



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

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### YOU'RE INVITED TO ATTEND!

Please join us for a program to assist in life topics presented by the **Honorable Judge Kelly Butz**, sponsored by the First Presbyterian Church Stephen Ministry Program.



Included in the evening program:

Someone has died – who are the heirs

Advantages of having a will or a trust

What happens when there's no will

General principles of probate ... and other topics of interest.

Whether or not you attended the Five Wishes program last year dealing with end of life issues, you won't want to miss this program!

**Tuesday, October 23 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.**

Being held at the Golden Center youth house, 711 6<sup>th</sup> Street, NW.

Desserts served!

Please call the Church Office for reservations: 294-3121 or

Email: [office@firstpreswh.org](mailto:office@firstpreswh.org)

\*\*\*This program is not designed to give legal advice. Attendees should seek their own legal and accounting counsel. A special thanks to the Honorable Judge Kelly Butz for her assistance and oversight in the development of this program.



### FALL FEST IS OCTOBER 24 AT 6:30 PM Cake Door Prize & 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 Give Away, so if baking is your gift (cakes or pies) consider creating a cake for us to give as door prize!



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](mailto:sbishop@firstpreswh.org) or by calling 863-294-3121.

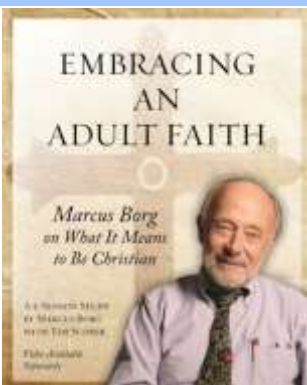


### NEW ADULT FAITH FORMATION CLASS STARTING Sunday, Oct. 28 at 9:30 a.m. in CE Room 207

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?

In this five-session, faith-formation resource, 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 the dialogue with **Bill Lockhart** starting **Sunday, October 28 at 9:30 a.m.** in CE Room 207.



# OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

## Sunday, October 21

### 3 Cents-a-Meal

- 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 (CE)
- 10:30 a.m. Called Session (ER)
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
- 3:00 p.m. Youth Set Up Fall Fest (MH)
- 4:00 p.m. Praise Band (Sanctuary)
- 5:30 p.m. High School Youth Group (GC)

## Monday, October 22

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

## Tuesday, October 23

- 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (MCR)
- 12:00 p.m. Men's Lunch (MH)
- 6:00 p.m. Q & A with Kelly Butz (GC)

## Wednesday, October 24

- 8:45 a.m. Morning Out Mom (CE)
- 5:30 p.m. Fall Fest (MH)
- 5:30 p.m. Community Outreach (MCR)

## Thursday, October 25

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

## Friday, October 26

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

## Saturday, October 27

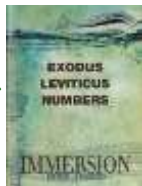
- 2:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen Prep (Kitchen)
- 4:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen (737)

## 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 is Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.,  
October 17; November 7 & 14  
then again, December 5, 12, & 19.

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

## 3 CENTS-A-MEAL THIS SUNDAY

We will collect the 3 Cents-a-Meal  
Hunger Offering during worship services  
this SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21.

This offering is divided between our Soup  
Kitchen/Bag Lunch Ministry, Beth-El Farm  
-workers Ministry, and Honduras.



# Remember in Prayer

## MEMBERS

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

IN THE HOSPITAL: Bill Everhart

## Relatives & Friends

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|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 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 Szarfarski          | Wade Hoffman's friend                |
| Connie Flannigan         | Marile Week'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             |
| Jim Smathers             | Tom & Jeri Oldt's friend             |
| Arnie Spangers           | Marile Weeks' friend                 |
| Tibbs Swick              | Amanda Olmert's father               |
| Kristy Turner            | Rick & Pat Reass' daughter           |

## MILITARY

- |                    |                       |
|--------------------|-----------------------|
| 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        |                       |



## DO YOU KNOW...

What's happening at First Pres on  
Saturday, December 8 at 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. in the evening?

**Hint:** It takes place under the stars and features  
Biblical characters, live animals and music.

**Answer:** Of course, it's "Come to the Stable and Bethlehem Square" - but you knew that!



### Here's some important NEW info on CTTS:

CASTING SIGN-UP for CTTS begins on Sunday morning, October 21<sup>st</sup> in the sanctuary foyer.

All ages should check out the casting list; then sign up to be a particular character and become a cast member!

Or children can sign-up at Fall Fest on October 24 for the 6:30 p.m. CTTS Children's Performance – stop by the CTTS table, sign-up for a particular character and get a special treat.

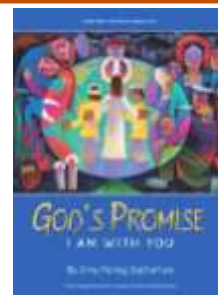
## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN BIBLE STUDY

The Lydia and Joy circles are studying:  
*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** meets on the **3rd Tuesday** of each month and will meet **November 20 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.



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

November 19: *The 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 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.

## WE HAVE A NEW WAY OF GIVING!

# ONLINE

*Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7*

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!

- 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](mailto:rmiller@firstpreswh.org).

## HEY MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOLERS!

Ever wonder what it's like for children all over the world, living in different circumstances? Join us for *The Compassion Experience*.

What is The Compassion Experience? This free event features an interactive journey through the true stories of children living in developing countries like the Philippines, Kenya, Uganda, and the Dominican Republic. In over 2,000 square feet of interactive exhibit space, visitors will step inside homes, markets, and schools — without getting on a plane. Each child's story starts in poverty but ends in hope.



Middle and high school youth are invited to join us **October 21** as we travel to First Baptist Church at the Mall. There is NO COST and dinner will be provided!

Students will meet in McLeod Hall at **3 p.m.** to help setup for our fall festival. We will then proceed to the event and be back at the YOUTH HOUSE at 7:45pm.

Please RSVP in person or contact Leonard Mosiah at [leonardmosiah@gmail.com](mailto:leonardmosiah@gmail.com) or 312-678-7764.

# JOIN US ON SUNDAYS!!!

## 8:00 a.m. Chapel Worship

A traditional worship service held in our chapel. The service follows the same order as the 11:00 a.m. 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 - 10:15 a.m. 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 a.m. Sanctuary Worship

A traditional worship service held in our sanctuary. The service follows the same order as the 8:00 a.m. 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 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.



**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](mailto: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 202 bag lunches  
the week of 10/8/18.

**Return Service Requested**

### Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 100 people on 10/13/18.

## My Favorite Christmas 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 the song title and thought the insertion of "Christmas" would be an appropriate theme for the 2018 Advent Devotional.

The *theme* for the 2018 Advent Devotional is "*My Favorite Christmas Things*". 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 favorite thing might be a must see every year movie, singing Christmas carols, your favorite ugly sweater, Christmas decoration or ornaments, the family gatherings, the food. The possibilities are endless.



"*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 by calling Alan at 294-3121. You can email your submission to office@firstpreswh.org. If you have a personal photo you would like to include, please attach to your email or bring it by the office to be scanned. Submissions will be due November 1. Thank you!