



# TOWER CHIMES

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WINTER HAVEN  
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## TRUNK OR TREAT IS HERE!



We are excited about another incredible afternoon of games, candy, and community outreach as we host our annual Trunk Or Treat **this Sunday, October 30 from 4:30 - 6 pm.**

Last year, we welcomed over 300 guests in a great event focused on fellowship and sharing more about our church family. We hope that you will make time to swing by and check out all the fun.

If you are interested in participating, come in your favorite costume and collect candy from creatively decorated trunks. Thinking about bringing your trunk to join in the fun? There is still time to sign up with the church office. Finally, if you can't join us that day but would like to help out, we would welcome your donation of a bag of candy in McLeod Hall.

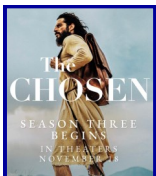
Please come join the fun! Any questions can be sent to John at [jreiter@firstpreswh.org](mailto:jreiter@firstpreswh.org).

## BACH FESTIVAL CHOIR



We are excited to be hosting the **Bach Festival Choir** for a concert on **Sunday, November 6 at 4 pm.** Come hear some beautiful Baroque music performed by a choir, chamber orchestra and solo classical guitar. The theme of the concert is Bach's rendition of the hymn "A Mighty Fortress is Our God." A reception will follow. Hope to see you there!

## JOIN US FOR THE SEASON 3 PREMIERE OF THE CHOSEN



Our Bible Study group has finished seasons 1 and 2 of this film/discussion series. The first two episodes of the new season are being released in theaters on **Friday, November 18.** A group from the church plans to attend the **7:00 pm** showing at Eagle Ridge Mall. Tickets are \$16 per person. If you would like to join us, contact Amy McKee at 863-651-2039.

## OUR PURPOSE STATEMENT

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.*

## STAFF

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## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Sunday, October 30

- 9:00 am Heart of Worship  
(Sanctuary/Facebook Live)
- 9:15 am Children Sunday School (CE 206)
- 10:10 am Adult Bible Study (MH)
- 11:00 am Traditional Worship  
(Sanctuary/Facebook Live)
- 4:30 pm Trunk Or Treat (PL)

### Monday, October 31

- 8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CE)

### Tuesday, November 1

- 9:00 am Staff Meeting (MH)
- 12:00 pm Men's Lunch (MH/Zoom)
- 6:30 pm Session (MH)

### Wednesday, November 2

- 8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CE)
- 3:30 pm Christ Kids (CE)
- 5:30 pm Middle School Youth Group (GC)
- 6:00 pm Chancel Bells (BR)
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir (MS)

### Thursday, November 3


- 1:15 pm Chapel Bells (BR)

### Friday, November 4

- 8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CE)
- 2:00 pm Praise Band Practice (Sanctuary)

### Saturday, November 5

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



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR  
THESE UP-COMING 10 AM  
SINGLE WORSHIP SERVICES**  
  
**November 20    December 18**

## SAVE THE DATE



The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated **Sunday, November 27, the first Sunday of Advent**. Prepare your heart to come to the Lord's Table.

## MILITARY

- |                    |                 |               |
|--------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Zach Anaya         | Eddie Gray      | Mathew Massam |
| Brenden Anderson   | Daniel Harp     | Jet Sanderson |
| Christian Anderson | Sean Harp       | Diane Secord  |
| Zach Drum          | David Knowles   | Shad Skinner  |
| Robert Ferguson    | John Marotti    | Drew Stapor   |
| Stephanie Gillie   | KaitLin Marotti |               |



## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

### MEMBERS

- |                    |                     |                       |
|--------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Ann Adams          | Pam Gray            | Jackie Pinkney        |
| Debbie Anderson    | Jane Hayman         | John & Marilyn        |
| Pat Berrell        | Frances Heath       | Schleifer             |
| Bill Brack         | Jim Huff            | George Seagreaves     |
| Helen Champlain    | Scott & Becky Irvin | Dick Shaw             |
| Charlie Darte      | Jill Kosmensky      | Joyce Shirah          |
| Marjorie DiLorenzo | Dena Lancashire     | Susan Singleton       |
| Zan Dismuke        | Ray & Gladys Larson | Dale Smith            |
| Rob Donaldy        | Pat McCarty         | Katie Sparr           |
| Dana Elmore        | Dick McCauley       | Barbara Tackett       |
| Bill Everhart      | Pat Miller          | Pam Tallent-Blackburn |
| Rossanne Gorsky    | Edna Mitchell       | Mike Vibral           |
| Lynne Grady        | Jeri & Tom Oldt     | Pat Vobornik          |

### FAMILY & FRIENDS

- Billy Bennett..... Rossanne Gorsky  
 Philip Burkhardt ..... Lynn Oakley's friend  
 Rick Colen ..... Rossanne Gorsky's friend  
 Bill Fisher ..... Becky Everhart & Rob Donaldy's cousin  
 Flo McNeer Hamilton ..... Peggy Davis' friend  
 Jim & Belinda Hurst ..... Tom & Jeri Oldt's friends  
 Kevin Jackson ..... Doris Brack's friend  
 Jim Joiner ..... Ann Meadows' friend  
 Reed & Trish Layne ..... Larry Davis' friends  
 Khyla Martinez ..... Jim & Anne Montgomery's granddaughter  
 Dwight McKee ..... Greg Marrs' uncle  
 Jackie & Harold Murphy ..... Lynn Oakley's friend  
 Christy Noll ..... John & Gail Van Allen's niece  
 Brynne Nowroozi ..... Cindy Curry's friend  
 Les & Alison O'Neal ..... Sandra Hoffman's friends  
 Carol Redner ..... Rossanne Gorsky's friend  
 Myra Shelton ..... Punkin Smith's friend  
 Jack Snively ..... Bob & Lisa Endres' friend  
 Seretha Tinsley ..... Tom & Jeri Oldts' friend  
 Jess Wilkinson ..... Lee Wilkinson's brother

### PLEASE NOTE

We update the Family & Friends prayer list periodically. If there is someone who needs to remain on the list, please call the church office.

## SYMPATHIES



Our Christian sympathy goes to **Ann Adams** upon the death of her husband, **John Adams**, who died on Monday, October 17, 2022.

Our heart felt sympathy goes to **Debbie Anderson** upon the death of her mother, **Betty Dezarn Gilliam**, who died on Thursday, October 20, 2022.

## COME HELP US DECK THE HALLS!



Following our **10 am** single worship service on **November 20**, we invite you to stay to help decorate the sanctuary and church interior for the upcoming Advent and Christmas seasons. We will join together in McLeod Hall for a quick lunch and then the decorating will begin. Come enjoy food and fellowship as we prepare our church and our hearts for the coming of Christ.

## MEN'S LUNCH GROUP



Every **Tuesday**, the men of the church gather from **12:00-1:00 pm** for lunch together in McLeod Hall. This fellowship group offers men an opportunity to build friendships and grow in faith.

We hope that you will join us. This gathering is hybrid; meaning you can come in person or join by Zoom. To receive the Zoom invite, please contact the office by phone or email and ask to be added to the list.

## CHRIST'S KIDS



Our faith-based after-school program, Christ's Kids, meets on **Wednesdays** at **3:30 pm** on the playground.

Kids, PreK through 5<sup>th</sup> grade, are invited to join. Visit our website for more information and this year's registration form. Contact Rev. Sarah with any questions at [sbishop@firstpreswh.org](mailto:sbishop@firstpreswh.org).

## CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children's Sunday School for PreK thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade has begun and meets in the Christian Education Building, Room 206, **from 9:15 to 10 am.**



Join the fun on Sunday mornings following the Time with Younger Disciples in the Heart of Worship service. Sunday School does not meet on Single Service Sundays.

