



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

## Tower Chimes

*Week of September 4, 2016*

*Issue 593*

*130 Years of Ministry*

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## CHRIST KIDS IS RETURNING!

Our Christ Kids program will begin on **Wednesday, September 7**. Children age four through fifth grade are invited to attend this **FREE** program. We gather out on the playground beginning at **3:00 p.m.** and wrap up at 5:30 p.m. We do ask that families bring in individually wrapped snacks (24) every few months for the program.

The children will enjoy an afternoon of outdoor recreation, Bible stories, crafts, music with Ms. Lynn, and creating new friendships. Children from preschool through grade 5 participate in music activities using singing, instruments and movement. They regularly participate in the worship service with their offering of praise through song. They use a variety of percussion instruments, ukulele, guitar and recorders to encourage music reading and to develop their musical talents. There is also a Christ Kids Ringers ensemble for hand bells.

Registration forms can be filled out on September 7. Please e-mail Amy McKee if you have any questions: [amckee@firstpreswh.org](mailto:amckee@firstpreswh.org). We are looking forward to a great year!

Lynn also does a special music class for the Morning Out Moms' children. Drop-ins are welcome to attend the music session. Singing, movement, pre-reading skills, story time, and playing a variety of non-pitched instruments makes music time fun. Traditional and contemporary children's Christian songs provide a wealth of resources.



# CHURCH CALENDAR

## Sunday, September 4

8:45 a.m. OJ Fellowship (MH)  
10:00 a.m. Worship  
4:30 p.m. HSYG Music Rehearsal (GC)  
5:30 p.m. HSYG

## Monday, September 5

**Labor Day**  
**Office closed**

## Tuesday September 6

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (MCR)  
12:00 p.m. Men's Lunch (MH)  
6:00 p.m. SNL Planning (MH-Back)  
6:30 p.m. Session (GR)

## Wednesday, September 7

8:45 a.m. MOM  
10:45 a.m. Preschool Music (CE Music Rm)  
11:15 a.m. Preschool Music (CE Music Rm)  
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, September 8

3:00 p.m. Membership (MCR)  
7:00 p.m. Chapel Bells (MS)

## Friday, September 9

8:45 a.m. MOM

## Saturday, September 10

2:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen Prep (Kitchen)  
3:00 p.m. Rock the Universe Bus/Van  
Leaves (GC)  
4:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen (737)



Zach Drum  
Robert Ferguson  
Stephanie Gillie  
Eddie Gray  
David Knowles

John Marotti  
KaitLin Marotti-Pitts  
Ashton Pitts  
Drew Stapor

## HOW ABOUT TEACHING CHILDREN?



Are you looking for a way to give back to your church but also get so much more in return? We are looking for children's Sunday School teachers for the Fall and Winter. Please prayerfully consider this amazing opportunity to teach the children of the church about your faith and help them grow in their faith as well.

Our Preschool group consists of three and four year olds and our elementary group is divided between kindergarten through second grade and third through fifth grade. Please prayerfully consider giving a few weeks every couple of months to serve as a Sunday School teacher. Please contact Amy McKee at 294-3121 or [amckee@firstpreswh.org](mailto:amckee@firstpreswh.org) for more information.

# Remember in Prayer

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Roger Able  
Bill Adams  
Jonye Briggs  
Millie Carrier  
Helen Champlain  
Anamarie & Tom  
Coffman  
Charlie Darte  
Nancy Dobler  
Dannie Dougherty  
Jana & Mike Easterling  
Jeanne Estes  
Bill Everhart  
Lois Frakes  
Bill Garrett  
Margaret Goodman  
Clyde & Carolyn Greene  
Marilyn Hearn

Frances Heath  
Doris Hill  
Camille Howe  
Jim Huff  
Dorothy Johnson  
Joey Johnston  
Sara Koon  
Dena Lancashire  
Jackie Lawn  
Spike Lucia  
Larry Marshall  
Dick McCauley  
Amy McKee  
Jack Meadows  
Lynnis Mincey  
Joan Murphy  
Ed Partridge  
Anthony Premuto

