



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

# Tower Chimes

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## PRIME TIMERS OCTOBER LUNCHEON Calling all Prime Timers (our friends and members age 55+)

### SHARE YOUR HOBBY



Come and join us for food and fellowship at our first gathering for the fall. The catered lunch (Joyce Snively's spaghetti and meatballs, salad, garlic bread, and dessert) will be served at **11:30 a.m. on Monday, October 27**, in McLeod Hall.

The program for the day will be a "Hobby Fair." We are asking each person to bring a few items that represent one of more of your favorite hobbies. We'll have some time to see how we fill our days, and find joy in our hobbies. The cost for the meal is \$8.00.

Call Carol Switalski 845-5416 or the church office (294-3121) to reserve your space at the table!



## GET READY FOR OUR FALL-BULOUS FALL FEST!

Friends, don't forget that our Fall-bulous Fall Fest is just around the corner. The fun will begin on **October 29 at 5:30 p.m. with a pizza dinner**, followed by the Festival at **6 p.m.** Children are invited to wear non-scary Halloween costumes to the event and get ready for an exciting evening of candy, fellowship, and lots of fun!

We need to know if you will be joining us for dinner. Please fill out the tear off and drop into the offering plate or you may call the church office to reserve your spot at 294-3121. Donations will be accepted for dinner.



Please bring in **individually wrapped candy** (all types are welcome) or small prizes by **Tuesday, October 28**.

We will be setting up for the event at 9:30 a.m. on October 29. If you are able to help, please contact Amy McKee at 294-3121 or [amckee@firstpreswh.org](mailto:amckee@firstpreswh.org). Please note, we will NOT have Christ Kids that day.



## FALL FEST

## FALL FEST RESERVATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

# of adults for dinner: \_\_\_\_\_

# of children for dinner: \_\_\_\_\_

## Church calendar

### Sunday, October 26

- 8:50 a.m. Worship
- 9:30 a.m. OJ Fellowship (MH)
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School-Children & Youth
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School-Adults
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 5:30 p.m. High School Youth Group (SC)

### Monday, October 27

- 8:45 a.m. MOM
- 10:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl (MH)
- 11:30 a.m. Prime Timers (MH)
- 1:30 p.m. Friendship Callers (MCR)

### Tuesday, October 28

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting (MCR)
- 12:00 p.m. Men's Lunch (MH)
- 5:30 p.m. Stephen Minster Leaders (UR)
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministers (UR)

### Wednesday, October 29

- 8:45 a.m. MOM
- 5:30 p.m. Middle School Youth Group (SC)
- 5:30 p.m. Fall Fest (MH)
- 6:00 p.m. Chancel Bells
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

### Thursday, October 30

- 7:00 p.m. Chapel Bells

### Friday, October 31

- 8:45 a.m. MOM

### Saturday, November 1

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



*Our Christian sympathy goes to Bob Sheffield, Sam Sheffield, & Cori Swango in the death of their mother/grandmother, Geraldine Sheffield who died in Tupelo, MS, Wednesday, October 15, 2014 .*

## Remember in Prayer

### members

- |                          |                       |                     |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Gloria Allen             | Kathy Girouard        | Joan Murphy         |
| Anna Marie Barton        | Marge Goodman         | Nancy Neale         |
| Maggie Beeland           | Pete & Jean Harman    | Joe Oriani          |
| Win Betrus               | Frances Heath         | Dee Palmore         |
| R. Otis Bice, Jr.        | Doris Hill            | Judy Partain        |
| Guy Bostick              | Ranell Hillman        | Liz Purnell         |
| Jeff Bowen               | Ed Houston            | Barbara Roberts     |
| Lois Burrell             | Camille Howe          | Mary Ellen Rowker   |
| Millie Carrier           | Dorothy Johnson       | Dave Ryan           |
| Bob Carter               | Toni Krieger          | Dorothy Ryan        |
| George & Sylvia Chambers | Ronda Lacy            | Dean Shull          |
| Helen Champplain         | Dena Lancashire       | Barbara A. Smith    |
| Tom Coffman              | Dot Lenfestey         | Carol Switalski     |
| Norma Conner             | Judy Lindsay          | Lucy Jackson Teeter |
| Don Dinger               | Spike & Jane Lucia    | Carolyn Thompson    |
| Jerry Dugger             | Elaine Maltese        | Ed Threadgill       |
| Ginny Dunson             | Rita Marcacci         | Shirley Turner      |
| Jana Easterling          | Gladys Meier          | Betty von Hahmann   |
| Jeanne Estes             | Heidi Van Allen-Munoz | Anne Windham        |

