



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
WINTER HAVEN

Tower Chimes

Week of November 20, 2016

Issue 604

130 Years of Ministry

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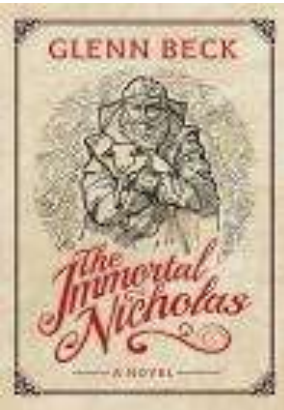
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Custodian

DON'T FORGET THIS MONDAY OM, OM BOOK CLUB



The next meeting of the OM, OM Book Club
is **Monday, November 21 at 3 pm**
in the back of McLeod Hall.

We will enjoy light refreshments and discuss the
book *The Immortal Nicholas* by Glenn Beck.

**Be sure to call the church office
at 294-3121 if you plan to attend.**



CAN YOU JOIN US AS WE GET GOD'S HOUSE READY FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT?

We need about a dozen folks to help us put up the new Advent
Banners and Sanctuary Christmas Trees on Sunday, **November
20, starting at 2 p.m.** (We should be done by 4 p.m.)

We'll have the ladders and tools.

Please contact the church office (office@firstpreswh.org
or 294-3121) to let us know if we can expect your help.



OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 20 3 Cents-a-Meal

8:15 a.m. Chapel Worship (Chapel)
9:15 a.m. The Connection (MH)
9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School
9:30 a.m. Heart of Worship (Sanctuary)
9:45 a.m. Children's Sunday School (CE)
11:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
2:00 p.m. Banners & Christmas Trees Go Up
(Sanctuary)

Monday, November 21

3:00 p.m. OM, OM Book Club

Tuesday, November 22

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (MCR)
12:00 p.m. Men's Lunch (MH)
5:30 p.m. Stephen Minister Leaders (MH)
6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministers (MH)

Wednesday, November 23

Thursday, November 24 THANKSGIVING Office Closed

Friday, November 25 Office Closed

Saturday, November 26

2:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen Prep (Kitchen)
4:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen (737)

DON'T FORGET 3 CENTS-A-MEAL THIS SUNDAY

We will collect the
**3 Cents-a-Meal Hunger
Offering** during worship
this Sunday,
November 20.



This offering is divided between our
Soup Kitchen/Bag Lunch Ministry,
Beth-El Farm-workers Ministry,
and Honduras.



Samuel Crockett
Zach Drum
Robert Ferguson
Stephanie Gillie
Eddie Gray

David Knowles
John Marotti
KaitLin Marotti-Pitts
Ashton Pitts
Drew Stapor

Remember in Prayer

members

Roger Able
Maxie Adams
Tom Brackett
Jonye Briggs
Millie Carrier
Helen Champlain
Tom & Anamarie Coffman
Charlie Darte
Elaine Dustin
Jana & Mike Easterling
Jeanne Estes
Bill Everhart
Lois Frakes
Bill Garrett
Margaret Goodman
Jane Hayman
Marilyn Hearn
Frances Heath

Doris Hill
Camille Howe
Jim Huff
Joey Johnston
Sara Koon
Toni Krieger
Dena Lancashire
Jackie Lawn
Spike Lucia
Elaine Maltese
Larry Marshall
Dick McCauley
Jack Meadows
Gladys Meier
Lynnis Mincey
Bev Morris
Joan Murphy
Ed Partridge

Anthony Premuto
Robert Ramseyer
Keith Ray
Barbara Roberts
Earle Roberts
Dave Ryan
Marilyn Schleifer
Barbara A. Smith
Barbara H. Smith
Pam Tallent-Blackburn
Carolyn Thompson
Shirley Turner
Jim Vobornik
Lee Wilkinson
Marie Williams
Retha Wright

IN THE HOSPITAL: Doug Purnell

Relatives & Friends

Augie Andrews' daughter
Gene Aspy's friend
Jim Francis' friend
Dana Cole's cousin
Howard Rambeau's friend
Linda & Andy Stavres' granddaughter
Gale & Gwen Waters' friend
Linda & Andy Stavres' friend
Jim Threlkel's friend
Gale & Gwen Waters' grandson
Becky DelPrado's brother
Butz family's friend
Charley & Nancy Chilton's nephew
Harvey & Mary Ann Snively's daughter
Carolyn Thompson's daughter
Gene Aspy's niece
Toni Barger's friends
Rick & Pat Reass' daughter
Jonathan Owen's friend
Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend





ADVENT DEVOTIONALS 2016

‘Toyland—Remembering Favorite Childhood Toys Received at Christmas’
Hard copies are available **THIS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20**, on the tables at each side of the sanctuary and on the third floor table by the balcony.

