



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

Tower Chimes

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Make **FIRST PRES** your **FIRST CHOICE** for Celebrating Advent in 2015

During the Season of Advent, our church family will be focusing on those who were present to celebrate the birth of Christ. The **Advent daily devotions**, which have been written by members of our congregation and staff, will feature stories about special nativity sets that help us to re-tell the story of the birth of our Savior.

The **sermons for the Sundays of Advent** will take a detailed look at different nativity characters each week:

The Angels on the First Sunday in Advent: **November 29**

The Shepherds on the Second Sunday in Advent: **December 6**

The Wise Men on the Third Sunday in Advent: **December 13**

The Holy Family on the Fourth Sunday in Advent: **December 20**



On Saturday night, December 12, our church members will help the holy night and the town of Bethlehem come to life with **Come to the Stable and to Bethlehem Square** (our indoor and outdoor living re-creation of the people and the place of Christ's birth.)

The season will reach its climax on Christmas Eve, December 24, and our **Candlelight Services of Lessons and Carols**. The 5:00 PM service will include children's choirs, and a children's story with a re-enactment of the nativity. The 9:00 PM service will feature additional musical selections from our choir.

We hope you, your family and friends, will make **FIRST PRES** your **FIRST CHOICE** for sharing the Good News of Christ's birth this Advent and Christmas season.

~~~~~ **SAVE THE DATE: DECEMBER 6, 2015, 4 P.M.!** **FOR THE ST. NICHOLAS DAY JINGLE JAVA JAM!**

If you remember having fun at The Madrigal Feast we did for several years, then you will love this event! Round tables will fill the decorated McLeod Hall and you will be treated to a wonderful dessert and coffee or hot cocoa and cookies for the young ones. Children, youth and adults will present a musical program featuring choral, bell and other instrumental selections of sacred and secular songs of the season. Everyone can participate as we join together to sing the popular and much requested "Twelve Days of Christmas."



Donations will be gladly accepted to defray the cost. Reservations are needed to accommodate food and seating, please complete the tear off form and place it in the offering plate or call the church office at 294-3121. Nursery services will be provided if needed. We look forward to seeing you for this special holiday event. Thank you!



Jingle Java Jam Reservation-By December 4, 12:00 p.m.

Please save me/us a seat. Name: _____ # of Adults: _____ #of Children: _____

Check here if nursery services will be needed: _____ How many children?: _____

Church calendar

Sunday, November 29

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT COMMUNION

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-Adult
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
4:30 p.m. Youth Group Music Rehearsal (GS)
5:30 p.m. HSYG (GC)

Monday, November 30

8:45 a.m. MOM
10:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl (MH)

Tuesday, December 1

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
12:00 p.m. Men's Lunch (MH)
6:00 p.m. Saturday Nite Live Planning (MH)
6:30 p.m. Session (GR)

Wednesday, December 2

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

Thursday, December 3

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

Friday, December 4

8:45 a.m. MOM

Saturday, December 5

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

Remember in Prayer

members

Roger Able	Doris Hill	Ann Reddout
Win Betrus	Camille Howe	Earle Roberts
Millie Carrier	Jim Huff	Dave Ryan
Orrin & Helen Champlain	Dorothy Johnson	Dorothy Ryan
Norma Conner	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	Lynnis Mincey	Carolyn Thompson
Jeanne Estes	Jim Morris	Ed Threadgill
Bill & Becky Everhart	Joan Murphy	Shirley Turner
Marge Goodman	Randal Palmer	Gwen Waters
Frances Heath	Barbara Puckett	Lee Wilkinson

Family and friends

Jerry Cooley	Susan Singleton's friend
Jim Daniels & family	Jonathan Owen's friends
Al Ellis	Jim Threlkel's friend
Families in distress	
Raymond Fenstermaker	Gale & Gwen Waters' grandson
Jean Hehn	Ellie Threlkel's friend
Vicki Kaufman	Amy Speer's mother
Pete Kent	Charley & Nancy Chilton's nephew
Nan Mason	Harvey & Mary Ann Snively's daughter
Letti Lane North	Jean Strang's sister
David Richardson	Ellie & Jim Threlkel friend
Anthony Shepherd	Saturday Nite Live friend
Jimmy & Amanda Sites	Lynn Oakley's friends
Chet Spires	Saturday Nite Live friend
Rick Tyler	Rick & Pat Reass' friend
	Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend
Marshall Wood	



Robert Ferguson
Stephanie Gillie
Eddie Gray
David Knowles
Drew Stapor

2016 ADVENT DEVOTIONAL



“Toyland” – Remembering Favorite Childhood Toys Received at Christmas” was the theme approved by the Session 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.

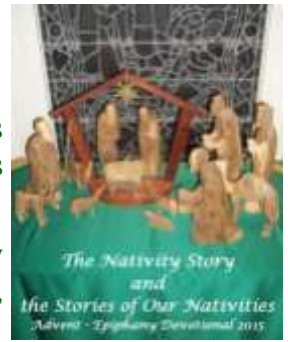


If you are willing to write for this devotional, then please sign up in the narthex. While there be sure and pick up your copy of the 2015 Advent Devotional, *The Story of the Nativity and the Stories of Our Nativities*.

