



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

Tower Chimes

Week of October 22, 2017

Issue 642

131 Years of Ministry

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MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW FOR THESE TWO OCTOBER EVENTS

DON'T FORGET THIS 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.

Please RSVP by October 20 by calling the church office at 294-3121 or filling out the form and putting it in the offering place.

Name: _____ # Attending: _____



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: _____ # Adults: _____ # Children: _____



OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, October 22

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)
 5:30 p.m. HSYG (GC)

Monday, October 23

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

Tuesday, October 24

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (MCR)
 12:00 p.m. Men's Lunch (MH)
 5:15 p.m. Stephen Minister Leaders (UR)
 6:15 p.m. Worship & Music (ER)
 6:30 p.m. All About Aging Presentation (UR)

Wednesday, October 25

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

Thursday, October 26

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

Friday, October 27

8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)

Saturday, October 28

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

DON'T FORGET 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 10:30 a.m. service. Please let us know if we can be of service to you.

Remember in Prayer

MEMBERS

Marie Able	Ranell Hillman	Barbara Roberts
Maxie Adams	Bryan Howard	Earle Roberts
Kathy Andrews	Camille Howe	Marilyn Schleifer
Kathleen Avinger	Jim Huff	Joyce Shirah
Bill Brack	Kelli Ivey	Mary Alice & Emma Skipper
Tom Brackett	Martha Johnson	Barbara A. Smith
Henry Braun	Joey Johnston	Barbara H. Smith
Carol Carter	Peggy Kennedy	Nell Speer
Helen Champlain	Toni Krieger	Scott Strey
Tom Coffman	Dena Lancashire	Carol Switalski
Gail Damkjer	Kathy Lockhart	Barbara Tackett
Yolanda Dyer	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: Marger Goodman, Beverly Seagreaves, & John Skipper

Relatives & Friends

Robert Allen	Dinise Cole's father
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
Judy Hatcher	Kelli Ivey's mother
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
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

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



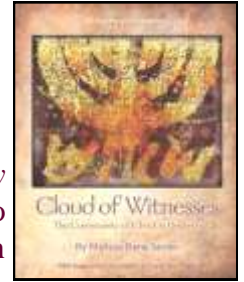
Our Christian sympathy goes to Jill Kosmensky on the death of her mother, Lois Frakes who died on Thursday, October 12,

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.

CHRIST KIDS SINGERS & RINGERS

We have a great start this year with our children's music program! Please add October 29th, December 3rd and December 24th to your calendar activities. All the children will sing at the "5th Sunday" at **10:00 a.m. on October 29**. The children will also sing for the Jingle Java Jam at 4:00 p.m. on December 3 and for the 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service on December 24. The Christ Kids Ringers will play and sing with all the children for the first "5th Sunday" service on October 29 at 10:00 a.m.

We will have a rehearsal on October 25 at 5:00 p.m. before the Fall Fest begins for the ringers. They will also ring for the 11:00 a.m. service on November 12. Thank you for your support, the children did a wonderful job sharing their talents in praise this past Sunday!



FIRST FACT

Mathew Massam Graduated from Marine Corp boot camp at Parris Island, SC.
He will continue his training in Jacksonville, NC.
Congratulations and thank you for serving our country.

SOUP KITCHEN NEEDS

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!

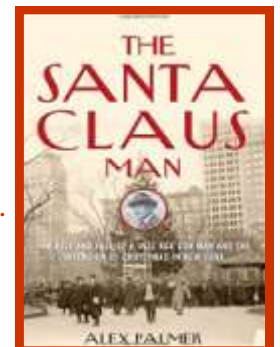


START READING FOR OUR LAST OM, OM BOOK DISCUSSION CLUB OF 2017

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.



What WE do – Thanks to YOU

A celebration of generosity and ministry

What WE do ... in Mission

It might be said that the entire ministry of the church of Jesus Christ is mission. From our worship to our fellowship, we share the good news of what God has done for us in Jesus Christ in our world. In a more concise definition, some people speak of mission in how the church reaches out to the world. As a member congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA), we see our mission field as being our local community, our state and nation, **and God's world.**

Locally, the members of First Presbyterian Church give money through our **Deacons' Fund, as well as time and talent to Meals on Wheels, Family Emergency Services, Habitat for Humanity, and The Mission, Girls Inc.,** to mention just a few. Our deacons also coordinate our Saturday Night Soup Kitchen, the Bag Lunch Ministry, and Saturday Nite Live (with developmentally and physically disabled adults).

Beyond our city, we support the work of the Presbytery of Tampa Bay. In this mission partnership new churches are being organized and disciples are being nurtured in Central Florida at the Cedarkirk Camp and Conference Center, Beth-El Farmworker Ministry, and Eckerd College, and in our hemisphere through our Honduras mission partnership.

Nationally and internationally, along with over 10,000 other PC (USA) congregations, people are being trained and supported in ministry and mission personnel are blanketing the globe with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Thanks to YOU ...

In 2018, we are hoping to share \$190,000 funding ministry beyond our church walls, including mission in Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly Mission, the local benevolent work through our Deacons and the services of our pastors as they help coordinate and interpret mission for our church.

And, each year our members also engage in nearly 6,000 hours of volunteer service just through the local, regional, and international missions of our church.



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

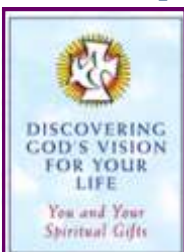


For Kids: We are getting to know some amazing Bible characters this fall: Hannah, Samuel, Saul, David, and Solomon. Short videos, music, art, and Bible activities will keep the kids coming back for more!

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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Bag Lunch Ministry

We gave out 191 bag lunches
the week of 10/9/17.

Return Service Requested

Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 80 people on 10/14/17.

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!