



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

## Tower Chimes

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### NEW PERSPECTIVES SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS STARTS NOVEMBER 10

The *Adult Perspectives Class* will start a seven Sunday DVD/discussion series on **November 10**, titled *Invitation to a Journey* where we will interact with seven acclaimed scholars, theologians, and authors, in exploring what is next for Christianity and what faith may look like for ourselves and others in this 21<sup>st</sup> century. The focus of the first session is: *Faith is not a destination but a journey and the right answers aren't as important as the right questions.* Join us in the Geneva Room at **9:30 am.**



### “PINT-SIZE” FUNTIMERS NOVEMBER 15 AT 6:30 PM ADVENT CRAFTING WORKSHOP



Time to get your crafting on! We will have a great night of crafts, music, and fellowship, as we prepare for the Advent/Christmas season. Wanna make a personalized gift for a family member? Or needing a family Advent wreath to center your families devotional time this Advent? Join us, starting at **6:30 pm in McLeod Hall**; we'll have all the supplies, just bring your creativity! Dinner provided.

### HEY EVERYONE!

### JOIN THE FUNTIMERS FOR CITRUS NIGHT!

**Monday, November 18 at 6 pm** in McLeod Hall, Glenn Thomas will present a program on the history and future of citrus in Florida. Joyce Snively will cater a delicious dinner with a citrus focus.

The cost is \$15 and is payable at the door.

To sign-up, contact the church at [office@firstpreswh.org](mailto:office@firstpreswh.org), 294-3121, sign-up at the FunTimers display in McLeod Hall, or fill out this tear-off and drop it in the offering plate or by the office.



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

# Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

# OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

# Remember in Prayer

## Sunday, November 10

- 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)
- 11:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 5:30 pm High School Youth Group (GC)

## Monday, November 11

- 8:45 am MOM (CE)
- 10:00 am Lydia Circle (MH)
- 6:30 pm Christian Education (GR)

## Tuesday, November 12

- 9:00 am Staff Meeting (MCR)
- 12:00 pm Men's Lunch (MH)
- 6:00 pm Personnel (MCR)

## Wednesday, November 13

- 8:45 am MOM (CE)
- 10:00 am Honduras Sewing (GH)
- 12:00 pm Buildings & Grounds (MH)
- 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, November 14

- 12:00 pm Chapel Bells (MS)
- 2:00 pm Membership (MCR)

## Friday, November 15

- 8:45 am MOM (CE)
- 5:00 pm Praise Band (Sanctuary)
- 6:30 pm "Pint-Size" FunTimers (MH)

## Saturday, November 16

- 2:00 pm Soup Kitchen Prep (Kitchen)
- 4:00 pm Soup Kitchen (737)
- 7:00 pm Saturday Nite Live (MH)

## MEMBERS

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|--------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Marie Able               | Joyce Hayman         | Bev Morris            |
| Melvin & Debbie Anderson | Frances Heath        | Nancy Neale           |
| Kathy Andrews            | Kay Hedden           | Bill Patchen          |
| Helen Butz               | Doris Hill           | Barbara Roberts       |
| Helen Champlain          | Bryan Howard         | George Seagreaves     |
| Carl Cheatham            | Bob & Isobel Hubbard | Cash Sheaffer         |
| Charlie Darte            | Jim Huff             | Joyce Shirah          |
| Marjorie DiLorenzo       | Martha Johnson       | Barbara H. Smith      |
| Elaine Dustin            | Bill Johnston        | Joel Smith            |
| Yolanda Dyer             | John Kissel          | Christine Stevens     |
| Jana Easterling          | Dena Lancashire      | Pam Tallent-Blackburn |
| Dana Elmore              | Eric Lindstrom       | Carolyn Thompson      |
| Jim Francis              | Spike Lucia          | Mike Vibral           |
| John Gray                | Pat McCarty          | Gwen Waters           |
| Pam Gray                 | Bob McClew           | Sug Zowarka           |
| Jane Hayman              | Edna Mitchell        |                       |

IN THE HOSPITAL: Helen Butz & Bill Everhart

## Relatives & Friends

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|----------------------|--|
| Michael Branch       | Jeff Bowen's friend                      |
| Jeff Bronson         | Rose Flynn's brother-in-law              |
| Reese Burdette       | Dana Cole's cousin                       |
| Debra Cain           | Tom & Jeri Oldt's friend                 |
| Larry Durrence       | George & Joyce Carefoot's brother-in-law |
| Al Ellis             | Jim Threlkel's friend                    |
| Sidney Hilliard      | Tillie Montney's mother                  |
| Joyce Hoffman        | Wade Hoffman's mother                    |
| Verona Johnson       | Lynn Oakley's friend                     |
| Pete Kent            | Charley & Nancy Chilton's nephew         |
| John Kluberg         | Nancy Dobler's brother                   |
| Bob Lapsley          | Susan Singleton's friend                 |
| Nathan Leaman        | Lynn Oakley's friend                     |
| Shelia Moskowitz     | Nell Speer's friend                      |
| Michael Oriani       | Joe Oriani's brother                     |
| Debbie Rogers        | Lynn Oakley's friend                     |
| Sandy Schwenk        | Zane Schwenk's mother                    |
| April Stade          | Pam Gray's friend                        |
| Jabo Stewart         | Tom & Jeri Oldt's friend                 |
| Penni Tinsley        | Tom & Jeri Oldt's friend                 |
| Margarita Villarreal | Lynn Oakley's friend                     |
| Ennis & Liz Young    | Anne Meadows' friend                     |

## OUR PASTORS ARE EAGER TO VISIT OUR HOSPITALIZED MEMBERS, BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP



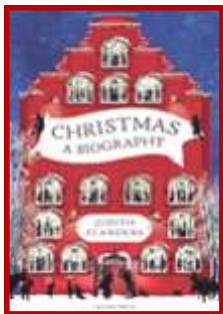
The tightening of HIPAA regulations has meant that we have missed visiting some of our members during their hospital stay. If you are a member or a friend of this congregation, or you have a family member admitted to any hospital, please call the church office and let our pastors know.

