



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

Tower Chimes

Week of January 10, 2016

Issue 568

130 Years of Ministry

THE ART OF PAPER CUTTING WORKSHOP

The Worship and Music Committee is sponsoring an art workshop on Sunday **January 10th at 2:00 p.m.** in McLeod Hall. Mary Ellen Porter will be demonstrating the art of paper cutting and each participant will be able to complete their own paper cut design. This beautiful art form can be seen in many museums and churches and we plan to create two beautiful seasonal hangings to be used in our sanctuary at a later date.



Please complete the sign-up form or call the office if you plan to attend so we can have supplies ready. Any age may participate as long as you can handle a box cutter/Xacto knife. We will also need quilting mats. If you have one that we can borrow, please contact the church office.

Name: _____ Number Attending: _____

Come to the Stable and to Bethlehem Square Acknowledgments THANK YOU IF YOU...



- Helped to retrieve or store building materials and supplies.
- Hammered a nail or attached burlap to construct the stable.
- Sewed a costume or fitted it on an actor or actress.
- Sang or played an instrument for Come to the Stable.
- Narrated the story or were a member of the cast.
- Assisted with sound or lighting or handled traffic control.
- Tended the animals, moved hay bales, or set up and took down chairs.



- Directed the cast, presided at a booth, or helped erect the set.
- Invited a friend "To come and see!" or worked publicize CTTS.
- Took photographs or arranged the marketplace.
- Attended a performance and assisted in any other way with CTTS.

Many people made **Come to the Stable and to Bethlehem Square 2015** a success, and to all of you we say, Thank You.

CHRISTMAS THANK YOU'S

It seems like a flash and Christmas is over.

We want to say thank you to so many people who helped adorn our church for this wonderful season.

Thank you to the members of the Sanctuary Committee for the beautiful sanctuary decorations; to all who donated the lovely poinsettias; to members and friends who helped erect the Christmas trees; and to everyone who helped God's house glow with the joy and wonder of Christmas.



Dr. Steven R. Negley
Senior Pastor

Dr. C. Alan Harvey
Associate Pastor

Dr. Raymond M. Larson
Minister of Visitation

Dr. James G. Manor
Parish Associate

Amy L. McKee
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Dana H. Parrish
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Student Ministries

Lynn M. McCoy
Director of
Music Ministries

Ronda A. Lacy
Director of Finance &
Administration

Connie J. Shipley
Administrative Assistant

Rose Flynn
Office Assistant

Sammy D. Bryant
Director of Maintenance

Ann M. Quessenberry
Custodian

Church calendar

Sunday, January 10
Communion

Ordination & Installation of Officers

8:50 a.m. Gathering Worship
9:45 a.m. OJ Fellowship (MH)
9:45 a.m. Sunday School-Children & Youth
10:00 a.m. Sunday School-Adults
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
2:00 p.m. Paper Cutting (MH)
4:30 p.m. HSYG Music Rehearsal (GC)
5:30 p.m. HSYG (GC)

Monday, January 11

8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)
10:00 a.m. Lydia Circle (MH)
12:00 p.m. Busy Moms of Faith Devotion (GR)
6:30 p.m. Christian Education (GR)

Tuesday, January 12

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

Wednesday, January 13

8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)
12:00 p.m. Buildings and Grounds (MH)
3:00 p.m. Christ Kids (CE)
5:30 p.m. Christ Kids Ringers (CE)
5:30 p.m. MSYG (GC)
6:00 p.m. Chancel Bells (MS)
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir (MS)

Thursday, January 14

9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study (UR)
7:00 p.m. Chapel Bells (MS)

Friday, January 15

8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)

Saturday, January 16

2:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen Prep (Kitchen)
4:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen (737)
7:00 p.m. Saturday Nite Live (MH)



Robert Ferguson
Stephanie Gillie
Eddie Gray
David Knowles
Drew Stapor



Remember in Prayer

members

Roger Able	Camille Howe	Earle Roberts
Win Betrus	Jim Huff	Dave Ryan
Millie Carrier	Dorothy Johnson	Dorothy Ryan
Orrin & Helen Champlain	Joey Johnston	Barbara A. Smith
Jerry Dugger	Dena Lancashire	Barbara H. Smith
Mary Dukes	Steve Luxford	Pam Tallent-Blackburn
Jana & Mike Easterling	Gladys Meier	Chuck Tate
Bob Endres	Lynn Mincey	Carolyn Thompson
Jeanne Estes	Jim Morris	Ed Threadgill
Bill & Becky Everhart	Joan Murphy	Shirley Turner
Marge Goodman	Joe Oriani	Gwen Waters
Frances Heath	Randal Palmer	Nat West
Doris Hill	Ann Reddout	Lee Wilkinson

