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**New Festival Music Series
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Stay tuned for more announcements! Our Choral Festival last year was such a success we decided to repeat it again! On March 21, at 4:00 p.m. in our sanctuary, we will have our FPC choir and choirs from Polk State College, Beymer Memorial, Hope Presbyterian, and Church of the Good Shepherd. Each choir will present several special choral numbers and then unite under the baton of John Anderson, of Polk State College, for several mass choir numbers. We had many positive comments about this festival last year, it even got to YouTube! If you enter this address <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jj2NnKv8X5U> in your browser, you will hear the last number which is truly awesome! Please be sure to come to as many of these concerts as possible and bring your friends. As usual, we will have a basket at the door for your donations to support the FMS events, and a reception in McLeod Hall to meet the performers and your friends.

Our Purpose

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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PW In Action

PW Purpose: Mission

The women of First Presbyterian who choose to do so, make a financial pledge in January for the support of PW, its programs, and mission. In addition, there are three "second-mile giving" opportunities to support the benevolences of PW of Tampa Bay Presbytery: Least Coin (collected all year), Thank Offering (in fall), and Birthday Offering (in spring). The Fellowship of the Least Coin was started in 1956 by Shanti Solomon of India. Women the world over give the "least coin" of their country as a symbol of prayer for peace and reconciliation. Here at First Presbyterian, pennies collected all year by circles and individuals are gathered in November and sent to PW of TBP. Those monies, in turn, are sent to the Headquarters of Church Women United in New York. Last year those "least coins" collected world-wide amounted to \$130,000 which were awarded in \$4,000-\$5,000 Project Grants to improve the lives of women and children. Some of the money went to Housing Aid for Women in the Atlanta, GA area, a Caring for the Aged program in Lebanon, and a Healthy Children project in St. Petersburg, Russia.

Circle Meetings:

Lydia Circle	Oct. 12	10:00 a.m., MH
Sarah Circle	Oct. 12	1:30 p.m., MH
Ruth Circle	Oct. 12	7:00 p.m., GR
Joy Circle	Oct. 20	9:30 a.m., Carter Home



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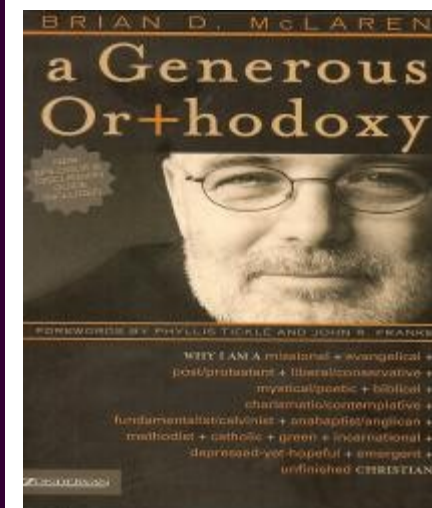
October 11, 2009

Life Among the Lutherans Book Discussion



On Tuesday evening, October 13 at 7:00 p.m. you are invited to come to the back of McLeod Hall for a discussion of Garrison Keillor's latest book, *Life among the Lutherans*. Dr. Harvey will lead the review and question/answer session. Coffee and dessert will be served. Those planning to attend are encouraged to pay particular attention to the character, Pastor David Ingqvist, and to activities within the church. The book is now available for check out from the Price Library. You also, most likely, may check it out through the Polk County Library Cooperative or purchase it on-line or in area bookstores.

A Generous Orthodoxy Book Discussion



There's still time to join our Generous Orthodoxy book study. Dr. Negley will be leading the monthly study on the third Tuesday night of each month (6:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m.). For October, the group will discuss chapter 2 (Jesus and God B) and chapter 3 (Would Jesus be a Christian?) of Brian McLaren's Book. If you would like to be part of a discussion, read ahead and join us October 20, 6:30—8:30 in the Mary Spencer Library (2nd floor of the Sanctuary Building).

Church Calendar

Sunday, October 11

8:30 a.m. Worship
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship
12:00 p.m. Playground Picnic
4:30 p.m. SHYG, NLPC

Monday, October 12

8:30 a.m. MOM
10:00 a.m. Lydia Circle, MH
1:30 p.m. Sarah Circle, MH
6:15 p.m. Cub Scouts, CE101
7:30 p.m. Ruth Circle, GR

Tuesday, October 13

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, MCR
12:00 p.m. Men's Lunch, McLeod Hall
1:00 p.m. Al-Anon, Geneva Room
5:15 p.m. Personnel, MCR
5:30 p.m. Stephen Leaders, GR
6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministers, GR
7:00 p.m. Book Discussion, MH

Wednesday, October 14

8:30 a.m. M.O.M.
12:00 p.m. Buildings/Grounds, MH
3:30 p.m. Christ Kids
5:30 p.m. MS Youth, SC
6:10 p.m. Chancel Bells, MS
6:30 p.m. Children's Committee
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir, MS

Thursday, October 15

9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study, Annex
7:00 p.m. Chapel Bells, MS
7:00 p.m. Magic Club, GR
7:00 p.m. Overeaters, CE103
8:00 p.m. Bell Ensemble, MS

Friday, October 16

8:30 a.m. M.O.M.

