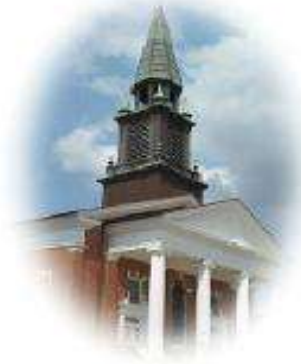


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First Presbyterian Church

of Winter Haven Florida



January 10, 2010

Issue 305

124 Years of Ministry

Holy Communion and the Ordination and Installation of Deacons and Elders

On Sunday, January 10, 2010, our church will be ordaining and installing the deacons and elders, class of 2012. Our elders-elect and deacons-elect will assist in serving communion to the congregation as their first act of ministry and service. Please plan to join us at Christ's table at 8:30 a.m. or 11:00 a.m.

Our new class 2012 officers are

Elders: Richard Baker, Howard Beckert, Nancy Chilton, Gladys Larson, and Carol Roe.

Deacons: Clara Nell Dantzler, Ann Kinsey, Sara Koon, Kim Peters and Nancy Saxon.

Many Thanks to Outgoing Officers

We extend our heartfelt thanks to Carol Carter, Barbara Crowder, Lori Grode, Gee Roe, Ben Tucker, Todd Dantzler, Mary Dukes, Jim Lammer, Jeff Snyder, and Judy Wagy, the deacons and elders in the class of 2009, for their hard work and dedication to Christ in their service on Session and Diaconate over the past three years!

Talent Show

January 31, 2010 from 5:30 - 7:30p.m. in McLeod Hall



Head cook Roxanne McCann will be preparing a wonderful dinner and the talent show will follow. Master of Ceremonies Todd Dantzler will lead this year's show that features a wonderful list of very talented people from our very own congregation. This should be an exciting evening of fellowship as we celebrate the different gifts God has given us.

This all church event is a fundraiser for our youth programs and there is no cost to attend but any donations will be thankfully accepted.

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

We would be honored by your presence so please join us!

THANK YOU!



Church Calendar**Sunday, January 10
Communion****Ordination and Installation
Class of 2012**

- 8:30 a.m. Worship
 9:30 a.m. Bell Ensemble (MS)
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. Worship
 5:30 p.m. HSYG (SC)

Monday, January 11

- 8:30 a.m. M.O.M.
 10:00 a.m. Lydia Circle (MH)
 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts (CE101)
 7:00 p.m. Ruth Circle (GR)

Tuesday, January 12

- 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, (MCR)
 12:00 p.m. Men's Lunch (MH)
 1:00 p.m. Al-Anon (GR)
 5:15 p.m. Personnel (MCR)
 5:30 p.m. Stephen Leaders (GR)
 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministers (GR)
 7:00 p.m. Music Search (UR)

Wednesday, January 13

- 8:30 p.m. M.O.M.
 12:00 p.m. Bldgs. and Grounds (MH)
 1:30 p.m. Congregation Care (MCR)
 3:30 p.m. Christ Kids (CE)
 5:30 p.m. MSYG (SC)
 6:10 p.m. Chancel Bells (MS)
 6:30 p.m. Children's Comm. (GR)
 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir (MS)

Thursday, January 14

- 3:00 p.m. Membership Com. (MCR)
 4:00 p.m. Symphony Guild (CE103)
 6:30 p.m. Alpha Jewels (GSH)
 7:00 p.m. Chapel Bells (MS)
 7:00 p.m. Overeaters (CE103)
 7:00 p.m. Stamp Club (MS)

Friday, January 15

- 8:30 a.m. M. O. M.
 3:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Retreat

Saturday, January 16

- 10:00 a.m. Fiber Guild (GSH)
 2:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen Preparation
 4:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen (737)
 5:00 p.m. Downs Syndrome (GSH)
 7:00 p.m. Saturday Nite Live (MH)

Sunday, January 17

- 8:30 a.m. Worship
 9:30 a.m. Bell Ensemble (MS)
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. Worship
 5:30 p.m. HSYG (SC)



The congregation of First Presbyterian Church extends its Christian sympathy and prayers to:

Sammy Bryant and family upon the death of his brother **Roy "R.E." Bryant**, who passed away December 28, 2009.

