



TOWER CHIMES

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WINTER HAVEN
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WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY



The first Sunday in **October** is designated as World Communion Sunday, which celebrates our oneness in Christ with all our brothers and sisters around the world. We will celebrate this special **Sunday, October 6** at both our services at **8 & 10 am**, highlighted by communion.

Following the 10 am service, you are invited to join your church family in McLeod Hall for a time of fellowship. We will enjoy a luncheon of breads & spreads with a deli meat platter hosted by our Worship & Music Committee.

Let us come together and celebrate God's grace, mercy, and peace that truly stretches around the world.

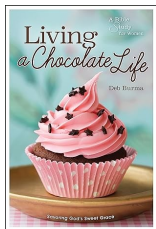
THE CHOSEN



You are invited to join us on **Sunday, October 13, 5 - 7 pm** in McLeod Hall to watch a Bible round table for season 4 from **The Chosen**, then discuss what we have seen. Please join us even if you haven't watched the series, we will help you catch up.

Please bring a covered dish to share and enjoy an evening with your friends from First Pres. Childcare will be provided.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



The **Lydia and Joy Circles** have begun a new Bible study: **Living a Chocolate Life** by Deb Burma.

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

The Lydia Circle meets on the **3rd Thursday** of each month, the next meeting is **October 17 at 10:00 am** in the Manor Conference Room in the church office.

SOUP KITCHEN HELP NEEDED



Would you like to help love and serve those who hunger? We need a head cook & helpers for **Saturday, October 12** and helpers for **October 26**.

If you can help with this very important ministry, please sign up in McLeod Hall or call the church office.

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.*

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THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, October 6 WORLD COMMUNION

- 8:00 am Chapel Worship
- 9:00 am Adult Sunday School (GR)
- 10:00 am Sanctuary Worship
- 10:15 am Children Sunday School (CE 206)
- 11:15 am Breads & Spreads Luncheon (MH)
- 5:30 pm High School Youth Group (GC)

Monday, October 7

- 8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CE)
- 6:00 pm Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (MH)

Tuesday, October 8

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

Wednesday, October 9

- 8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CE)
- 12:00 pm Buildings & Grounds (MH)
- 1:00 pm American Mah Jongg (CE 102)
- 3:15 pm Christ's Kids (Playground/CE)
- 5:30 pm Middle School Youth Group (GC)
- 6:00 pm Chancel Bells (MH)
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir (MH)

Thursday, October 10

- 1:15 pm Chapel Bells (MH)

Friday, October 11

- 8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CE)

Saturday, October 12

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

FALL WORSHIP



Members and friends of First Pres are able to choose to worship in the chapel at **8:00 am**, OR the sanctuary (hope springs eternal) at **10:00 am**.

We focus on the same scriptures at both Sunday services as we sing, pray, and reflect together on God's Word each week. (There will not be a children's Sunday school offered during the 8:00 am hour, but the pastors will include *A Time with Younger Disciples* in the service with any children who might attend.) Both Sunday worship services include a variety of styles of offering our praise to God through music. We hope you will join us this fall at one of our worship gatherings.



REMEMBER IN PRAYER

MEMBERS

Ann Adams	Ken Hart	Norm Patrick
Orrin Champlain	Jane Hayman	Kim Powell
Charles Chilton	Wade & Sandy Hoffman	Sharon Ramseyer
Marjorie DiLorenzo	Betts Huff	Pat Reass
Rob Donaldy	Scott & Becky Irvin	Dick & Nancy Shaw
Richard & Dana Elmore	Joanie Kooser	Joyce Shirah
Bill Everhart	Ray & Gladys Larson	Katie Sparr
Gloria Goss	Lynn Lassater	Linda Stavres
Caitlyn Grady	Kyle Lease	Barbara Tackett
Lynne Grady	Pat McCarty	Pam Tallent-Blackburn
Pam Gray	Pat Miller	Jennifer & Mike Vibrat
Heidi Munoz-Gutierrez	Edna Mitchell	Gale & Gwen Waters
	Tom Oldt	

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Chad Anderson	Lynn Oakley's friend
Jerry Burns	Kelli Ivey's uncle
Sara Cliett	Kalen West's friend
Pat Cokewell	David Lane's mother
Diane Conaly	Lynn Oakley's friend
Jenny Crane	Gail Van Allen's friend
Brian Damkjer	Gail & Ron Damkjer's son
Bryan Howard	Janet Howard's son
Erik Johansson	Steve & Debbie Sowards' friend
Juan Joy	Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend
Tamara Keyes	Bethany Owen's mom
Ada Lopez-Mendez	Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend
James & Eileen Martin	Jane West's friends
Jeannie Martin	Rich Dobler's sister
Khyla Martinez	Paul & Anne Montgomery's granddaughter
Heather Nelson	Janet Howard's friend
Ann Reddout	Pat & Rick Reass' friend
Karen Sadler-Banks	Lee & Pam Wilkinson's friend
Charles Sample	Marilyn Sheffield's brother
Bob & Nikki Shade	Richard Elmore's friends
Craig Smith	Lynn Oakley's friend
Barbara Spinella	Greg & Mary Marrs' friend
Lyric Taylor	Arletta Oriani's friend
Nadine Waters-Robbins	Gail Damkjer's friend
Danny Williams	Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend

MILITARY

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

YOUTH GROUPS



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

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

Come join us for another awesome year of food, fellowship, and faith building!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



We are in need of help bagging lunches for our hungry community. If you would like to join other volunteers on the **first Monday of each month at 10 am**, please call the church office.

