



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

## Tower Chimes

*Week of November 11, 2018*

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### 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!



### Happy Anniversary Winter Haven Stamp Club!!



The Winter Haven Stamp Club celebrated its 70th Anniversary on October 25, 2017. The 70-year old fellowship of stamp collectors has held their twice a month meetings here at First Presbyterian Church since 1966. Our church has loved helping this club over the years by providing a meeting space. To show their appreciation, Stamp Club has often contributed money and materials in support of ministries in our church. At their recent anniversary celebration, the Winter Haven Stamp Club made a \$500 donation to our church's Youth Summer Camps and Conferences. Pictured here is Dr. Steve Negley being presented the donation check by Mr. Orrin Champlain, church and Stamp Club member.

# OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

## Sunday, November 11

- 8:00 a.m. Chapel Worship (Chapel)
- 9:15 a.m. Connection (MH)
- 9:15 a.m. Heart of Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School-Children/Adults (CE)
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
- 4:00 p.m. Praise Band (Sanctuary)
- 5:30 p.m. High School Youth Group (GC)

## Monday, November 12

- 10:00 a.m. Lydia Circle (MH)
- 6:30 p.m. Christian Education (GR)

## Tuesday, November 13

- 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (MCR)
- 12:00 p.m. Men's Lunch (MH)
- 6:00 p.m. Personnel (MCR)
- 6:30 p.m. Deacons (GR)
- 7:30 p.m. Officer Training (MCR)

## Wednesday, November 14

- 8:45 a.m. Morning Out Mom (CE)
- 12:00 p.m. Buildings & Grounds (MH-Back)
- 3:00 p.m. Christ Kids (CE)
- 5:00 p.m. MSYG Music (GC)
- 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 15

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

## Friday, November 16

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

## Saturday, November 17

- 8:00 a.m. SNL (MH)
- 2:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen Prep (Kitchen)
- 4:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen (737)

*Our Christian sympathy goes to Tom Mulrooney on the death of his mother Rose Mulrooney, who died Tuesday, October 23, 2018.*

## 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                |
| Don Breidert             | Rose Flynn's friend                  |
| 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 Gamgemi             | Lynn Oakley's friend                 |
| Alicia Glika             | 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

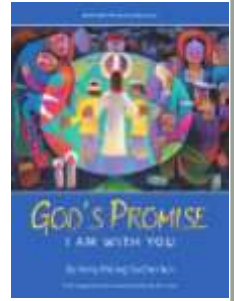
The Lydia and Joy circles current Bible study: *God's Promise – "I Am with You."*

*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.

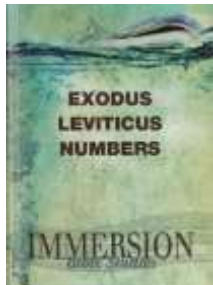
*The Joy Circle*

**(PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE FOR NOVEMBER)**

normally meets on the **3rd Tuesday** of each month. **HOWEVER**, will meet on **November 13 instead, 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.



## 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 14, December 5, 12, & 19.**

Questions? Contact Rev. Sarah at [sbishop@firstpreswh.org](mailto:sbishop@firstpreswh.org) or 294-3121.

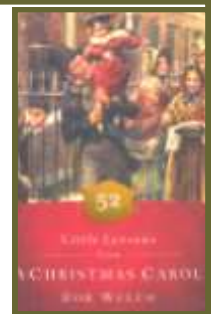


## DON'T MISS OUR LAST 2018 Odd Month, Odd Monday Book Club

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](mailto:office@firstpreswh.org).



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

## 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 contact Leonard at 312-678-7764 or [leornardmosiah@gmail.com](mailto:leornardmosiah@gmail.com) for more information. The cost is just \$125 per person which covers transportation, lodging, and meals.



## ...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](mailto:office@firstpreswh.org).



# What WE do – Thanks to YOU

A celebration of generosity and ministry

What WE do ... In In-reach and Out-reach

*“You are the light of the world. . . let your light so shine before people that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.” (Matthew 5:14, 16)*

First Presbyterian Church of Winter Haven strives to fulfill that command in this community. And our light reaches far. It starts as close as delivering a loaf of bread and a current *Tower Chimes* to first time visitors, letting them know they were noticed and welcome. Our beams stretch further into our community to groups like, the Winter Haven Stamp Club, Alanon, the Winter Haven Quilters, Boy Scouts, and Girl Scouts just to name a few. Our light goes beyond our immediate community and even reaches to the ends of the earth with our website. With events like Come to the Stable and Bethlehem Square (our Living Nativity), the Jingle Java Jam, Christ Kids, and Morning Out Moms, we reach out to many people who live beyond our church walls. Yes, our light reaches out far, and it can reach even farther.