Michelle Morgan and family upon the death of her mother **Barbara Greathouse**, who passed away Sunday, January 3, 2010.

Our Morning out Mom Program is looking for a new caretaker on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 8:15 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. We want to thank Angela Scamehorn for her faithful service, she has accepted full time employment and we wish her the very best. Should you be interested in helping with our program, please contact Amy Smith at 294-3121.

Congratulations!

**Ann Reynolds
Cal Quessenberry**
married

Thursday, December 31, 2009

**Happy Birthday
Caitlin Seney**

Caitlin turned ten years old on January 1 and was inadvertently left off of the January birthday list.

**Bag Lunch & Soup Kitchen
Week of 12/27/09**

Bag Lunches Given Out - 295
Fed at the Soup Kitchen - 94

Remember in Prayer**Winter Haven Hospital:**

Millie Carrier
 Buddie Daniel
 Ed Gorsky
 Marcia Keplinger
 Max von Hahmann

In Need of Your Prayers:

Anna Marie Barton
 Barbara Bissett
 Ann Burch
 Britt Family
 George & Sylvia Chambers
 Geraldine Chilton
 Alice Colgrove
 Buddie Daniel
 Eunice Dishman
 Jerry Dugger
 Helen Dunaway
 Twila Forsyth
 Bob Gerber
 Helen Gross
 Mary Hosier
 Mary Pat Harding
 Al & Ann Hays

Dick Kingham
 Al Kersbergen
 Bob Lindstrom
 Janice Maranda
 Jerry Maranda
 Kathryn Marshall
 Joan Murphy
 Jean Parks
 Judy Partain
 Dee Palmore
 Marguerite Sowards
 Bert Schulz
 Andy Stavres
 Myrtice Stolz
 Hazel Thomas
 Sandra Turley
 Ann Wilford

Friends & Relatives:

Dan Ahern (Susan Singleton's friend)
 Kerbi Blake (Al and Marjorie Porter's daughter)
 Brenda Chandler (Carol Anne Golden's friend)
 Dorothy Commons (John Bader's mother)
 Allison DeSalvatore (Mary Ellen Porter's friend)
 Beau Florence (Bob & Marilyn Sheffield's friend)
 Robert Franklin (Paul & Marilyn Sherer's brother)
 David Fry (Lois Frake's nephew)
 Jon Gardner (Gary & Pat Gardner's grandson)
 Barbara Grimes (Lois Frake's friend)
 Bill Johnson (Kim Lockhart's father)
 A. J. Kaynatma (Lois Frake's friend)
 Dick Madaus (Carol Anne Golden's friend)
 Art McNamara (Nancy Shaw's brother)
 Effie Newberg (Larry Albright's mother-in-law)
 Linda Partlow (Bob & Marilyn Sheffield's cousin)
 Marilyn Pletcher (Merry Stewart Borowski's friend)
 Mickki Reass (Rick Reass' mother)
 Jim Reynolds (Max & Betty von Hahmann's friend)
 Edna Haynes Scarborough (Phyllis Gilbert's friend)
 Sarah Voisard (Mary Ellen Porter's friend)
 Ebbie Wampler (Punkin Smith's friend)
 White Family (John Bader's friend)
 Dustin Wilkinson (Lee & Pam Wilkinson's son)
 Jan Wilson (Mary Ellen Rowker & Jane Whitney's cousin)

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	Bridgette Thompson	Chris Turner
Keaton Thompson		

Movie/Game Night will meet on Friday, January 8 at 6:30 p.m. in McLeod Hall. For the New Year, bring a new family with you to join in the fellowship this evening provides. Please bring a covered dish to share and come celebrate the New Year with your friends from First Presbyterian.

**Walking in a Winter Wonderland at First Presbyterian Church
on Sunday Mornings at 9:45 a.m.**

Preschool Children will meet in CE108 for their fabulous Sunday school time filled with singing, crafts, and a Bible story.

Children in Kindergarten through Fifth Grade will focus on *The Gift of Jesus* this winter 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 will meet 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 Sunday School Classes

The Perspectives Class will continue their discussion on *Who is Jesus* by Marcus Borg. Dr. Jim Threlkel and Mr. Glenn Thomas facilitate this class. Feel free to drop in even if you didn't participate last year. This class meets in the Geneva Room.

