



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

Tower Chimes

Week of October 7, 2018

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132 Years of Ministry

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THIS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7, OUR FIRST First Sunday First Pres Family Gathering

(Every first Sunday of each month.)

**Single Worship Service at 10:00 a.m.
(Sunday School will be held at 9:00 a.m.)**

A unique order of worship with elements from our other services:

- A couple of opening songs with our Praise Band & Jazzbyterians
- An anthem presented by our Chancel Choir
- A hymn accompanied on our pipe organ
- Closing music by one of our hand bell groups or ensembles
- Sermon and Time with Younger Disciples by our Pastors

Congregation-wide Fellowship Luncheon at 11:5 a.m.

Served family style in McLeod Hall at our round tables. No reservations requested or required. There will be plenty of food. Any leftovers will be used by our Senior High Youth for their Sunday night meal, our Middle School Youth for their Wednesday night meal, or our Saturday Soup Kitchen.



CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF MINISTRY TOGETHER

What happened in the year 1998?

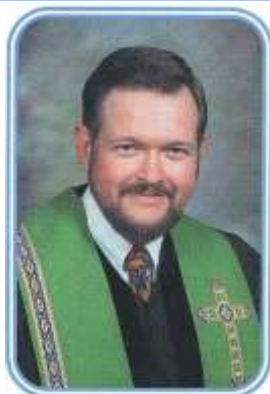
- ◇ Titanic becomes the first film to gross over \$1 Billion Dollars.
- ◇ Google, Inc, is founded in Menlo Park, California.
- ◇ St. Louis Cardinals first baseman Mark McGwire hits his 62nd home run of the season, breaking a record set in 1961.
- ◇ Hurricane Mitch makes landfall in Central America, killing an estimated 11,000 people.

And, in Winter Haven, Florida, **Rev. C. Alan Harvey** was installed as Associate Pastor on September 15, 1998!

We are planning to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the start of Dr. Harvey's ministry in our midst on **Sunday, October 7, 2018** with a reception as a part of our First Sunday Luncheon.

The Session is preparing for this memorable day, and would like to invite First Pres members and friends to share their personal stories and memories with cards and notes to be included with other gifts that will be given to Alan at the celebration.

Please plan to join us for the luncheon (**11:15 a.m.**) and reception as we reflect back over 20 wonderful years.



OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, October 7

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School (CE)
 10:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
 11:15 a.m. Fellowship Luncheon & Reception Honoring Dr. Alan Harvey (MH)
 4:00 p.m. Praise Band (Sanctuary)
 5:30 p.m. High School Youth Group (GC)

Monday, October 8

- 8:45 a.m. Morning Out Mom (CE)
 10:00 a.m. Lydia Circle (Off-site)
 6:30 p.m. Christian Education (GR)

Tuesday, October 9

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

Wednesday, October 10

- 8:45 a.m. Morning Out Mom (CE)
 12:00 p.m. Buildings & Grounds (MH)
 3:00 p.m. Christ Kids (CE)
 5:30 p.m. Middle School Youth Group (GC)
 6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study (MH)
 6:00 p.m. Chancel Bells (MS)
 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir (MS)

Thursday, October 11

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

Friday, October 12

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

Saturday, October 13

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



Our Christian sympathy extends to Kim Hicks & friends upon the death of her aunt, Camille Howe, who died on Friday, September 21, 2018.

Our deepest sympathy extends to Jane, Andy, Sherie, & Kasey Ray on the death of their husband, father, & grandfather, Keith Ray who died on Tuesday, September 25, 2018.

Remember in Prayer

MEMBERS

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

Relatives & Friends

Reese Burdette	Dana Cole's cousin
Katie Carter	Bob & Carol Carter's daughter-in-law
Al Ellis	Jim Threlkel's friend
Dale Szarfarski	Wade Hoffman's friend
Thomas & Carolyn Francis	Jim Francis' brother & sister-in-law
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
Stephanie Montgomery	Jean Strang's friend
Carol Moore	Roger & Marie Able's friend
Kris Polak	Sandy Hoffman's friend
David Satterfield	Heather Whitney's friend
Celia Siemsen	Pat Reass' friend
Jim Smathers	Tom & Jeri Oldt's friend
Arnie Spangers	Marile Weeks' friend
Tibbs Swick	Amanda Olmert's father
Kristy Turner	Rick & Pat Reass' daughter
Marshall Wood's family	Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend

MILITARY



Zach Anaya
 Brenden Anderson
 Christian Anderson
 Samuel Crockett
 Zach Drum
 Til Fellows
 Robert Ferguson
 Stephanie Gillie
 Eddie Gray
 Daniel Harp

Sean Harp
 David Knowles
 John Marotti
 Mathew Massam
 Ryan Peardon
 KaitLin Marotti-Pitts
 Ashton Pitts
 Shad Skinner
 Drew Stapor

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, ie. 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!