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

IN THE HOSPITAL: Roger Able & Beverly Seagreaves

## Relatives & Friends

Peggy Argudo  
Susan Bryan  
Reese Burdette  
Anna Clawson and expected twins  
Allen Cofiori  
Steve & Kaye Cook  
Dave Craig  
Jim, James, Jacob, & Edward Daniels  
Sue Duncan  
Eric Eelman  
Al Ellis  
Raymond Fenstermaker  
David Johnson  
Pete Kent  
Matt Krehmar  
Nan Mason  
Marisa Middaugh  
Becca, Samara, Aliyah, & Eli Ramirez  
Dr. Shaw  
Kristy Turner  
Debbie Webb  
Marshall Wood

Gene Aspy's friend  
Jim Francis' friend  
Dana Cole's cousin  
Linda Stavres' granddaughter  
Gale & Gwen Waters' friend  
Alison & Les O'Neal's friend  
Jonathan Owen's friend  
Jonathan Owen's friends  
Jonathan Owen's friend  
Bruce & Kate Eelman's son  
Jim Threlkel's friend  
Gale & Gwen Waters' grandson  
Lynn Oakley's friend  
Charley & Nancy Chilton's nephew  
Tom & Jeri Oldt's friend  
Harvey & Mary Ann Snively's daughter  
Gene Aspy's niece  
Betty Shinn's grandchildren  
Lynn Oakley's friend  
Rick & Pat Reass' daughter  
Jonathan Owen's friend  
Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend

## WE ARE ALSO RECRUITING CHRIST KIDS TEACHERS FOR THE FALL

We need teachers who are able to give of their **Wednesday afternoons from 3 p.m. till 5:30 p.m.** If you could only make it during your class time from **4:30-5:30 p.m.** that works too.



Please prayerfully consider being part of the faith development of the children of our church as well as children from our community. We typically have 25 children each week and we need at least 6 volunteers to make each Wednesday possible. Please contact Amy McKee at [amckee@firstpreswh.org](mailto:amckee@firstpreswh.org) or 294-3121.

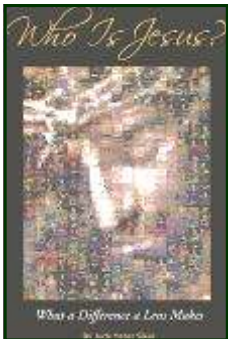
## DISNEY CANDLELIGHT PROCESSIONAL

If you would like to sing with the choir this year for the Disney Candlelight Processional, we will be ready to make our audition tape on September 7<sup>th</sup> after choir rehearsal.

The audition tapes are due early this year and we would like to have the advantage of getting ours in as soon as possible. If we are fortunate to be chosen this year to participate in the Candlelight Processional, we will have several rehearsals scheduled prior to the performance. If you are unable to come to any of these rehearsals, please give Lynn a call at 701-570-1485.



## CIRCLE MEETINGS RETURN SEPTEMBER 12TH AND 20TH



Lydia Circle - **Monday, September 12th at 10 a.m.** in McLeod Hall  
Joy Circle - **Tuesday, September 20th at 9:30 a.m.** at the home of Carol Carter

We will be using the PW Horizons Bible study titled: "*Who Is Jesus? What a Difference a Lens Makes*" written by the Rev. Dr. Judy Yates Siker. Join us as we journey through the New Testament, looking at Jesus through a number of various lenses and how these different perspectives impact our understanding of who Jesus is.

The study books are now available for \$8.00.

Contact either Carol Carter at 299-4253 or Sue McClew at 875-6176 for your copy.

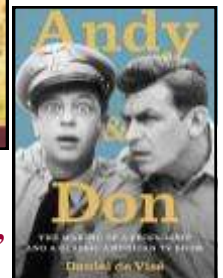
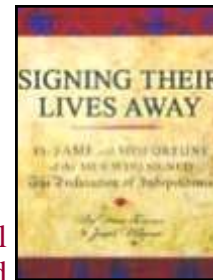
## OM, OM BOOK CLUB

**This Session Only:**

**A Luncheon!!**

**Monday, September 19, 1 p.m.**

The next meeting of the OM, OM Book Club is **September 19**, when we will discuss these two books: *Signing Their Lives Away* by Denise Kiernan; and *Andy & Don* by Daniel de Vise. **Please note the special time of 1:00 p.m.**



Be sure to call the church office to make a reservation no later than **1:00 p.m., on Friday, September 16.**

## Planning Your Final Celebration



Have you given any thought to planning your final celebration? Which scriptures and music do you want shared to bring comfort and hope to the loved ones who attend your memorial service or funeral? Our Pastors and Director of Music will be sharing scripture and music selections that folks have found helpful in their planning. Won't you join us, **September 27**, in the Golden Center (aka the Youth house)? We are offering two identical sessions to accommodate schedules **3:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.** Light refreshments will be provided by our Stephen Ministers - (finger sandwiches, vegetable, cheese and fruit trays, water and peach tea).