## ARCHAEOLOGY OF THE BIBLE ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL



Our Adult Sunday School class, meeting in the Geneva Room from **10:10 till 10:50 am**, continues its exploration of the history and

archaeology of the Bible. Every Sunday, historians and archaeologists, connect the biblical story with the larger historic world, ancient literature, and archaeological findings. Join this fascinating class's interactive time with guided conversation and visits from our pastors to answer your questions. Note, no class on single service Sundays.

## YOUTH GROUPS

The **Middle School Youth Group** meets on **Wednesdays** from **5:30** until **7:30 pm.**

The **High School Youth Group** meets **Sundays**, from **5:30** until **7:30 pm.**



Come join us for another awesome year of food, fellowship, and faith building in the Golden Center youth house! If you have any questions or would like to sign up to provide a meal for our students, please contact Emily Snyder at 863-224-4403 or [esnyder@firstpreswh.org](mailto:esnyder@firstpreswh.org).

## YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!



Our Soup Kitchen provides an incredible outreach and positive impact in our community. Every Saturday, this church helps to feed 80-100 hungry people. For many, this meal is one of the few of significant substance that they will eat all week.

Many of our members volunteer just a few hours of their time to help prepare the food and serve those in need. **We currently have November 26, and all of December dates available.** If you have never helped before or have questions, fear not, our Deacons can address any uncertainties and help you feel comfortable in serving.

Interested in learning more or signing up? Contact the church office, any of our Deacons, or check out the sign-up sheet in McLeod Hall.

## CONTACT INFORMATION UPDATES



The past year has reminded us all of the importance of staying in touch with those we care about. We are always looking to keep our directory current and are seeking to make sure we have your current information on file.

If you have a new phone number, home address, email, or additional contact info (such as a seasonal address), please contact the church office so we can make sure you stay informed. Thank you.

## DID YOU KNOW YOU CAN TEXT TO GIVE?



To donate, you will text a **keyword**, (those options are below and special events will be added as they come.), then a **space**, and an **amount** to **863-243-6880**. Example: Text keyword **3cents 5** for gifting \$5 to *3 Cents-a-Meal*. An auto-response will confirm your gift offering. Respond **Y** to confirm and send. Save this number as a contact for future giving.

### Keywords are:

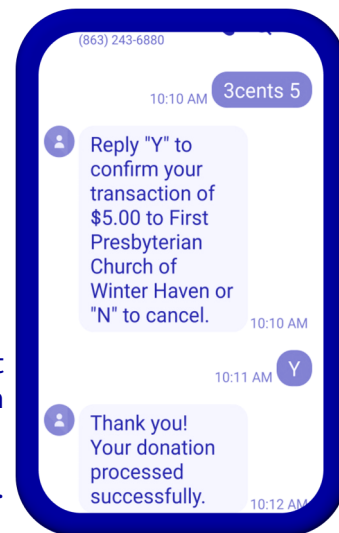
- Pledged (for your offering to be credited to your pledged amount for the current year)
- Offering (Non-pledge or undesignated gifts)
- Music (for Capital Music Campaign Organ/Music)
- 3cents (for 3 Cents-a-Meal)
- Memorial (for when donating in memory of someone)
- Special (for all other donations; example 1 time events)

If you are donating through Text To Give for the first time, you will receive a text containing a link to login or create your Secure Give account. Please save that login information.

You will then be asked to save your default payment information for giving by text. The system will confirm your donation and you will receive an email receipt.

The only time that you should have to enter your login or card information is the first time you donate through Text to Give. After your first transaction, your Secure Give account and card information will be recognized automatically and you will simply reply **Y**.

The next time you would like to give by text, simply type the keyword and amount to the number above and you will receive a request to confirm with **Y**.



## YOU CAN HELP SUPPORT YOUR CHURCH...

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## HOW TO EASILY ACCESS SECURE GIVE

Go to our Church website 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>.

Robin Miller is available to assist you during office hours or email [rmiller@firstpreswh.org](mailto:rmiller@firstpreswh.org).



