



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

Tower Chimes

Week of November 16, 2014

Issue 519

128 Years of Ministry

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COME YE THANKFUL PEOPLE COME TO A HARVEST LUNCHEON

This 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. The cost for adults is: \$9.50. Children 10 and under \$4.00.

Enjoy table conversation with your friends, a great meal and making the simple Nativity ornaments (Made with 4 craft sticks, 4 oak twigs, 1 shiny star, a peel off imprinted label, raffia and glue.) that will be given to guests who "Come To The Stable and to Bethlehem Square."



PRIME TIMERS NOVEMBER LUNCHEON

Calling all Prime Timers (our friends and members age 55+)

Come and join us for food and fellowship at our November gathering. The catered lunch (Joyce Snively's open faced roast turkey sandwich with gravy, cranberry sauce, and dessert) will be served at **11:30 a.m. on Monday, November 17**, in McLeod Hall.

The cost for the meal is \$8.00.



The program for the day will be speaker **Anne McCauley** in costume speaking on General Rochambeau's Help to George Washington 1781.

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



Church calendar

Sunday, November 16
3 Cents-A-Meal

- 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
- 12:00 p.m. Harvest Luncheon (MH)
- 5:30 p.m. High School Youth Group (SC)

Monday, November 17

- 8:45 a.m. MOM
- 11:30 a.m. Prime Timers (MH)
- 6:15 p.m. Worship & Music (UR)

Tuesday, November 18

- 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (MCR)
- 9:30 a.m. Joy Circle (Off Site)
- 12:00 p.m. Men's Lunch (MH)
- 12:00 p.m. Finance (UR)
- 6:30 p.m. Deacons (GR)

Wednesday, November 19

- 8:45 a.m. MOM
- 3:00 p.m. Christ Kids
- 5:30 p.m. Middle School Youth Group (SC)
- 6:00 p.m. Chancel Bells
- 6:30 p.m. Officer Training (MCR)
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, November 20

- 7:30 a.m. Presbytery (Dunedin)
- 7:00 p.m. Chapel Bells

Friday, November 21

- 8:45 a.m. MOM

Saturday, November 22

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

Remember in Prayer members

Gloria Allen
 Maggie Beeland
 Win Betrus
 R. Otis Bice, Jr.
 Guy Bostick
 Lois Burrell
 Millie Carrier
 Bob Carter
 George & Sylvia Chambers
 Helen Champlain
 Tom Coffman
 Norma Conner
 Don Dinger
 Jerry Dugger
 Jana Easterling
 Jeanne Estes
 Kathy Girouard
 Marge Goodman
 Pete & Jean Harman

Frances Heath
 Doris Hill
 Ranell Hillman
 Ed Houston
 Camille Howe
 Dorothy Johnson
 Toni Krieger
 Ronda Lacy
 Dena Lancashire
 Dot Lenfestey
 Judy Lindsay
 Spike & Jane Lucia
 Elaine Maltese
 Rita Marcacci
 Matt McGaffigan
 Gladys Meier
 Heidi Van Allen-Munoz
 Joan Murphy
 Nancy Neale

Joe Oriani
 Dee Palmore
 Judy Partain
 Al & Marjorie Porter
 Barbara Puckett
 Liz Purnell
 Barbara Roberts
 Mary Ellen Rowker
 Dave Ryan
 Dorothy Ryan
 Martha Seney
 Dean Shull
 Barbara A. Smith
 Carolyn Thompson
 Ed Threadgill
 Shirley Turner
 Betty von Hahmann

In the hospital: Scott Strey & Anne Windham

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

Kerbi Blake
 Stephenie Blanchard
 Bob Cameron
 Kathryn Christie & family
 David Curtiss
 Debbie Donley
 Al Ellis
 Debbie Greenarch
 Wayne Harrison
 Harper Hassett
 Pam Heath
 Jean Hehn
 Abigail Ising
 Pete Kent
 Geoff Lewis
 Virginia Lynch
 Nan Mason
 JJ Miller
 Horacio & Maria Mottola
 Andrew Porter
 Bob Sammaro
 Peggy Seigler
 David Smith & family
 Blain & Cynthia Thompson-McCaleb
 Miss Tiffany
 Gary Webb

