



TOWER CHIMES

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WINTER HAVEN
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COME TO THE STABLE: A LIVING NATIVITY STROLL



Don't miss out on this incredible event as we celebrate the birth of Christ and enjoy amazing holiday music this **Saturday, December 14**. Come anytime between **6 - 7:30 pm** to see the story re-enacted and to walk through multiple stages of special music. While you stroll, enjoy a cup of hot cocoa and some homemade cookies.

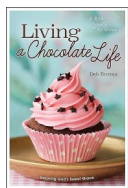
This event is sure to get you in the spirit as we continue to prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus Christ. We hope to see you there!

3 CENTS-A-MEAL THIS SUNDAY



We will collect the *3 Cents-a-Meal Hunger Offering* during our worship service this **Sunday, December 15**. This special offering is divided among our Soup Kitchen & Bag Lunch Ministry, the Beth-El Farmworker Ministry, and our support of the church in Honduras. We hope you will set aside your pennies to help.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



The *Lydia and Joy Circles* Bible study is *Living a Chocolate Life* by Deb Burma.

The Joy Circle meets on the **3rd Tuesday** of each month, the next meeting is **December 17 at 10 am** at Carol Carter's house.

The Lydia Circle meets on the **3rd Thursday** of each month, the next meeting is **December 19 at 10 am** in the Manor Conference Room in the church office.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, December 15 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 3 CENTS-A-MEAL

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

Monday, December 16

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

Tuesday, December 17

- 9:00 am Staff Meeting (MCR)
- 10:00 am Joy Circle (Off-site)
- 12:00 pm Men's Lunch (MH)
- 12:00 pm Finance (UR)
- 6:30 pm Deacons (MH)

Wednesday, December 18

- 8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CE)
- 3:30 pm Christ Kids (Playground/CE)
- 5:30 pm Middle School Youth Group (GC)
- 6:00 pm Chancel Bells (BR)
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir (CR)

Thursday, December 19

- 10:00 am Lydia Circle (MCR)

Friday, December 20

- 8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CE)

Saturday, December 21

- 2:00 pm Soup Kitchen Prep (Kitchen)
- 4:00 pm Soup Kitchen (737)
- 6:00 pm Saturday Nite Live (MH)



REMEMBER IN PRAYER

MEMBERS

Ann Adams	Jane Hayman	Heidi Munoz-Gutierrez
Orrin Champlain	Wade & Sandy Hoffman	Norm Patrick
Charles Chilton	Scott & Becky Irvin	Kim Powell
Marjorie DiLorenzo	Joanie Kooser	Sharon Ramseyer
Rob Donaldy	Ross Kosmenschky	Dick & Nancy Shaw
Richard & Dana Elmore	Ray & Gladys Larson	Suzanne Sherry
Bill Everhart	Lynn Lassater	Katie Sparr
Dolly Goetz	Steve Lockhart	Linda Stavres
Gloria Goss	Pat McCarty	Barbara Tackett
Caitlyn Grady	Pat Miller	Jay Tackett
Lynne Grady	Edna Mitchell	Pam Tallent-Blackburn
Pam Gray		Glenn Thomas

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Ruth Adkins	Misty Judd	Ann Reddout
Barbara Blauvelt	Tamara Keyes	Ron Reiss
Diane Conaly	Ada Lopez-Mendez	John Shoberg
Sean Duerr	Brian Marino	Barbara Spinella
Kim Hastings	Khyla Martinez	Calvin Stanley
Erik Johansson	Carroll Negley	Danny Williams
Juan Joy	Patty Oakley	Tom Wood

MILITARY

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

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Return Service Requested

Bag Lunch Ministry
We gave out 173 lunches
the week of 12/2/24.



Soup Kitchen Ministry
We fed 110 people on
Saturday, 12/7/24.



CANDLELIGHT SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS



For **Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24**, both worship services will help us to focus on the celebration of our Savior's birth with the reading of the biblical

story and the singing of traditional carols.

The **5 pm** worship service will feature acoustic sounds of the season with our Praise Band and other musicians from our congregation.

The **7 pm** worship service will include music from our Chancel Choir & Chancel Bells.

SOUP KITCHEN HELP NEEDED



Would you like to help love and serve those who hunger? We need a head cook and helpers for **December 28**. If you can help with this very important ministry,

please sign up in McLeod Hall or call the church office.

DEAR FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,

I am so grateful for the beautiful reception, the beautiful flowers and all of the warm wishes, kind words and thoughtful gifts as I bid you all goodbye on Sunday, November 17.



I am thinking of you all fondly as I settle into my new position at Westminster of Springfield, IL. Thank you and if you ever find yourself in Springfield, we'd love to have you in worship.

Warm wishes and blessings continue to abound,
Rev Sarah

THE 2025 FLOWER CHART IS NOW POSTED IN THE NARTHEX

You are invited to sign up for your important Sunday worship dates. Please be sure to call or email the church office the week before with bulletin dedication information.



POINSETTIA ORDER FORM



Poinsettias will be in the sanctuary for our Christmas Eve Worship Services: **Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols** at **5 & 7 pm**. Please fill out this order form.

The cost per plant is **\$15** and checks, marked "Poinsettia Fund", should be made payable to First Presbyterian Church. Place the order form and check in the offering plate, mail it, or take it to the church office by **Wednesday, December 18**.

IMPORTANT ~ PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

Donor(s): _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Number of plants ordered: _____ Enclosed: \$ _____

FUNTIMERS

On **Wednesday, January 22**, FunTimers will meet in Upper Room at **11:30 am**. We will hear a program from retired Police Chief Andy Ray on questions he has been



asked through the years. And some misconceptions we have about what the police can and can't do.

Please sign up in McLeod Hall or call the office.

THE CHOSEN BIBLE STUDY

You are invited to join us **Sunday, January 12, 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.