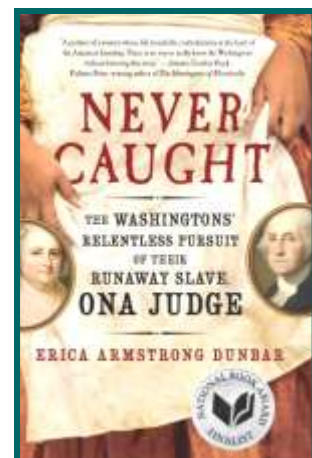


AND... FOR THE REST OF 2018



- May 21 *Driving Miss Norma* by Tim Bauerschmidt and Ramie Liddle
- July 18 *Never Caught* by Erica Armstrong Dunbar
- September 17 *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles
- November 19 *The 13th Gift* by Joanne Huist Smith
- 52 Little Lessons from A Christmas Carol* by Bob Welch

Copies will soon be available in the Price Library or you may contact Jonathan or Bethany Owen about





THANK YOU – THANK YOU – THANK YOU!

The response to the appeal for blankets (quilts, bedspreads, etc) has been incredible. As we were nearing the bottom of the stack of blankets donated by the dancers at Barbara’s Centre for Dance, the pile has been replenished by the generosity of the folks here in our congregation. We have received more than 75 blankets (etc), which are being joyfully accepted along with our daily lunches or Saturday Soup Kitchen meal by people who are being impacted by the frigid temperatures.

Thank you for much for this tangible expression of Christian caring.

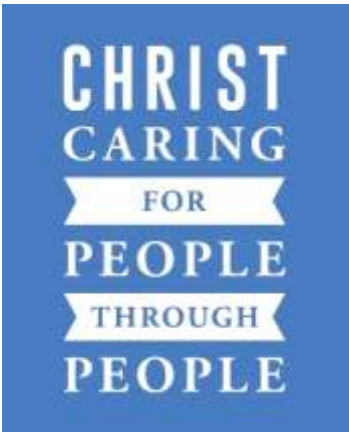
SOUND BOARD OPERATORS WANTED

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!!**



OUR STEPHEN MINISTERS ARE READY TO CARE FOR YOU!



Stephen Ministers are members of First Presbyterian Church who have been through extensive training and provide confidential, one-to-one, Christian care to people who are experiencing a difficult time. They will listen, care, encourage, pray with and for you, and provide weekly support for you as long as your need persists.

If you or someone you know is hurting, find out more about Stephen Ministry by **calling Pat Reass at 206-9914. Or you can talk with one of our other Stephen Leaders: Alan Harvey, Mary Marrs, Steve Negley, Barbara Perkins, Susan Singleton, or Jean Strang.** Our Stephen Ministers are ready to bring God's love and care into your life.

JOIN ONE OF OUR YOUTH GROUPS

If you are a middle or high school student, we would love for you to join us for youth group each week in our youth house, The Golden Center. **Middle School** meets each **Wednesday night from 5:30-7:30** and **High School** meets each **Sunday night from 5:30-7:30**. During this time we spend time together sharing meals, growing in Christ, playing games, and having LOTS of fun!

Once a month we meet outside the Golden Center to be the hands and feet of Jesus to help people in our community. We have laid sod for Habitat for Humanity, worked in our soup kitchen feeding the homeless, and bagged countless lunches for our bag lunch ministry. These are just a few ways we are the hands and feet of Jesus.

Sometimes we get together simply to have fun. We have been to the corn maze in the dark, Fun Spot, pool parties, camp outs, paint balling, and so much more. Upcoming events being planned are: a Chain of Lakes canoe cookout and Ice Skating. If you are looking to connect with young people your age while developing a deep relationship with Christ, come and join us. We would love to have you!



Christmas

My Favorite ^ Things



While I have enjoyed *The Sound of Music* for years, I have often wondered how one song, *My Favorite Things* was adopted into the collection of Christmas songs. Obviously the references to “brown paper packages tied up with strings,” “crisp apple strudel,” and “sleigh bells” reminded many people of the holidays and so it became a standard in the Christmas music library. I was inspired by it and thought the insertion of “Christmas” would be an appropriate theme for the 2018 Advent Devotional.

A theme for the 2018 Advent Devotional was previously announced, but it seems too narrow and restrictive so “*My Favorite Christmas Things*” will not exclude those who had already thought of a dish and recipe that might be included. The dish, “Tomato Gravy,” the recipe for it, and how it came to be a part of Christmas Breakfast might be an interesting story. Your recipe for your grandmother’s cornbread dressing and the good time you had observing her or helping her make it would also be welcome. The Peppermint Stick Ice Cream Pie and instructions for making it might entice others to conclude their holiday meal with this dessert so that it becomes a Christmas Eve tradition in their household.



Among other favorite Christmas things that might be of interest to our readers are articles of clothing. Your Associate Pastor dons Christmas ties yearly that were given him by family members of Ray Golden and Bill Ross. Do you have an ugly sweater that has become holiday garb you enjoy wearing?



Your favorite things might be homemade decorations or ornaments that were made when you were a child, a scout or taking a craft class. A dear friend may have made a special decoration or ornament for you.