### Family and friends

- |                                  |                                      |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Bob Cameron                      | Larry & Candy Marshall's friend      |
| Brenda Cape                      | Alan Harvey's friend                 |
| Katheryn Christie & family       | Penn Tucker's friends                |
| Monica Clement                   | Jennifer Boyce's aunt                |
| Jerry Cooley                     | Susan Singleton's friend             |
| Marylyn Dorsey                   | Carol Carter's sister-in-law         |
| Al Ellis                         | Jim Threlkel's friend                |
| Bill Galloway                    | Zan Dismuke's friend                 |
| Gloria Goss                      | Carolyn Thompson's daughter          |
| Pam Heath                        | Jan & Keith Ray's friend             |
| Jean Hehn                        | Ellie Threlkel's friend              |
| Virginia Lynch                   | Lynn Oakley's friend                 |
| Nan Mason                        | Harvey & Mary Ann Snivley's daughter |
| Horacio & Maria Mottola          | Margaret Braun's friends             |
| Rex Murray                       | Lynn Oakley's friend                 |
| Lettie Lane North                | Jean Strang's sister                 |
| Peggy Seigler                    | Ellie Threlkel's friend              |
| Barbara Simpson                  | Amy Powell's friend                  |
| David Smith & family             | Penn Tucker's friends                |
| Blain & Cynthia Thompson-McCaleb | Carolyn Thompson's daughter          |
| Rae Tucker                       | Tish Turner's mother                 |
| Gary Webb                        | Matthew Gray's father                |
| Margaret Willson                 | Mary Marris' mother                  |



### Military service

- Aaron Ashley
- James E. Baker
- Ben Clark
- Deborah Clark
- Nathan Connor
- Tim Davis
- Leah (Doty) Fuscia
- Eddie Gray
- Beau Gresham
- Chris Hagen
- Daniel Harp
- Sean Harp
- Coree Jones
- Terry Jones, Jr.
- Jackie Jung
- David Knowles
- Timothy Lee
- John Marotti
- Kaitlin Marotti
- Adam McPhail
- Andrew Stapor
- Keaton Thompson
- Jacob van Zandt

### Please help us visit our hospitalized members!

The tightening of HIPAA regulations has meant that we have missed visiting some of our members during their hospital stay. If you are a member or a friend of this congregation, or you have a family member admitted to any hospital, please call the church office and let the pastors know.

**Thank you for helping us stay in touch with the congregation.**

## FAREWELL RECEPTION AND LOVE GIFT FOR DAVID BRINSON

David Brinson, our Director of Music Ministries has accepted a position at a church in the Charlotte, NC area. We will be holding farewell reception for David and his family on his last Sunday with us, **November 2, following the 11:00 a.m.** worship service. If you would like to contribute to a love gift for David, you send your gift to the church office. We hope you will join us as we wish David well in his future ministry.



## *GENEROSITY SHOWS IN THE WORSHIP OF ALMIGHTY GOD*

When we read the history of First Presbyterian Church of Winter Haven, the story is punctuated with references to **WORSHIP**.

Less than a month after our church was organized in December of 1886, the first public worship service was held in a room over a downtown Winter Haven store. In the course of our church's first year, the location of public worship included a hotel, a schoolhouse, and a tomato packing house. By 1893, a permanent house of worship was completed, and now we gather each Lord's Day in our sanctuary on Sixth Street, NW where God has been worshiped for nearly 90 years.

Our history is one that is rich with worship, and gathering to adore and praise God continues to be the cornerstone upon which our life together is built.

Worship at First Presbyterian Church is an every Sunday event (and some special times in between). In our Sunday morning worship services at 8:50 am and 11:00 am, we gather for spiritual fellowship with the family of God. We lift our voices together in confession, thanksgiving, intercession, and song. We come anxious to hear God speak in scripture and sermon. We are aided in our worship by incredible music from organ, piano, bells, and other instruments, and our choirs. We come to focus our lives again on God, and then we go out to live for God in the world.

Our worship life also includes services on Christmas Eve, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, and the Services of Healing and Wholeness which are held twice a year.

Thanks to the generosity of our congregation sharing God's title and our offerings, it has been possible for people to freely worship God Almighty here each and every Sunday. In the past twelve months, we have invested over \$200,000 of the generous gifts of our family of faith in providing opportunities for public worship.

