



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

Tower Chimes

Week of November 4, 2018

Issue 690

132 Years of Ministry

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FIRST SUNDAY FIRST PRES FAMILY GATHERING THIS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4

At the **Single 10:00 a.m. Worship Service** you will be able to catch up with all your First Pres friends. The service will feature a unique order of worship with elements from our other services such as: several opening songs with our Praise Band, a traditional anthem, Sermon, Time with Younger Disciples, and closing music by one of our hand bell groups or ensembles.

At **11:15 a.m.**, we hope you continue fellowship with our First Pres family and friends, with a **Congregation-wide Fellowship Luncheon in McLeod Hall**. The Deacons will be preparing a brunch with egg-strata, fruit, and pastries.



No reservations requested or required. There will be plenty of food. Any leftovers will be used by our Saturday Soup Kitchen.

**We hope you will join us for this great day of faith,
friendship, and fellowship on November 4.**

FUNTIMERS NOVEMBER OUTING Free Food AND Music

Join us this **Sunday, November 4** after our First Sunday First Pres Fellowship Luncheon in McLeod. Then, our church van and bus will leave at **1:00 p.m.** for the **Bartow Adult Concert Band** performance.

This is the 29th season of 60 Musicians playing "Pops Concert Music". The concert is free, starts at 2:30 p.m., and lasts one hour.



OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 4

**All Saints Day
Communion**

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School (CE)
- 10:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:15 a.m. Fellowship Luncheon (MH)
- 2:00 p.m. FunTimers –Bartow Band
- 4:00 p.m. Praise Band (Sanctuary)
- 5:30 p.m. High School Youth Group (GC)

Monday, November 5

- 8:45 a.m. Morning Out Mom (CE)

Tuesday, November 6

- 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (MCR)
- 12:00 p.m. Men's Lunch (MH)
- 6:00 p.m. Session (GR)

Wednesday, November 7

- 8:45 a.m. Morning Out Mom (CE)
- 3:00 p.m. Christ Kids (CE)
- 5:00 p.m. MSYG Music (Sanctuary)
- 5:30 p.m. MSYG (GC)
- 6:00 p.m. Chancel Bells (MS)
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study (MH-Back)
- 7:00 p.m. Choir (MS)

Thursday, November 8

- 7:45 a.m. Presbytery (Cedarkirk)
- 1:15 p.m. Chapel Bells (MS)

Friday, November 9

- 8:45 a.m. Morning Out Mom (CE)

Saturday, November 10

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



MILITARY



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

Remember in Prayer

MEMBERS

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| Roger Able | Doris Hill | Jane Ray |
| Kathy Andrews | Bryan Howard | Barbara Roberts |
| Bill Brack | Bob & Isobel Hubbard | Earle Roberts |
| Tom Brackett | Jim Huff | Elsie Savant |
| Henry Braun | Martha Johnson | Beverly Seagreaves |
| Nancy Brooks | Joey Johnston | Joyce Shirah |
| Helen Butz | Peggy Kennedy | Susan Heyer Singleton |
| Helen Champlain | John Kissel | Mary Alice & Emma
Skipper |
| Carl Cheatham | Toni Krieger | Barbara H. Smith |
| Tom Coffman | Dena Lancashire | Mary Ann Snively |
| Yolanda Dyer | Kathy Lockhart | Christine Stevens |
| Mike & Jana
Easterling | Spike Lucia | Scott Strey |
| Bill Everhart | Candy Marshall | Jay Tackett |
| Walter Ferguson | Anne McCauley | Pam Tallent-Blackburn |
| Ed & Rossanne
Gorsky | Jerry Mincey | Carolyn Thompson |
| Clyde Greene | Tillie Montney | Mike & Jennifer Vibrall |
| Jane Hayman | Bev Morris | Judy Winfree |
| Joyce Hayman | Nancy Neale | Retha Wright |
| Frances Heath | Joe Oriani | |
| Kay Hedden | Randall Palmer | |
| | Andy, Sherie, & Kasey
Ray | |