THE NATIVITY STORY AND THE STORIES OF OUR NATIVITIES

Advent through Epiphany 2015 Devotional booklets are available **NOW**. The devotions will also be available on our website and Facebook page as well as through daily e-mails beginning November 29, 2015.

If you would like to be added to the daily staff e-mail devotions and Advent/Epiphany devotions go to our website at <http://www.firstpreswh.org/resources/e-mail-subscriptions>, click on "Sign up for The Devotional" fill in your email information.



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

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.

Meeting dates are:

Thursdays, 9 - 11 a.m. December 3, January 7 & 21.

Contact Lia Gray to reserve your study booklet at:
Uncpair@gmail.com or 318-1541.

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 December 14 meeting will meet at 11:00 a.m.** at the home of Nancy Brooks. If you wish to ride the bus, meet at the church at **10:30 a.m.** This will be our annual potluck Christmas luncheon and lesson four (4) of our Bible study.

Joy Circle is the **third Tuesday; next meeting, December 15 at 9:30 a.m.** at Carol Carter's.

DEVOTIONAL GATHERING FOR MOMS



Busy Moms of Faith, a Wednesday Devotional Gathering, will meet on **Wednesday, December 2 and Wednesday, December 9 at noontime** in the Geneva Room. Please feel free to bring your own lunch if you would like. We meet for a time of prayer, devotion, and personal sharing. We look forward to all moms joining us for this hour long gathering. Feel free to stay as long as you are able.

PRIMETIMERS

Mark your calendars for the Primetimers Christmas Luncheon

Wednesday, December 16, 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, 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: _____

COME TO THE STABLE MUSICIANS



We will have a rehearsal for all guitar players and singers in the choir room on **Wednesday, December 9th at 8:00 p.m.** We will be practicing familiar Christmas carols. If you would like to pick up the music before then, please see Lynn during office hours or after church!

DISNEY CANDLELIGHT PROCESSIONAL

If you will be at Epcot on Christmas Day you have the opportunity to enjoy a group of singers from the church who will be performing at the 6:45 and 8:15 Candlelight Processional.



For those members participating in the Candlelight Processional, please see Lynn if you have not yet signed a release form. We will have Candlelight review practice on the following dates: **December 13th, and 20th at 2:00 p.m.; December 16th and 23rd at 8:00 p.m.** Please see Lynn immediately if you do not have music or recordings!

CHRISTMAS DAY SOUP KITCHEN



We are planning to share another wonderful Christmas Day meal for those in our area who are hungry. The dinner menu will include: turkey and gravy, ham, mashed potatoes, green bean casserole, corn, cranberry sauce, bread, pie, cake, and Christmas cookies. From 1:30–3:15 p.m. we will be cooking side dishes, carving meat, cutting bread and desserts in the main church kitchen, and setting up the 737 building and tables for the meal. We will serve from 3:30–4:30 p.m.

Volunteers are needed to

- Bake a ham or turkey at home, and bring it to the main kitchen by 2:30 p.m. on Christmas Day (the hams and turkeys can be picked up at the church on Sunday, December 20)
- Make a large green bean casserole (disposable baking pans can be picked up at the church on Sunday, December 20)
- Help with cooking and food and building prep. from 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. on Christmas Day
- Help serve the Christmas meal and clean up 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. on Christmas day.

If you would like to help with any of these portions of the Christmas Day Soup Kitchen meal, please sign up in McLeod Hall and plan to join us for this wonderful Christmas tradition here at First Pres.

YOUTH TOY DRIVE

Our middle and high school youth are sponsoring a toy drive through the Salvation Army and Beth-el for Christmas. We know that a big part, maybe the biggest part, of being a follower of Jesus Christ is being His hands and feet here on earth. This is one small way that we can love God's people. Please join with us in collecting toys for children for Christmas.

The youth will have bins in McLeod Hall to collect any toys you would like to donate. If you would like to help us collect these toys please be sure that they are new toys of any age group. We are stressing all age groups not wanting to focus on one age over another. We will be collecting these toys through Friday, December 11. The church office closes at 2:00 on Friday so we will be collecting until 2:00 that day.



Thank you for supporting our youth and helping us be the Hands and Feet of Jesus.

OUTSTANDING OLDER ADULT AWARD RECIPIENTS FOR 2015 BOB AND ISOBEL HUBBARD

