



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

TOWER CHIMES

Week of September 30, 2018

Issue 685

132 Years of Ministry

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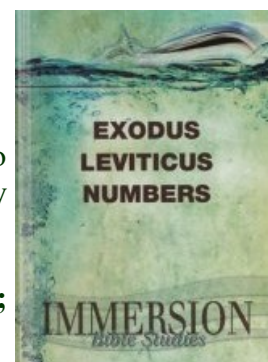
Kathy L. Jackson
Custodian

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

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

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 will be **Wednesdays, October 3, 10, & 17; November 7 & 14 then again, December 5, 12, & 19.**



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



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 20th 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.



Remember in Prayer

MEMBERS

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 30

- 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)
- 5:30 p.m. High School Youth Group (GC)

Monday, October 1

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

Tuesday, October 2

- 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (MCR)
- 12:00 p.m. Men's Lunch (MH)
- 6:30 p.m. Session (GR)

Wednesday, October 3

- 8:45 a.m. Morning Out Mom (CE)
- 12:00 p.m. Buildings & Grounds (MH)
- 3:00 p.m. Christ Kids (CE)
- 5:30 p.m. Middle School Youth Group (GC)
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study (MH)
- 6:00 p.m. Chancel Bells (MS)
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir (MS)

Thursday, October 4

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

Friday, October 5

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

Saturday, October 6

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

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

IN THE HOSPITAL: Carl Cheatham & Bill Everhart

RELATIVES & FRIENDS

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| Reese Burdette | Dana Cole's cousin |
| Katie Carter | Bob & Carol Carter's daughter-in-law |
| Al Ellis | Jim Threlkel's friend |
| Dale Szarfarski | 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 |
| Candy 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 |
| Blake Szarnak | Rose Flynn's friend |
| Tibbs Swick | Amanda Olmert's father |
| Kristy Turner | Rick & Pat Reass' daughter |
| Samuel Cole Vibral | Jennifer & Mike Vibral's grandson |
| Marshall Wood | Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend |

MILITARY

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



Our Christian sympathy
extends to
Candy Marshall
upon the death of
her husband,
Larry Marshall,
who died on
Tuesday,
September 18, 2018.



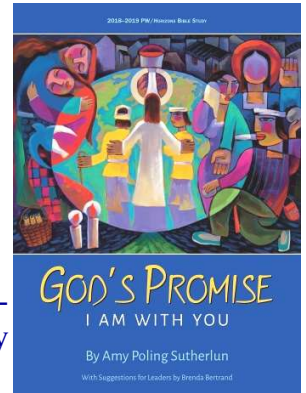
PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN BIBLE STUDY

The Lydia and Joy circles will begin a new study this month titled:
God's Promise – "I Am with You."

The 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 Joy Circle meets on the **3rd Tuesday** of each month and will meet again on **October 16 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.



WINTER HAVEN STAMP CLUB INVITES YOU

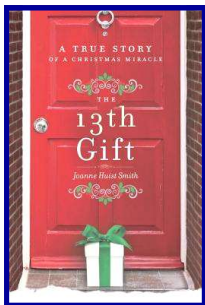
... to its 70th Birthday Celebration **October 25 at 7:15 p.m. in the Geneva Room**



The Winter Haven Stamp Club was formed here in Winter Haven in 1948 but as interest fell off here the club moved to Lakeland. In the early 60's more stamp collectors moved into the Winter Haven area, so in 1964 the club returned to Winter Haven. The 21 charter members set a time for the meetings – the second and fourth Thursday of each month - and the meeting place was Rotary Park Field House. In 1966 the meeting place was changed to the Geneva Room at First Presbyterian Church and it has been held there ever since.

The purpose of the club is to further the knowledge of the hobby, to assist those who are building a collection, and to provide a place to meet with other collectors to discuss what is new in stamps. Collectors of all ages are welcome, especially those who are starting collections.

Guests are welcome to come join us in celebrating the 70th year of the Winter Haven Stamp Club October 25 at 7:15 p.m. in the Geneva Room.

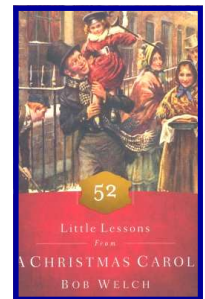


START READING FOR OUR LAST 2018 Odd Month, Odd Monday Book Club

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.



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.



It Takes All of Us to Make Music

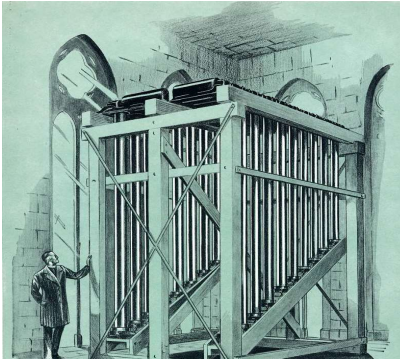
We invite you to join with other First Presbyterian Church members to continue a tradition of inspirational music in our worship services.

Since 1926, First Pres has endeavored to provide our church musicians with top-grade instruments that are well maintained. We are committed to retaining that high level of quality.

