



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

Tower Chimes

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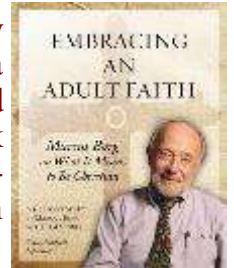
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NEW ADULT FAITH FORMATION CLASS STARTING Sunday, Oct. 28 at 9:30 a.m. in CE Room 207

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.

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!



OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, October 28

- 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)
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
- 4:00 p.m. Praise Band (Sanctuary)
- 5:30 p.m. High School Youth Group (GC)

Monday, October 29

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

Tuesday, October 30

- 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (MCR)
- 12:00 p.m. Men's Lunch (MH)
- 1:15 p.m. PW Bible Study Leaders (MCR)
- 6:15 p.m. Worship & Music (UR)

Wednesday, October 31

- 8:45 a.m. Morning Out Mom (CE)
- 5:00 p.m. MSYG Music (Sanctuary)
- 5:30 p.m. MSYG (GC)
- 6:00 p.m. Chancel Bells (MS)
- 7:00 p.m. Choir (MS)

Thursday, November 1

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

Friday, November 2

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

Saturday, November 3

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

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.

Miscellaneous: zip lock bags (gallon, quart and snack size).

Remember in Prayer

MEMBERS

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

Relatives & Friends

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| Wendie Andrews | Augie Andrews' friend |
| 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 Szarflarski | Wade Hoffman's friend |
| Connie Flannigan | Marile Week's friend |
| Thomas & Carolyn Francis | Jim Francis' brother & sister-in-law |
| Alicia Gliko | 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 |
| 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 |
| Marshall Wood's family | Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend |



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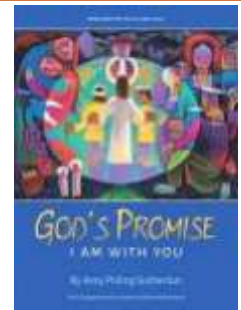
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| Zach Anaya | Sean Harp |
| Brenden Anderson | David Knowles |
| Christian Anderson | John Marotti |
| Samuel Crockett | Mathew Massam |
| Zach Drum | Ryan Peardon |
| Til Fellows | KaitLin Marotti-Pitts |
| Robert Ferguson | Ashton Pitts |
| Stephanie Gillie | Shad Skinner |
| Eddie Gray | Drew Stapor |
| Daniel Harp | |

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN BIBLE STUDY

The Lydia and Joy circles current Bible study:
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 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.



In January, 2019, OMOM Book Club becomes
OMTT3 Book Club: Odd Month - Third Thursday at 3 Book Club.

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

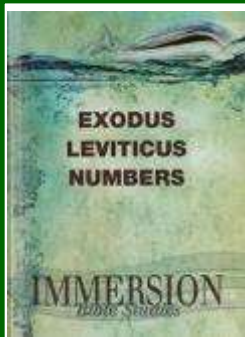
Immersion

Join our **Wednesday** evening Bible study.

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., November 7 & 14**
then again, December 5, 12, & 19.

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



Remember the fun times in High School or College Band?

You have the chance to recreate the great friendships and revive your musical skills with the *First Pres Christmas Band!* We can definitely use current High School players too!

If you play any kind of wind instrument, even if it has been a few years, please give Lynn a call at 294-3121. We have found some excellent arrangements of Christmas Carols that should be well within the skills of a High School band person and there will be several instruments on the same part so it will be a fantastic time to get back in the musical groove and share your talent and praise for our Christmas program on the afternoon of **December 16.** We should be able to find you an instrument if you no longer have one of your own. If you currently have an instrument in a closet somewhere that no one is playing, please bring it in so we can get it cleaned up and used!





MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH WINTER RETREAT!

Cedarkirk: January 19-21, 2019

Come join us on our First Pres Student Winter Retreat! We will be going to Cedarkirk and staying in the climate-controlled lodging. We would love to see you during this amazing weekend of fun, memories, and an opportunity to grow closer to God. Fun activities include canoeing, campfires, wall climbing, zip lines, and more! This trip is under your own student leadership, so you know it will be fun and relaxed.

