



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

## Tower Chimes

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133 Years of Ministry

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### THE MEMORIAL GARDEN

**You do not want to miss this event! Monday, September 30 at 6:30 pm.**



**This event will be outside on the veranda overlooking the Memorial Garden.  
Light refreshments will be served.**

**Dr. Steve Negley and Dr. Alan Harvey will be explaining:**

What is the purpose of the Memorial Garden?  
What is Cremation?

Does Cremation take place at the Funeral Home?  
Does Cremation take the place of a Funeral?

How are the remains or "cremains" usually handled?

What are the options for the final disposition of the cremated remains?

What are the religious guidelines towards cremation?  
And more!

Please call the Church Office for reservations: (863) 294-3121 or  
email: [office@firstpreswh.org](mailto:office@firstpreswh.org).

### CALLING ALL YOUTH!!!

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!



### PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN BIBLE STUDY

The Lydia and Joy circles will be joining together this year as we begin a study titled: *"Love Carved in Stone" – A fresh Look at the Ten Commandments.*

We will meet at **9:30 am on Tuesday, October 15** 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.



# OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

## Sunday, September 29

- 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)
- 5:30 pm High School Youth Group (GC)

## Monday, September 30

- 8:45 am MOM (CE)
- 6:30 pm Memorial Garden Program (Veranda)

## Tuesday, October 1

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

## Wednesday, October 2

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

## Thursday, October 3

- 12:00 pm Chapel Bells (MS)

## Friday, October 4

- 8:45 am MOM (CE)

## Saturday, October 5

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



## MILITARY

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

# Remember in Prayer

## MEMBERS

- |                         |                      |                          |
|-------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| Marie Able              | Jane Hayman          | Edna Mitchell            |
| Kathy Andrews           | Joyce Hayman         | Bev Morris               |
| Helen Butz              | Frances Heath        | Nancy Neale              |
| Helen Champlain         | Kay Hedden           | Bill Patchen             |
| Carl Cheatham           | Patti Herndon        | Barbara Roberts          |
| Cindy Curry             | Doris Hill           | Earle Roberts            |
| Charlie Darte           | Bryan Howard         | John & Marilyn Schleifer |
| Dave Davidson           | Bob & Isobel Hubbard | George Seagreaves        |
| Patricia & James Dexter | Jim Huff             | Cash Sheaffer            |
| Marjorie DiLorenzo      | Martha Johnson       | Joyce Shirah             |
| Yolanda Dyer            | Bill Johnston        | Barbara H. Smith         |
| Jana Easterling         | John Kissel          | Joel Smith               |
| Dana Elmore             | Dena Lancashire      | Pete & Missie Snively    |
| Bill Everhart           | Eric Lindstrom       | Christine Stevens        |
| Jim Francis             | Spike Lucia          | Meg & John Strang        |
| Pat Gardner             | Bob McClew           | Pam Tallent-Blackburn    |
| John Gray               | Joan McCollough      | Carolyn Thompson         |
| Pam Gray                | Matt McGaffigan      | Gwen Waters              |
| Bob Hancock             |                      | Sug Zowarka              |

## Relatives & Friends

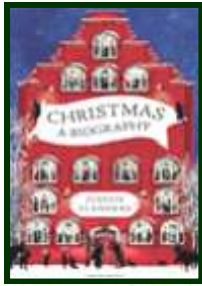
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|--------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Jeff Bronson             | Rose Flynn's brother-in-law              |
| Reese Burdette           | Dana Cole's cousin                       |
| Debra Cain               | Tom & Jeri Oldt's friend                 |
| Joy Cochran              | Bethany Owen's friend                    |
| Drew Croteau             | Pam Gray's son-in-law                    |
| Larry Durrence           | George & Joyce Carefoot's brother-in-law |
| Al Ellis                 | Jim Threlkel's friend                    |
| Dottie Griffith          | Rob Donaldy & Becky Everhart's friend    |
| Doug Heyer               | Susan Singleton's son                    |
| Tynes & Julia Hildebrand | Rick & Pat Reass' friends                |
| Joyce Hoffman            | Wade Hoffman's mother                    |
| Francis Jewell           | Bob & Shirley Hine's friend              |
| Pete Kent                | Charley & Nancy Chilton's nephew         |
| Nathan Leaman            | Lynn Oakley's friend                     |
| Earl Martin              | Les O'Neal's friend                      |
| Carol Moore              | Roger & Marie Able's friend              |
| Shelia Moskowitz         | Nell Speer's friend                      |
| Lettie Lane North        | Jean Strang's sister                     |
| Debbie Rogers            | Lynn Oakley's friend                     |
| Sandy Schwenk            | Zane Schwenk's mother                    |
| Cinda Shelby             | Lynn Oakley's friend                     |
| Arnie Spanjers & family  | Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friends           |
| April Stade              | Pam Gray's friend                        |

