



TOWER CHIMES

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WINTER HAVEN
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TRUNK OR TREAT



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

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 sent to Rev. Sarah, sbishop@firstpreswh.org.

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.

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.

THE DEADLINE TO SUBMIT YOUR PHOTO IS OCTOBER 31



The Membership Committee has decided that we will produce a new church pictorial directory in house. When completed, every church family will have at their finger tips pictures, address and contact information for the entire congregation.

You can submit your photo (by October 31) in a JPG or PNG format (not PDF) to assistant@firstpreswh.org. If you prefer, a committee or church staff member will be happy to take your picture Sunday after worship, or during office hours.

Please email your contact info if you have had any recent changes. (Example, you have eliminated your land line.)

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 27

- 8:00 am Chapel Worship
- 9:00 am Adult Sunday School (GR)
- 10:00 am Sanctuary Worship
- 10:15 am Children Sunday School (CE 104)
- 5:00 pm Trunk or Treat (PL)
- 5:30 pm High School Youth Group (GC)

Monday, October 28

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

Tuesday, October 29

- 9:00 am Staff Meeting (MCR)
- 12:00 pm Men's Lunch (MH)
- 5:30 pm Five Wishes & Memorial Garden Program (PL)
- 6:15 pm Worship & Music (UR)

Wednesday, October 30

- 8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CE)
- 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 31

- 1:15 pm Chapel Bells (MH)

Friday, November 1

- 8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CE)

Saturday, November 2

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

SOUP KITCHEN HELP NEEDED



Would you like to help love and serve those who hunger? We need head cooks and helpers for **Saturdays, November 9 & 16.**

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

THE CHOSEN



You are invited to join us on **Sunday, November 3, 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.



REMEMBER IN PRAYER

MEMBERS

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

FAMILY & FRIENDS

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| 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 | Ron & Gail Damkjer's son |
| Sean Duerr | Saturday Nite Live Drew's friend |
| 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 |
| Patty Oakley | Lynn Oakley's daughter-in-law |
| 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 |
| John Shoberg | Saturday Nite Live Drew's friend |
| 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

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



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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|------|---|-------|--|-------|----------------------------------|
| 11/1 | George Butz Judith Suprina | 11/9 | Amy Speer | 11/22 | Mandy Matha Steve Negley |
| 11/2 | Ellen Miller | 11/10 | Beth Luxford Mike Wall | | Suzann Threadgill |
| 11/3 | Stephany Alexander Erin Miller Connie Shipley | 11/11 | Cheryl Beckert | 11/23 | Preston Allen Kim Zimmerman |
| 11/4 | Bruce Houston | 11/12 | Ellie Hoagland Bob Howard | 11/24 | Jonathan McKee |
| 11/5 | Joyce Shirah Missie Snively Jakson Thibodaux | 11/13 | Dru Gainey Sy Gray IV Carol Lind | 11/25 | Sharon Bogey |
| 11/6 | Hanley Renney | 11/14 | Ricky Montney, III | 11/26 | Paula Forrest |
| 11/7 | Patti Herndon Nikki Hoagland | 11/15 | Carly Solomon Judy Winfree | 11/27 | David Dershimer Tracy Mercer |
| 11/8 | Mia Cinquanti Jimmy Hankin Judie Tucker | 11/16 | Cameron Weeks | 11/28 | Bliss Roe Louise Volpe |
| 11/9 | McKenzie Cinquanti | 11/19 | Leonard Gann | 11/29 | Jackson Gainey Suzanne Sherry |
| | | 11/20 | Todd Dantzler | 11/30 | Karla von Hahmann |
| | | 11/21 | Charley Chilton | | |
| | | 11/22 | Greg Marrs | | |

ANNIVERSARIES

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|-------|------------------------|-------|---------------------------|
| 11/1 | Joni & Leonard Gann | 11/23 | Punkin & Squire Smith |
| 11/8 | Mary Ann & James Koon | 11/24 | Cliff & Shauna Maggard |
| 11/9 | Lesley & Andy Johnston | 11/26 | Cynthia & Stephen Saterbo |
| 11/16 | Laura & James Powell | 11/27 | Gayle & Bill Johnston |
| 11/17 | Karen & Tony Premuto | | Arletta & Joe Oriani |
| 11/18 | Kathryn & Kevin Thomas | 11/30 | Janet & Michael Lawlor |

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.

STEPHEN MINISTERS ARE CARE-GIVERS, GOD IS THE CURE-GIVER.



The role of a Stephen Minister is to give care. They listen, empathize, encourage, pray, and provide emotional and spiritual support on a weekly basis to hurting people for as long as the need persists. God works in and through them to bring hope and healing.

If you are feeling lonely, experiencing a crisis, struggling through a difficult time, or simply find yourself stressed by everyday life, call Connie Shipley at 863-221-2224. Or you can talk with one of our other Stephen Leaders: Mary Marrs, Steve Negley, or Lisa Snyder to learn more about Stephen Ministry. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to care for you!

FUNTIMERS (OUR 55+ FELLOWSHIP GROUP)



On **Monday, November 18**, Funtimers will meet in McLeod Hall at **11:30 am**.

We will have a catered lunch of house salad, chicken caprese, au gratin potatoes, southern style green beans, and cookies. After lunch, we will be treated to a presentation given by Bruce and Kate Eelman. They will give a slide show of a reenactment that took place at Gettysburg depicting daily camp life of the Union and Confederate Armies. Cost of lunch will be \$15. Please sign up at McLeod Hall or call the office.

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Return Service Requested

Bag Lunch Ministry

We gave out 175 lunches
the week of 10/14/24.



Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 68 people on
Saturday, 10/19/24.

SAVE THE DATE

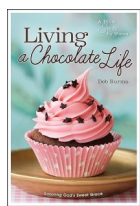


The **Bach Festival of Central Florida** will be giving a Fall Concert here at First Presbyterian Church of Winter Haven on **November 17 at 3:00pm** in the Sanctuary.

The theme of the concert is "Thanksgiving," and will include settings of the familiar Thanksgiving hymn **Now Thank We All Our God** by J.S. Bach and by Johann Pachelbel. The Mozart Vespers are also on the program.

A light reception will follow in McLeod Hall. There is no cost to attend the concert, however, a free-will offering will be accepted at the door. Hope to see you there!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



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

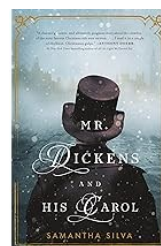
The Joy Circle meets on the **3rd Tuesday** of each month, the next meeting is **November 19 at 10:00 am** at Carol Carter's house.

The Lydia Circle meets on the **3rd Thursday** of each month, the next meeting is **November 21 at 10:00 am** in the Manor Conference Room in the church office.

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

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*.



COME HELP US DECK THE HALLS AND GET THE STABLE SET

Following our **10 am** single worship service on **Sunday, November 24**, we invite you to **stay to help decorate the sanctuary and church interior** for the upcoming Advent and Christmas seasons, and/or work outside as we **construct the stable for *Come to the Stable***.



We will join together in McLeod Hall for a quick lunch and then the decorating and construction will begin. Feel free to dress casually or bring your favorite work clothes.

Come enjoy food and fellowship as we prepare our church and our hearts for the coming of Christ.