



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

## Tower Chimes

*Week of November 12, 2017*

*Issue 645*

*131 Years of Ministry*

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## DECK THE HALLS

We hope you will join us as we DECK THE HALLS and decorate First Pres for the Advent and Christmas Season.

On Tuesday night, November 28, EVERYONE is invited to join us for the festivities.

Supper will be served at 5:30 p.m. Grilled cheese sandwiches will be provided. You are invited to bring a pot of soup or chili to share.

At 6 p.m. we will divide into groups to Deck the Halls.

You can help others hang the Advent banners.

You might want to prepare the candles (placing the candles into the holders) for the Christmas Eve Service.

Your skill might be helping others hanging the garland and angels in the sanctuary, or fluffing and erecting the sanctuary Christmas trees.

There will be Christmas music playing throughout the church, and happy people everywhere Decking the Halls, preparing God's house for the holiday season.

We plan to have the finishing touches in place by 8 p.m. and hope to see you here!



# OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

## Sunday, November 12

8:15 a.m. Chapel Worship (Chapel)  
9:15 a.m. The Connection (MH)  
9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School (CE)  
9:30 a.m. Heart of Worship (Sanctuary)  
10:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School (CE)  
11:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)  
5:30 p.m. HSYG (GC)

## Monday, November 13

8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)  
10:00 a.m. Lydia Circle (MH)  
6:30 p.m. Christian Education (GR)

## Tuesday, November 14

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

## Wednesday, November 15

8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)  
10:45 a.m. Preschool Music (CE103)  
12:00 p.m. Buildings & Grounds (MH)  
3:00 p.m. Christ Kids (CE)  
5:00 p.m. Christ Kids Singer & Ringers Practice (Sanctuary)  
5:30 p.m. MSYG (GC)  
6:00 p.m. APNC (ER)  
6:00 p.m. Chancel Bells  
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir (MS)

## Thursday, November 16

1:15 p.m. Chapel Bells (MS)  
2:00 p.m. 80+ Birthday Party (MH)  
6:30 p.m. Praise & Worship Band (Sanctuary)

## Friday, November 17

8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)

## Saturday, November 18

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



On behalf of the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee, we would like to update everyone on the progress of our Associate Pastor search. We have been working diligently and have been meeting weekly in this process.

As of now we have completed our training with the Presbytery of Tampa Bay on the search process and procedures, and the committee is currently working on defining our search parameters. In conclusion, we ask that you continue to keep the search committee, our congregation, and ministers in your prayers.

In Christ,  
Gannon Olmert  
Chair of the Associate Pastor  
Nominating Committee



Zach Anaya  
Brenden Anderson  
Christian Anderson  
Karolina Crockett  
Samuel Crockett  
Zach Drum  
Robert Ferguson  
Stephanie Gillie  
Eddie Gray  
Daniel Harp  
Sean Harp  
David Knowles  
John Marotti  
Mathew Massam  
KaitLin Marotti-Pitts  
Ashton Pitts  
Shad Skinner  
Drew Stapor

# Remember in Prayer

## MEMBERS

Marie Able	Ranell Hillman	Marilyn Schleifer
Maxie Adams	Bryan Howard	Beverly Seagreaves
Kathy Andrews	Camille Howe	James Shinn
Kathleen Avinger	Jim Huff	Joyce Shirah
Bill Brack	Martha Johnson	Mary Alice & Emma
Tom Brackett	Joey Johnston	Skipper
Henry Braun	Peggy Kennedy	Barbara H. Smith
Carol Carter	Toni Krieger	Nell Speer
Helen Champlain	Dena Lancashire	Scott Strey
Tom Coffman	Kathy Lockhart	Carol Switalski
Gail Damkjer	Spike Lucia	Barbara Tackett
Yolanda Dyer	Larry Marshall	Jay Tackett
Jana & Mike Easterling	Lynnis Mincey	McKenzie Tackett
Jeanne Estes	Bev Morris	Pam Tallent-Blackburn
Bill Everhart	Joan Murphy	Carolyn Thompson
Lia Gray	Nancy Neale	Shirley Turner
Clyde Greene	Barbara Perkins	Jane Whitney
Frances Heath	Keith Ray	Lee Wilkinson
Kay Hedden	Barbara Roberts	Judy Winfree
Doris Hill	Earle Roberts	Retha Wright