Christmas carols or songs that became identified with one particular artist may be especially dear to you. For example, it might just not seem like Christmas without hearing Bing Crosby sing *White Christmas*.

Or it might not seem like Christmas without viewing *The Grinch* or *Elf*. One of your favorite Christmas things might be listening to ‘*Twas the Night before Christmas*’ or reading again Dickens’ classic, *A Christmas Carol*. Water skiing might have been a favorite thing to do for Winter Havenites spending the holiday here while others enjoyed snow skiing up north or out west while visiting there.



“*My Favorite ^Christmas Things*” has the potential for being one of our best Advent Devotionals. Once again scripture lessons and prayers will be added to your submissions. Please share one or more of your favorite ^Christmas Things. Sign up in the narthex, in the office or by calling Alan at 294-3121. Thanks!

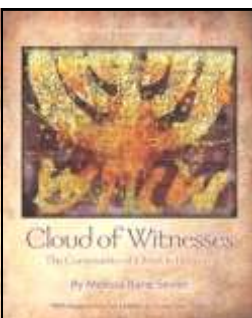


CIRCLE MEETINGS

Lydia Circle - **Second Monday each month at 10 a.m.** in McLeod Hall.

Joy Circle - **Third Tuesday each month at 9:30 a.m.** at the home of Carol Carter.

We are using the PW Horizons Bible study titled: “*Cloud of Witnesses - The Community of Christ Hebrew*” written by Melissa Bane Sevier. In nine lessons, the author invites us to explore major themes found in Hebrews, relate these themes to other parts of our faith tradition, and tie them together with the overarching motif of community.



The study books are available for \$10.

Contact either Carol Carter at 299-4253 or Sue McClew at 875-6176 for your copy.

FEBRUARY

Birthdays

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

Anniversaries

2/2	Gus & Shannon Badnell George & Kelly Butz Greg & Shelly Prather	2/17	Ross & Jill Kosmensky
2/4	Ed & Joyce Reints	2/19	Ron & Kris Dunham
2/9	Debbie & Melvin Anderson	2/21	Taylor & Amanda Plowden Hunter & Jennifer Smith
2/11	Bob & Shirley Hines	2/22	Adam & Erin Cranmer
2/12	Fred & Kathleen Deloach	2/24	Robert & Lisa Endres Jeremiah & Jaleean Johnston
2/14	Ray & Tracy Garcia		

Join Us on the Lord's Day

Worship



8:15 a.m. Chapel Worship

A traditional worship service is held in our chapel. The service follows the same order as the 11:00 a.m. worship, does not have a Chancel Choir. Musical ensembles offer special music on many Sundays. A Time with Younger Disciples is included when we have children in attendance.

9:30 - 10:25 a.m. Heart of Worship

A Praise and Worship service is held in our sanctuary. Along with scripture, sermon, and prayers, a praise band helps the congregation in adoring and showing reverence to God. Following the Time with Younger Disciples, children are 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 is held in our sanctuary. The service follows the same order as the 8:15 a.m. 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 A.M.

Fellowship time in McLeod Hall offers a coffee bar type selection with different flavored creamers, pastries, etc. It is a gathering place before (or after) worship, and between worship and Sunday School for some.

Hosts circulate in McLeod Hall and the CE Building to greet and assist people in making connections with others in one of the worship or Christian Education options.



SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES



For Kids: We'll be getting to learn more about Jesus - His life and ministry and leaders in the early church. Short videos, music, art, and Bible activities will keep the kids coming back for more!

If your family attends the 9:30 a.m. service, kids age 4 and older worship with their families for the first part of the service. After the "Time with Younger Disciples," age 4 through grade 5 may be dismissed to the Christian Education building for music and classes until 10:45 a.m.

If your family attends the 11:00 a.m. service, come to the CE Building for music and classes from 10:00 until 10:45 a.m.

For Adults: Who is the real Jesus? How can we experience the mystery, complexity, and richness of his spirituality and teachings in our lives today? *Living Jesus: Learning the Heart of the Gospel* by Luke Timothy Johnson elucidates the mystery of Jesus' resurrection and its central role in the Christian experience. It explores the diversity and fullness of the New Testament views of Christ, revealing how each book's perspective can deepen our understanding of Jesus. Profoundly insightful, *Living Jesus* offers valuable lessons on how we can accept the Gospels' powerful invitation to an authentic Christian spirituality. Join us in the Geneva Room from **9:30 until 10:30 a.m.**



Also for adults: Explore financial principles embedded in the Bible. This course, led by church member, Elder, and CPA Howard Beckert will give the participants direction in how to apply these principles in their daily lives. The class will be tailored to meet the needs and interests of the participants and meets in CE207 at **9:30 a.m.** and runs thru February 11.

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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.

Adopted by Session, 2003

This newsletter is published weekly.
Summer months and holidays published bi-weekly.
Church dated material, please deliver by 1/26/18.

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Bag Lunch Ministry

We gave out 199 bag lunches
the week of 1/15/18.

Return Service Requested

Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 86 people on 1/20/17.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING IS ABOUT TO 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 4**, members of our youth groups will be at the doors with Soup Pots following our three worship services 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 come out and join us for these
SOUPER BOWL OF CARING EVENTS!