



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

# Tower Chimes

Week of September 23, 2018

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132 Years of Ministry

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## ADULT DISCIPLESHIP ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

**Immersion** - A Wednesday evening Bible study, starting **October 3 at 6 p.m.**

Sundays just not working for you to deepen your faith? Looking for something to feed your soul as middle school youth group meets? Want to try something new? Then grab your Bible and join Rev. Sarah and other leadership for an hour as we dive deep starting with the books of Exodus, Leviticus and Numbers.



Dive dates are: **October 3, 10, & 17; November 7 & 14; December 6, 12, & 19.**



## CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF MINISTRY TOGETHER

What happened in the year 1998?

- ◇ Titanic becomes the first film to gross over \$1 Billion Dollars.
- ◇ Google, Inc, is founded in Menlo Park, California.
- ◇ St. Louis Cardinals first baseman Mark McGwire hits his 62nd home run of the season, breaking a record set in 1961.
- ◇ Hurricane Mitch makes landfall in Central America, killing an estimated 11,000 people.

And, in Winter Haven, Florida, **Rev. C. Alan Harvey** was installed as Associate Pastor on September 15, 1998!

We are planning to celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the start of Dr. Harvey's ministry in our midst on **Sunday, October 7, 2018** with a reception as a part of our First Sunday Luncheon.

The Session is preparing for this memorable day, and would like to invite First Pres members and friends to share their personal stories and memories with cards and notes to be included with other gifts that will be given to Alan at the celebration.

Please plan to join us for the luncheon (**11:15 a.m.**) and reception as we reflect back over 20 wonderful years.



# OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

## Sunday, September 23

- 8:00 a.m. Chapel Worship (Chapel)
- 9:15 a.m. The Connection (MH)
- 9:15 a.m. Heart of Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School (CE)
- 11:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
- 4:00 p.m. Praise Band (Sanctuary)
- 4:00 p.m. Stephen Ministers Fall Gathering (Off-site)
- 5:30 p.m. High School Youth Group (GC)

## Monday, September 24

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

## Tuesday, September 25

- 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (MCR)
- 12:00 p.m. Men's Lunch (MH)
- 5:15 p.m. Stephen Minister Leaders (MH)
- 6:15 p.m. Worship & Music (UR)
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministers (MH)

## Wednesday, September 26

- 8:45 a.m. Morning Out Mom (CE)
- 3:00 p.m. Christ Kids (CE)
- 5:30 p.m. Middle School Youth Group (GC)
- 5:30 p.m. Community Outreach (MCR)
- 6:00 p.m. Chancel Bells (MS)
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir (MS)

## Thursday, September 27

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

## Friday, September 28

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

## Saturday, September 29

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

# Remember in Prayer

## MEMBERS

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

IN THE HOSPITAL: Bill Everhart

## Relatives & Friends

Reese Burdette	Dana Cole's cousin
Katie Carter	Bob & Carol Carter's daughter-in-law
Al Ellis	Jim Threlkel's friend
Dale Szarflarski	Wade Hoffman's friend
Thomas & Carolyn Francis	Jim Francis' brother & sister-in-law
Lynda Giles	Polly Wilson's niece
Alicia Glika	Diane Repass' friend
Diana Hagen & baby Liam	Debbie Anderson's friend
Dolores Hardy	Bill & Becky Everhart's friend
Pat Harmon	Marile Weeks' friend
Kay Heatherington Holt	Bill Everhart's friend
Pete Kent	Charley & Nancy Chilton's nephew
Walter Mayden	Gale Waters' cousin
Mary Linda McCarty	Gale & Gwen Waters' friend
Eve H. Mills	Gannon Olmert's cousin
Stephanie Montgomery	Jean Strang's friend
Kris Polak	Sandy Hoffman's friend
Arnie Spangers	Marile Weeks' friend
Tibbs Swick	Amanda Olmert's father
Blake Szarnak	Rose Flynn's friend
Kristy Turner	Rick & Pat Reass' daughter
Samuel Cole Vibral	Jennifer & Mike Vibral's grandson
Marshall Wood	Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend

## CHRIST KIDS HAS BEGUN



It's hard to believe the new school year is in full swing. And you know what that means?!? A new year of Christ Kids! Our Wednesday after-school program has begun.