IN THE HOSPITAL: Roger Able, Bill Everhart,  
John Skipper, & Barbara A. Smith

## Relatives & Friends

Robert Allen	Denise Cole's father
Mike & Linda Bechtel	Marie Able's sister & brother-in-law
Reese Burdette	Dana Cole's cousin
Kevin Dees	Jonathan Owen's friend
Al Ellis	Jim Threlkel's friend
Kevin Ehrlich	Rossanne Gorsky's son
Raymond Fenstermaker	Gale & Gwen Waters' grandson
Judy Hatcher	Kelli Ivey's mother
Pete Kent	Charley & Nancy Chilton's nephew
Ryan Koukkouklis	Matthew Gray's friend
Anna Robinson	Punkin Smith's friend
Alisa Sheaffer	Punkin Smith's friend
Rebecca Stone	Pat Reass' friend
Kristy Turner	Rick & Pat Reass' daughter
Monnie Vail	Bob & Marilyn Sheffield's friend
John Waters	Gale & Gwen Waters' nephew
Marshall Wood	Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend

# ARE YOU 80+?

Were you out-of-town or sick when your 80+ Birthday Party was held? Did something come up at the last minute so that you missed your 80+ Birthday Party?



If your answer to either of these questions is "YES," then we want you to know you are invited to attend the last 80+ Birthday Party for 2017. On November 16 at 2 p.m. we will celebrate those born in the months of October, November, or December. All you are asked to do is call the Church Office at 294-3121 and ask that your name be added to the list by Monday November 13 by 4 p.m.



The Session has called for a congregational meeting for Sunday, November 19 at 10:55 a.m. in the Sanctuary for the election of a new Deacon. We hope all church members will be present for this discussion and vote.

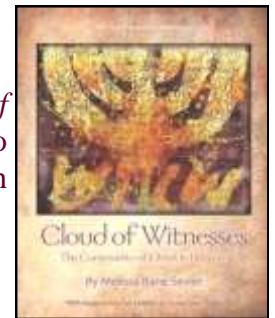
## CIRCLE MEETINGS

Lydia Circle - **Second Monday, November 13 at 10 a.m.** in McLeod Hall

Joy Circle - **Third Tuesday, November 21 at 9:30 a.m.** at the home of Carol Carter

We are using the PW Horizons Bible study titled: "*Cloud of Witnesses - The Community of Christ Hebrew*" written by Melissa Bane Sevier. In nine lessons, the author invites us to explore major themes found in Hebrews, relate these themes to other parts of our faith tradition, and tie them together with the overarching motif of community.

The study books are available for \$10. Contact either Carol Carter at 299-4253 or Sue McClew at 875-6176 for your copy.



## COME TO THE STABLE and BETHLEHEM SQUARE on SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2\*



### SIGN-UP NOW FOR ROLES IN THE LIVING NATIVITY:

CHILDREN'S PERFORMANCE – 7:30 p.m.\*

YOUTH/ADULT PERFORMANCE – 8:30 p.m.\*

\*Please Note: the change of weekend and performance times!



Come to the Stable and Bethlehem Square is FPC's Christmas gift to our community. We invite all church members to join in making this event the best it can be. We are seeking children and teens, along with adults to be performers, musicians, shopkeepers, greeters and support staff.

**Signups begin in the Narthex on this Sunday, November 5**

**and then each Sunday in November**

**until we've cast all our roles and filled all our non-performing roles:**

**If acting isn't your strong point we also have sign-up opportunities for food shoppers, bakers and food servers, and for men to help with setup and traffic control.**



**Please visit the bulletin board in the center of the Narthex and help us make our Living Nativity and Bethlehem Square a wonderful celebration of the birth of Jesus!**



# What WE do – Thanks to YOU

A celebration of generosity and ministry

## What WE do ... In In-reach and Out-reach

**“You are the light of the world. . . let your light so shine before people that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.” (Matthew 5:14, 16)**

First Presbyterian Church of Winter Haven strives to fulfill that command in this community. And our light reaches far. It starts as close as delivering a loaf of bread and a current *Tower Chimes* to first time visitors, letting them know they were noticed and welcome. Our beams stretch further into our community to groups like, the Winter Haven Stamp Club, Alanon, the Winter Haven Quilters, Boy Scouts, and Girl Scouts just to name a few. Our light goes beyond our immediate community and even reaches to the ends of the earth with our website. With events like Come to the Stable and Bethlehem Square (our Living Nativity), the Jingle Java Jam, Christ Kids, and Morning Out Moms, we reach out to many people who live beyond our church walls. Yes, our light reaches out far, and it can reach even farther..