If you are currently on the devotional email list, you will automatically receive the Advent Devotionals. If you would like to be added, please go to our website and click on “**Resources**”, then “**E-mail Publication Subscriptions**” and sign up for the “**Devotional**” there.



CONNECTING WITH OUR SERVICES VIA LIVESTREAM & VIDEOS OF PAST SERVICES

Some of you have wondered if you could see our services when you are unable to come to church on any given Sunday. Or maybe you wished you could experience a service that touched you in a certain way again. Now you can!! Below are instructions how to connect with our live stream account.

Live or Latest Completed Service

1. Using any internet browser, go to livestream.com/accounts/8377156.
2. Click on the latest service, which will be the top left item. NOTE: If this is your first time, you will be prompted to set up an account using email or Facebook.
3. Click the play button.



All Completed Services

Go to firstpreswh.org and page down to the “**Latest Videos**” section. Click on one to open the video page. NOTE: Older services can be found by clicking on the “All Videos” link above the videos on the page. Click the “**Play**” button.



COUNTING DOWN TO.....

Come to the Stable and Bethlehem Square
on **Saturday, December 10 at 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.**

Our live nativity performances are less than 30 days away!



WE NEED YOUR HELP – PERFORMERS -

CHILDREN and TEENS - we need you to be shepherds and angels.

PARENTS - we have costumes for you to accompany your youngsters on stage and make the 7:30 PM performance truly a “family” performance.

MUSCIANS, sign-up in the choir room for costumed roles for both performances.

NOT “INTO” WEARING COSTUMES ON STAGE?

You can perform **back-stage roles** **either** prior to, during or after the performances – check the board in the Narthex for opportunities **FOR MEN AND WOMEN**.

Need something even different but equally important?

We need food for our guests. The shops in Bethlehem Square will serve a wide variety of treats...some only require a trip to the grocery store, while others need some assembling or baking.

PLEASE CHECK THE BOARDS IN THE NARTHEX and ADD YOUR NAME.

NOTE: Costumed roles are listed on the library side and non-costumed roles, along with food needs, are listed on the opposite side.

Come to the Stable and Bethlehem Square is our Christmas gift to our community!

We are promoting it county-wide and want it to be our very best effort.

We’re counting on you!

JINGLE JAVA JAM

Please join us on **December 4th at 4:00 p.m.** as we begin the Christmas season with a celebration of songs from around the world. The second annual Jingle Java Jam will bring you a variety of seasonal music sung and played by our talented church members.

We will have our choirs, bells, and a wide assortment of ensembles from children to adults that will share some of their favorite music with you. Don't miss out on this prelude to the Christmas season with special fellowship and special Christmas treats being served.

To make your reservation, please contact the church office by calling 294-3121, emailing to office@firstpreswh.org, or filling out this tear-off and dropping in offering plate on Sunday or bringing to the office



Name: _____ # Attending: _____

LADIES, JOIN ONE OF OUR CIRCLE MEETINGS



Lydia Circle meets the **2nd Monday of each month** in McLeod Hall.

The next meeting is **December 12 at 10:30** (please note the special time.) We will share our lesson followed by a potluck luncheon. If you have any questions, please call Sue McClew at 875-6176.

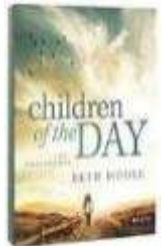
Joy Circle meets the **3rd Tuesday of each month at 9:30 a.m.** at the home of Carol Carter. **December 20** is the next meeting.

Study books are available for \$8.00. Contact either Carol Carter at 299-4253 or Sue McClew at 875-6176 for your copy.

FALL WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY IS HERE

Children of the Day by Beth Moore

The New Testament believers carried the Spirit of God as they walked along the shores of Thessalonica, just as we carry that light today when we're grocery shopping, having coffee, or picking up children. Your circumstances and conditions are not coincidental in your journey. God's timing is impeccable. Join us for video/discussion study with author Beth Moore on the Thessalonian shores.



If you would like to attend please contact Lia Gray at uncpair@gmail.com or call 318-1541. Optional study books are \$18. We will meet in the **Golden Center** on 6th Street between the Christian Education and Soup Kitchen buildings.)