On Sunday November 15 at the eleven o'clock worship service, Bob and Isobel Hubbard were recognized as the Outstanding Older Adult Award recipients for 2015. Alan explained the criteria for the award and how the Membership Development Committee makes a recommendation for the Session's approval. The following tribute was paid to them before the Hubbards came forward to be congratulated by a standing ovation from the congregation. Alan noted how this year had been a momentous one for them as in September they celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary. Alan continued, "They have been long time members of First Presbyterian Church having made a grand entrance their first time here by entering the front doors and finding the worship service already in progress. They quickly learned the worship schedule and the preferred doors for entering the sanctuary. They became quite involved in the life of the church and their two children grew up here.



He has served as an elder for three terms and worked on the Nominating, World Mission and Worship & Music Committees. He taught in the Harriett Thompson Sunday school Class after Dr. Fred Lenfestey retired. More recently Bob and Isobel have been members of the Perspectives Class.

Isobel has served as a Deacon and an Elder. She is currently active in Stephen Ministry. Some years ago she spearheaded a canned food drive that resulted in 40,000 cans being collected. Bob and Isobel early on served on the Stirring Committee of the Soup Kitchen and were Head Cooks with their chosen menu of soup and ham & cheese sandwiches. He continues to purchase supplies for the Soup Kitchen. For a number of years he changed the lettering on our sign each week. He has been very involved in the selection of our electronic messaging center and is maintaining the quips, quotes messages that inform travelers on 6th Street of what goes on here.

Bob retired as a computer operations manager for a roofing distributor in Tampa while Isobel retired after more than 30 years serving as a medical transcriptionist for Gessler Clinic. She has been active for more than 40 years in Beta Sigma Phi social sorority and Bob has been active for more than 50 years as a York Rite Mason.

The Hubbards are avid readers and enjoy gardening. This Midwesterner met his bride while he was stationed with the United States Navy in Glasgow, Scotland, which happened to be her birthplace. The Hubbards are the proud parents of daughter, Melony, who lives in Ruskin with her family and son, Chris, who lives in Ohio with his family. They are also the grandparents of four." The Hubbards were warmly greeted by the congregation at a reception given in their honor as well as in honor of our newest members in McLeod Hall following the service.

Congratulations Bob and Isobel!

IT IS THAT TIME ~ POINSETTIA ORDER FOR 2015

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 20**.

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 14**.

A complete listing will be available
Sunday, December 20.

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: \$ _____



FALL 2015 SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH, (9:45 A.M.) & ADULTS (10 A.M.)

*A Nursery is available for children 2 and younger during the 8:50 Gathering,
Sunday School hour, and 11 a.m. worship service.*

Children ages three through fifth grade will meet in the new 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 this Fall with Science, Movies, Art, Cooking, Storytelling, Games, and Library time!!



Middle school and High school youth meet every Sunday morning in The Golden Center for Sunday School from **9:45 - 10:45 a.m.** 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.

WE HAVE SEVERAL OPTIONS FOR ADULTS TO ENJOY THIS FALL

Starting on **Sunday, November 29**, take a journey with us on the road to Bethlehem as we follow **Adam Hamilton’s The Journey** curriculum during the 4 Sundays of Advent. Amy McKee will lead this video/discussion class which will meet in Room 207 of the Education building. Join us for one Sunday or all four, come as often as you are able.



The Perspectives Class will start a new series on the book—*What Does the Lord Require? Doing Justice, Loving Kindness, Walking Humbly*, by James C. Howell. This class is facilitated by Dr. Jim Threlkel & Glenn Thomas and meets in the Geneva Room.

Dr. Negley will lead **Faith as a Verb** - Chapter 11 of the Biblical book of Hebrews shows snapshot after snapshot of faith in action. Join us as we use this one chapter, and the rich list of heroes and heroines of our faith, as our starting point for weekly conversations about how we live faithful lives as God’s people. This class meets in the back of McLeod Hall.



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.



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.

OUR CHURCH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

Dear Church Family,

We are excited to announce that we have requested the services of **Lifetouch** Church Directories to prepare our Pictorial Family Album. It will contain color portraits of all the families, some candid pictures of our activities and updated addresses and phone numbers.

Each family photographed will select a pose for the directory, and receive **FREE**:

An 8 x 10 Portrait

A Church Directory