## DAVE RAMSEY'S FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

Meets Wednesdays at 6:00 pm in McLeod Hall  
and will run through November 6



Take control of your money with *Financial Peace University (FPU)*! This nine-session course uses biblical wisdom and common sense to help you tackle budgeting, pay off debt, and make your money work for you! FPU includes your member workbook and a year of free online resources through a Financial Peace Membership. Join this FPU group today! Be sure to purchase your member registration online at <https://www.fpu.com/1095087> and then join us. Questions? Contact Lee Wilkinson at 863-221-2006 or [wilkeglk@verizon.net](mailto:wilkeglk@verizon.net).



# START READING FOR THE NEXT BOOK CLUB!

## November 21

### *Christmas A Biography, By Judith Flanders.*

## CAN YOU HELP WITH CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SUPPLIES?

As we start a new school year, what better way to help First Pres continue to be a welcoming and fun church! We need your help! Our Christ Kids, Sunday School and Morning Out Moms program has created an Amazon wish list ([https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1UYO02DN421X0?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1UYO02DN421X0?ref=wl_share)) of new toys, games and supplies to make that space fresh! You can purchase right from the list or use it as a guide to pick something up as you are out and about town.



Questions? Contact Rev. Sarah at [sbishop@firstpreswh.org](mailto:sbishop@firstpreswh.org) or 294-3121.

## CALLING ALL MUSICIANS!



If you love music, we'd love to have you join us! Chancel Choir has started practice after our summer months off. We gather **Wednesdays at 7:00 pm**. The Chancel Bells also practices on **Wednesdays at 6:00 pm**. And the Chapel Bells rehearses on **Thursdays at 1:15 pm**.

Please call Lynn at 701-570-1485 if you are interested in joining a bell group. We are also very appreciative of those who share with special music at our services. So, if you are unable to join us for a regular rehearsal please let Lynn know if you are interested in sharing special music for one of our services.



## HAVE YOU LOST...



A pair of glasses (prescription, reading, or sunglasses), jacket, or sweater? Maybe it was last week, last month or even last year. If so, we could have it. 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. On top you will find various glasses and in the box underneath is a box with clothing.

## OFFICE FURNITURE AVAILABLE!

You may see this furniture in the back of McLeod Hall.

If you are interested, call the church office at 294-3121 or email [office@firstpreswh.org](mailto:office@firstpreswh.org) with you bid.

The money collected will go into our mission fund.