Reservations required by September 20, 2016. Please contact the church office at 294-3121, [office@firstpreswh.org](mailto:office@firstpreswh.org), or drop this tear off in the offering plate on Sunday.

**We look forward to seeing you then!**

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





# FAQs about *“Communion to the Furthest Pew”*



## 1. What is *“Communion to the Furthest Pew”*?

This is an organized program, conceived by the Community Outreach Committee and the Deacons and approved by the Session, to schedule and implement serving the Lord’s Supper to those who are homebound or confined to long term health care facilities.

## 2. When will *“Communion to the Furthest Pew”* begin?

We plan to initiate the program beginning on Sunday October 2, World Communion Sunday. The week following a Sunday worship service with Holy Communion, a minister accompanied by a past or currently serving elder or deacon will make a visit to members confined to home or a health care facility who have requested the sacrament. The goal is to administer *“Communion to the Furthest Pew”* three to four times a year following a Communion service on the church’s worship calendar. Along with World Communion Sunday, other dates being considered are: the First Sunday in Lent and Pentecost.

## 3. How does one request receiving *“Communion to the Furthest Pew”*?

Please call the Church Office at 294-3121 to let us know of your desire and ask that your name be placed on the list. A minister will return your call to find a time convenient for him and an active or inactive church officer to visit and serve Holy Communion to you.

## 4. How do active or inactive church officers volunteer to assist with this important and meaningful ministry?

Several weeks before a Communion Sunday, notices will be placed in the bulletin and Tower Chimes recruiting officers to volunteer to assist with *Communion to the Furthest Pew*. Please call one of the church’s ministers at 294-3121 to let him know of your desire and availability to accompany him or another minister in making these visits. Steve, Alan or Ray will be glad to learn of your willingness to assist and add your name to the schedule.

## 5. What should I/we expect when the Lord’s Supper is brought to me/us?

A minister and an elder or deacon will come to your home or the health care facility at an agreed upon time. They will bring the bread and juice. The minister will offer a prayer, read some scripture and do a brief reflection before Holy Communion is served. Each visit should be 20 minutes to less than a half hour in length.

## 6. Why is it necessary for a church officer to accompany the minister?

According to our church’s policy, neither of the sacraments, Baptism or Holy Communion is to be a private act, but one administered by and for the church. Therefore, an elder or deacon accompanies the minister and represents the church at a “home” communion.

## 7. Will it just be the three of us?

If a spouse or child is present at the home or facility, then certainly the invitation to receive the sacrament will be extended to them. Also, if there are several members confined to one facility, the pastor might contact the administrators to see if a room might be available for a small service of Holy Communion rather than being done in several individual rooms. In such situations, that service might resemble a “mini” church service of several members being gathered together. In any case, the minister will need to be informed of the “extras” ahead of time so that the necessary arrangements and provisions can be made.

## LET'S HEAR FROM INDIVIDUALS OF OUR HONDURAS MISSION TEAM

Today we visited the Hospital Escuela to assist our Honduran brothers and sisters in feeding the hungry. Our Honduran friend Noel Mejia gave his personal testimony to a large group of visible down-trodden people. My words cannot accurately describe what I saw and felt, but surely these people must be what the Bible refers to as "the least of these".



All eyes were fixed on Noel as he described his traumatic childhood accident causing massive burns to his skin. He continued as he related how his mother prayed to God to save her son and that she would dedicate his life to God if He would help. I had heard this story before but it was even more moving and so appropriate for this situation where these people had also experienced trauma and were looking desperately for care, a cure, love, and just some hope.



We distributed over 50 bagged lunches and shook hands with a smile and a Spanish greeting. You could see God's love in their faces as burdens were lightened knowing that God cared for them and we did too.

*Gene Aspy*

### 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!!**

### HELP!!!

Did you know that the number of days of Advent varies? It can begin as early as November 27 or as late as December 3. That means there can be as many as 29 days or as few as 23 days of Advent.