Please **RSVP by November 8** by contacting Leonard at 312-678-7764 or leonardmosiah@gmail.com. The cost is just \$125 per person which covers transportation, lodging, and meals.

WE NEED YOUR PHOTOS!

Do you have any church related photos such as FunTimers, middle or high school youth groups, working in the flower beds, Sunday school, the Connection, women's circles, Fall Fest, Christ Kids?

The possibilities are endless.

Please email to cshipley@firstpreswh.org or call Connie at 294-3121 to make other arrangements.



DON'T FORGET THE ANGEL VAN MINISTRY



The Angel Van is a service deacons provide for adults who have no means of transportation to and from our Sunday worship. Those who would like to take advantage of this service need to call the office at 294-3121 by noon on Fridays. Your request will be relayed to the deacon driving on that Sunday and the deacon will contact you by telephone on Saturday to confirm your desire to be transported and to arrange the time of pick up for our 10:30 a.m. service. Please let us know if we can be of service to you.

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 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.

FUNTIMERS NOVEMBER OUTING Free Food AND Music

Join us **Sunday, November 4** after our First Sunday First Pres Fellowship Luncheon in McLeod. Then, our church van and bus will leave at **1:00 p.m.** for the **Bartow Adult Concert Band** performance. This is the 29th season of 60 Musicians playing "Pops Concert Music". The concert is free, starts at 2:30 p.m., and lasts one hour.



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: _____

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Janie Hammette
9600 W. Lake Ruby Drive
Winter Haven, FL 33884
324-3009



Charlie & Cindy Curry
114 Odin Drive
Winter Haven, FL 33884
326-9881

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 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.

NOVEMBER

Birthdays

11/1	George Butz Benjamin Jax Judith Suprina	11/11	Cheryl Beckert Zane McCann Rosalind McCoy Judith Shull	11/21	Charley Chilton Jay Pearson George Seagraves
11/2	Ellen Miller Amanda Plowden	11/12	Ellie Hoagland	11/22	Clyde Greene Greg Marrs Mandy Matha Steve Negley Morris Reddout Suzann Threadgill
11/3	Stephany Alexander Erin Miller Connie Shipley Karla von Hahmann	11/13	Dru Gainey Gary Gardner Sy Gray IV Carol Lind	11/23	Preston Allen Kim Zimmerman
11/5	Missie Snively	11/14	Jason Upfield	11/24	Adam Hahn Jonathan McKee
11/6	Amanda Price Hanley Renney	11/15	Phyllis Legg Carly Salomon Hope Stapor Judy Winfree	11/25	Sharon Bogey
11/7	Patti Herndon Nikki Hoagland Josh Lockhart	11/16	Cameron 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	Aaron Andrews Judy Partridge	11/28	Debora Pearson Bliss Roe Louise Volpe
11/10	Beth Luxford Bob Mishael Padgell Palo	11/19	Leonard Gann Will Rowker Christopher Turner	11/29	Jackson Gainey Wade Groetsch
11/10	Greg Prather	11/20	Todd Dantzer Elaine Dustin Marie Williams	11/30	Bob Hubbard Tish Turner

Anniversaries

11/1	Joni & Leonard Gann Nancy & Ken Jorgensen	11/20	Kelly & Hamp Walker
11/8	Mary Ann & James Koon	11/22	Marie & Roger Able
11/9	Lesley & Andy Johnston	11/23	Punkin & Squire Smith
11/12	Janet & Bob Howard Kay & Jay Stine	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

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 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.

Adopted by Session, 2003

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Summer months and holidays published bi-weekly.

Church dated material, please deliver by 10/26/18.

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Bag Lunch Ministry

We gave out 213 bag lunches
the week of 10/15/18.

Return Service Requested

Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 100 people on 10/20/18.

DO YOU KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FIRST PRES 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 21st 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.

There are roles for angels, shepherds, wise men, and even for members of the Holy family.

See you there!