All meeting times are from 9am - 11am and will meet: December 1 & 15, January 12 & 26, February 9 & 23.

CARETAKER NEEDED

Our Morning Out Mom program which meets on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 8:45 a.m. – 1 p.m. is looking for a caretaker to serve our program.

We need a person who is dependable, enjoys being around children, able to lift children (walking through age three) onto the changing table, and has the flexibility to work from 8:30 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

Please contact Amy McKee for more information (294-3121).



ACOLYTES ARE NEEDED...

for the 9:30 & 11 am services. All children in first through fifth grade are invited to participate.

If your child needs a training session, please contact Amy McKee. A sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board in the CE building by the CE desk area.



DON'T FORGET TO PICK UP YOUR DIRECTORY AT THE CHURCH

Please keep in mind that mailing them costs \$3.40 each.
So, we'd like for you to pick up your copy.

You can pick up your directory in the Edinburgh Room.
They are in stacks labeled with the family name in alphabetical order.

If you do not find a directory with your family name on it and need one, please write your name
and phone number on the form at the end of the table
or call the church office at 294-3121.



4 OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHRISTIAN SERVICE

SOUP KITCHEN HEAD COOKS NEEDED

- 1** Our Saturday Soup Kitchen needs a Head Cook for
December 3 & 17.
Please sign up on Deacons' board in McLeod Hall.



THE CONNECTION



2 Are you looking for an opportunity to share in fellowship with other members and friends of First Pres? If you answered, "YES" then we have a perfect opportunity for you. We are looking for folks to help "Oversee the Connection" time on Sunday mornings. We need your help setting out the food on platters and making sure that the trays have enough goodies on them throughout the morning.

The actual Connection time runs from 9:15-10:45 a.m. We would need your help starting around 8:30 a.m. to get all of the goodies out on trays. Please contact the church office at 294-3121 and speak to Alan Harvey or Amy McKee for more information. Thank you in advance for your faithful service!



ARE YOU A TECHIE???

- 3** If technology is your thing, we have a place for you in our musical praise!! We are in need of people who would like to learn about our sound system and help during the worship services to make sure all our praise is heard!

We will be holding a training session so contact Lynn at 701-570-1485 and let her know if you are willing to join the Sunday rotation in the sound booth. **PLEASE!!**



STAGE SET-UP FOR PRAISE & WORSHIP ORDINARILY ON WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON-EVENINGS



- 4**
- I can help set up stage and put on skirting ☐
- I can help with displaying banners and paraments ☐
- I can help move podium, communion table, musician stands, and stools ☐

Name: _____ Best Contact Information: _____

CONFIDENTIALITY IN STEPHEN MINISTRY

Confidentiality is the cornerstone of Stephen Ministry. It is absolutely essential for building safe, healing, and caring relationships. Stephen Ministers do not reveal what their care receivers have told them. Not to clergy, not to the Stephen Leaders, not to their spouses or friends and not to other Stephen Ministers. Why? Because trust is vital for a caring relationship to be effective. Care receivers are experiencing difficulties that leave them feeling very vulnerable. Discussing their innermost feelings is an important step in the healing process. But in order to open up and discuss that which is troubling them most, care receivers need complete trust in their Stephen Minister, and the assurance that what they say will not be circulated to others and become news for gossip.



This assurance builds trust and creates a safe place where care receivers can risk revealing their most painful issues and problems, ones that they might not even discuss with close friends or family. Confidentiality helps create a relationship that promotes healing and hope.

Another aspect of confidentiality is that nobody except the Stephen Minister, care receiver, clergy and referrals coordinator even know that a care receiver has been assigned a Stephen Minister. Care receivers, of course, are free to tell others about the relationship and who their Stephen Minister is, but the Stephen Minister never tells. This means a care receiver can choose to have complete anonymity. If he or she doesn't want people to know that they have a Stephen Minister, no one will ever know.

Why all this talk about confidentiality? To build your trust in Stephen Ministry. It is a high-quality, care giving ministry that you can count on should you ever have the need. Confidentiality is the cornerstone of our Stephen Ministry program.



AND REMEMBER IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW NEEDS HELP...

connect with one of our Stephen Ministers, by calling **Pat Reass at 206-9914**, or talk with one of our other Stephen Minister Leaders: **Alan Harvey, Ray Larson, Mary Marrs, Steve Negley, Les O'Neal, Barbara Perkins, or Jean Strang.**

You can also use one of the three Request Form Boxes located in the Centennial Room, narthex, and balcony hallway.