Family and friends

Jacob James Andrews	Augie Andrews' grandson
Carlotta Bennett	Bethany Owen's friend
Bob Conley	Marile Weeks' friend
Jerry Cooley	Susan Singleton's friend
John Doughty	Dena Lancashier's nephew
Al Ellis	Jim Threlkel's friend
Raymond Fenstermaker	Gale & Gwen Waters' grandson
Bridgett Goins	Lisa Endres friend
Bill Gregory	Barbara Puckett's friend
Jean Hehn	Ellie Threlkel's friend
Pete Kent	Charley & Nancy Chilton's nephew
Nan Mason	Harvey & Mary Ann Snively's daughter
Amity McGee	Bethany Owen's friend
Lettie Lane North	Jean Strang's sister
David Richardson	Ellie & Jim Threlkel friend
Ann Steiner	Steve & Teresa Negley's friend
Jeannie & Ralph Weeks	Marile Weeks brother & sister-in-law
Wallace Wood	Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend



Our Christian sympathy goes to Bev Morris in the death of her husband, Jim Morris., who died on Tuesday, December 22, 2015.

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE UNTO THE LORD

We are excited to have our children and youth take a more active role in our worship through music. We will use the talents of our young people on the **second Sunday of the month** to lead us in song and to share their special music.



They will be sharing as part of the
11:00 a.m. service next Sunday, January 10.



JOIN US FOR BUSY MOMS OF FAITH...

a devotional time and fellowship time on Monday, **January 11, 18, and 25 from 12 noon to 1 p.m.** in the Geneva Room.

Please feel free to bring your lunch and join us for as long as you can. We look forward to seeing you in January!

BECOME A FRIENDSHIP CALLER

We have need of some who would like to become a little more involved in the life and ministry of our church. You are invited to look into becoming a Friendship Caller: you do not need any special talent or the giving of a lot of your time to this vital ministry. You need the gift of wanting to lift another who is lonely and/or cannot get out on their own.

Please call Ray Larson at 294-3121 for more information.

We have many friends and members who would love to welcome your visit.



SPRING LAKE TOWERS CONDO, A 55 PLUS COMMUNITY, FOR SALE

The Spring Lake Towers condo that was given to our church by the estate of Boyer & Helen Clauson, will soon be on the market. The Session has decided to offer this sale to members of our congregation before listing the unit.

We are asking \$45,000 for the 2 bedroom/2 bath condominium.

Members interested in more information are encouraged to contact Ronda Lacy, our church's Director of Finance and Administration at rlacy@firstpreswh.org or 294-3121.



**Join the
Youth Group**

If you are a middle or high school student we would love for you to join us for youth group each week in our new and improved youth house, The Golden Center. **Middle School Youth Group** meets each Wednesday night from 5:30-7:30 and **High School Youth Group** meets each Sunday night from 5:30-7:30. During this time we spend time together sharing meals, growing in Christ, playing games, and having LOTS of fun!

Once a month we will meet outside the Golden Center to be the hands and feet of Jesus to help people in our community. We have laid sod for Habitat for Humanity, worked in our soup kitchen feeding the homeless, and bagged countless bag lunches for our bag lunch ministry. These are just a few ways we are the hands and feet of Jesus.

Sometimes we get together simply to have fun. We have been to the corn maze in the dark, Fun Spot, pool parties, camp outs, paint balling and so much more. If you are looking to connect with young people your age while developing a deep relationship with Christ come and join us. We would love to have you!

PRIME TIMERS CAR (AND BOAT) SHOW

Calling all Prime Timers (members and friends of First Pres. ages 55 and up) to our Car (and Boat) Show.

We will gather on **Monday, January 25, at 11:30 a.m.** in McLeod Hall for a wonderful lunch and a time of fellowship. Catered lunch will cost \$8.

Dr. Steve Negley will start us on a trip down memory lane. Then, we will journey out to the parking lot to enjoy cars and boats from years gone by.



If you have a classic car or boat that you'd be willing to bring for the event, call or email Steve (294-3121) or snegley@firstpreswh.org and let him know to save you a parking space.

