



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

Tower Chimes

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131 Years of Ministry

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HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OCTOBER!

GET READY FOR FALL FEST!

Wednesday, October 25 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in McLeod Hall

Family-friendly supper (pizza), games, and costumes (non-scary, please) are fun for all! Invite friends & neighbors.

Donations are accepted. Prizes, Crafts, Candy, Bible Trivia, and more Candy! Enjoy the evening with your church family!!

How can I help?

- Bring individually wrapped candy or small prizes by **Monday, October 23** to the church office or McLeod Hall.
- Join the high school youth for set-up on Sunday evening, **October 22.**
- Set-up and decoration will continue on **Wednesday, October 25 at 9 a.m.**
- Assist with pizza supper, a game booth, or just come enjoy the fun!

Questions? E-mail Evelyn McMullen: dce@firstpreswh.org.

Please RSVP for pizza dinner by calling the church office at 294-3121 or filling out the form and putting it in the offering place.



Name: _____ # Attending: _____

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT *FunTimers*



MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Because of our late lunch time, we will gather in McLeod Hall for light snacks and a beverage before boarding the bus to travel to **Celebration Town Center** to sit by the lake or walk around it, visit the shops and have lunch in the **Town Tavern Seafood Restaurant**.

The only cost is for your lunch.



Please make your reservation by Wednesday, October 11 by calling the church office at 294-3121, e-mailing the church at office@firstpreswh.org, or filling out this tear-off and dropping in the offering plate.

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OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, October 15

8:15 a.m. Chapel Worship
 9:15 a.m. The Connection (MH)
 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School
 9:30 a.m. Heart of Worship (Sanctuary)
 10:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School (CE)
 11:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
 4:00 p.m. Stephen Minister Fall Gathering
 (Off-site)
 5:30 p.m. HSYG (GC)

Monday, October 16

8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)
 11:00 p.m. FunTimers (MH then Celebration)
 6:00 p.m. Christian Education (GR)

Tuesday, October 17

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (MCR)
 9:30 a.m. Joy Circle (Off-site)
 12:00 p.m. Men's Lunch (MH)
 12:00 p.m. Finance (UR)

Wednesday, October 18

8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)
 10:45 a.m. Preschool Music (CE103)
 3:00 p.m. Christ Kids (CE)
 3:45 p.m. Christ Kids Bell Ringers (MS)
 5:30 p.m. MSYG (GC)
 6:00 p.m. Chancel Bells
 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir (MS)

Thursday, October 19

1:15 p.m. Chapel Bells (MS)
 6:30 p.m. Praise & Worship Band (Sanctuary)

Friday, October 20

8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)

Saturday, October 21

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



Our Christian sympathy goes to Kelli, Sean, & Lindsey Ivey on the death of their father & grandfather, Bud Hatcher, who died Tuesday, October 3,

Remember in Prayer

MEMBERS

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

IN THE HOSPITAL: John Skipper

Relatives & Friends

Mike & Linda Bechtel	Marie Able's sister & brother-in-law
Reese Burdette	Dana Cole's cousin
Al Ellis	Jim Threlkel's friend
Kevin Ehrlich	Rossanne Gorsky's son
Raymond Fenstermaker	Gale & Gwen Waters' grandson
Donna Stuart-Jackson	Becky Everhart's friend
Pete Kent	Charley & Nancy Chilton's nephew
Matt Krehmar	Tom & Jeri Oldt's friend
Fred Meier	Sarah Rennie's father
Morgan Moats	Edna Mitchell's granddaughter
Kristy Turner	Rick & Pat Reass' daughter
John Waters	Gale & Gwen Waters' nephew
Marshall Wood	Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend

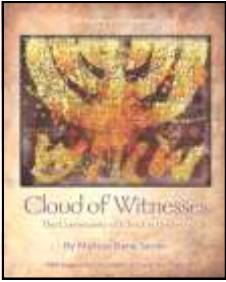


Brenden Anderson	Daniel Harp
Christian Anderson	Sean Harp
Karolina Crockett	David Knowles
Samuel Crockett	John Marotti
Zach Drum	KaitLin Marotti-Pitts
Robert Ferguson	Ashton Pitts
Stephanie Gillie	Shad Skinner
Eddie Gray	Drew Stapor

3 CENTS-A-MEAL THIS SUNDAY

We will collect the 3 Cents-a-Meal Hunger Offering during worship services **SUNDAY, October 15**. This offering is divided between our Soup Kitchen/Bag Lunch Ministry, Beth-El Farm-workers Ministry, and Honduras.





CIRCLE MEETINGS HAVE RETURNED

Joy Circle - **Third Tuesday, October 18 at 9:30 a.m.** at the home of Carol Carter

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

We will be 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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR A SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Please join us as Barbara Herrington, owner and lead Aging Life Care Manager of All About Aging, speaks on ministering to those experiencing losses as a person ages.