Saturday, October 17

10:00 a.m. Fiber Guild, GSH
2:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen Prep., Kitchen
4:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen, 737 Building
7:00 p.m. Saturday Nite Live, MH

Bag Lunch & Soup Kitchen Week of 9/20/09

Bag Lunches
Given Out
358
Fed at the
Soup Kitchen
97

New Festival Music Series

Our series of concerts has a wide variety of music and events designed to satisfy as many musical tastes as possible! **The first event will be an organ recital by Keith Rasmussen, Director of Music and organist, on October 25, at 4:00 p.m.** in the sanctuary. He will be playing the III/42 Moller organ. This will be the first recital where the organ console will be rolled forward so you can see what he is doing with his fingers and feet. Keith will play works by Bach including the "Passacaglia and Fugue in C Minor", and "Come, Saviour of the Gentiles". The big works to be featured are the "Piece Heroique" by Franck, "Variations on America" by Charles Ives, and the famous "Carillon de Westminster" by Vierne. This organ is one of the significant instruments in our area and is a delight to listen to. **Our Christmas concert this year is taking on a new format. Instead of a Christmas "Madrigal" event we will debut a "Christmas Celebration of Carols"** featuring you, the congregation; and many other talented musicians who will help us sing and play music of the season. Some Christmas favorites will include "Once in Royal David's City", "O Holy Night", "Silver Bells", "Away in a Manger", "Jingle Bells", and finishing with a wonderful arrangement of "Silent Night" where you will have music all around you! Our Madrigal choir will make an appearance and there will be a Jazz combo featuring Mike Harris and friends. This promises to be a highlight of the Christmas Season and could easily become an annual event. **Patrice Rasmussen and Robert Wilson will present a joint vocal recital on January 20, at 4:00 p.m.** Patrice, wife of Keith Rasmussen, is currently pursuing a degree in Vocal Performance at The University of Southern Florida. Robert Wilson is the Musician at The Church of the Good Shepherd, Episcopal, of Lake Wales; where Patrice is also employed as Soprano Soloist. Robert is a fine tenor who has not been heard in Winter Haven before. He and Patrice will each sing several solos and will finish with several duets from the operatic repertoire. After ten years of having a "Christmas Madrigal", the committee decided to make some changes and do it in February instead. **So on February 20, at 5:00 p.m., we will have our new Madrigal program.** You will hear many new things and some of the old so all can enjoy medieval festivities. Various choirs will perform traditional and contemporary madrigal music and other period entertainment.

Remember in Prayer

Winter Haven Hospital

LaFoye Schuldt

In Need of Your Prayers:

Richard Ashby	Bob Lindstrom
Anna Marie Barton	Janice Maranda
Barbara Bissett	Jerry Maranda
Geraldine Chilton	Grayce McNamara
Peggy Chun	Kathy Marshall
Sondra Cole	Joan Murphy
Rich & Buddie Daniel	Jeane Parks
Eunice Dishman	Judy Partain
Helen Dunaway	Jackie Pinckney
Dawn Fellows	Dee Palmore
Helen Gross	Rick Reass
Marge Goodman	Dave & Bonnie Ryan
Marilyn Hearn	Marguerite Sowards
Harold and Mary Hosier	Bert Schulz
Esther Huehn	Myrtice Stolz
Mary Pat Harding	Hazel Thomas
Ann & Al Hays	Shirley Thompson
Marj Howe	Ben Tucker
Betty Johnson	Sandra Turley
Dick Kingham	Ann Wilford
Jared Lockhart	Jim Lammer

Friends & Relatives:

Charles Crews	(Phyllis Gilbert's friend)
Wes Featherstone	(Anne LeMack's Uncle)
	(Annette Whitney's Brother)
	(Gary & Pat Gardner's grandson)
Jon Gardner	(Michelle Morgan's mother)
Barbara Greathouse	(Lois Frakes' friend)
Barbara Grimes	(Lois Frakes' friend)
Faye Harris	(Alan Harvey's Mother)
Mary Sue Harvey	(Linda Dinger's family)
Marvin and Margriet Hogeboom	(Pastor in Suapa Honduras)
Fernando Huentes	(Gene Aspy's friend)
Joanne Lewns	(Carol Anne Golden's friend)
Jim Joiner	(Lois Frakes' friend)
A.J. Kayntma	(Linda Dinger's family)
Sicco Kuiper	(Gloria Allen's mother)
Frances Lilly	(Larry & Candy Marshall's sister-in-law)
Pat Marshall	(Kathy Michaels' daughter)
	(Barbara Crowder's cousin)
Laurie Miller	(Diane Repass' cousin)
Carol Nicholson	(Lynn Baker's friend)
Andrew Patrick	(Diane Repass' aunt)
Emily Pinnell	(former pastor)
Don Price	(Bob Hines' friend)
Dana Richardson	(Gale Waters' friend)
B. J. Robertson	(Betty Johnson's friend)
Joan Russell	(Carol Anne Golden's friend)
Bill Shockley	(Judy Winfree's mom)
Ann Tullis	(Rick & Pat Reass' granddaughter)
Scarlett Turner	