Using my Presbyterian Planning Calendar, I accidentally consulted the 2017 calendar (23 days) instead of the 2016 calendar (29 days) in calculating the number of devotions needed for this year's Advent Devotional. As Eeyore's luck would have it, I need the most possible number of devotionals for this year. Consequently, I need not 7 as I had been thinking, but **13** more stories in order for us to have an Advent 2016 Devotional, to run from the First Sunday in Advent (November 27) through Christmas Day.

If you are willing to help, please contact Alan by calling 294-3121 (Tuesday-Friday) or writing him at [aharvey@firstpreswh.org](mailto:aharvey@firstpreswh.org).



This year's theme is: *"Toyland – Remembering Favorite Childhood Toys Received at Christmas."* I will be glad to give you the guidelines for writing your story yourself or to record your information and write up your story. Many thanks! *Alan*

TWO OF OUR  
NEWEST MEMBERS  
NOT PICTURED IN  
LAST WEEK'S  
EDITION,  
**JACK & ANN  
MEADOWS.**





# WORLD MISSION **SHARING CHRIST'S LOVE** AROUND THE GLOBE



Before his ascension to heaven, the risen Lord Jesus spoke to  
his disciples in Jerusalem:

***“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you;  
and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria,  
and to the ends of the earth.” (Acts 1:8)***

As Christ's followers here and now, we believe that our Lord calls us to continue witnessing around the globe with God's love.

## **Presbytery Missions**

Beyond our city, we use gifts given to our church to support the work of the Presbytery of Tampa Bay. Together with 70 other Presbyterian Church (USA) congregations, our presbytery is a mission partnership allowing us to conduct ministry which is larger than what most churches can handle alone. In this mission partnership, new churches are being organized and disciples are being nurtured in the greater Tampa Bay region. Our mission work also helps provide for faith formation at the Cedarkirk Camp and Conference Center and Eckerd College. Furthermore, our mission in the Presbytery of Tampa Bay also includes providing spiritual and physical support of migrant farm workers and their families through the varied ministries of the Beth-El Mission in Wimauma (just south of Tampa).

## **Mission Honduras**

Through the presbytery's International Partnership Committee and the mission relationship between the Presbytery of Tampa Bay and the Presbytery of Honduras, members from our congregation have engaged in week-long mission trips to the country of Honduras in 1998, 2001, 2003, 2005, 2007, 2009, 2011, 2014 and 2016. During these wonderful mission experiences, youth and adults from First Pres. have felt their faith in Christ deepen as we have worked alongside our Honduran brothers and sisters in Christ building churches, offering medical care, and sharing the love of Christ throughout Central America.

## **World Missions**

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.

Our church's investment in World Missions includes our shared ministry in Presbytery Missions (Cedarkirk, Beth-El and The Tampa Bay Presbytery International Partnership with the Presbytery of Honduras), and our support of three General Assembly Mission Partners:

Rev. Sharon Bryant, mission co-worker in Thailand

Rev. John McCall, mission co-worker in Taiwan

Ruth Brown, mission co-worker in Congo

Over the past year, our congregation has also shared God's love world-wide as we collected \$3,400 in our Christmas Eve Offering for Medical Missions. These gifts went to support the Medical Benevolence Foundation Mobile Health Clinics in Kenya, Bangladesh, and Haiti, and Dr. Moreno's Clinic at the Pena de Horeb Presbyterian Church in Tegucigalpa, Honduras.

At Easter, we gave \$2,300 to the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering, thus providing relief to those affected by natural disasters (through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance), feeding the hungry, and helping to empower the poor and oppressed.

Over the course of the first half of this year, we have sent one third of our Three Cents a Meal Hunger Offering to feed migrant farm workers at Beth-El (over \$1,000), and another one third (another \$1,000) to support the Merienda Program which provides breakfast each week for Sunday School children in the Presbyterian Churches in Honduras.

This summer, in preparation for Mission Honduras 2016, members of our church were extravagantly generous in providing funds for medicines for our three one - day clinics, paint and a solar powered lighting system for a rural Honduran church, and school supplies for children in Zuniga and Puerto Grande. Our initial goal of \$4,500 for "Helping Hondurans" grew to over \$10,000 in donations, helping to also partially fund the ministry of our 22 member youth and adult Mission Honduras team.

And since 2013, through our world mission budget, our congregation has supported the work of a son and daughter-in-law of our congregation, Drs. Fred Foy and Cecily Strang, as they are working in evangelism, health ministries, and church leader training among the Maasai tribesmen in in Kenya and Tanzania.