**The words in a children’s song say: “The church is not a building, the church is not a steeple, the church is not a resting place, the church IS the people.”**

Here at First Presbyterian Church of Winter Haven the church IS the people. Our church is married couples and single adults. Our church is parents with young children and folks who have recently retired. Our church is children, youth, and young, middle and older adults. There are over 1,000 people who make First Presbyterian their church home. We are people who laugh together, cry together, and live together in faith.

A church whose heart is people, needs to keep ministry to people at heart. The Apostle **Paul reminds us in I Corinthians 12, that “When one member of the body suffers, all suffer together.”** Here at First Presbyterian Church we keep our personal focus through the ministry of Congregational Care.

Our pastors make every effort to visit persons in the hospital to offer prayer and support, and to follow up with a visit to make sure folks are settling in at home. Our pastors and the lay people in our visitation ministry help care for our friends and members who are confined to nursing homes or their own homes. Our pastors respond to situations of loss and grief by trying to express the love of Christ through their words and presence. Our pastors work with other Stephen Leaders to help direct the personal and confidential caring ministry to individuals going through times of transition that our Stephen Ministers provide.



**Thanks to YOU ...**

Our church's investment in the ministry of outreach for the year 2018 will include the costs of advertising and our website. Our church's investment in the ministry of in-reach for the year 2018 will include the program expenses for our care ministries and costs related to having the services of a pastor and associate pastor. Thanks to the generously shared tithes and offerings of our member and friends, we will invest nearly \$200,000 in In-reach and Outreach Ministries. In addition, during 2018, our church members will donate over 2500 volunteer hours welcoming newcomers to our church, and reaching out as the cast for our Living Nativity Scene, and caring for our members as Stephen Ministers and Leaders, Friendship Callers, and Comfort Food chefs.

# *2017 Outstanding Older Adult*

*They are such fine musicians, they practice every day.  
And every time they practice, folks love to hear them play  
His trombone, his trombone  
They love to hear his trombone.*

*They are such fine musicians, they practice every day.  
And every time they practice, folks love to hear them play  
Her keyboard, her keyboard  
They love to hear her keyboard.*

This year's Outstanding Older Adult honorees are a couple. He hails from Ohio and she from Iowa. He was in the Ohio State Marching Band. She studied music in Europe...primarily in Austria. They are both musicians and have used their gifts in performance as well as in music education. He also owned a store which sold musical instruments equipping bands and solo performers. He served as a business consultant and they traveled in the RV around the country to his appointments. For some time, they enjoyed coming to the Sunshine State to escape the winters up north and to indulge their hobbies of waterskiing, boating, and golf.

They have been married for 53 years and are the parents of two sons and have three grandchildren – 2 grandsons and 1 granddaughter. They have enjoyed taking vacations with their family.

He attained the distinction of being Senior Water Skiing Champion. For his practice sessions, he would ski while his wife drove the boat.

They joined First Presbyterian Church in November 2001 and became quite active in the music ministry of the church, singing in the Chancel Choir and playing with the Chancel Bells. He has served on the Diaconate and she has provided piano accompaniment for worship services. He is a Rotarian and she plays the piano for the Rotary Club's weekly meetings.

Please join us in celebrating this year's Outstanding Older Adults:  
Tom and Anamarie Coffman.





## Worship (and more) on the Lord's Day



### **8:15 a.m. Chapel Worship**

A traditional worship service is held in our chapel. The service follows the same order as the 11:00 a.m. worship, does not have a Chancel Choir. Musical ensembles offer special music on many Sundays. A Time with Younger Disciples is included when we have children in attendance.