Ancient Israel and Early Judaism - Join discussion leader Bob Hubbard in a study of the history, literature, and religion of ancient Israel and early Judaism as presented in the pages of the Old Testament. This will not be your typical Bible study class! It will center around a lecture series presented on DVD by Professor Amy-Jill Levine of Vanderbilt University Divinity School. Although this is a college level course, Dr. Levine has a delightful and very down-to-earth teaching style that anyone will be able to understand and learn from. This class will run for 24 weeks, through May 23, 2010. Each lecture lasts about 30 minutes and will be followed by class discussion or question time. The DVD will be started PROMPTLY at 9:55 a.m. in the Edinburg Annex, so please be in your seats by then, with your seatbelts fastened, so you don't miss any of the scenery on this fascinating and eye-opening journey through the pages of Part One of the world's best-selling book.

Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World written by Joanna Weaver will be the book study led by Lori Grode beginning on Sunday, January 10. The class will focus on finding intimacy with God in our busy lives. Books will be available for purchase. This class meets in CE 207.

Debriefing and Review of "*'Twas the Night before the First Christmas*"

On Tuesday, January 19, at 5 p.m. in the back portion of McLeod Hall, there will be a meeting to debrief and review *'Twas the Night before the First Christmas*, our Living Nativity Scene 2009. All chairpersons and coordinators are asked to attend. If you cannot be present, kindly write out your review, identify problem areas and offer suggestions for improvement or e-mail these to Alan at aharvey@firstpreswh.org. We look forward to this time to review and to make plans for next year's event. Thank you!

Come and Join One of the Choirs

If you like to make music, the Music Program is waiting for you! The Chancel Choir is making music from 7:30 to 9:00 every Wednesday evening in the Music Suite, and anyone who can sing from high school age and up is invited. You don't have to be a professional at music, just be able to sing a part and have a desire to participate in worship!

The Beginning Bell Choir meets on Thursday evening from 7:00 to 8:00 pm and is always ready for new members. If you want to ring but haven't learned any music basics yet, we will teach you. Bells are fun to play and are ideal for those who don't want to sing in a group. Come join us and see how easy it is! Advanced ringers who may have played in another church may wish to consider the Chancel Bell Choir.

If there is interest, I would be happy to begin another recorder group in the church. Any age from about 10-12 and up would be welcome to join. The recorder is easy to play and a softer instrument which has a wide range of music in its repertoire. Don't worry if you don't have a soprano or alto recorder, we will get you one. They are very inexpensive. Please accept my personal invitation to become a singer, ringer or player. Together we will continue the fine tradition of music here at First Presbyterian Church, Winter Haven.

Larry Albright
Interim Organist/Director

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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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Youth Groups

January 10	HSYG 5:30—9:30 p.m.	Student Center (Ice Skating in Orlando)
January 13	MSYG 5:30—7:30 p.m.	Service Project (Bag Lunch Ministry)
January 17	HSYG 5:30—7:30 p.m.	Student Center (Talent Show Preparation)
January 20	MSYG 5:30—7:30 p.m.	Student Center

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

Coming Soon!!!

The Annual Souper Bowl of Caring Collection will take place on Sunday, February 7. The excitement continues that afternoon from 2 - 4 p.m., with the annual adults vs. youth flag football game at St. Joseph Catholic Church.



Congratulations!

Josh, Kim, and Jordan Peters
Jaden Alan Peters

born January 1, 2010 at 2:44 p.m.

Jaden weighed 8lbs. 5oz. and was 19 & 1/4 inches in length.



*Come and See What God is Doing at First
Presbyterian Church . . .*

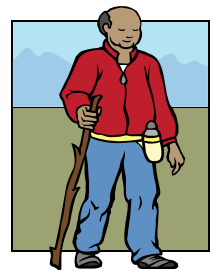
All Church Retreat at Cedarkirk
February 5 - 7, 2010

Healthy, Happy, and Holy - Mind, Body, and Spirit

Pack your bags, lace up your sneakers, fill up your water bottle, grab your Bible and get ready for a weekend where we will focus on having a *Healthy, Happy, and Holy - Mind, Body, and Spirit*.

During your delightful weekend at Cedarkirk you will have the opportunity to fellowship with other friends from First Presbyterian, enjoy the beautiful outdoors, canoe down the Alafia River, and roast marshmallows by the campfire.