*** Active Military, Police & Fire receive an additional 20% off ***

For your convenience, you will be able to view your portraits within minutes from having them taken. There is **NO OBLIGATION**, however, you will have the opportunity to order portraits. Please bring your credit card, cash or checkbook.

Do you know all fellow members by name? Are there families whom you do not know? We feel that this full color Pictorial Directory will help you to know each other and build stronger unity and closer fellowship.

If you are a ***generational*** family e.g. Grandparents, daughter, son-in-law, grandchildren, consider signing up together and having a generations picture taken along with your individual family pictures. You can also bring your musical instrument, sports paraphernalia, or a pet to reflect your personality in the photo.

All friends are welcome & will receive the complimentary 8x10 but only our families will receive the church directory. So invite other family members or friends for photos.



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:

Dec 28	1:00 pm – 8:00 pm.
Dec 29	1:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Jan 14	1:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Jan 15	1:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Jan 16	10:00 am – 5:00 pm



All families will receive a \$10 coupon the day of their scheduled photography, plus if you donate a food item, or cash for our food ministry the day of your photo session, you will receive another \$5.00 coupon (one per household) towards your portrait order.

SHARING LOVE



Stephen Ministry has been in operation at our church for a few years. The ministry of the Stephen Ministers has been a blessing to individuals, to the lay ministers themselves, and to the whole congregation. In order to continue and expand this ministry of care, we are beginning another Stephen Ministry training class. Take advantage of this opportunity to share the love that God has given you. You will find that being a Stephen Minister will not only be helpful to others, but it will be one of the most fulfilling and joyful experiences that you have ever had.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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!

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.



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!

DECEMBER

B irthdays

12/2	Peggy Chun Ron Damjker Teresa Renney	12/11	Jane Ray Dave Sparr	12/22	Mark Turner Maggi Helmick Lou Parrott
12/3	Henry Chilton Bruce Eelman Daphne Gray Tina Summerlin	12/12	Kaylie Arnold Bill Lockhart Jackie Pinckney		Daniel Slocum Cynthia Stroupe Weston Thibodaux
12/4	Jack Scamehorn	12/13	Dawn Fellows Peggy Kennedy Beverly Seagreaves	12/23	Cecilia Linn
12/5	Alee Swango Jane Tillman	12/15	Merry Stewart Borowski Micah Darte Erin Duce Lia Gray Lynn Lasseter Griffin Powell Margaret Way	12/24	Judy Fitzgerald Ryan Johnson Mary Anne Knowles
12/6	Helen Butz Steve Saterbo Ginger Schreier			12/25	Betty Drasdo Carol Roe
12/7	Christina Maness			12/26	M. David Alexander Patti Forum
12/8	Caroline Beckley Margaret Dantzler	12/16	Marty Bentley Randy McCann Kim Powell	12/27	Rusty Hart Treva Plowden
12/9	Bob Helmick Lorraine Todd	12/18	Geoffrey Roe Morgan Schreiber	12/28	Stephanie Cornejo Madison Thomas
12/10	Dick Hill Gladys Meier Marile Weeks	12/19	Megan Kosmensky Ed Threadgill	12/29	Ashley Dunson Wiley Koon, Sr. Glenda Parrott
12/11	John Gray Austin Johnston Michael Lyons Zane McCann Roy Morrison	12/20	Jim King Renee Parrish Harvey Snively	12/30	Terry Rayfield
		12/21	Neil Berger	12/31	David Gillen Shirley Ostram Barbara Roberts Steve Sowards

A nniversaries

12/02	Jay & Dorrie Tackett	12/23	James & Ellen Zeller
12/05	Joey & Krista Endres Josh & Jessica Lockhart	12/26	Steve & Laura Dunham Kline & Barbara Roberts Drew & Lindsay Stapor
12/09	Russell & Lynn Aaron	12/27	Mike & Martha Seney Ed & Suzann Threadgill
12/14	Bob & Shirley Turner	12/28	Bob & Carol Carter
12/16	James & Daphne Gray Ray & Gladys Larson	12/29	Howard & Cheryl Beckert Gale & Gwen Waters
12/18	Carl & Kathy Cheatham	12/30	Richard & Pam Baker Pete & Merry Stewart Borowski
12/19	Andrew & Linda Stavres	12/31	Dean & Sonja Jackson John & Tracy Scheck
12/20	Wiley & Sara Koon Steve & Teresa Negley		
12/21	Jose & Alison Batista		
12/22	Nat & Jane West		
12/23	Orrin & Helen Champlain		

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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

This newsletter is published weekly.
Summer months and holidays published bi-weekly.
Church dated material, please deliver by 11/27/15.

Bag Lunch Ministry

We gave out 281 bag lunches the week of 11/16/15.

Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 120 people on 11/21/15.

Return Service Requested

Non-profit Org.
U.S. Postage Paid
Permit No. 1162
Lakeland, FL

COME TO THE STABLE **REHEARSALS FOR NATIVITY PERFORMERS:**

Children on Wednesday, December 9 at 4:30 p.m.

Youth on Wednesday, December 9 at 5:30 p.m.

PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ATTEND.

Also, we will be fitting costumes for anyone who has
NOT already been fitted.

**ATTENDING REHEARSAL IS IMPORTANT TO
MAKE PERFORMANCE NIGHT RUN MORE SMOOTHLY.**

Thank You!!!