In Military Service:

Eddie Gray	Michael Dobler	Ryan Beissinger
Jacob Spence	Derek Shelton	Adam Bass
Leah (Doty) Fuscia	Adam McPhail	David Knowles
Sean Harp	Daniel Harp	Brian Parrish
James E. Baker	Jarrett Abbott	Aaron Ashley
Chris Hagen		

HOLY DAYS & HOLIDAYS ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Join Dr. Negley and Dr. Harvey in an adult Sunday School exploration of the biblical basis behind many of our church celebrations. The group will progress week to week discussing the background and current traditions involved in Christmas, Easter, Pentecost, Ash Wednesday, All Saints Day, and more. The class will meet on Sunday mornings (beginning October 18), 9:45-10:45 am in the back section of McLeod Hall.

Worship, Christian Education and Youth Ministries

Fall Sunday School

Fall Sunday School at First Presbyterian 9:45 a.m. – It's the place to be!

Preschool Children will meet in CE108 at 9:45 a.m. for their fabulous Sunday School time filled with singing, crafts, and a Bible story.

Children in kindergarten through fifth grade will Dig into the Bible this Fall with their Workshop Rotation. During this six week lesson, children will be able to experience the Bible story through computers, art, science, storytelling, cooking, and movies.

Middle School and High School Youth meet at 9:45 a.m. in the Student Center as they share in discussions that focus on the major events and teachings in Jesus' life. Both groups meet together for a time of prayer and fellowship and then break into two separate groups for sharing. These classes are taught by a rotation of volunteers from our congregation.

Adult Fall Sunday School

The Perspectives Class will continue their discussion on Who is Jesus/Who was Jesus by Marcus Borg. Dr. Jim Threlkel and Mr. Glenn Thomas facilitate this class. Please meet in Geneva Room.

First Pres 101 will be led by Dr. Steve Negley and Dr. Alan Harvey. This class will focus on the history of First Presbyterian, history of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., mission, ministry, and enjoy a church tour. All are welcome to attend. This class meets in the rear of McLeod Hall.

Movie/Game Night

Come celebrate the October Movie/Game Night with your friends from First Presbyterian at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, October 9. Please bring a covered dish to share and enjoy an evening of friendship, fellowship, food, and fun. See you all there!

Playground Picnic

The October Playground Picnic will be held on Sunday, October 11 immediately after the 11:00 a.m. worship service. The menu will be spaghetti, salad, and garlic bread. The suggested donation is \$3 per person. We'll meet in the Geneva Room for lunch and after lunch spend time out on the Playground.

Youth Calendar

October 11: SHYG 4:30-7:30 p.m. was scheduled to be a "Hands & Feet Project", please change to movie night "Invisible Children" screening at North Lakeland Presbyterian Church.

October 18: was scheduled to be a movie night, please change to "Hands & Feet Project".

If you have any questions, please contact Josh Peters at jpeters@firstpreswh.org or (863) 232-7337

Youth Sighting!



Both youth groups went bowling this week, the High School Youth Group went to Cypress Lanes on Sunday, September 27 and the Middle School Youth Group went to the Recreation Station on Wednesday, September 30. Here are some pictures of the events and on behalf of both youth groups, thank you for all you do to make this ministry possible!

Please Pray For Our High School Youth Group

In the spring of 2003, three young filmmakers traveled to Africa in search of a story. What started out as a filmmaking adventure transformed into much more when these boys from Southern California discovered a tragedy that disgusted and inspired them, a tragedy where children are both the weapons and the victims. The war in northern Uganda has been called the most neglected humanitarian emergency in the world today. For the past 23 years, the Lord's Resistance

Army (LRA) and the Government of Uganda have been waging a war that has left nearly two million innocent civilians caught in the middle. The Government of Uganda's attempt to protect its citizens from the rebel militia has largely failed, resulting in an entire generation of youth that have never known peace. After returning to the States, they created the documentary "Invisible Children: Rough Cut", a film that exposes the tragic realities of northern Uganda's child soldiers. The film was originally shown to friends and family, but has now been seen by millions of people. On Sunday Oct. 11, our High School Youth Group will be traveling to Lakeland to watch a screening of the film, "Invisible Children" with the youth group of North Lakeland Presbyterian Church. Please pray that God guides our youth as they watch this film and are challenged with the questions of terrible injustice, not only in places like Uganda (or from our own church's experience, the situation in Honduras) but also in our local community.

