



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

## Tower Chimes

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### 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](mailto:esnyder@firstpreswh.org) or (863)224-4403.

### FALL FEST

### THIS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 5 -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.

## 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.

# OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

## Sunday, October 27

- 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)
- 5:00 pm Fall Fest (MH)
- 5:00 pm High School Youth Group (GC)

## Monday, October 28

- 8:45 am MOM (CE)
- 10:00 am Prayer Shawl (MH)
- 5:30 pm World Mission (MCR)

## Tuesday, October 29

- 9:00 am Staff Meeting (MCR)
- 12:00 pm Men's Lunch (MH)
- 5:00 pm Stephen Minister Leaders (MH)
- 6:00 pm Stephen Ministers (MH)
- 6:15 pm Worship & Music (UR)

## Wednesday, October 30

- 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 (ER)
- 6:00 pm Chancel Bells (MS)
- 7:00 pm Choir (MS)

## Thursday, October 31

- 12:00 pm Chapel Bells (MS)

## Friday, November 1

- 8:45 am MOM (CE)
- 5:00 pm Praise Band (Sanctuary)

## Saturday, November 2

- 2:00 pm Soup Kitchen Prep (Kitchen)
- 4:00 pm Soup Kitchen (737)

# Remember in Prayer

## MEMBERS

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

IN THE HOSPITAL: Melvin Anderson

## Relatives & Friends

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

## 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!**



## MILITARY

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	

## NEXT PRAYER SHAWL MEETING IS MONDAY, OCTOBER 28

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.



## 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.



## SEWING FOR HONDURAS

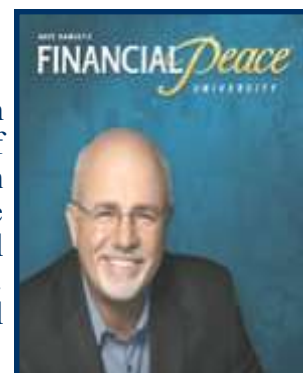
It's time to start sewing for 2020 summer trip to Honduras. No experience needed. Sewing machines and material furnished. We will be sewing girls sundresses and book bags or back packs. We will meet in the morning every other week (days to be decided ) in the Girl Scout House

Please sign one of the interest sheets are available in the Narthex and McLeod hall. You will be contacted to work out details. If you have question, please call Sharon Mitchell 419-332-5268



## 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](mailto:wilkeglk@verizon.net) as we firm up a night that is best for all.



## 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



### CHRIST KIDS!

Christ Kids – our faith-filled and safe after-school program for children 4 years through 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.



### AVAILABLE FOR LOAN



Over the years, church members have donated wheelchairs, walkers, shower chairs, potty chairs, and other medical equipment to the church and they are available to loan people in the First Pres family who have a short-term need.

If you wish to borrow some useful equipment, contact the church office at 294-3121 and a staff member can help you go through available items.



## 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](mailto: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.



## SOUND BOARD OPERATORS WANTED

If technology is your thing, we have a place for you in our musical praise!! We are in need of people who would like to learn about our sound system and help during the worship services to make sure all our praise is heard! We will be holding a training session, so **contact Lynn at 701-570-1485** and let her know if you are willing to join the Sunday rotation in the sound booth. **PLEASE!!**



# NOVEMBER

## *Birthdays*

11/1	George Butz Benjamin Jax Judith Suprina	11/10	Bob Mishael Padgell Palo Greg Prather		Elaine Dustin Marie Williams
11/2	Ellen Miller Amanda Plowden	11/11	Cheryl Beckert Zane McCann Rosalind McCoy	11/21	Charley Chilton Jay Pearson George Seagraves
11/3	Stephany Alexander Erin Miller Connie Shipley Karla von Hahmann	11/12	Judith Shull Ellie Hoagland Bob Howard	11/22	Clyde Greene Greg Marrs Mandy Matha Steve Negley Suzann Threadgill
11/4	Bruce Houston	11/13	Dru Gainey Gary Gardner Sy Gray IV Carol Lind	11/23	Preston Allen Kim Zimmerman
11/5	Joyce Shirah Missie Snively Jakson Thibodaux	11/14	Carol Lind Ricky Montney, III	11/24	Jonathan McKee
11/6	Amanda Price Hanley Renney	11/15	Phyllis Legg Carly Salomon Hope Stapor Judy Winfree	11/25	Sharon Bogey
11/7	Jennifer Dismuke Patti Herndon Nikki Hoagland Josh Lockhart	11/16	Camron Weeks	11/26	Paula Forrest Penn Tucker
11/8	Ben Crowder Jimmy Hankin Chris Larson Judie Tucker	11/17	Henry Braun Jaleeann Johnston	11/27	David Dershimer Tracy Mercer Chuck Tate
11/9	Carolyn Hatch Carole Marotti Amy Speer	11/18	Judy Partridge	11/28	Debora Pearson Bliss Roe Louise Volpe
11/10	Beth Luxford	11/19	Leonard Gann Will Rowker Christopher Turner	11/29	Jackson Gainey
		11/20	Audrey Bowlin	11/30	Bob Hubbard
		11/20	Todd Dantzer		

## *Anniversaries*

11/1	Joni & Leonard Gann Nancy & Ken Jorgensen	11/22	Marie & Roger Able
11/8	Mary Ann & James Koon	11/23	Punkin & Squire Smith
11/9	Lesley & Andy Johnston	11/25	Deborah & Terry Rayfield
11/16	Laura & James Powell	11/26	Cynthia & Stephen Saterbo
11/17	Karen & Tony Premuto	11/27	Gayle & Bill Johnston Arletta & Joe Oriani
11/18	Kathryn & Kevin Thomas	11/30	Janet & Michael Lawlor
11/20	Kelly & Hamp Walker		

# 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-5<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.weareSparkhouse.org).

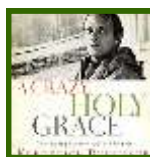
## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

### 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*. 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.



## **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 in CE 207. You can pick up your copy of the book and study guide for \$10.00 before class.

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

Youth grades 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, 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 220 bag lunches  
the week of 10/14/19.

#### Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 100 people on 10/12/19.

#### Return Service Requested

«Mailing Name»

«Address 1»

«City», «State» «Zip»

## HEY EVERYONE!

## JOIN THE FUNTIMERS FOR CITRUS NIGHT!

**Monday, November 18 at 6 pm** in McLeod Hall,  
Glenn Thomas will present a program on the  
history and future of citrus in Florida.

Joyce Snively will cater a delicious  
dinner with a citrus focus. The cost is \$15  
and is payable at the door.

To sign-up, call the church office at  
294-3121, email to [office@firstpreswh.org](mailto:office@firstpreswh.org),  
sign-up at the FunTimers display in  
McLeod Hall, or fill out this tear-off and  
drop it in the offering plate or by the office.



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

# Attending: \_\_\_\_\_