# NOVEMBER

## BIRTHDAYS

11/1	George Butz Judith Suprina	11/9	Carole Marotti Amy Speer	11/20	Todd Dantzler
11/2	Ellen Miller	11/10	Beth Luxford Padgell Palo Greg Prather	11/21	Charley Chilton George Seagraves
11/3	Stephany Alexander Erin Miller Connie Shipley	11/11	Zane McCann	11/22	Clyde Greene Greg Marrs Mandy Matha Steve Negley Suzann Threadgill
11/4	Bruce Houston	11/12	Ellie Hoagland Bob Howard	11/23	Preston Allen Kim Zimmerman
11/5	Joyce Shirah Missie Snively Jakson Thibodaux	11/13	Dru Gainey Gary Gardner Sy Gray IV Carol Lind	11/24	Jonathan McKee
11/6	Hanley Renney	11/14	Ricky Montney, III	11/25	Sharon Bogey
11/7	Patti Herndon Nikki Hoagland Josh Lockhart	11/15	Hope Stapor Judy Winfree	11/26	Paula Forrest Penn Tucker
11/8	Mia Cinquanti Ben Crowder Jimmy Hankin Chris Larson Tonia Milbry Judie Tucker	11/16	Cameron Weeks	11/27	David Dersheimer Tracy Mercer Chuck Tate
11/9	McKenzie Cinquanti	11/17	Jaleeann Johnston	11/28	Bliss Roe Louise Volpe
		11/18	Judy Partridge	11/29	Jackson Gainey
		11/19	Leonard Gann Will Rowker	11/30	Karla von Hahmann
		11/20	Audrey Bowlin		

## ANNIVERSARIES

11/1	Joni & Leonard Gann	11/23	Punkin & Squire Smith
11/8	Mary Ann & James Koon	11/26	Cynthia & Stephen Saterbo
11/9	Lesley & Andy Johnston	11/27	Gayle & Bill Johnston Arletta & Joe Oriani
11/16	Laura & James Powell	11/30	Janet & Michael Lawlor
11/17	Karen & Tony Premuto		
11/18	Kathryn & Kevin Thomas		

## STRESSED? FEELING DOWN? NEED ENCOURAGEMENT?



Stephen Ministers don't just provide care for people experiencing a major crisis. They also provide care and support for people weighed down by the little things in life. If you (or someone you know) are feeling down, lonely, stressed or discouraged, you could benefit from the care, support, and encouragement of a Stephen Minister. It's free. It's confidential. And it will really make a difference in your life!

To find out more, contact **Connie Shipley** at 863-221-2224 or one of our other Stephen Minister Leaders, **Mary Marrs, Steve Negley, or Barbara Perkins**.

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**This newsletter is published weekly.**  
Church dated material, please deliver by 10/28/22.

**Return Service Requested**

**Bag Lunch Ministry**  
We gave out 168 lunches  
the week of 10/17/22. 

 **Soup Kitchen Ministry**  
We fed 58 people on  
Saturday, 10/22/22.

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN BIBLE STUDIES ARE BACK



The *Lydia* and *Joy* circles have begun a new Bible Study: ***Celebrating Sabbath*** by Carol M. Bechtel.

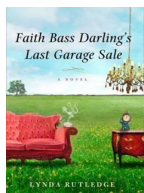
***The Joy Circle*** meets on the **3rd Tuesday** of each month, next meeting **November 15, at 10:00 am** on Carol Carter's back porch.

***The Lydia Circle*** meets on the **3rd Thursday** of each month, next meeting **November 17, at 10:00 am** in McLeod Hall.

The study books are available at a cost of \$10. Contact Lynn Swart at (863)293-5561, Carol Carter at (863)206-7095, or the church office to purchase your copy.

Our circles are open to any and all women of the church interested in fellowship and Bible study.

## BOOK CLUB DECEMBER MEETING MOVED TO JANUARY 16



We invite you to join us on **Monday, January 16 at 3 pm** in McLeod Hall as we discuss ***Faith Bass Darling's Last Garage Sale*** by Lynda Rutledge. We hope you will come together with us for a time of fellowship and discussion of this quirky, humorous, and warm-hearted book.

Contact **Sue Henry** at 863-656-2611 with any questions.