To make lunch reservations, call the church office at 294-3121.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS IMPORTANT ANNUAL REPORT REMINDER



Please remember that annual reports are due to the church office by **Friday, January 15, 2016**. Please e-mail to office@firstpreswh.org.

MOVIE GAME NIGHT

Everyone is invited to join us for Movie Game Night on Friday evening, **January 22 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.** Please bring your favorite covered dish to share and enjoy an evening of food, fellowship, and fun with your friends from First Pres.



See you all on January 22 in McLeod Hall!

OUR ANNUAL TALENT SHOW IS ALMOST HERE!!!

Our annual Talent Show is literally right around the corner!
It will be held **Sunday, January 31 at 5:00.**

If you have a special talent to share and would like to participate, please contact Dana at dparrish@firstpreswh.org or the church office at 294-3121.



Even if you don't have a talent you would like to share, we would love it if you would join us for an evening of fellowship and fun! Please call the office to make a reservation.

TALENT SHOW DINNER RESERVATION

Name: _____ # of adults: _____ # of children: _____

If you would like to perform, please list your name, your talent, and a reliable way to contact you.

Name: _____ Talent: _____

Phone number or e-mail address: _____

COME TO THE WATERS...



the Presbyterian Women's Bible Study for 2015-2016, will be a rich exploration of water stories in both testaments. "Just as water nourishes our bodies, so the scriptures on water nourish our souls." Join one of the Circles for interesting lessons and Christian fellowship.

Lydia Circle is the **second Monday of the month. The next meeting will be January 11, 2016.**

Joy Circle is the **third Tuesday; next meeting, January 19, 2016 at 9:30 a.m.** at Carol Carter's.

Jonah: Navigating a Life Interrupted by Priscilla Shirer

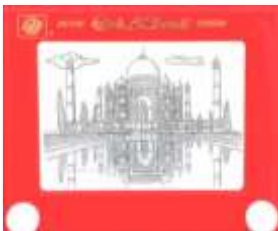
What do we do when God interrupts our lives? Many times, like Jonah, we run! In this 7-session Bible study, Priscilla redefines interruption and shows that interruption is actually God's invitation to do something beyond our wildest dreams. When Jonah was willing to allow God to interrupt his life, the result was revival in an entire city. The cost of this book is \$12.77.



We will return after the holidays:
Thursdays, 9 - 11 a.m. January 7 & 21.
Contact Lia Gray to reserve your study booklet at:
Unpair@gmail.com or 318-1541.

2016 ADVENT DEVOTIONAL ~ PLEASE HAVE YOUR STORY AND PICTURE SUBMITTED BY JANUARY 31, 2016

'Toyland' – Remembering Favorite Childhood Toys Received at Christmas is the theme for the 2016 Advent Devotional, which we hope will extend to Epiphany (January 6, 2017).



What was your favorite childhood toy received at Christmas? Raggedy Ann and Andy Dolls? A bicycle? CandyLand, Clue, Life, Monopoly or Operation games? An Easy Bake Oven? A Tickle Me Elmo? A GI Joe? A baseball and glove or a football? Barbie and Ken dolls? In two or three paragraphs tell us about your favorite childhood toy received at Christmas, who brought it or gave it to you, your excitement, etc. Then as in previous years, we will add scripture and a brief prayer.



If you are willing to write for this devotional, then please sign up in the narthex.

DON'T FORGET TO SIGN UP FOR OUR 2016 CHURCH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY PORTRAIT SITTING



THERE ARE THREE CONVENIENT WAYS TO SIGN UP:

- * Sign up online on the church website at firstpreswh.org.
- * Sign up on our Facebook page.
- * Sign up before and after church in the narthex.



Please sign up ASAP to lock in your preferred date. Plan to be here for about 1 hour.



The photography sessions are here at the church on:

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| Jan 14 | 1:00 pm – 8:00 pm |
| Jan 15 | 1:00 pm – 8:00 pm |
| Jan 16 | 10:00 am – 5:00 pm |



SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR THE NEW YEAR

Children ages three through fifth grade will meet in the children's music room, Room 103 of the Education Building from 9:45 - 10 a.m. with Ms. Lynn.



Preschool Children will meet in Room 108 for a morning of crafts, snacks, Bible stories, and playtime with their preschool friends.