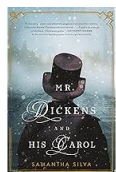
WINTER HAVEN QUILTERS



Winter Haven Quilters is a fun group open to all who are interested in quilting and fellowship. They meet on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month. It is a time of sharing quilting skills and tips, quilt patterns and ideas, and usually schedules lunch together and a field trip each year. The group's main outreach is to create small quilts to give to the Sheriff Department which are dispensed by deputies to those in need. The highlight of the year is a lunch with Sheriff Grady Judd and staff where the quilts are presented to the department.

The next meetings are on **Mondays, October 7 & 21**, from **10 am to noon** in McLeod Hall. Please come visit or join us. No previous quilting experience necessary! Contact Sue Henry for more information at (863)656-2611.

NOVEMBER BOOK CLUB



We will meet on **Monday, November 18 at 3 pm** in McLeod Hall as we discuss **Mr. Dickens & His Carol** by Samantha Silva.

We hope you will join us for this charming, comic, and ultimately poignant story about the creation of the most famous Christmas tale ever written, A Christmas Carol.

CHRIST'S KIDS



Our faith-based after-school program, Christ's Kids continues **Wednesdays at 3:15 pm** on the playground till 5:30pm. Preschool age through 5th grade kids will remember 'we are God's accomplishments, created in Christ Jesus to do good things' (Eph. 2:10). Contact Rev. Sarah for more information.

CHOIR AND BELLS



Chancel Bells rehearses every **Wednesday evening** from **6:00 - 7:00** in McLeod Hall.

Chancel Choir rehearses on **Wednesday evening** from **7:00 - 8:15** in McLeod Hall.

Chapel Bells rehearses every **Thursday afternoon** from **1:15 - 2:15** in McLeod Hall.

For more information, please call Jeremy at the church office or email him at jrath@firstpreswh.org.

TRUNK OR TREAT

We are planning another incredible afternoon of candy, fellowship and fun. We will be hosting our annual Trunk Or Treat on **Sunday, October 27** from **5 to 6 pm**.



We are in need of decorated trunks and candy. If you can bring your decorated vehicle, please sign up in the church office or on the board in the Narthex. You can also drop off bags of candy in McLeod Hall.

Please come join the fun! Any questions can be directed to Rev. Sarah.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School has returned for our children (PreK-5th grade) after the Time with Younger Disciples in the 10:00 am worship service. Class meets in **CE room 206**. And ART Sundays meet in **Room 207**. We are excited for a



year where together, kids experience God's greatest gift, being Simply Loved.

ADULT'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our Adult Sunday School has begun a new series, **The Story of the Bible**, meeting at **9:00 am** in the **Geneva Room**. In our fall lessons they will join a New Testament



professor in videos discussing the four stages of the history, process, critical periods and even recovery of new ancient sources that were stitched together to form our Biblical canon.

CHRIST'S KIDS MISSION CHALLENGE

Join us in collecting items to complete hygiene kits for our Soup Kitchen through the month of October!



Items being collecting are travel-size and new:

soaps, shampoo, conditioner, body wash, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, combs, wash cloths, gallon-size ziploc bags and feminine hygiene products. Place in marked collection boxes in McLeod Hall. Our Christ's Kids will assemble the kits for distribution.

Thank you and we hope you can be one of our volunteers that shares a completed kit at your next date with the Soup Kitchen.

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Return Service Requested

Bag Lunch Ministry
We gave out 250 lunches
the week of 9/23/24.



Soup Kitchen Ministry
We fed 105 people on
Saturday, 9/28/24.



FUNTIMERS (OUR 55+ FELLOWSHIP GROUP)



Come out and enjoy a Classic Car Show and luncheon on **Monday, October 21, from 11:30 am to 1 pm.**

We'll spend a little time around the lunch (menu: sandwiches, chips, cookies, and drinks.) tables in McLeod Hall then head out to the parking lot to take a trip down memory lane with some jewels from the past. The cost is \$6.

Call or email the church office so we can plan for lunch. Then come and join the fun and fellowship with your church friends and family.

A DISCUSSION STARTER ON END OF LIFE ISSUES

We will be previewing **Five Wishes**, a document which helps open the discussion on these important topics.



- The person I want to make care decisions for me when I can't?
- The kind of medical treatment I want or don't want?
- How comfortable do I want to be?
- How I want people to treat me?
- What I want my loved ones to know?
- What would I like included in my funeral or memorial service?

Then you will hear about our **Memorial Garden**. The purpose of the Memorial Garden is to provide a place for the permanent preservation of the cremains of members of First Pres, affiliate members, and their immediate families.

Please join us, **Tuesday, October 29 from 5:30-6:30 pm** in the Memorial Garden to hear Dr. Negley discuss these important end of life issues. To reserve your spot at the table, you can call or email the church office, or sign up in McLeod Hall.