### **9:30 - 10:25 a.m. Heart of Worship**

A Praise and Worship service is held in our sanctuary. Along with scripture, sermon, and prayers, a praise band helps the congregation in adoring and showing reverence to God. Following the Time with Younger Disciples, children are invited to join Ms. Lynn in music and then to join in their own Children's Sunday School Classes.

### **11:00 a.m. Sanctuary Worship**

A traditional worship service is held in our sanctuary. The service follows the same order as the 8:15 a.m. Chapel Service, and includes music from the Chancel Choir and the organ, as well as other instruments and groups.

## **DON'T MISS THE CONNECTION** **9:15—10:45 A.M.**

Fellowship time in McLeod Hall offers a coffee bar type selection with different flavored creamers, pastries, etc. It is a gathering place before (or after) worship, and between worship and Sunday School for some.

Hosts circulate in McLeod Hall and the CE Building to greet and assist people in making connections with others in one of the worship or Christian Education options.



## **SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES**

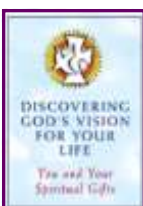


**For Kids:** We are getting to know some amazing Bible characters this fall: Hannah, Samuel, Saul, David, and Solomon. Short videos, music, art, and Bible activities will keep the kids coming back for more!

If your family attends the 9:30 a.m. service, kids age 4 and older worship with their families for the first part of the service. After the "Time with Younger Disciples," age 4 through grade 5 may be dismissed to the Christian Education building for music and classes until 10:45 a.m.

If your family attends the 11:00 a.m. service, come to the CE Building for music and classes from 10:00 until 10:45 a.m.

**For Adults:** Who is the real Jesus? How can we experience the mystery, complexity, and richness of his spirituality and teachings in our lives today? *Living Jesus: Learning the Heart of the Gospel* by Luke Timothy Johnson elucidates the mystery of Jesus' resurrection and its central role in the Christian experience. It explores the diversity and fullness of the New Testament views of Christ, revealing how each book's perspective can deepen our understanding of Jesus. Profoundly insightful, *Living Jesus* offers valuable lessons on how we can accept the Gospels' powerful invitation to an authentic Christian spirituality. Join us in the Geneva Room from **9:30 until 10:30 a.m.**



**Also for Adults:** To whom are spiritual gifts given? What is the purpose of spiritual gifts? How can I be sure which particular spiritual gifts I have? What does the Bible say about each of the spiritual gifts? These questions are some of the ones discussed by a new 8 week Sunday School Class. Join us **THIS Sunday, at 9:30 a.m.** in Room 207 of the Educational Building. There is a fee of \$12 to cover the cost of the book.

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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.*

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### Bag Lunch Ministry

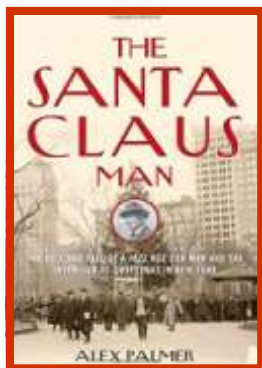
We gave out 243 bag lunches  
the week of 10/30/17.

**Return Service Requested**

### Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 85 people on 11/04/17.

## LAST OM, OM BOOK DISCUSSION CLUB OF 2017



You are invited to join us **November 20** as we examine

*The Santa Claus Man* by Alex Palmer. A copy or copies should soon be available for check out in the library. Should you wish to order a copy you may contact Jonathan or Bethany Owen in the library.

We will meet in the back of McLeod Hall for this discussion and light refreshments.

Reservations are requested and can be made by

calling the church office at 294-3121 or e-mailing at office@firstpreswh.org.

## JINGLE JAVA JAM!!!

Save the date! **Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4:00 p.m.** we will have our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Jingle Java Jam! Please join us as we begin to celebrate the season of Advent with music, dance and drama. You will also be served delicious desserts of the season along with a visit from St. Nicholas!

Please make your reservation by contacting the church office at 294-3121, [office@firstpreswh.org](mailto:office@firstpreswh.org), or filling out this tear-off and dropping in the offering plate.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ # Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