These costs include the expenses of maintaining our sanctuary and chapel as worship spaces, music, worship supplies and materials, training for our church's children's choir, Hand bell and Chancel Choirs, and the costs related to having the services of pastors and a full time Director of Music Ministries.



## 2015 SATURDAY SOUP KITCHEN SIGN-UP SHEET IS POSTED IN McLEOD HALL

The ingredient missing from our Saturday Soup Kitchen Pot is: \_\_ (Hints: sounds like the letter missing above and rhymes with ewe)



The 2015 calendar for Saturday Soup Kitchen Duty is posted on the Deacon's Board in McLeod Hall. Please sign up for dates when you or your group would like to serve as Head Cook or Helpers.  
**Thank you!**

## Come Ye Thankful People Come To a Harvest Luncheon

**On Sunday November 16, 2014,**  
In our festive McLeod Hall.

*Hog Heaven Smokehouse* will cater  
Our meal of Brunswick Stew, Coleslaw  
Cornbread and Apple Cobbler.  
Chicken Nuggets and Macaroni & Cheese  
Will be available for children.

Enjoy table conversation with your friends,  
a great meal and making the simple Nativity  
ornaments\*\* that will be



given to guests who  
"Come to the Stable and  
Bethlehem Square."

The cost for adults is  
\$9.50 and children 10 and  
under \$4.00.

**Prepaid reservations are needed  
by Wednesday November 12 at noon.**

Please complete the tear off, attach your check noting Harvest Luncheon and place in the offering plate, or come by the office to reserve your places for the Harvest Luncheon.

\*\* (Made with 4 craft sticks, 4 oak twigs,  
1 shiny star, a peel off imprinted label,  
raffia and glue.)

### HARVEST LUNCHEON RESERVATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Paid: \$\_\_\_\_\_

# of Adults: \_\_\_\_\_ # of Children: \_\_\_\_\_

## COME TO THE STABLE and to BETHLEHEM SQUARE

This year we will have an addition to our outdoor living nativity – McLeod Hall will be transformed into Bethlehem Square as it might have looked in Jesus' lifetime.

Visitors to the stable will be invited to continue their journey by entering the gate to Bethlehem Square. They will register with the Roman census taker, just as Joseph did, and then visit the food shops where shopkeepers will offer a wide range of first-century food... fresh fruit, cheeses, hummus with an olive tapenade on pita chips, tasty breads to dip in seasoned olive oils and finally – the bread shop with delicious homemade fruit breads and cookies. The beverage vendor will have juices and warm apple cider to compliment the fine foods. While the visitors are enjoying their food, they can listen to musical performances in the center of the square and fellowship with friends and the costumed villagers and nativity performers. Guests can take the token received for registering at the census table and redeem it for a "handmade stable" tree -ornament – a memento of their visit to the stable and Bethlehem Square.



The **COME TO THE STABLE and to BETHLEHEM SQUARE** presentation is our church's Christmas gift to our community. We invite all church members to join in making this event the best ever. We are seeking people to be performers, musicians, shopkeepers and be part of the support staff. The stable set will need to be built and then taken down after the performance, the chairs for audience will need setup and removal and then the added booths and staging for Bethlehem Square will need to be put up and taken down.



**Signups will begin for performers on Sunday, October 26, then at Fall Fest and each Sunday thereafter until we've completely cast all our roles.** Beginning on November 9, we will be enlisting food shoppers, bakers and food preparers, men to setup and strike sets outdoors and in McLeod Hall. There will be opportunities for those of you on Face Book to help us advertise **COME TO THE STABLE.** Let's make this a church-wide effort. Many ladies are already making beautiful costumes for the Bethlehem villagers. You, too, can help! Watch the bulletin boards in the narthex for all the opportunities to assist and then signup for your specialty.



Be sure to invite and bring your friends and family to "Come To The Stable and to Bethlehem Square" on **Saturday, December 13 (performances at 6:30, 7:30, 8:30 p.m. with the Village Square open between performances).**  
You can help make this our best nativity ever!