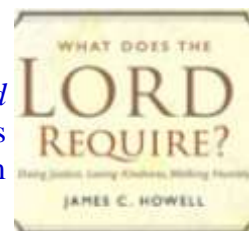
Elementary aged children will enjoy the Workshop Rotation with Science, Movies, Art, Cooking, Storytelling, Games, and Library time!! Special prizes will be offered all year long for attendance. This first 2016 Rotation will be: People Who Made a Difference.



Middle school and High school youth meet every Sunday morning in The Golden Center for Sunday School from 9:45-10:45. During this time we meet and have fun and eat good food while learning about and growing in our faith in Christ. Come join us.

Adults Class Options (10-10:45 a.m.)

The Perspectives Class will continue their discussion on the book - *What Does the Lord Require? Doing Justice, Loving Kindness, Walking Humbly*, by James C. Howell. This class is led by Dr. Jim Threlkel and Mr. Glenn Thomas and meets in the Geneva Room, Room 106 of the CE Building.



Join Howard Beckert starting on Sunday, January 10 for 6 weeks of **Faith-Based Family Finances**. This intriguing class will cover such topics as: Stewardship, Common Sense Financial Principles, Budgeting, Freedom From Debt, and Passing It On Before You Pass On. This class is meant for adults of all ages and stages of life. We will meet from **10-10:45 a.m. in Room 207** for discussion each week. Bring your friends and your questions. This is sure to be a very beneficial class for all. We look forward to you all joining us starting on.

What began as a series of 'talks' on the radio by the devout Christian layman and brilliant college professor C. S. Lewis, has become a foundational book for many millions of Christ's followers over the years. "Ever since I became a Christian I have thought that the best, perhaps the only, service I could do for my unbelieving neighbors was to explain and defend the belief that has been common to nearly all Christians at all times." So Lewis begins this literary journey. Our class will read (five to ten pages a week) and reflect on Lewis' **Mere Christianity (What One Must Believe to be a Christian)**. If you have read this work before, come and share what elements in our faith has touched your heart and soul. If you have not had the opportunity, join with us for the first time as we explore topics such as The Three Parts of Morality, Christian Marriage, Forgiveness, Faith, Hope, Charity, Obstinate Toy Soldiers, Nice People or New Men, from the fertile and faithful perspective of C.S. Lewis. Dr. Negley will lead the class which meets in the back section of McLeod Hall.



Join us for Sunday School!



COME WORSHIP WITH US WORSHIP

At **8:50 a.m.**, members and friends of First Presbyterian Church are invited to attend The Gathering. This service is held in the sanctuary. The piano is the primary instrument for leading in congregational music with a variety of instruments adding special touches from week to week. The prayers in worship and the flow of the service help the congregation gather in God's love. The Gathering ordinarily lasts 50 minutes and will conclude with the Benediction at 9:40 a.m.

At **11:00 a.m.**, you are invited to attend our later morning worship. This service is held in the sanctuary with music and responses regularly led by our chancel choir and accompanied by organ and piano. In the tradition of our church, cultivated over the last few decades, a full liturgy gives the congregation opportunities for spiritual enrichment and the sense of God's love and grace. This worship service ordinarily lasts one hour and concludes with the Benediction at 12:00 p.m.

We hope you will join us in worship, study, and fellowship!

BECOME A STEPHEN MINISTER: AN OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN, SERVE, AND GROW

Stephen Ministers are members who go through 50 hours of caregiving training and then work alongside our pastors in providing emotional and spiritual support to people who are going through a difficult time, such as divorce, grief, hospitalization, unemployment, terminal illness, relocation, chronic illness, or loneliness.

We'll be training a new class of Stephen Ministers starting February 4, 2016 To find out more about becoming a Stephen Minister, contact Pat Reass at 206-9914 or Mary Marrs at 662-4647 today to find out more about this ministry.



Be an
Instrument
of God's
Love

JOIN OUR STEPHEN MINISTRY TEAM



Making FIRST PRES Your FIRST CHOICE for Giving Your First Fruits to God in 2016

First Presbyterian Church of Winter Haven operates with a unified church budget. This means that the ministry that we conduct through all our program areas falls under a single church budget, which is supported by the tithes and offerings of our members and friends. **Every person** who generously gives of their first fruits in support of this budget **is a partner in everything** that we do (from preaching to teaching, to the care of our own children in the nursery and the children in Honduras through international mission.)

In our 2016 operating budget, the extent to which we generously share resources so that the church can be the church is revealed.

