



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

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Week of October 13, 2019

Issue 729

133 Years of Ministry

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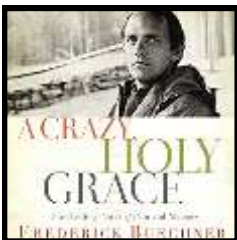
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NEW ADULT EDUCATION – SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTING OCTOBER 13 IN CE 207

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 starting **October 13** by picking up your copy of the book and study guide for \$10.00 from the church office.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN BIBLE STUDY

The Lydia and Joy circles current Bible Study is:
“Love Carved in Stone” – A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments.

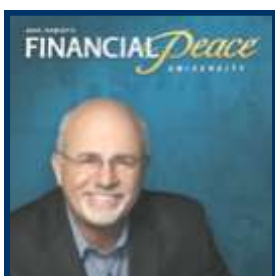
The Lydia Circle meets on the **2nd Monday** of each month and starts on **October at 14 at 10 am** in the back of McLeod Hall.

The Joy Circle meets on the **3rd Tuesday** of each month and starts on **October 15 at 9:30 am** at the home of Carol Carter.

The study books are available now 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.



DAVE RAMSEY'S FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY Meets Wednesdays at 6:00 pm in the Price Library and will run through November 6



Take control of your money with **Financial Peace University (FPU)**! This nine-session 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 a Financial Peace Membership. Join this FPU group today! Be sure to purchase your member registration online at <https://www.fpu.com/1095087> and then join us. Questions? Contact Lee Wilkinson at 863-221-2006 or wilkeglk@verizon.net.

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, October 13

- 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, October 14

- 8:45 am MOM (CE)

Tuesday, October 15

- 9:00 am Staff Meeting (MCR)
- 12:00 pm Men's Lunch (MH)
- 12:00 pm Finance (UR)
- 6:00 pm Officer Training (MCR)
- 6:30 pm Deacons (MH)

Wednesday, October 16

- 8:45 am MOM (CE)
- 3:00 pm Christ Kids (CE)
- 5:30 pm Middle School Youth Group (GC)
- 6:00 pm Dave Ramey Financial Peace (PL)
- 6:00 pm Chancel Bells (MS)
- 7:00 pm Choir (MS)

Thursday, October 17

- 12:00 pm Chapel Bells (MS)

Friday, October 18

- 8:45 am MOM (CE)
- 6:30 pm Pint-Size FunTimers (MH)

Saturday, October 19

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

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!**

Remember in Prayer

MEMBERS

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

IN THE HOSPITAL: Elaine Dustin & Pat McCarty

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 |
| Pete Kent | Charley & Nancy Chilton's nephew |
| John Kluberg | Nancy Dobler's brother |
| Nathan Leaman | Lynn Oakley's friend |
| Shelia Moskowit | Nell Speer's friend |
| 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 |



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

MILITARY

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



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SATURDAY NITE LIVE

Entertainment and educational activities for physically and mentally challenged late teens through adults.

Howdy! We are going to have a Halloween Hoe Down, better known as a Harvest Ball on Saturday, October 19 at 7 pm in McLeod Hall.

You are invited to dress in a non-scary costume.

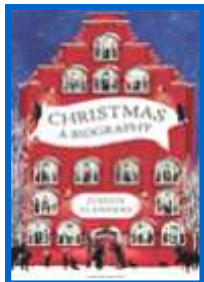
* A DJ will play your favorite tunes so you can dance the night away.

* Hot Corn dogs and cold apple cider will tantalize your taste buds.

* Come and join us, to kick up your heels, and to hoot and holler!



If you know of someone who would benefit from attending this program, please contact Dr. Harvey at 294-3121.



**START READING FOR THE NEXT
ODD MONTH THIRD THURSDAY AT 3
BOOK CLUB!
November 21**

Christmas A Biography, By Judith Flanders.



CHRIST KIDS!

Christ Kids – our faith-filled and safe after-school program for children 4 years through 5th 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.



**SCHOOL IS BACK IN SESSION
AND SO ARE OUR 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.

CAN YOU HELP WITH CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SUPPLIES?

As we start a new school year, what better way to help First Pres continue to be a welcoming and fun church! We need your help! Our Christ Kids, Sunday School and Morning Out Moms program has created an Amazon wish list (https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1UYO02DN421X0?ref=wl_share) of new toys, games and supplies to make that space fresh! You can purchase right from the list or use it as a guide to pick something up as you are out and about town.



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



TEXT TO GIVE



1. Donor texts the keyword and amount (ex. Tithe 100 –**There must be a space between the keyword and amount**) to the number that is assigned to your organization. (If only an amount is texted without a keyword, the funds will go to a default category- unless you are using the short code- there is no default category on the short code.)
2. First time text donors receive a text with a link to sign into their SecureGive account or create a new one.
3. Donor signs in or creates an account and saves a default payment method to be used for text giving.

4. When this is complete, donor receives a confirmation that their first text donation has been processed. They will also receive an email receipt.

The next time the donor would like to give by text, they simply type the keyword and amount and will receive a request to confirm with Y. After replying, they will receive a text confirmation that their donation was processed and will receive an email receipt.

****We recommend that the donor save your organization's text number as a contact in their phone for future use****

****Donors can text a question mark "?" to be sent helpful tips.**

****Donors can text STOP to de-activate text giving from their phone. If they have texted STOP at any point, they must text START to get re-started.**

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



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 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 convenient for individuals to request a Stephen Minister.

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-5th 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 1st through 5th 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.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

PERSPECTIVES SUNDAY SCHOOL MEETS IN THE GENEVA ROOM

Perspectives Class with Old Testament scholar, **Walter Brueggemann**, presents five weeks of entertaining and thoughtful, fifteen-minute, video clips of his message *Countering Pharaoh's Production-Consumption Society*. Brueggemann's message sharpens our understanding of the Exodus story and our responsibility to address the similarities that exist in America today. Our discussion following each week's video will attempt to faithfully discuss those similarities.



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



Youth grades 6th-12th, please join us for Sunday School following the 9:15 am Heart of Worship Service, **10:30-10:55**.

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 193 bag lunches
the week of 9/30/19.

We gave out 743 bag lunches
in September, 2019.

Return Service Requested

Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 80 people on 10/5/19.

We fed 314 in September, 2019.

“PINT-SIZE” FUNTIMERS OCTOBER EVENT PUMPKIN CARVE-A-THON

Bring your own pumpkin for an evening of decorating,
roasting pumpkin seeds and fall-theme fun!

We'll have dinner as well! Meeting in McLeod Hall at 6:30 on October 18.



FALL FEST: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 5PM -7PM



We will be celebrating the beginning of Fall with games, crafts, trivia, and a pizza dinner on **Sunday, October 27** starting at **5 pm** with Fall Fest! A family-friendly event for all ages! Be sure to wear your Halloween costume and bring a bag to collect all your goodies!

Adults and teens, we'll begin set-up for this fun event after the 11am worship. See you McLeod .3Hall for all the fun!

We'll also have a sign-up sheet for Come To the Stable, December 14 for families to begin planning now.



CANDY NEEDED

With Fall Fest just around the corner, the Christian Education committee has set out buckets to collect individually wrapped candies! So, as you are out and about preparing for Halloween in your neighborhood, grab an extra bag or two for the children of First Pres. Buckets are in the narthex and McLeod Hall. And thank you.