- 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.



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.



WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS



James & Patricia Dexter
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ADULT DISCIPLESHIP ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

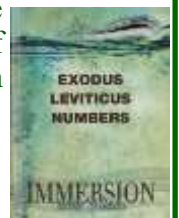
Immersion - A Wednesday evening Bible study has begun.

Join Rev. Sarah and additional leadership as we dive deep into scripture, starting with the Book of Exodus. A copy of the study book is available in McLeod Hall.

Our adventure will be **Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.,**
October 10 & 17; November 7 & 14
then again, December 5, 12, & 19.

Questions?

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



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.

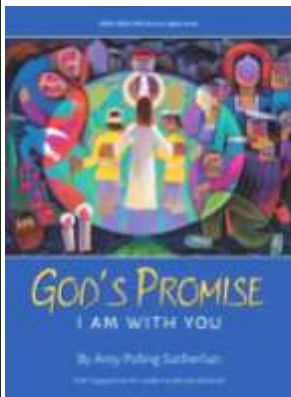
Christmas carols or songs that became identified with one particular artist may be especially dear to you. For example, it might just not seem like Christmas without hearing Bing Crosby sing *White Christmas*.

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!



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN BIBLE STUDY



The Lydia and Joy circles will begin a new study this month titled:
God’s Promise – “I Am with You.”

The Lydia Circle meets on the **2nd Monday** of each month and will meet again on **October 8 at 10 a.m.** in the back of McLeod Hall.

The Joy Circle meets on the **3rd Tuesday** of each month and will meet again on **October 16 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.

WINTER HAVEN STAMP CLUB INVITES YOU

... to its 70th Birthday Celebration October 25 at 7:15 p.m. in the Geneva Room



The Winter Haven Stamp Club was formed here in Winter Haven in 1948 but as interest fell off here the club moved to Lakeland. In the early 60's more stamp collectors moved into the Winter Haven area, so in 1964 the club returned to Winter Haven. The 21 charter members set a time for the meetings – the second and fourth Thursday of each month - and the meeting place was Rotary Park Field House. In 1966 the meeting place was changed to the Geneva Room at First Presbyterian Church and it has been held there ever since.

The purpose of the club is to further the knowledge of the hobby, to assist those who are building a collection, and to provide a place to meet with other collectors to discuss what is new in stamps. Collectors of all ages are welcome, especially those who are starting collections.

Guests are welcome to come join us in celebrating the 70th year of the Winter Haven Stamp Club October 25 at 7:15 p.m. in the Geneva Room.

STEPHEN MINISTERS ARE HERE TO HELP

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.

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.

Oct 7-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.**



(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.

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 223 bag lunches
the week of 9/24/18.

We gave out 835 bag lunches
in September, 2018.

Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 95 people on 9/29/18.

We fed 531 in September, 2018.

Return Service Requested

FALL FEST IS OCTOBER 24 AT 6:30 PM Cake Auction & Candy Donation

Our annual Fall Fest is just around the corner. In addition to the games, maze and pizza, our CE committee would like to host a Cake Auction, so if baking is your gift (cakes or pies) consider creating a cake for us to raffle off!

If not, donations for individually wrapped candy and small toys are welcomed as we prepare for that fun evening! And don't forget to join us for the fun. Contact Rev. Sarah for more information at sbishop@firstpreswh.org or by calling 863-294-3121.



DON'T MISS OUR NEXT EXCITING FUNTIMERS



Looking for a night full of mystery, interaction and good food? If so, **ALL ADULTS** are invited to help solve the murder as Funtimers presents the murder mystery dinner theater, "Pasta, Passion, and Pistols" at La Speranza restaurant, AKA McLeod Hall on **Monday, October 15 at 6 p.m.**

Help set the stage and atmosphere by dressing in 1920s fashion if you wish. Cost for the meal catered by Floridino's Italian Kitchen is \$12.00. If you would like to participate as a character please sign up in McLeod Hall on the **separate** sign up sheet. All others can be observers.

We hope you will join us **and** bring a friend. Please RSVP by **Monday, October 8** by calling the church office at 294-3121, emailing us at office@firstpreswh.org, or filling out this attachment and placing in the offering plate.

Name: _____ # Attending: _____