Family and friends

Al & Marjorie Porter's daughter
 John & Barbara Puckett's friend
 Larry & Candy Marshall's friend
 Penn Tucker's friends
 Meredith Curtiss' stepson
 Marty Bentley's friend
 Jim Threlkel's friend
 Polly Wilson's friend
 Penn Tucker's friend
 Marty & Bob Bentley's granddaughter
 Jan & Keith Ray's friend
 Ellie Threlkel's friend
 Rick & Pat Reass' greatniece
 Charley & Nancy Chilton's nephew
 David & Erin Emory's friend
 Lynn Oakley's friend
 Harvey & Mary Ann Snivley's daughter
 Rick & Pat Reass' friend
 Margaret Braun's friends
 Al & Marjorie Porter's grandson
 Marcia Keplinger's friend
 Ellie Threlkel's friend
 Penn Tucker's friends
 Carolyn Thompson's daughter
 The Swangos' friend
 Matthew Gray's father



3 CENTS-A-MEAL THIS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16

We will collect the **3 Cents-a-Meal Hunger Offering** during worship services **SUNDAY**. This offering is divided between our Soup Kitchen/Bag Lunch Ministry, Beth-El Farm-workers Ministry, and Honduras.



Congratulations to Richard & Marley McAdams in the birth of their son, Richard Walker McAdams, Jr., born October 29, 2014.

The proud grandmother is Clare McAdams

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.**

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



Dates in 2014 that we still have open for head cooks and helpers are: **November 15, 29, December 13, & 27.**

The 2015 calendar is also ready. Please sign up for dates when you or your group would like to serve as Head Cook or Helpers.
Thank you!

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL INFORMATION

Our 2014 Advent Devotional, *Reel Christmas – Discovering Christ or Religious Themes in Favorite Holiday Films* will be available starting on **Sunday, November 16** as a print version you can take home with you.



You may also view the devotional online daily on our church website blog at <http://www.firstpreswh.org/blog/> or our Facebook page starting the first Sunday of Advent, **November 30**. If you would like to receive the daily devotions via e-mail (the Advent Devotional will take the place of our staff devotionals during Advent), then please be sure to indicate below. Please fill out even if you already receive the current devotional.

Name: _____

E-mail address: _____

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We will be putting the Christmas trees up in the Sanctuary on **November 23rd at 2:00 p.m.** If you can join us, we would appreciate any and all help. We look forward to seeing you.



COME TO THE STABLE and to BETHLEHEM SQUARE

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13
NATIVITY PERFORMANCES**

At 6:30, 7:30 & 8:30 p.m.

Between the Nativity performances enjoy food, musical entertainment, & meet the performers, village elders & shopkeepers in BETHLEHEM SQUARE

**Casting of performers and musicians is still on-going.
WE HAVE THE COSTUMES, JUST BRING YOUR TALENT. NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED. SIGN UP IN THE NARTHEX.**

GENEROSITY SHOWS In Local mission

Through your generosity, our church has become known within the community as “the church that feeds the hungry.” It is understandable how we came to acquire that name through our sponsoring a Saturday Soup Kitchen and our Bag Lunch Ministry.

Over the past year, each Saturday evening, volunteers from this church and others within the community contributed their time, skills, and resources to provide a hot meal to an average of 100 guests per night. We spent in excess of \$18,000 of the monies you contributed to our church’s budget to feeding our hungry neighbors.



This past year, First Presbyterian Church has also distributed thousands of bag lunches - averaging over 60 bags given out each weekday. We expended over \$12,000 on this ministry alone. Your generosity with our needy neighbors is seen through your financial support of the church and through the many hours volunteers devote to assembling the bag lunches.