Dream Budget for 2016

Benevolences:

World Mission in Presbytery (Honduras), Synod, and General Assembly	\$34,000
Presbytery of Tampa Bay Per Capita (Shared operating expenses)	\$25,000
Deacon's Fund (Local Mission)	\$25,000
Congregational Care	\$ 1,000
Stephen Ministry	\$ 2,000
International Mission (Strangs)	\$ <u>3,000</u>
Subtotal Benevolence	\$90,000

Personnel:

Pastoral Staff (salaries and benefits)	\$240,000
Program Staff (salaries and benefits)	\$188,000
Support Staff (salaries)	\$225,000
Nursery Staff (salaries)	\$ 16,000
Worker's Comp Insurance, Employer Payroll Taxes	\$ 34,000
Controlled Disbursements	\$ <u>25,000</u>
Subtotal Personnel	\$728,000

Office/Administrative

Printing, Postage, Supplies	\$ 21,100
Phones, Equipment, Misc	\$ <u>13,900</u>
Subtotal Office/Administrative	\$ 35,000

Properties Buildings and Grounds	\$ 27,000
Utilities	\$ 37,000
Insurance	\$ 81,000
Vehicle and Equipment Maintenance/Other	\$ <u>12,000</u>
Subtotal Properties	\$157,000

Dream Budget for 2016, continued

Program Committees	
Christian Education	\$ 6,000
Youth Ministry	\$ 7,000
Worship and Music	\$ 6,000
Other Committees	<u>\$18,000</u>
Subtotal Committees	<u>\$37,000</u>

Total needed to fully fund First Presbyterian Church's ministry in 2016: \$1,047,000

A unified church budget is all about partnership, as each member of the church shares as a partner in the overall ministry of the church. (No one person can take sole credit for the sharing of faith or the works of charity, leaving someone else responsible for the sidewalks and sewer lines.) Each time any of us drops a dollar in the plate, we have helped every area of ministry.



First Presbyterian Church <i>Estimate of Generosity for 2016</i>		
Last Name	First Name(s)	Envelope #
Address		
City	State	Zip Code
In gratitude for God's love, I/we make the following <i>estimate of generous support</i> of the church, its local mission and commitment to Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly: (The amount of this <i>estimate</i> may be increased or decreased if your circumstances change.)		
\$ _____: Per Week <input type="checkbox"/> Per Month <input type="checkbox"/> Per Year <input type="checkbox"/>		
I/we want contribution envelopes: Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/>		
<i>For where your treasure is there will your heart be also.</i> Matt 6:21		_____ Signature

As we move into 2016, our generosity will show in ministry as each of us takes part in walking as a disciple of Jesus Christ and making FIRST PRES our FIRST CHOICE for sharing our first fruits. Thanks for helping us show God's love in all that we do.



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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.

Adopted by Session, 2003

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Bag Lunch Ministry

We gave out 201 bag lunches the week of 12/21/15.

We gave out 282 bag lunches the week of 12/28/15.

We gave out 1230 Bag lunches in December

Return Service Requested

Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 45 people on Christmas.

We fed 71 people on 12/26/15.

We fed 88 people on 1/2/16

We fed 396 people in December.



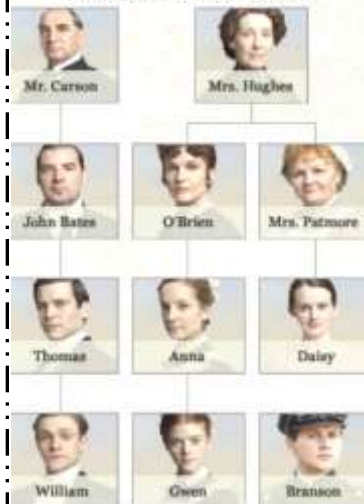
The Earl and Countess of Grantham of Downton Abbey cordially invite you to a Farewell Tea on Sunday January 24, 2016 at half past three o'clock in the afternoon in McLeod Hall of First Presbyterian Church.

Reservations are required and must be received by Thursday January 20 at noon! Please complete the form below or e-mail Carson care of: aharvey@firstpreswh.org.

Prizes will be awarded to the person or persons Voted Best Dressed in Period Costume and Downton Abbey Trivia Summa Cum Laude Graduates.



THE "DOWNTON ABBEY" STAFF



Names(s)

gladly accept the invitation for the Farewell Tea. Please include the name of each person attending.