The words in a children’s song say: “The church is not a building, the church is not a steeple, the church is not a resting place, the church IS the people.”

Here at First Presbyterian Church of Winter Haven the church IS the people. Our church is married couples and single adults. Our church is parents with young children and folks who have recently retired. Our church is children, youth, and young, middle and older adults. There are nearly 1,000 people who make First Presbyterian their church home. We are people who laugh together, cry together, and live together in faith.

A church whose heart is people, needs to keep ministry to people at heart. The Apostle Paul reminds us in I Corinthians 12, that “When one member of the body suffers, all suffer together.” Here at First Presbyterian Church we keep our personal focus through the ministry of Congregational Care.



Our pastors make every effort to visit persons in the hospital to offer prayer and support, and to follow up with a visit to make sure folks are settling in at home. Our pastors and the lay people in our visitation ministry help care for our friends and members who are confined to nursing homes or their own homes. Our pastors respond to situations of loss and grief by trying to express the love of Christ through their words and presence. Our pastors work with other Stephen Leaders to help direct the personal and confidential caring ministry to individuals going through times of transition that our Stephen Ministers provide.

**Thanks to YOU ...**

Our church's investment in the ministry of outreach for the year 2019 will include the costs of advertising and our website. Our church's investment in the ministry of in-reach for the year 2019 will include the program expenses for our care ministries and costs related to having the services of a pastor and associate pastor. Thanks to the generously shared tithes and offerings of our member and friends, we will invest nearly \$200,000 in In-reach and Outreach Ministries. In addition, during 2019, our church members will donate over 2500 volunteer hours welcoming newcomers to our church, and reaching out as the cast for our Living Nativity Scene, and caring for our members as Stephen Ministers and Leaders, and Comfort Food chefs.



## COME TO THE STABLE AND BETHLEHEM SQUARE

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

has been a part of the Christmas season at First Pres since 2004.

You are invited to participate in the performances and/or  
be an audience for them.

Please invite your friends to join us.  
This celebration is our gift to the community.

Our beautiful family nativity will feature performers costumed as shepherds,  
angels, kings, and the Holy Family on the church grounds before a  
beautiful stable setting under the stars.

The Christmas Story is told by a narrator and Christmas songs are  
sung by the choir with instrumental accompaniment. The setting  
is completed by live sheep and a donkey.

Following each performance, our guests are invited to come to Bethlehem Square,  
aka, McLeod Hall, for refreshments and fellowship.

**We are CASTING NOW for the performances.**

**The Children's Performance is at 6:30 and features K-5 children.**

**The 7:30 performance features our middle and high school youth,  
but is open to adults and K-5 children cast as shepherds and angels.**

**Pre-K children may be in either performance but must be  
accompanied by a costumed older child or adult.**

**SIGN-UP NOW IN THE SANCTUARY FOYER  
before or after Sunday worship or in McLEOD HALL  
during the First Sunday Fellowship meal.**

**WE NEED YOU!**

## 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!



## 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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.



**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 Glenn Thomas and other leaders for this engaging class at **9:30 a.m.** Perspectives does not meet on First Sundays.



## 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](mailto:cshipley@firstpreswh.org) or call Connie at 294-3121 to make other arrangements.

## WE HAVE AN EXTRA 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](http://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 reoccurring
- 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!

## 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 ??? bag lunches  
the week of 10/29/18.

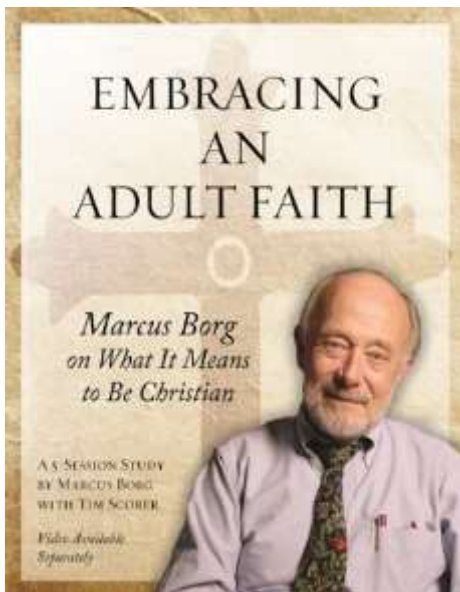
**Return Service Requested**

### Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed ??? people on 11/03/18.

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION CLASS RUNNING THROUGH NOVEMBER

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?



This 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 at 9:30 a.m. in CE Room 207.**