**Thank you for helping us stay in touch  
with the congregation!**



## MILITARY

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



## ODD MONTH THIRD THURSDAY AT 3 BOOK CLUB

*Christmas A Biography*, By Judith Flanders.

Please join us **Thursday, November 21 at 3 pm** in the back of McLeod Hall for discussion and light snacks.

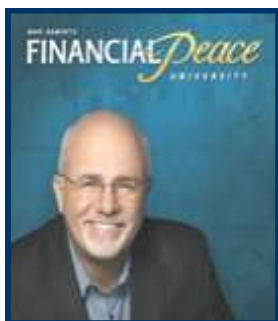


## MYSTERY FAITH THEATER 600 SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23 AT 6 PM

Pass along the word to the Young Adult in your life, our first *Mystery Faith Theater 600* night will be **Saturday, November 23** at Rev. Sarah's home. Inspired by *Mystery Science Theater 3000*, we'll gather together for a meal, fellowship, and then grabbing the popcorn to crack jokes and enjoy a 'bad' movie. Rev. Sarah will have the main course, so bring a side dish to share. Be sure to connect with Emily Snyder 863-224-4403 or Rev. Sarah 574-298-2295 to get an address.



## Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University NEW CLASS STARTING IN JANUARY, 2020



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 Financial Peace Membership. Our first Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University went so well, we are going to offer it AGAIN this **January, 2020**. Please contact Lee and Pam Wilkerson at 863-221-2006 or [wilkeglk@verizon.net](mailto:wilkeglk@verizon.net) if you are interested as we firm up a night that is best for all.

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## WEEKLY YOUTH FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS



**Middle School Youth** is meeting on **Wednesday evenings, from 5:30 – 7:30 pm** in the Golden Student Center. Join with **Philip Batista, Bill Lockhart, Steve Negley, and Emily Snyder (our Director of Student Ministries)** and our 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 **Cheryce Harris, Steve Negley, Jonathan Owen, Emily Snyder, and Peggy Threlkel**) gathers at the Golden Student Center (711 Sixth Street, NW) 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.



### CHRIST KIDS!

Christ Kids – our faith-filled and safe after-school program for children 4 years through 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:sbishop@firstpreswh.org).



### STRESSED? DISCOURAGED? LONELY? SAD? DON'T SUFFER ALONE. HELP IS AVAILABLE. THE STEPHEN MINISTERS ARE HERE FOR YOU!

Sometimes we fall into a trap where we think it's a sign of weakness to ask for help. So when we're stressed, discouraged, lonely, or sad, we try to keep our struggles hidden and are reluctant to ask for help. However, that's not God's plan. Galatians 6:2 says, "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." God wants us to care for others--and allow others to care for us in our time of need.



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.**

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



### 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!!**



*In everything give thanks...*

1 Thessalonians 5:18

# 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-5<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

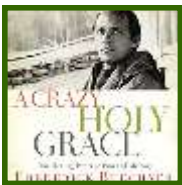
Can't make it to church? Your family can activate faith with God's Word by connecting with the stories at home with our Spark home sheets and buying a copy of the Story Bible at [www.weareSparkhouse.org](http://www.weareSparkhouse.org).

### ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

#### PERSPECTIVES SUNDAY SCHOOL MEETS IN THE GENEVA ROOM

PLEASE SEE THE FRONT COVER FOR NEW CLASS STARTING THIS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10.

#### **A CRAZY, HOLY GRACE- THE HEALING POWER OF PAIN AND MEMORY BY FREDRICK BUECHNER**



When pain is real, why is God silent? Frederick Buechner has grappled with the nature of pain, grief, and grace ever since his father committed suicide when Buechner was a young boy. In this essential collection of essays, including one never before published, Frederick Buechner finds that the God who might seem so silent is ever near. Join the study and conversation in CE 207. You can pick up your copy of the book and study guide for \$10.00.

### CALLING ALL YOUTH TO SUNDAY SCHOOL!!! 10:30 - 10:55 AM

Youth grades 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, 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!



### 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 186 bag lunches  
the week of 10/28/19.

We gave out 925 bag lunches  
in October, 2019.

#### Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 83 people on 11/2/19.

We fed 398 in October, 2019.

**Return Service Requested**

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN BIBLE STUDY

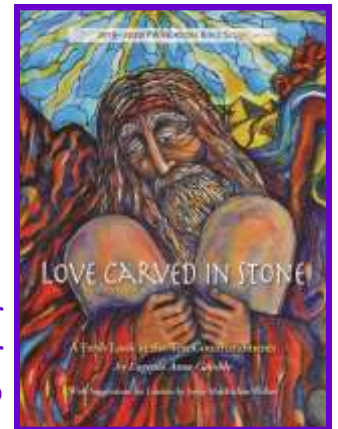
The Lydia and Joy circles current Bible Study is:

*"Love Carved in Stone" – A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments.*

**The Lydia Circle** meets on the **2nd Monday** of each month and starts on **November 11 at 10 am** in the back of McLeod Hall.

**The Joy Circle** meets on the **3rd Tuesday** of each month and starts on **November 19 at 9:30 am** at the home of Carol Carter.

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 have met and are busy sewing dresses and backpacks. They will meet once a month on a day convenient for most. Next sewing day will be **Wednesday, November 13, 10 am - Noon.**

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 419-332-5268.