Another organization dedicated to feeding hungry people is our across the street neighbor, Meals on Wheels. A number of our members contribute their time to delivering these meals. We supported this organization through our Deacon’s Fund. In addition, our Deacons support Anchor House, Family Emergency Services, and The Mission. Anchor House provides a foster home for boys needing a supervised and stable environment. Family Emergency Services and The Mission provide food, clothing, financial assistance with medications, rent, utilities, and assistance with job search and resume writing.



One of the most recent neighborhood organizations to which we have given financial support is the Angels Care Center located in Eloise. This center provides medical care to area residents who are uninsured and who cannot afford to pay.

Realizing the importance of nurturing boys to become fine men, our church has a long history with the Boy Scouts, providing facilities and financial support to Boy Scout Troop 121. Another organization with whom we have had a long association is Habitat for Humanity, which actually first had offices here in this church. We assist their work in providing affordable and decent housing for neighbors needing a helping hand.



We support our mentally and physically challenged neighbors through our gifts to support the work of the Polk Training Center and to fund Saturday Nite Live. The training center helps the students to acquire and develop horticultural and landscaping skills. Saturday Nite Live, which meets here on the third Saturday evenings September through May, provides an

opportunity for these neighbors and others within the community to have a time of fellowship.



In the past twelve months, the generosity of our congregation has shown as we have given over \$40,000 to local missions.

Welcome New Members



Alison & Les O'Neal
2126 Lawsonia Loop
Winter Haven, FL 33881
618-407-7476

Tony & Karen Premuto
Ashly & Michael
162 Browning Circle
Winter Haven, FL 33884
324-1722

Jeri Stewart
300 Island Way
Winter Haven, FL 33884
325-9184

Betty von Hahmann
30 Vagabond Lane
Winter Haven, FL 33881
324-6053

2014 OUTSTANDING OLDER ADULT AWARD PRESENTED TO KEITH AND JANE RAY ON SUNDAY NOVEMBER 9, 2014



Keith is a native of Winter Haven and Jane hails from the capital city of Baton Rouge, Louisiana. She became a Floridian moving to Pensacola first before relocating to Winter Haven. He is a graduate of Winter Haven High School. Both journeyed to Tallahassee and attended Florida State University. They are proud Seminole fans.

He and she were previously married and they celebrated their 17th anniversary in May of this year. Together they share six children and eight grandchildren. Both have been members of First Presbyterian Church for over thirty years.

Both have worked in retail and wholesale businesses and they have worked together in the wholesale/brokerage business. For a time after Keith's college studies and before doing sales, he served as a deputy of the respected Polk County Sheriff Hagan Parrish. His son, Andy has followed in these law enforcement shoes. After Keith left the Sheriff's Office, he worked in sales with the local newspaper, *The News Chief*.

Both have been active in the community. He has served as the President of the Orchid Springs Homeowner's Association and she has been very active with the Nosegay Garden Club and Chapter U of PEO, serving in various offices of these two organizations.

She has served as a deacon and an elder and has served on the Worship and Music Committee and the Sanctuary SubCommittee. Jane also sings in the Chancel Choir and has served this church as a Wedding Director. She has served as a Stephen Minister. She is very creative and is a gifted flower arranger and seamstress.

Keith has served as an elder and has served on the Building and Grounds Committee. He worked in tiling the downstairs handicapped accessible bathroom and has participated in other handyman projects around the church. He has been one of our notable chefs, often serving as Head Chef, with Easter, Rally Day and After Christmas Breakfasts, Maundy Thursday Dinner and others.

Both have served as greeters both have worked with the Madrigal Dinners ... he cooking in the kitchen and she decorating in the Fellowship Hall. In much the same manner, they have helped whenever this church has hosted meetings of the Presbytery of Tampa Bay. Together they have enjoyed spending time at their former home in Hiawasee in the Georgia Mountains. They enjoy taking trips to see their grandchildren and to attend Florida State Football Games. **Congratulations Keith and Jane!**

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE IMPORTANT DATES

Habitat for Humanity Sod Day **November 15, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.** Please let Dana know by **November 5th** if you are able to make this event by November 5th and bring permission forms with you the day of. The more hands we have, the faster the work will be. **PARENTS...** Please let me know if you are able to volunteer **November 15th** the day of the Habitat Sod Day. Habitat for Humanity requires that we have one adult per five students. This would be a huge help. This information to the Habitat volunteer coordinator is needed before we go that day. Thank you all for your continued service in Christ.