Relatives & Friends

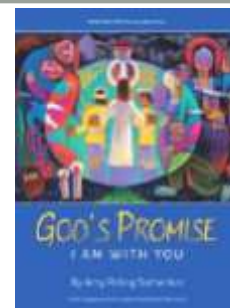
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| John Alexander family | Lynn Oakley's friend |
| Wendy Andrews | Augie Andrews' friend |
| Dolores Clay Barton | Karen Gerber's sister |
| Reese Burdette | Dana Cole's cousin |
| Brenda Cape | Alan Harvey's friend |
| Katie Carter | Bob & Carol Carter's daughter-in-law |
| Al Ellis | Jim Threlkel's friend |
| Dale Szarflarski | Wade Hoffman's friend |
| Connie Flannigan | Marile Week's friend |
| Thomas & Carolyn Francis | Jim Francis' brother & sister-in-law |
| Mary Gangemi | Lynn Oakley's friend |
| Alicia Gлика | Diane Repass' friend |
| Diana Hagen & baby Liam | Debbie Anderson's friend |
| Pat Harmon | Marile Weeks' friend |
| Pete Kent | Charley & Nancy Chilton's nephew |
| Eduardo Lopez | Gene Aspy's friend |
| Eve H. Mills | Gannon Olmert's cousin |
| Carol Moore | Roger & Marie Able's friend |
| Kris Polak | Sandy Hoffman's friend |
| Don Patchen | Bill Patchen's brother |
| David Satterfield | Heather Whitney's friend |
| Larry Schlosser | Don & Norma Martin's friend |
| Jim Smathers | Tom & Jeri Oldt's friend |
| Arnie Spangers | Marile Weeks' friend |
| Ken Stratford | Lynn Oakley's friend |
| Tibbs Swick | Amanda Olmert's father |
| Kristy Turner | Rick & Pat Reass' daughter |
| Marshall Wood's family | Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend |

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 **November 12 at 10 a.m.** in the back of McLeod Hall.

The Joy Circle meets on the **3rd Tuesday** of each month and will meet **November 20 at 9:30 a.m.** 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.

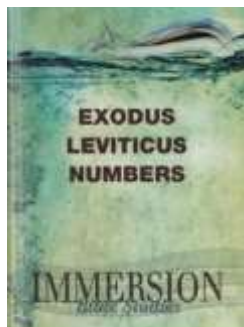
ADULT DISCIPLESHIP IMMERSION

Join our **Wednesday** evening Bible study.

Join Rev. Sarah and additional leadership as we dive deep into scripture, starting with the Book of Exodus.

Our adventure is **Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m., November 7 & 14 then again, December 5, 12, & 19.**

Questions? Contact Rev. Sarah at sbishop@firstpreswh.org or 294-3121.



DON'T MISS OUR LAST 2018 Odd Month, Odd Monday Book Club

November 19: *The 13th Gift* by Joanne Huist Smith & *52 Little Lessons from A Christmas Carol* by Bob Welch

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.



In January, 2019, OMOM Book Club becomes
OMTT3 Book Club: Odd Month - Third Thursday at 3 Book Club.

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 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.



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.

WANTED



SHEPHERDS and ANGELS

to be performers in:

COME TO THE STABLE

Saturday, Dec. 8 at 6:30 and 7:30 pm

The “Casting Sign-up Board” is in the Narthex next to the library for you to sign-up to be cast member - an angel, shepherd or a king! Please stop by and become a cast member for our annual living nativity. The 6:30 performance will feature kindergarten – 5th grade children. The 7:30 performance will feature our middle and high school students. Pre-school children may participate in either performance but must be accompanied by an older child or adult.

All performers must be costumed.



...For 11 a.m. worship services

If you would be interested in helping welcome, greet, seat, and assist people at worship, we could use your assistance as an usher.

Please contact the church office at 294-3121 or office@firstpreswh.org.

Remember the fun times you had in High School or College Band?

You have the chance to recreate the great friendships and revive your musical skills with the *First Pres Christmas Band*! We can definitely use current High School players too!

