



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

## Tower Chimes

*Week of November 27, 2016*

*Issue 605*

*130 Years of Ministry*

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### JOIN US FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**Sunday, November 27** is the **FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**. Advent is the season of preparation for the celebration of Christmas, covering four Sundays. This year, we will be focusing our worship on "An Antiphonal Advent." The sermons for these four Sundays will focus on the Gospel of Luke, and how the good news of the birth of Christ was shared in song between the angels and a variety of earthly characters.



First Sunday of Advent	The angel sings to Zechariah (Luke 1:13ff)
Second Sunday of Advent	Zechariah's two responses
Third Sunday of Advent	The angel sings to Mary (Luke 1:26-37)
Fourth Sunday of Advent	Mary sings the Magnificat (Luke 1:47-55)

We hope you will join us at **8:15am (Chapel)**, **9:30am (Praise and Worship)** or **11:00am (Sanctuary)** each Sunday in Advent as we add our voices to the good news of the season.

### JINGLE JAVA JAM

Please join us on **December 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:office@firstpreswh.org), or filling out this tear-off and dropping it in the offering plate on Sunday or bringing to the office.

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



# OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

## Sunday, November 27 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT Communion

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)  
4:30 p.m. HSYG Music Rehearsal (GC)  
5:30 p.m. HSYG (GC)

## Monday, November 28

8:45 a.m. MOM  
10:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl (MH)  
2:00 p.m. Friendship Callers (MC)

## Tuesday, November 29

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (MCR)  
12:00 p.m. Men's Lunch (MH)  
6:15 p.m. Worship & Music (UR)

## Wednesday, November 30

8:45 a.m. MOM  
2:00 p.m. Presbyterian Women Bible Study  
Leaders (MCR)  
3:00 p.m. Christ Kids (CE)  
5:30 p.m. Christ Kids Bell Ringers (MS)  
6:00 p.m. Chancel Bells (MS)  
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

## Thursday, December 1

9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study (GC)  
1:15 p.m. Chapel Bells  
6:30 p.m. Praise & Worship Band (Sanctuary)

## Friday, December 2

8:45 a.m. MOM

## Saturday, December 3

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



Samuel Crockett	David Knowles
Zach Drum	John Marotti
Robert Ferguson	KaitLin Marotti-Pitts
Stephanie Gillie	Ashton Pitts
Eddie Gray	Drew Stapor

# Remember in Prayer

## members

Roger Able	Frances Heath	Ed Partridge
Maxie Adams	Doris Hill	Anthony Premuto
Tom Brackett	Camille Howe	Robert Ramseyer
Jonye Briggs	Jim Huff	Barbara Roberts
Millie Carrier	Joey Johnston	Earle Roberts
Helen Champlain	Toni Krieger	Dave Ryan
Tom & Anamarie Coffman	Dena Lancashire	Marilyn Schleifer
Charlie Darte	Jackie Lawn	Barbara A. Smith
Jana & Mike Easterling	Spike Lucia	Barbara H. Smith
Jeanne Estes	Larry Marshall	Pam Tallent-Blackburn
Bill Everhart	Dick McCauley	Carolyn Thompson
Lois Frakes	Ann Meadows	Shirley Turner
Bill Garrett	Gladys Meier	Jim Vobornik
Margaret Goodman	Lynnis Mincey	Lee Wilkinson
Jane Hayman	Bev Morris	Marie Williams
Marilyn Hearn	Joan Murphy	Retha Wright

IN THE HOSPITAL: Olga Andrews, Elaine Maltese, Doug Purnell, Keith Ray

## Relatives & Friends

Peggy Argudo	Gene Aspy's friend
Susan Bryan	Jim Francis' friend
Reese Burdette	Dana Cole's cousin
Lois Burns	Howard Rambeau's friend
Anna Clawson & twins	Linda & Andy Stavres' granddaughter
Allen Cofiori	Gale & Gwen Waters' friend
Sarah Dubinsky	Linda & Andy Stavres' friend
Al Ellis	Jim Threlkel's friend
Raymond Fenstermaker	Gale & Gwen Waters' grandson
Steve Hickman	Becky DelPrado's brother
Richard Honer	Butz family's friend
Pete Kent	Charley & Nancy Chilton's nephew
Nan Mason	Harvey & Mary Ann Snively's daughter
Cynthia McCaleb	Carolyn Thompson's daughter
Marisa Middaugh	Gene Aspy's niece
Kate & Johnny Olson	Toni Barger's friends
Kristy Turner	Rick & Pat Reass' daughter
Debbie Webb	Jonathan Owen's friend
Marshall Wood	Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend

## 10 Ways to Pray When You Can't Pray

Pray Anyway  
Choose to Listen  
Just Say His Name  
Have a Go-to Prayer  
Say a Prayer of Praise  
Pray for Someone Else  
Pray for a Heart of Prayer  
Have Someone Pray for You  
Read Different Prayers in the Bible  
Pray Different Bible Verses Over Your Life



## ADVENT DEVOTIONALS 2016

*'Toyland—Remembering Favorite Childhood Toys Received at Christmas'*  
Hard copies are available, 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](http://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](http://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.