MSYG will work the soup kitchen **November 22.**

Youth Live Nativity performance is **December 13th at 8:30 p.m.** Be here by 8:00 p.m. Rehearsal for this event is **December 10th at 5:30 p.m.** Dinner will be provided.

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 9th thru 12th 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.

SIGN UP NOW FOR THE ALL CHURCH RETREAT!!!

Our All Church Retreat, *God Speaks Your Love Language*, will be held February 7 & 8 at Cedarkirk Camp and Conference Center. Members and friends of First Presbyterian Church are invited to join us for both days or just one day of Bible study, fellowship, enjoying the great outdoors, and a relaxing time away. Registration forms are located around the church or you may e-mail Amy McKee at (amckee@firstpreswh.org or call 294-3121). The registration deadline is January 20.

We are looking forward to a wonderful retreat this year!



ADVENT MUSICAL CELEBRATION-CHILDREN'S PRACTICE



The children from Sunday School as well as our Wednesday afternoon Christ Kids program have been practicing for our Advent Musical Celebration which they will present at both services on Sunday, December 7. Please make sure your child is at Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. on Sunday mornings or Christ Kids (3:00-5:30 p.m. on Wednesday afternoons) if they would like to learn all of the songs for our December 7 musical presentation.

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!

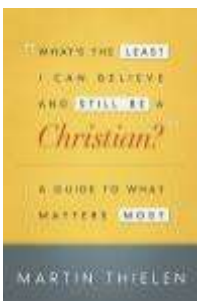
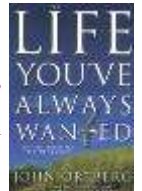
Children ages three and four gather in Room 108 for their own Sunday School time of crafts, snack, Bible lesson, and fun.

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.



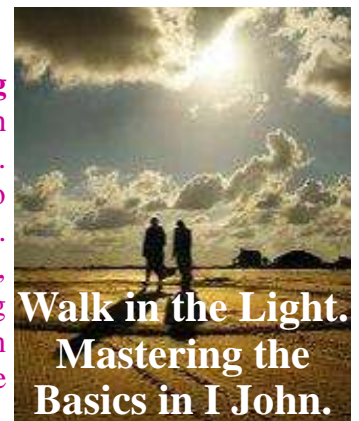
The Youth of the church, those in Middle School and High School, are invited to come hang out in the Student Center from 9:45 - 10:45 a.m. We have a variety of volunteers who will lead this engaging class filled with faith-building, friendship, fun, food, and great times.

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.

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Bag Lunch Ministry

We gave out 281 bag lunches the week of 11/3/14.

Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 107 people on 11/8/14

Return Service Requested

OUR INTERIM MUSIC PLANS...

As the Session is preparing to appoint a new Director of Music Ministries Search Committee, they have secured wonderful musical leadership from within our church. Church members **Cheryce Harris** and **Lynn McCoy** will be working together to help our choirs provide excellent worship music this fall and winter.

Cheryce will be directing our chancel choir at Wednesday night rehearsals and during the 11:00 a.m. worship services. She will also be consulting with the pastors on anthems and our Christmas Eve Services. Cheryce will also be leading our Chancel Bells, and another church member, **Pat Nepute** will be adding leadership for our Chapel Bells.

Lynn will be sharing her talents on the piano and organ at the 8:50 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services, accompanying the choir and leading the congregation in singing.

Other members of our congregation are making plans to assist with our children's choirs and add special musical touches. We want to thank these faithful church members for sharing their God-given talents within their family of faith during this time of transition.