Adults who attend the weekend will have an opportunity to learn more about preventative measures when it comes to health issues such as: osteoporosis, diabetes, cholesterol, and other health concerns. Breakout sessions will focus on exercising, healthy eating, Spiritual well being, and other ways to take care of your mind, body, and spirit.



The children will have an opportunity to create their own healthy snacks, learn how much fun exercising can be, and how spending time in God's Word is part of our own Spiritual well being.

Our key Bible verses for the weekend will be 3 John 2-4, *"Dear friend, I pray that you may enjoy good health and that all may go well with you, even as your soul is getting along well. It gave me great joy to have some brothers come and tell about your faithfulness to the truth and how you continue to walk in the truth. I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth."*

Come for the entire weekend or join us just for the day on Saturday. We would love to have you and your family attend the All Church Retreat at Cedarkirk.

Registration forms are available in the church office, Narthex, or call Amy Smith for more information at 294-3121.

Come celebrate the New Year with a *Healthy, Happy, and Holy - Mind, Body, and Spirit!*



Mission Honduras 2009—In Their Own Words

From June 20-27, 2009 our congregation sponsored a 29 member mission team to the **country of Honduras**. **This group was our church's sixth week-long** mission adventure over the past 11 years, in partnership with the churches in the Presbytery of Honduras and the Presbytery of Tampa Bay. The generous support of our congregation has made this continuing ministry possible. God is doing marvelous things in the lives of our members and **our Honduran Christian Brothers and sisters**. **Here's how Stewart Negley, a member of our congregation, describes the experience:**

This summer, I was blessed with the opportunity to make my fourth trip down to Honduras with our mission team. Every trip has been absolutely incredible and each one unique. Over the past twelve years, our church has been involved in these medical mission trips and it is easily the one project our church is involved with of which I am most proud. I feel like I could talk about this **trip for days, but instead I'll reflect on a few of the events that made this trip unique and so special.**



Twenty-four hours before the rest of the team left Winter Haven, Dr. Waters, Gene Aspy, and I made our way down to Honduras. This was my first **chance to be a member of the "Advanced Team" and to be honest, I wasn't sure what to expect. To start things off, there was a slight mix up with our guide and translator. He wasn't able to meet us that Friday** afternoon, so we had to face the reality that we were going to have to complete our tasks while knowing very little Spanish between the three of us. With a hand-made map of Tegucigalpa drawn by our friends

at Friendship Car Rental, we made our way to the hotel and gathered the water and few groceries that we needed for the week. After the work was done for the day, we made our way to Pollo Campero (which is a fast food chicken place in Tegucigalpa) and laughed about what all had happened to us in only our first day of the trip. If you ever have the chance to **spend a day in Honduras with Dr. Waters and Gene, do it. I promise you won't be disappointed.**

The next day, we had the opportunity to meet up with Alex Rhodas and Noel Mejia, who would spend the rest of the week helping us navigate through Honduras and working the clinics. These two guys were two of the nicest, friendliest, hard working people I have ever met and will ever meet. Our group could not have asked for two better people to join us for the week. They were constantly making us laugh and sharing stories with us about anything and everything. I had a blast hanging out with those two for the week.



For the rest of the week, we set up our clinics and helped as many people as possible. One thing that was new for me was I was able to spend more time with the kids at the different villages. Playing soccer and pato, pato, ganso (duck, duck, goose) with the kids was so much fun. Every single one of those kids was hands down better than I was at soccer. Luckily for me, they were also very **understanding**. **I can't begin to tell you how happy** those kids made me. Every single one had a smile on their face from the time we arrived to the time

we left and it was contagious.



As always, the time I spent down in Honduras was irreplaceable. I will always remember the people I got to work with and the new friends that I was able to make both from our church and from our sister churches in Honduras. Each trip is very exciting and no two trips are ever the same, except for the lasting impact that each one has had on my life. As much as we try to do for the people of Honduras, they give us back so much more. What I always love seeing when I come back to First Pres. are the bonds that we share with each other

as Honduras team members. After spending a week in Honduras with this group of people, I know that for the rest of our lives we will always have something to laugh about and reflect upon with each other. I would like to sincerely thank the church for making this possible.

