



TOWER CHIMES

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WINTER HAVEN
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NEW WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY



Ladies, you are invited to join your sisters in Christ for a Women's Bible Study on **Thursday evenings at 6 starting on January 9**, meeting in the Golden Center.

We'll read the Gospel of John together, answer questions, and discuss how the message of John can impact our lives and our faith. Please direct any questions to Lisa Centonze.

SOUP LUNCHEON RETURNS!



You are invited to a soup luncheon on **Sunday, January 12 at 11:15 am** after our **10 am worship service**. The Stephen Ministers will again host this lunch of soups, salad, and dessert. It will be a great time of food, fun, and fellowship.

We will also ordain and install officers at both services.

We hope to see you there!

SOUP KITCHEN HELP NEEDED



Would you like to help love and serve those who hunger? We need **head cooks & helpers** for **January 18 & 25 and February 1**.

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, 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.

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.*

STAFF

Dr. Steven R. Negley
Senior Pastor

Dr. Fred R. Halde
Parish Associate for
Visitation

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Director of
Music Ministries

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Youth Team
Coordinator

Robin D. Miller
Director of Finance
and Administration

Connie J. Shipley
Administrative
Assistant

Daryl D. Fenley
Director of
Maintenance

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, December 29

- 9:00 am Adult Sunday School (GR)
- 10:00 am Sanctuary Worship
- 10:15 am Children Sunday School (CE 104)

Monday, December 30

Tuesday, December 31

- 9:00 am Staff Meeting (MCR)

Wednesday, January 1

**NEW YEAR'S DAY
OFFICE CLOSED**

Thursday, January 2

Friday, January 3

Saturday, January 4

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



REMEMBER IN PRAYER

MEMBERS

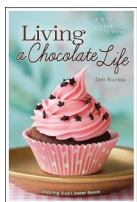
Ann Adams	Wade & Sandy	Norm Patrick
Orrin Champlain	Hoffman	Kim Powell
Charles Chilton	Scott & Becky Irvin	Sharon Ramseyer
Marjorie DiLorenzo	Joanie Kooser	Dick & Nancy Shaw
Rob Donaldy	Ross Kosmenschky	Suzanne Sherry
Richard & Dana	Ray & Gladys Larson	Katie Sparr
Elmore	Lynn Lassater	Linda Stavres
Bill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

YEAR-END GIFTS



As we approach the end of the year, we are incredibly grateful for your generosity and support of the church's ministry in this community and the world. Your gifts have enabled the church to accomplish so much in the name of Christ. You are invited to remember the church in your year-end giving as we celebrate God's presence in our world anew. Please submit your 2024 tithes to the office by **10 am, Tuesday, December 31**. If you would like a record of your giving for the year, please feel free to contact Robin Miller at the church office.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



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

The *Lydia Circle* meets on the **3rd Thursday** of each month, the next meeting is **January 16 at 10 am** in the Manor Conference Room in the church office.

The *Joy Circle* meets on the **3rd Tuesday** of each month, the next meeting is **January 21 at 10 am** at Carol Carter's house.

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Ruth Adkins	Ellie Threlkel
Barbara Blauvelt	Lynn Oakley's friend
Tom Bracket	Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend
Glenn & Jennifer Caracappa	Tom Oldt's friend
Diane Conaly	Lynn Oakley's friend
Sean Duerr	Saturday Nite Live Drew's friend
Gary & Georgia Green	Tom Oldt's friend
Kim Hastings	Kelli Ivey's sister
Erik Johansson	Steve & Debbie Sowards' friend
Juan Joy	Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend
Misty Judd.....	Lynn Oakley's friend
Tamara Keyes	Bethany Owen's mom
Brian Marino	Jody Moots' brother
Ada Lopez-Mendez.....	Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend
Jeannie Martin	Richard Dobler's sister
Khyla Martinez.....	Paul & Anne Montgomery's granddaughter
Carroll Negley	Steve Negley's mother
Patty Oakley	Lynn Oakley's daughter-in-law
Ann Reddout	Pat & Rick Reass' friend
Ron Reiss	Sharon McGaffigan's brother
John Shoberg	Saturday Nite Live Drew's friend
Barbara Spinella.....	Greg & Mary Marrs' friend
Calvin Stanley	Lynn Oakley's friend
Jenni Wilson.....	Punkin Smith's friend

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	



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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|-----------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| 1/1 Orrin Champlain | 1/8 Rebecca Wilson | 1/19 Kim Salomon |
| Jim Francis | 1/9 Lizzy Duce | Taylor Thompson |
| Caitlin Seney | Loretta Smith | 1/20 Sarah Jorgensen |
| 1/2 Erin Cranmer | 1/10 Rob Baker | Theresa Kalb |
| Debbie Rubner | Sophia Chilton | 1/21 John Reineke |
| Heather Whitney | Stella Chilton | 1/23 James Dexter |
| 1/3 Shawn Swango | Michael Premuto | Reed Hoagland |
| 1/4 Meredith Baragona | 1/11 Adam Snively | 1/25 Anne Montgomery |
| Ally Britt | 1/12 George Dunham | 1/26 Gloria Allen |
| 1/5 Norma Martin | Candy Marshall | Darla Fenley |
| 1/6 Philip Batista | Carley Rabern | 1/27 Ava Frost |
| Rick Dantzler | 1/13 Dana Cole | 1/28 Jay Tackett |
| Chloe Miller | Jackie Dugger | Devin Thompson |
| Betty Stephens | Kay Weeks | Gale Waters |
| 1/7 Amanda Olmert | Phyllis White | 1/29 Kathy Deloach |
| Lisa Snyder | 1/15 Katie Sparr | Danny Miller |
| 1/8 Peter Coppini | 1/17 Nichole Gainey | 1/30 Carolyn Ciccarello |
| Robert Helmick | 1/18 Becky Irvin | Jerry Mincey |
| Cheryl Marchetti | Marilyn Riggs | 1/31 JoBee Hazlett |
| Nanette Rodgers | Ed Smith | |

ANNIVERSARIES

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|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1/1 Bob & Marilyn Sheffield | 1/29 Jay & Trisha Dugger |
| 1/5 Jay & Lia Gray | Jerry & Penny Mincey |
| 1/7 Allen & Robin Miller | 1/30 Scott & Becky Irvin |
| 1/21 Matt & Sharon McGaffigan | John & Meg Strang |

FUNTIMERS



On **Wednesday, January 22**, FunTimers will meet in McLeod Hall 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 church office.

LONELY? EXPERIENCING A DIFFICULT TIME



Don't suffer alone! Our Stephen Ministers are trained caregivers, ready to listen, care for, and encourage you, pray with and for you, and help you through a crisis or difficult time.

To find out more, call Connie Shipley at 221-2224. Or you can talk with one of our other Stephen Leaders: Mary Marrs, Steve Negley, or Lisa Snyder. Our Stephen Ministers are "there to care."

HOW TO EASILY ACCESS SECURE GIVE



Go to our Church website and click on **give** (top right), you will be re-directed to <https://app.securegive.com/firstpreswh> or you can go directly to the SecureGive website, <https://app.securegive.com/firstpreswh>.

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This newsletter is published weekly.
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Return Service Requested

Bag Lunch Ministry

We gave out 267 lunches
the week of 12/16/24.



Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 125 people on
Saturday, 12/21/24.

***Merry Christmas &
Happy New Year
From your First Pres Staff!***