To continue our tradition, we ask you to consider making a pledge to be paid over three years to meet our music program goals:

- * Returning the Deagan Carillon in our steeple to operational status
- * Restoring the Moeller Pipe Organ in the sanctuary to full performance levels
- * Establishing a Music Maintenance Fund to care for other musical instruments
- * Tithing on this campaign and sharing musical instruments with the Presbyterian churches in Honduras

The Deagan Carillon



The 20-note J.C. Deagan Carillon Chimes located in our steeple were installed in 1926 when the current sanctuary was built. The chimes were a commemorative gift. They rang each Sunday until 1970. However, the chimes have been silent ever since!

You can be a part of giving these chimes their voice once again and enabling them to call us and our community to worship!

The Chancel Organ



The 3-Manual, 49-Stop MP Moeller Organ in our sanctuary was built in 1979, with an expected 40 year life on renewable parts. Our organ is fed by blown air and every pipe and slat is worked with “leathers” that have gradually degraded. Their replacement is a pressing need!

Replacing the leathers and also rebuilding the console are goals to restore and enhance the organ to full performance levels.

Handbells



First Pres has 2 sets of hand bells - 132 bells in all - which are played by the 13 members of the Chancel Bell Choir, 9 Chapel Bell members, and 8 children in the Christ Kids Ringers. Their music enhances our worship and other music events.

The older set of 66 bells requires professional work to put them in a top performing condition to create better sound and ease in playing.

Music Capital Campaign Goal - \$250,000 over 3 years

Organ: re-leather and rebuild	\$96,400	Music Fund: future maintenance and acquisitions	\$58,800
Steeple and chime: supports and steeple work	\$10,000	Honduras Mission Fund: musical instruments for churches	*\$25,000
Miscellaneous Expenses:	\$10,000		
Tower Chimes: restoration	\$49,800		

* First Pres has committed to tithe 10% of the total amount raised. These funds will provide musical instruments to select Honduran churches who worship without access to instruments.

Our action is in support of World Wide Mission efforts and will affect churches we already support through sending 1/3 of our 3 Cents-A -Meal offering for food for Honduran children, the medical and dental services provided by our members and friends on mission trips to Honduras, and the toys and clothing we gather and take to the children in Honduras. These are all ongoing efforts that we will continue.

Please help us add music to their worship services!

It truly takes all of us to make music in raising our praises to God. Donations of \$250,000, over a three year period, are needed to fully fund this dream. If all of us would join together, we believe that we can accomplish our goal. We are hopeful that ten families or individuals within our church would be willing to give \$10,000 or more each over the next three years to help us continue making music. Added to that, we pray that another ten to twenty donors might be able to give \$5,000 or more each during our pledge period. And we hope that many of the families within our congregation will be able to contribute \$1,000 or more between now and the year 2020 (that would amount to about one dollar a day for the next three years.)

If all of us will join together, we will be able to praise God with our music well into the future.

Please prayerfully consider making a special contribution to this music capital campaign, and letting us know of your partnership by completing and returning this "estimate of generosity card".

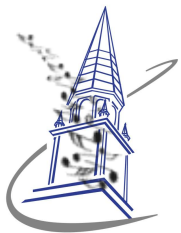
First Presbyterian Church
Estimate of Support for Music Capital Campaign

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail: _____ Phone #: _____



In gratitude for God's love, I/we make a gift of \$ _____ to the Music Capital Campaign at First Presbyterian Church.

I plan to pay this gift in (please check one)

monthly installments of \$ _____ per month for three years

annual payments of \$ _____ per year for three years

a one time donation of \$ _____

(The amount of this *anticipated gift* may be modified if your circumstances change.)

I/we understand I/we can honor this pledge with cash, check, stock, or credit card.

To give by credit card go to <https://app.securegive.com/firstpreswh> or enter here:

Name as it appears on card: _____

CC #: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Let everything that breathes praise the LORD!

Psalm 150:6

Signature: _____

I/we would like contribution envelopes: Yes No

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	Toni Krieger 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 John "Jack" Gray, III Traviss Powell	10/12	Susan Kahley Sue McClew Shannon Trent	10/26	Martha Burke Randall Palmer 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 Mary Ann Snively	10/16	Tom Gretencord	10/29	Julie Dantzler Rossanne Gorsky Martha Johnson James Powell Steve Stapor Gwen Waters
10/7	Whitney Dunham	10/17	Annette Whitney	10/30	Dick McCauley Mike Seney Pam Wilkinson
10/8	Josh Baker Buddy Kahley Jill Kosmenschky Jessica Wilson	10/18	Bob Hines Arletta Oriani Brittany Roe Paula Threadgill	10/31	Richard Baker Caitlyn Grady Sara Koon Dorian Miller Ed Mitchell J. P. Powell
10/9	Michael Baragona Laura Gaye Dunham	10/19	Joan Chilton		
		10/20	Leonard Mosiah		
		10/21	Chelle Doyel Ben Pickos		
		10/22	Jonye Briggs Mary Alice Skipper		
		10/23	Mark Bostick Olivia Glenn Kathy Jax Howard Rambeau		

Anniversaries

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

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 10am.

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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BAG LUNCH MINISTRY

We gave out 224 bag lunches
the week of 9/17/18.

SOUP KITCHEN MINISTRY

We fed 120 people on 9/22/18.

Return Service Requested

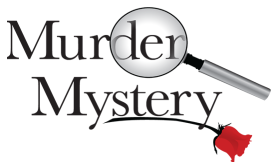
FALL FEST IS OCTOBER 24 AT 6:30 PM Cake Auction & Candy Donation

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.



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 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, or filling out this attachment and placing in the offering plate.

Name: _____ # Attending: _____