# November Birthdays

11/1	George Butz Benjamin Jax Judith Suprina	11/11	Rosalind McCoy Judith Shull	11/21	George Seagraves
11/2	Madison Grode Ellen Miller Amanda Plowden	11/12	Ellie Hoagland	11/22	Clyde Greene Greg Marrs Steve Negley Morris Reddout Caroline Sibley Suzann Threadgill
11/3	Stephany Alexander Erin Miller Connie Shipley	11/13	Dru Gainey Gary Gardner Sy Gray IV Carol Lind	11/23	Preston Allen Garrison Bogdahn Miles Bogdahn
11/4	Bruce Houston	11/14	Jason Doty Ricky Montney, III	11/24	Adam Hahn
11/5	Missie Snively	11/15	Len Hollister Phyllis Legg Carly Salomon Tammy Slocum Hope Stapor Judy Winfree	11/25	Sharon Bogey
11/6	Betty Harris Amanda Price Hanley Renney	11/16	Mary Pat Harding Cameron Weeks	11/26	Paula Forrest Ted Harland Randal Summerlin Penn Tucker
11/7	Jennifer Dismuke Patti Herndon Nikki Hoagland Josh Lockhart	11/17	Henry Braun Danny Fielder Jaleeann Johnston Barbara Stevens	11/27	David Dershimer Lauren Hobgood Barbara Horvath Tracy Mercer Chuck Tate Rose Williams
11/8	Ben Crowder Jimmy Hankin Chris Larson Judie Tucker	11/18	Aaron Andrews	11/28	Debora Pearson Louise Volpe
11/9	Carolyn Hatch Carole Marotti Amy Speer	11/19	Leonard Gann Regina Keplinger Christopher Turner	11/29	Jackson Gainey Wade Groetsch
11/10	Beth Luxford Padgell Palo Greg Prather	11/20	Todd Dantzler Elaine Dustin Marie Williams	11/30	Millie Carrier Bob Hubbard Tish Turner
11/11	Cheryl Beckert Zane McCann	11/21	Charley Chilton Jay Pearson		

# November Anniversaries

11/1	Joni & Leonard Gann Nancy & Ken Jorgensen	11/12	Kay & Jay Stine	11/25	Mary Ann & Harvey Snively
11/8	Mary Ann & James Koon Janet & Martin Paxton	11/16	Laura & James Powell	11/26	Cynthia & Stephen Saterbo Bonnie & John Walter
11/9	Lesley & Andy Johnston	11/18	Kathryn & Kevin Thomas	11/27	Gayle & Bill Johnston Aretta & Joe Oriani
11/11	Judith & Dean Shull	11/20	Kelly & Hamp Walker	11/30	Janet & Michael Lawlor
11/12	Janet & Bob Howard	11/22	Candy & Larry Marshall		
		11/23	Punkin & Squire Smith		
		11/25	Deborah & Terry Rayfield		



## STEPHEN MINISTERS WILL HOST "AGING & DEMENTIA" BY ALL ABOUT AGING, LLC

On **October 28, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Upper Room, **Barbara Herrington** with All About Aging will speak on "Aging" and "Alzheimer's/dementia."

She talks about normal age-related changes you can expect as people get older. Awareness of dementia warning signs will help you understand family and friends who may be experiencing some of the changes and how to maintain your relationship.

**No Cost** to attend. Refreshments will be provided by the Stephen Ministry.

# FIRST PRES



## MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

School is back in session, and so are our Wednesday afternoon meetings for the First Pres Middle School Youth. All young people in grades 6, 7, and 8 are invited to join us on **Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m.** in the First Pres Student Center (711 Sixth Street NW). There will be FOOD (supper is provided) FELLOWSHIP (the 737 building is open for basketball, four square, carpet ball, and general hanging out with friends) FUN, FAITH, AND FRIENDS (we have a great group of adults who will help you and your friends explore the Christian faith and learn more about loving and serving God.) We wrap up at 7:30 p.m. Bring a friend and be sure to attend.

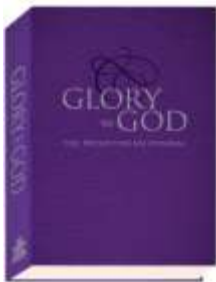
## HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

All 9<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup> grade young people are encouraged to join our High School Youth. The group meets on **Sunday nights, from 5:30p.m.-7:30 p.m.** in the Student Center, 711 Sixth Street NW.

**WHAT WILL YOU FIND?** Supper with your friends, time to catch up with your friends, some games and laughs with your friends, bible study and Christian service with your friends.

Come out each Sunday and make some new friends in Christ at our High School Youth.

## LAST OPPORTUNITY TO DEDICATE A HYMNAL TO SOMEONE SPECIAL



This year's Palm Sunday marked the dedication of the *Glory to God* hymnals for our use in worship. Out of 500 hymnals, 392 have been dedicated, which means there are still 108 hymnals needing dedications.