If you play any kind of wind instrument, even if it has been a few years, please give Lynn a call at 294-3121. We have found some excellent arrangements of Christmas Carols that should be well within the skills of a High School band person and there will be several instruments on the same part so it will be a fantastic time to get back in the musical groove and share your talent and praise for our Christmas program on the afternoon of **December 16**. We should be able to find you an instrument if you no longer have one of your own. If you currently have an instrument in a closet somewhere that no one is playing, please bring it in so we can get it cleaned up and used!



DECK THE HALLS

We hope you will join us as we DECK THE HALLS and decorate First Pres for the Advent and Christmas Season.

On **Monday night, November 26**, EVERYONE is invited to join us for the festivities.

Supper will be served at **5:30 p.m.** Grilled cheese sandwiches will be provided.

You are invited to bring a pot of soup or chili to share.

At **6 p.m.** we will divide into groups to Deck the Halls.

You can help others hang the Advent banners.



You might want to prepare the candles (placing the candles into the holders) for the Christmas Eve Service.

Your skill might be helping others hanging the garland and angels in the sanctuary, or fluffing and erecting the sanctuary Christmas trees.

There will be Christmas music playing throughout the church, and happy people everywhere Decking the Halls, preparing God's house for the holiday season.

We plan to have the finishing touches in place by 8 p.m. and hope to see you here!





MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH WINTER RETREAT!

Cedarkirk: January 19-21, 2019

Come join us on our First Pres Student Winter Retreat! We will be going to Cedarkirk and staying in the climate-controlled lodging. We would love to see you during this amazing weekend of fun, memories, and an opportunity to grow closer to God. Fun activities include canoeing, campfires, wall climbing, zip lines, and more! This trip is under your own student leadership, so you know it will be fun and relaxed.

Please **RSVP by November 8** by contacting Leonard at 312-678-7764 or leonardmosiah@gmail.com. The cost is just \$125 per person which covers transportation, lodging, and meals.

WE NEED YOUR PHOTOS!

Do you have any church related photos such as FunTimers, middle or high school youth groups, working in the flower beds, Sunday school, the Connection, women's circles, Fall Fest, Christ Kids?

The possibilities are endless.

Please email to cshipley@firstpreswh.org or call Connie at 294-3121 to make other arrangements.



DON'T FORGET THE ANGEL VAN MINISTRY



The Angel Van is a service deacons provide for adults who have no means of transportation to and from our Sunday worship. Those who would like to take advantage of this service need to call the office at 294-3121 by noon on Fridays. Your request will be relayed to the deacon driving on that Sunday and the deacon will contact you by telephone on Saturday to confirm your desire to be transported and to arrange the time of pick up for our 10:30 a.m. service. Please let us know if we can be of service to you.

WE HAVE A NEW WAY OF GIVING!

ONLINE

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give

Here are a few ways to access this new option:

- Go to our Church website at www.firstpreswh.org and click on **give** (top right), you will be re-directed to <https://app.securegive.com/firstpreswh> or you can go directly to the SecureGive website, <https://app.securegive.com/firstpreswh>
- First time users will click on sign-up
- Complete all fields and click the blue sign-up box ** password must be a minimum of 8 characters, including numbers and uppercase and lowercase letters.
- Click donate
- Choose your donation option, under special offering you will enter your special request, i.e. pastor fund, butterfly etc
- Choose one time or recurring
- Enter card information (if you choose to save your information the next time you login the information will be there and make giving much easier)
- Submit (this is where you will add your additional message if needed)
- You will receive an email confirmation of your giving for your records

There's also an APP for that!

- Simply go to your App store and download the free **SecureGive Vision** (you must type in SecureGive Vision) app and follow the prompts on each screen. Once you login or create an account you will be prompted to search for First Presbyterian church by name, city and/or state, follow the steps and enter the amount you wish to donate and the designation, one-time or recurring and then enter your card information.

Robin Miller is available to assist you during office hours at 863-294-3121 or email rmiller@firstpreswh.org.

What WE do – Thanks to YOU

A celebration of generosity and ministry

What WE do ... in Worship

When we read the history of First Presbyterian Church of Winter Haven, the story is punctuated with references to **WORSHIP**.