Permission slips for kids four years through 5th grade are available on the church website. Download and drop off your form today. And don't forget to invite a friend or two!

Adults interested in volunteering? Call Rev. Sarah at 294-3121 or email her at [sbishop@firstpreswh.org](mailto:sbishop@firstpreswh.org).



Zach Anaya  
Brenden Anderson  
Christian Anderson  
Samuel Crockett  
Zach Drum  
Til Fellows  
Robert Ferguson  
Stephanie Gillie  
Eddie Gray

Daniel Harp  
Sean Harp  
David Knowles  
John Marotti  
Matthew Massam  
Ryan Peardon  
KaitLin Marotti-Pitts  
Ashton Pitts  
Shad Skinner



## FALL FEST IS OCTOBER 24th at 6:30pm Cake Auction & 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 Auction, so if baking is your gift (cakes or pies) consider creating a cake for us to raffle off! 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 or by calling 863-294-3121.

## 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).



## Looking for words to comfort a friend?

When your closest friends, members of your (whatever) club, who you always thought had a good marriage, are getting a divorce: "I heard, and I'm sorry. I'm sure there must be pain. If it helps to talk about it, count me as a friend who is willing to listen and not pass judgment. If you don't want to talk about it, I'll respect that, too."



Bockelman, Wilfred. *Finding the Right Words; Offering Care and Comfort When You Don't Know What to Say*. Minneapolis: Augsburg; 1990.

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## STEPHEN MINISTERS ARE HERE TO HELP

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.

# WE HAVE A NEW WAY OF GIVING!

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, ie. 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).



### 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.

### Fall Educational 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. We'll also be continuing the story with take-home Spark Family pages! Sunday School for preschoolers and kindergartners will meet in Room 101. Our elementary students will meet after music in Room 206. Sunday School starts **Sept. 9 at 9:30 am!**



And don't forget we are practicing each Sunday with Miss Lynn and sharing musical talents on the first Sunday starting **October 7**. On the first Sunday, Sunday School will begin at **9 a.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.**

**Be on the lookout for other adult educational opportunities this fall.**

**Chapel Chats** – A monthly, hour-long exploration of scripture meeting in the Chapel during the week with Dr. Negley. Starting in October. Watch for additional news as we confirm a date and time.

(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 233 bag lunches  
the week of 9/10/18.

### Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 118 people on 9/15/18.

**Return Service Requested**

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN BIBLE STUDY

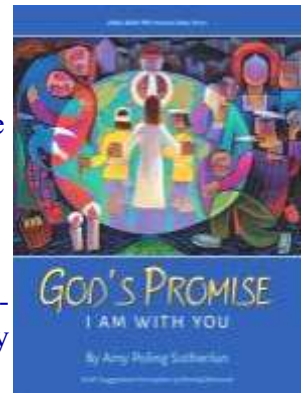
The Lydia and Joy circles will begin a new study this month titled:

*God's Promise – "I Am with You."*

**The Joy Circle** meets on the **3rd Tuesday** of each month and will meet for the first time on **September 18 at 9:30 a.m.** the home of Carol Carter.

**The Lydia Circle** meets on the **2nd Monday** of each month and will meet again on **October 8 at 10 a.m.** in the back of McLeod Hall.

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 NEXT EXCITING FUNTIMERS



Looking for a night full of mystery, interaction and good food? If so, **ALL ADULTS** are invited to help solve the murder as Funtimers presents the murder mystery dinner theater, "Pasta, Passion, and Pistols" at La Speranza restaurant, AKA McLeod Hall on **Monday, October 15, 2018, at 6 p.m.**

Help set the stage and atmosphere by dressing in 1920s fashion if you wish. Cost for the meal catered by Floridino's Italian Kitchen is \$12.00. If you would like to participate as a character please sign up in McLeod Hall on the **separate** sign up sheet. All others can be observers.

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](mailto:office@firstpreswh.org), or filling out this attachment and placing in the offering plate.

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