## DON'T FORGET YOUR DIRECTORY

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 the Edinburgh Room in a box labeled with the family name in alphabetical order.

If you do not find a directory with your family name on it and need one,  
call the church office at 294-3121.



## CALLING ALL PRIMETIMERS

Church members and friends age 55 and up  
Mark your calendars for the Primetimers Christmas Luncheon.

Monday, December 19, 11:30 a.m. in McLeod Hall

The program staff and pastors will be preparing and serving a lunch (\$8.00) which will include:

Chicken in Cream, Green Beans, Rolls, and Holiday Desserts.

There will be food, fellowship, and a Christmas Carol Sing-Along.

Please contact the church office at 294-3121, e-mail us [office@firstpreswh.org](mailto:office@firstpreswh.org) or fill out the form below.

## PRIMETIMERS CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON RESERVATION

We will collect the money the day of the luncheon.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Number attending: \_\_\_\_\_



## 2016 RECIPIENTS OF THE *OUTSTANDING OLDER ADULTS AWARDS*

On Sunday, November 13 at the eleven o'clock worship service the Outstanding Older Adult Award for 2016 was presented to two worthy recipients. They were nominated by the Membership Development Committee and their nomination was approved by the Session. On behalf of the Membership Development Committee, Dr. Harvey presented the awards to **Nancy M. Shaw** and to **William C. Patchen III**, better known as **Bill**.

In his remarks commending **Nancy**, Dr. Harvey said, "One of our church programs that really captured her attention was the Living Nativity also formerly known as *'Twas the Night before the First Christmas* and now



*Come to the Stable and Bethlehem Square*. She has organized costumes and sewn costumes. She has been involved in publicity, she has recruited volunteers to assist with all facets of the production. She has served on the task force that led us to secure the electronic messaging center to inform passersby of what happens here at 637 6th Street, NW. She currently serves as the Moderator of the Deacons and chairs the Community Outreach and Engagement Committee."

In his remarks commending **Bill**, Dr. Harvey said, "He has sung in the Chancel Choir and played handbells for years. He has served as a deacon and an elder. The honoree's main claim to fame is that for 30 years he set up communion for our church. Intinction does not require as much preparation as does tray communion. Filling all the cups, cubing the bread, making certain the linens are clean and in good repair, and cleaning up after communion. Do that for two services. Do that for 8-10 times a year. Now do that for 30 years. He has indeed invested considerable time in preparing the communion elements so that you and I could come to the Lord's Table. Dr. Negley led the congregation in giving them a standing ovation after the certificates were presented and the engraved plaque was revealed. The Membership Development Committee hosted a reception in McLeod Hall for the congregation to congratulate the newest recipients.



### IT IS THAT TIME ~ POINSETTIA ORDER FOR 2016

Poinsettias are a yearly tradition to decorate the church on Christmas, "in honor of" or "in memory of" a loved one or friend. This year the poinsettias will be in the sanctuary on **December 18**.

Please fill out the order form below. The cost per plant is **\$11** 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 **Monday, December 12**.

A complete listing will be available  
**Sunday, December 18.**

#### **IMPORTANT ~ PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY**

Donor(s): \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I will pick up my poinsettia after the 9 p.m. Christmas Eve service.

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like my poinsettia delivered to a shut-in.

Number of plants ordered: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_



## 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.**



### 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.

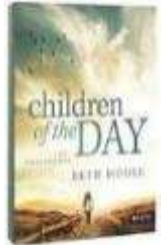
Joy Circle meets the **3rd Tuesday of each month at 9:30 a.m.** at the home of Carol Carter. **December 20** is the next meeting.

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](mailto: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.





# 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.

## 3 OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHRISTIAN SERVICE THE CONNECTION



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???

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

- 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: \_\_\_\_\_

## 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**

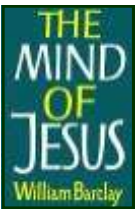
A Praise and Worship service held in our sanctuary. Along with scripture, sermon, and prayers, the praise band helps the congregation in adoring and showing reverence to God. Following the Time with Younger Disciples, children are invited to join Ms. Lynn in music and then to join in their own Children's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

Bill and Kathy Lockhart will facilitate *Advent Conspiracy*, a DVD series focusing on taking a stand against commercialism during the Christmas season. *Advent Conspiracy* invites individuals, families, groups, and entire churches to substitute compassion for consumerism by practicing four simple but powerful, countercultural concepts: Worship Fully—because Christmas begins and ends with Jesus! This class will meet December 4 – 18 in Room 207.



### **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.*

*Adopted by Session, 2003*

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### Bag Lunch Ministry

We gave out  
337 bag lunches the week of 11/21/16.

**Return Service Requested**

### Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 130 people on 11/19/16.

## THE STABLE IS WAITING

The stable is in place waiting for a special night when a baby will be born. Shepherds will see the star, wonder at its meaning and come to the stable. Far off in another land, wise men will see the star and journey to the stable bringing gifts...a King is born!

Come and celebrate His birth under the stars at First Presbyterian Church on Saturday, December 10 at 6:30 and 7:30 in the evening. Then join us for food, drink and fellowship in Bethlehem Square. Live music and animals will complete this special experience.



## 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!**