We will meet with light refreshments in the Upper Room on **October 24 at 6:30 p.m.**



CHRIST KIDS SINGERS & RINGERS

We have a great start this year with our children's music program! The Christ Kids Ringers practice on Wednesdays from **3:45 - 4:15 p.m.** This year we have nine ringers!

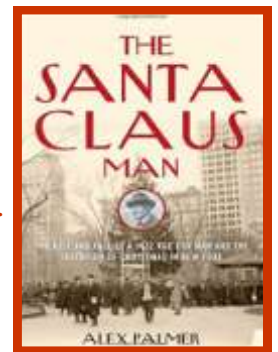
We will be playing the Prelude at the **11:00 a.m.** The Christ Kids Ringers will play and sing with all the children for the first "**5th Sunday**" service on **October 29th at 10:00 a.m.**

START READING FOR OUR 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.



SOUP KITCHEN OPPORTUNITES

October 21: need Assistants.

November 4, 18, & 25: need Head Cook and Assistants

Won't You Help Us Feed Hungry People?

Please Sign Up On The Deacon's Board In McLeod Hall.

God Bless You and Thank You!



When "Pull Yourself Together" Doesn't Work!

You've heard it time and time again: "Pull yourself together. . . Cheer up. . . Tough it out. . . It's not that bad." Perhaps people have said it to you. Or perhaps you keep saying it to yourself. But it hasn't helped. You are still hurting. Things are coming apart, not coming together. Here's the good news: You don't have to go through your struggles alone. Help is available. Our Stephen Ministers are trained caregivers who will walk with you, listen to you, and provide confidential one-to-one care as you search through the pieces and find what is truly in your heart.

To learn more about Stephen Ministry for yourself or someone you know **call Pat Reass at 206-9914. Or you can talk with one of our other Stephen Leaders: Alan Harvey, Mary Marrs, Steve Negley, Les O'Neal, Barbara Perkins, or Jean Strang.** Our Stephen Ministers are ready to care for you.



ANGELS CARE CENTER OF ELOISE-Angel Collection Box Needs

There is an ongoing need for the following items to give out at the Angels Care Center. Please leave items in the Angel Collection Box in McLeod Hall. Thank YOU, and God Bless!!!



First Aid Kits: washcloths, band-aids, wet wipes, small soaps, small antibacterial soap, Q-tips, small packets of antibiotic ointment, etc.

Children's "Jesus Kits": coloring sheets with Biblical themes, crayons, scripture/song cards (simple and short for children), small books, stickers, etc.

Toiletry Kits: shampoo, soap, deodorant, razors, feminine products, combs, washcloths, hand gel, lotion, toothbrush and toothpaste, small samples from hotel/motels, etc.

Miscellaneous: zip lock bags (gallon, quart and snack size).

JOIN ONE OF OUR YOUTH GROUPS

If you are a middle or high school student, we would love for you to join us for youth group each week in our youth house, The Golden Center. **Middle School** meets each **Wednesday night from 5:30-7:30** and **High School** 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 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 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. Upcoming events being planned are: a Chain of Lakes canoe cookout and Ice Skating. 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!



Worship (and more) on the Lord's Day at First Pres



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

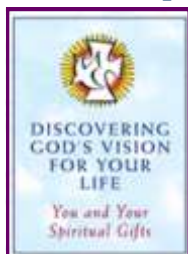


For Kids: We are getting to know some amazing Bible characters this fall: Hannah, Samuel, Saul, David, and Solomon. Short videos, music, art, and Bible activities will keep the kids coming back for more!

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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Church dated material, please deliver by 10/13/17.

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U.S. Postage Paid
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Bag Lunch Ministry

We gave out 210 bag lunches
the week of 10/2/17.

Return Service Requested

Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 78 people on 10/7/17.

Please plan to join us on Sunday, October 29 for our first
Fifth Sunday First Pres Family Gathering

**On this (and every fifth Sunday),
we will have a single worship service followed by a fellowship luncheon**

At the **Single 10:00 a.m. Worship Service** you will be able to catch up with all your First Pres friends. The service that Sunday will feature a unique order of worship with elements from our other services such as: several opening songs with our Praise Band, the Children's Singers and Chimes, an anthem presented by our Chancel Choir, Sermon, Time with Younger Disciples, prayers by our pastors, and a closing hymn accompanied on our pipe organ.

At **11:15 a.m.**, we hope to continue fellowship with our First Pres family and friends, with a **Congregation-wide Fellowship Luncheon in McLeod Hall**. This Sunday's meal (chicken tetrazzini, green beans, rolls, and cake for dessert) will be served family style at our round tables.

No reservations requested or required. (There will be plenty of food. Any leftovers will be used by our Senior High Youth for their Sunday night meal, our Middle School Youth for their Wednesday night meal, or our Saturday Soup Kitchen.)

Dr. Steve Negley will be the head cook for the October 29 Fifth Sunday Meal. If you want to join him in preparation (Saturday, October 28) or final cooking (Sunday, October 29) call him at 294-3121, or send him an email at snegley@firstpreswh.org to volunteer.

We hope you will join us for this great day of faith, friendship, and fellowship on October 29!