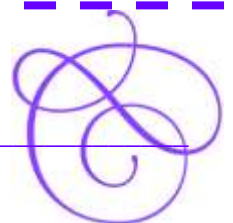
On **November 2**, the church will observe All Saints Day in worship. As we celebrate the lives of all those who have joined the Church Triumphant in the past year, we will again print the full dedication list.

If there is someone you wish to honor with the dedication of a hymnal, please fill out the form below and turn it into the church office with \$20 by **Monday, October 27.**

### Hymnal Dedication

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle one - In Memory of or In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_



## SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE



At **8:50 a.m.**, members and friends of First Presbyterian Church are invited to attend The Gathering. This service is held in the sanctuary. The piano is the primary instrument for leading in congregational music with a variety of instruments adding special touches from week to week. The prayers in worship and the flow of the service help the congregation gather in God's love. The Gathering ordinarily lasts 50 minutes and will conclude with the Benediction at 9:40 a.m.

At **11:00 a.m.**, you are invited to attend our later morning worship. This service is held in the sanctuary with music and responses regularly led by our chancel choir and accompanied by organ and piano. In the tradition of our church, cultivated over the last few decades, a full liturgy gives the congregation opportunities for spiritual enrichment and the sense of God's love and grace. This worship service ordinarily lasts one hour and concludes with the Benediction at 12:00 p.m.

**We hope you will join us in worship, study, and fellowship!**

## CONNECT With Us at Sunday School!

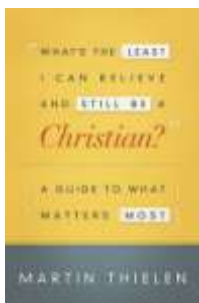
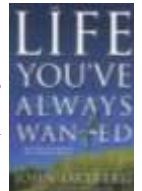
Children ages three and four gather in Room 108 for their own Sunday School time of crafts, snack, Bible lesson, and fun.

Children in kindergarten through fifth grade will rotate through Art, Science, Cooking, Storytelling, Computer, and Movies on Sunday mornings. The theme changes every 6 weeks. On October 26 they begin the Good News rotation.



The Youth of the church, those in Middle School and High School are invited to come hang out in the Student Center from 9:45 - 10:45 a.m. We have a variety of volunteers who will lead this engaging class filled with faith-building, friendship, fun, food, and great times.

Connect - Grow - Thrive meets in Room 207. The class has been studying the book, *The Life You've Always Wanted: Spiritual Disciplines for Ordinary People* by John Ortberg. All are invited to join in this discussion filled class. Members of the class take part in leading the discussion each week.



The Perspectives Class meets in the Geneva Room and is facilitated by Dr. Jim Threlkel and Glenn Thomas. They are focusing on Martin Thielen's book, *What's the Least I Can Believe and Still Be A Christian?* Everyone is invited to join in this thought-provoking discussion time. Pastor and author Martin Thielen has compiled a list of ten things people need to believe, and ten things they don't, in order to be a Christian. This lively and engaging book will be a help to seekers as well as a comfort to believers who may find themselves questioning some of the assumptions they grew up with.

Dr. Steve Negley's class meets in the back of McLeod Hall. The topic is: **Mastering the Basics in I John**. This eight-week study will take the class on a journey through a little book (I John) tucked near the back of the New Testament. Long before C.S. Lewis and his look at "Mere" Christianity, a writer named John was putting pen to papyrus and helping early Christians explore the essential elements of their faith. Addressing a congregation where faith and practice had taken some wrong turns, John shared the good news of how things could move in the right direction. Bring your Bible and be prepared to explore how we can walk in the Light and walk in love; test the spirits and be aware of antichrists; live as children of God who love one another; and revel in how God's love inspires our love.



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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*

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### Bag Lunch Ministry

We gave out 237 bag lunches the week of 10/13/14.

### Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 86 people on 10/11/14

**Return Service Requested**

## VETERAN'S DAY, NOVEMBER 11...

Is approaching and we thought it would be a good idea to compile a record for the church of all our members/friends, who are veterans or currently serving in our military forces. Please e-mail this information to [office@firstpreswh.org](mailto:office@firstpreswh.org), call the church at 294-3121, or complete the form below and put it in the offering plate. Thank you!



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## VETERAN'S INFORMATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Branch of Service \_\_\_\_\_

Rank \_\_\_\_\_ DOS or War (e.g. Korean, Desert Storm, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_