



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

Tower Chimes

Week of October 20, 2019

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133 Years of Ministry

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“PINT-SIZE” FUNTIMERS 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 pm on October 18.**

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

We will be celebrating the beginning of Fall with games, crafts, Bible 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 Hall 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.

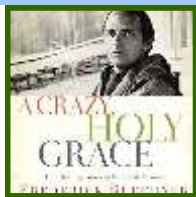


CANDY NEEDED

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.

NEW ADULT EDUCATION – SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTING OCTOBER 30 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 20** by picking up your copy of the book and study guide for \$10.00 from the church office.

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, October 20 3 Cents-a-Meal

- 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 21

- 8:45 am MOM (CE)
- 5:30 pm World Mission (MCR)
- 6:30 pm Christian Education (GR)

Tuesday, October 22

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

Wednesday, October 23

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

Thursday, October 24

- 12:00 pm Chapel Bells (MS)

Friday, October 25

- 8:45 am MOM (CE)

Saturday, October 26

- 2:00 pm Soup Kitchen Prep (Kitchen)
- 4:00 pm Soup Kitchen (737)
- 4:00 pm Middle & High School Youth (GC/Corn Maze)
- 7:00 pm Saturday Nite Live (MH)

Remember in Prayer

MEMBERS

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

IN THE HOSPITAL: Mike Vibral

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 |
| Nathan Leaman | Lynn Oakley's friend |
| Shelia Moskowitz | 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 |
| Penni Tinsley | Tom & Jeri Oldt's friend |
| Ennis & Liz Young | Anne Meadows' friend |

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 | |



3 CENTS-A-MEAL THIS SUNDAY

We will collect the **3 Cents-a-Meal Hunger Offering** during worship services this **SUNDAY, September 15**. This offering is divided between our Soup Kitchen/Bag Lunch Ministry, Beth-El Farm-workers Ministry, and Honduras.



Our Christian sympathy goes to Lorraine Todd upon the death of her son,
Phil Kenner
who died Monday,
October 7, 2019

HEY MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH!!!

We are going to Harvest Holler Corn Maze on **Saturday, October 26!** Come join us from **4-8 pm** for this time of fun and fellowship. There will be a corn maze, hay rides, mini-golf, and more!



The cost is \$10 plus money if you want any snacks from the concession stand. Please contact Emily if you have any questions at esnyder@firstpreswh.org or (863)224-4403.



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! We currently meet **Wednesdays at 6 pm** in the Price Library. FPU includes your member workbook and a year of free online resources through Financial Peace Membership. Our first Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University is going well so we are going to offer it **AGAIN** this January 2020. Please be in contact with Lee and Pam Wilkerson at 863-221-2006 or email wilkeglk@verizon.net as we firm up a night that is best for all.



COMPANY IS COMING THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7! WE ARE HOSTING THE PRESBYTERY OF TAMPA BAY

Our friends and colleagues in ministry across the Presbytery of Tampa Bay will be meeting in our midst on **Thursday, November 7** and we are needing lots of hands to be sure First Pres is a welcoming place!

Sign-up sheets are in McLeod Hall for all the various volunteers we will be needing that day. We will be needing folks to help with parking, preparing and clean-up of lunch, registration, and other needs. Check the list and add your name! Any questions, please talk with Jane Ray or MaryBess Thompson.



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 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.



ARE YOU READING FOR THE NEXT ODD MONTH THIRD THURSDAY AT 3 BOOK CLUB? November 21

Christmas A Biography, by Judith Flanders.



NEXT PRAYER SHAWL MEETING IS MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25

The prayer shawl group needs you! We meet the **4th Monday** of the month at **10:00 am** in McLeod Hall to knit/crochet together. We would love to have you come to our meetings. But... you don't need to be able to meet with us to participate.

You can knit or crochet at home. There is lots of yarn in the closet at the church. So please help us bring comfort to others with the lap robes and prayer shawls that we create. Any pattern you would like to use would be fine, but we usually keep things pretty simple.

We want to continue to be able to meet the need for the prayer shawls so your help will be greatly appreciated! Call the church office at 294-3121 if you have questions.



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 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.



ANGELS CARE CENTER OF ELOISE Angel Collection Box Needs

There is an ongoing need for the following items to give out at the Angels Care Center. Please leave items in the Angel Collection Box in McLeod Hall. Thank YOU, and God Bless!!!

First Aid Kits: washcloths, band-aids, wet wipes, small soaps, small antibacterial soap, Q-tips, small packets of antibiotic ointment, etc.

Children's "Jesus Kits": coloring sheets with Biblical themes, crayons, scripture/song cards (simple and short for children), small books, stickers, etc.

Toiletry Kits: shampoo, soap, deodorant, razors, feminine products, combs, washcloths, hand gel, lotion, toothbrush and toothpaste, small samples from hotel/motels, etc.



HAVE YOU LOST GLASSES...

Prescription, reading, or sunglasses?

Maybe it was last week, last month, or even last year. If so, we could have them
We have a collection that has been found over time and would like to find their rightful homes.

Please check the desk next to the maintenance office.



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 213 bag lunches
the week of 10/7/19.

Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 105 people on 10/5/19.

Return Service Requested

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.