Less than a month after our church was organized in December of 1886, the first public worship service was held in a room over a downtown Winter Haven store. In the course of our church's first year, the location of public worship included a hotel and a tomato packing house. By 1893, a permanent house of worship was completed and now we gather each Lord's Day in a sanctuary where God has been worshiped for over 90 years.



Our history is one that is rich with WORSHIP, and gathering to adore and praise God continues to be the cornerstone upon which our life together is built.

Worship at First Presbyterian Church is an every Sunday event (and some special times in between). In our Sunday morning worship services, we gather for spiritual fellowship in the family of God. In the chapel, at 8:00 am, during our Heart of Worship service at 9:15 am, and in our traditional Sanctuary worship at 11:00 am, we lift our hearts and souls in prayer and praise to God. We are aided in our worship by incredible music from organ, piano, guitar, drums, bells and other instruments, as well as ensembles and choirs. We come to God's house regularly to focus our lives again on God, and then we go out to live for God in the world.



Our worship life also includes special services on Christmas Eve, Ash Wednesday, our All Church Retreat, and the Services of Healing and Wholeness.

Thanks to YOU ...

Thanks to the generous contributions of our members and friends, our church hopes to invest nearly \$350,000 in the ministry of worship in 2019. This includes the cost of worship supplies such as music, materials, and training for our church's choirs, vocal and instrumental with children and adults. Our investment in worship also encompasses the costs related to having the services of pastors, a praise band, and a full-time Director of Music Ministries. In addition, church members annually volunteer over 6000 hours as ushers/greeters, worship leaders, and members of our various choirs so that we can worship God here at First Pres.

My Favorite Christmas Things

The *theme* for the 2018 Advent Devotional is “*My Favorite Christmas Things*”. 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 favorite thing might be a must see every year movie, singing Christmas carols, your favorite ugly sweater, Christmas decoration or ornaments, the family gatherings, the food. The possibilities are endless.



“*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 by calling Alan at 294-3121. You can email your submission to office@firstpreswh.org. If you have a personal photo you would like to include, please attach to your email or bring it by the office to be scanned. Submissions are due NOW. Thank you!

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.



Nov 4 -First Sundays – Sunday School at **9 a.m.** and sharing musical talents in worship at **10a.m.**

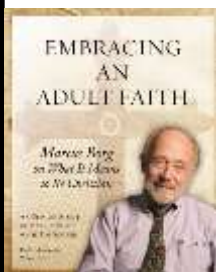
Adult Educational Opportunities – Sunday mornings and more!

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

Join a discussion-based, current topics class that values diving deep in today's issues. Topics for 2018-19 include the Middle East and Islamic faith; racism and other contemporary, thematic concerns. Join Jim Threlkel and Glenn Thomas for this engaging class at **9:30 a.m.**



NEW ADULT FAITH FORMATION CLASS 9:30 a.m. (9:00 a.m. November 4) in CE Room 207



Author and Bible scholar Marcus Borg invites us to join him in revisiting Christianity's most fundamental questions: Who is God? What does salvation mean? What place does Jesus hold in contemporary Christian faith?

In this five-session, faith-formation class, participants enjoy the rare privilege of witnessing Marcus in dialogue with a small, diverse group of adults as they honestly — and sometimes painfully — confront the big questions and work together toward authentic answers. Each session includes a 10-minute presentation by Marcus Borg followed by interaction with the group.

Join this dialogue with **Bill Lockhart**.

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 204 bag lunches
the week of 10/22/18.

Return Service Requested

Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 120 people on 10/27/18.

Thanks for the Memories 1998 – 2018+

Where do I begin to thank you for the luncheon and reception on Sunday October 7 in recognition of the past twenty years serving as your Associate Pastor? Obviously, I would have been at greater ease had I been "camera shy" long ago because there were too many photos of me on your tables! I am humbled and grateful by all who were involved in this event from start to finish. I do appreciate the research work involved in collating all those pictures and displaying them. I thank you for the marvelous chicken tetrazzini lunch, cake, and ice cream. I am grateful for the original artwork turning "Yours truly" into a butterfly. I thank you for beautiful floral arrangements, for cards, and handwritten notes, and for all the gifts. It was a special day that I will long remember. Now to the future "+"!



Blessings+
Alan