## 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).

# OCTOBER

## *Birthdays*

10/1	Case Emry Ben Garner Nicholas Larson Steve Luxford Ariston Walker Lee Wilkinson	10/9	Scott Scamehorn	10/23	Pat Vobornik
10/2	Ruth Dunham Julia Parrish Dick Shaw Kyle Van Hahmann	10/10	Kasey Ray	10/24	Jenna Volpe
10/3	Mele Souza	10/11	Matthew Gray Ken Hart Lynn Oakley Cori Swango	10/25	Bob Bentley Bill Siegel Mike Tucker
10/4	Pam Baker Karen Gerber Jack Gray Traviss Powell	10/12	Susan Kahley Sue McClew Shannon Trent	10/26	Martha Burke Bill G. Roe, II
10/5	Tilley Montney Jeff Snyder	10/14	Brenda Darte Phillip Elmore	10/27	Brad Maness Leah Melvin Jon Powell
10/6	Karen Alexander Nicole Roe	10/15	Susan Smith	10/29	Julie Dantzler Rossanne Gorsky Martha Johnson James Powell Steve Stapor Gwen Waters
10/7	Whitney Dunham	10/16	Tom Gretencord	10/30	Kathy Lockhart Dick McCauley Mike Seney Pam Wilkinson
10/8	Josh Baker Buddy Kahley Jill Kosmensky Jessica Wilson	10/17	Annette Whitney	10/31	Richard Baker Caitlyn Grady Sara Koon Dorian Miller Ed Mitchell J. P. Powell
10/9	Michael Baragona Laura Gaye Dunham	10/18	Bob Hines Arletta Oriani Brittaney Roe Paula Threadgill		
		10/19	Joan Chilton		
		10/21	Chelle Doyel Ben Pickos		
		10/22	Jonye Briggs Mary Alice Skipper		
		10/23	Mark Bostick Olivia Glenn Howard Rambeau		

## *Anniversaries*

10/1	Mike & Amy McGee	10/20	Buddy & Susan Kahley Brent & Megan Robinson
10/2	Jared & Chalsey Lockhart	10/21	Thom & Amanda Rivers
10/9	Pete & Missie Snively	10/23	Sam & Kristan Sheffield
10/10	Karl & Erin Duce Steven & Chelsey Lockhart Al & Marjorie Porter	10/24	John & Cheryl Marchetti Leland & Elizabeth Miller
10/11	Sam & Ginny Bryant Bill & Susan Taylor	10/25	Gannon & Amanda Olmert
10/15	Keith & Marjorie Putnum	10/26	Scott & Rusty Hart
10/17	Ed & Rossanne Gorsky	10/28	Dick & Anne McCauley
		10/31	Don & Norma Martin

# 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

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

### EMBRACING: FORGIVENESS

WITH BARBARA CAWTHORNE CRAFTON – ROOM 207

Join **Bill Lockhart** and videos with **Barbara Cawthorne Crafton** as we study embracing forgiveness – beginning with clarity that eases the guilt often associated with the lack of forgiveness by saying what it isn't. It is not a job or task; it is not a conditional act to earn God's love. It is, Crafton believes, a spiritual gift given freely by a God who simply wants to connect with us. Over the five-week study, she shows how forgiveness can remove the tumor of anger from our hearts to become a means of grace that gives back our humanity. May the thoughtful insights of this class weigh the transforming power of forgiveness in your own life. (Reminder, this class will not be meeting on the First Sundays.)



## 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.

## 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 191 bag lunches  
the week of 9/16/19.

### Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 80 people on 9/21/19.

**Return Service Requested**

## FUNTIMERS AND ALL FPC SENIORS

**Please sign-up now to take part in this FUN adventure!**

**CedarKirk—Wednesday, October 9**

**Our FPC bus will provide transportation.**

**The bus will leave from FPC at 8:30 am and return about 4:00 pm.**

Join us for this popular annual event and spend the day at Cedarkirk in fellowship with other adults! We will enjoy an engaging speaker, have time to sing together, and an opportunity to explore the camp.

Wear comfortable clothes and shoes since there will be free time available for recreation, rocking on the porch, or exploring camp.

Bring an appetite as well because we'll have breakfast treats and a delicious lunch!

Join us a for a beautiful fall day at Cedarkirk!

The speaker/workshop leader for this year's event is Rev. Ramiro Ros.

Across two workshops, he will trace some of the unlikely characters in Jesus' lineage to encourage each of us to step into the roles God has called us to.

Regardless of where we are in our lives, Rev. Ros will help us identify ways we can make God's plan the central focus of our lives.

**This event is \$20 per person and includes snacks, lunch, and all activities.**

**All our seniors are invited to take this opportunity to visit Cedarkirk.**



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**To sign-up for this fun trip to Cedarkirk:** email to office@firstpreswh.org, call the church office at 294-3121, 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: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact #: \_\_\_\_\_ # Attending: \_\_\_\_\_