Our Stephen Ministers are there to care!



REMEMBER THE ANGEL VAN MINISTRY

The Angel Van is a service deacons provide for adults who have no means of transportation to and from our Sunday worship.

Those who would like to take advantage of this service need to call the office at 294-3121 by noon on Fridays. Your request will be relayed to the deacon driving on that Sunday and the deacon will contact you by telephone on Saturday to confirm your desire to be transported and to arrange the time of pick up for our Worship Service at 11 a.m. Please let us know if we can be of service to you.



YOUTH GROUP MEALS



Each week when we meet for Wednesday night middle school youth and Sunday night high school youth group we share a meal. It is an essential part of our ministry here at First Pres. Jesus dined with many and it is a time to break bread and share fellowship. Sometimes the best conversations begin around the table.

If you are interested in preparing a meal in the new Golden Center kitchen for our youth or are interested in donating to our youth fund to help purchase these meals please contact Dana at dparrish@firstpreswh.org or call the office at 863-294-3121.

DON'T MISS THE CONNECTION

9:15 – 10:45 a.m.

An extended fellowship time in McLeod Hall which offers a coffee bar type selection with different flavors, creamers, pastries, etc. It is a gathering place before (or after) worship, and between worship and Sunday School for some. Videos of church activities will play on a loop in McLeod Hall. 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.



HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT OUR THREE WORSHIP SERVICES?

8:15 a.m. ~ Chapel Worship

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



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

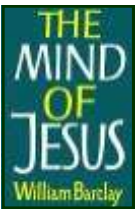
A Praise and Worship service held in our sanctuary. Along with scripture, sermon, and prayers, the praise band helps the congregation in adoring and showing reverence to God. Following the Time with Younger Disciples, children are invited to join Ms. Lynn in music and then to join in their own Children's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

11:00 a.m. ~ Sanctuary Worship

A traditional worship service 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.

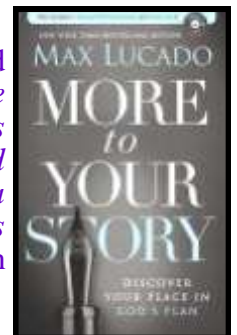
SUNDAY SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES

9:30 a.m. – Adult



The Perspectives Class studies, **The Mind of Jesus** by William Barclay. Please join this class in the Geneva Room at 9:30 a.m. "Jesus suffered, doubted, hoped, feared, dreamed, wept, knew loneliness, planned, and built. William Barclay achieves in **The Mind of Jesus** his aim "to make the figure of Jesus more vividly alive, so that we may know him better and love him more." This class is facilitated by Dr. Jim Threlkel and Glenn Thomas.

Max Lucado – More to Your Story DVD study will meet through November 27. Rick and Pat Reass leads this class. *Car pools and car crashes. Job changes and joint custody. Life can feel overwhelming and inconsequential. But bestselling author Max Lucado says there's more to your story than the chaos, confusion, and clutter of daily life. Your life is a crafted narrative written by a great God, who is working toward your supreme good. Join Max on a journey through the great promises of the New Testament and discover your place in God's plan. Everything changes when you see how your story fits with God's story. Come join in fellowship and discussion in Room 207 of the CE building.*



9:45 – Children

On Sunday mornings all children age three through fifth grade have a special music time with Ms. Lynn from **9:45 – 10 a.m.**

At 10 a.m. the Preschool Children (ages 3 and 4) meet in Room 101 for their own time of Bible lesson, craft, snack, and playtime.

The **Elementary children** (kindergarten through fifth grade) are invited to experience a brand new Sunday School curriculum called **252 Basics**. This new curriculum is designed to provoke discovery and invite kids into a new understanding of how to grow in relationship with Jesus. We look forward to you all joining us on Sunday mornings!



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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
282 bag lunches the week of 11/7/16.

Return Service Requested

Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 110 people on 11/12/16.

YOUTH TOY DRIVE 2016



It is that time of year again! Our high school and middle school youth will be collecting toys for the Salvation Army. We would love your help in this endeavor. We will have a basket in McLeod Hall on the counter. Please drop off your new toys Sunday at church, or Monday – Thursday 8:00-5:00 and Friday 8:00-2:00. Our last day for collecting these toys will be Friday, December 16.

We hope you will help us help children this year for Christmas. We of course welcome any toys, but ask that you also remember teens at this time. They are so often overlooked and we want to make their Christmas special as well.

Thank you for your help with our toy drive.