**Be it in Thailand, Taiwan, Tanzania, or Tegucigalpa ---**

**Winter Haven, Wimauma, or wherever the Lord is looking down on God's children, we are trying to be faithful in sharing the Good News of what God has done for us in Jesus Christ around the globe.**



# **WORSHIP (AND MORE) ON THE LORD'S DAY AT FIRST PRES**



**STARTING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18**  
**here's what you'll find each Sunday morning!**



**8:15 a.m.**

## **Chapel Worship**

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

**9:15 – 10:45 a.m.**

## **The Connection**

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

**9:30 – 10:45 a.m.**

## **Adult Sunday School**

A variety of Christian Education classes for adults. (Pre-care will be offered from 9:30 – 9:45 a.m. for the children of parents attending adult Sunday School. Church school staff/volunteers will escort pre-care children to music at 9:45 a.m.)

**9:45 – 10:45 a.m.**

## **Children's Sunday School**

We will begin with music with Ms. Lynn at 9:45 a.m. and then children of all ages will be welcomed to explore faith in their own classes

**9:30 - 10:25 a.m.**

## **Heart of Worship**

A Praise and Worship service held in our sanctuary. Along with scripture, sermon, and prayers, a praise band will help the congregation in adoring and showing reverence to God. Following the Time with Younger Disciples, children will be 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.





# YOUTH GROUP FALL SCHEDULE



It is that time of year again. Summer is over. What? How? Can it really be true? No fear, because youth group will be back in swing and we are ready to see what God has in store for us this year.

Youth group is a time of worship and fellowship with each other. Middle school meets Wednesdays from 5:30-7:30 and high school meets Sundays from 5:30-7:30. We share a meal each week and learn more of God's word and how we can become disciples of Jesus Christ. How can we become doers of the words not just hearers of the word?



You can stay connected in two ways to see what we are doing by following us on:

- Instagram at [fpwhyouth](#)
- Facebook at [First Pres WH youth](#).

Dana also sends out messages via *Remind*. This is an app many teachers use to communicate with their students [Text 81010](#):

- if you are a middle school youth type [@msygfppwh](#)
- if you are a high school youth type [@hsygfppwh](#)

We are always looking for volunteers to prepare a meal for our youth and spend some time with them. If you are interested in preparing a meal for one of our groups contact Dana in the church office or at 863-412-2897 or by email @ [dparrish@firstpreswh.org](mailto:dparrish@firstpreswh.org). There are many ways you can be involved. Call and find out how.



## 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 Summer Worship Service at 10



## O Lord, how long...



must we wait before our new church pictorial directories arrive?

The answer is: much less time than what has already passed! Haha! Seriously, we have had some editing and proofing challenges with this new directory. Your patience and understanding are greatly appreciated!!

Truly we expect the directories to be available by the latter half of September. The directories are coming!

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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 9/2/16.

### Bag Lunch Ministry

We gave out  
287 bag lunches the week of 8/22/16

### Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 148 people on 8/27/16

### Return Service Requested

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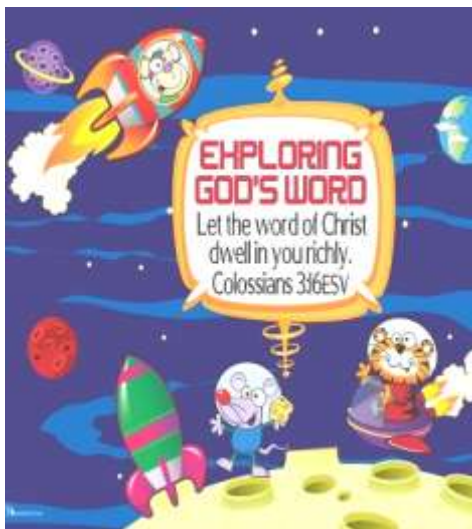
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## Blast Off to Fall Education!!! RALLY DAY



Join the excitement as we gather on **Sunday, September 11 from 9 - 9:45 a.m.** for light refreshments and an overview of our Sunday morning Educational Programs. Please RSVP by Wednesday, September 7 to the church at by calling at 294-3121, emailing to office@firstpreswh.org, or dropping this tear-off in the offering plate on Sunday if you and your family will be joining us. We are looking forward to sharing our exciting plans with you all. Donations will be collected for the refreshments.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ # attending \_\_\_\_\_