



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

Tower Chimes

Week of January 25, 2015

Issue 527

129 Years of Ministry

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Director of Maintenance

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Custodian

CALLING ALL PRIMETIMERS

(friends and member of First Pres in the 55 and up age group.)



Let's start off the new year by looking back over some memorable years and decades, with our **Decade by Decade Table Trivia Contest.**

Come and enjoy great fellowship and a wonderful lunch (catered by Joyce Snively), and then spend some time helping others at your table by sharing your knowledge of the 1950's, 1960's, 1970's, and more.

It all starts on Monday, January 26 at 11:30 a.m. in McLeod Hall.
We'll wrap up by 1:00 a.m.

**To save your space at the lunch table,
call Carol Switalski at 845-5416.**

OUR ANNUAL TALENT SHOW IS ALMOST HERE!!!

Our annual Talent Show is literally right around the corner! It will be held this Sunday, **January 25 at 5:00.**

If you have a special talent to share and would like to participate, please contact Dana at dparrish@firstpreswh.org or the church office at 294-3121. Even if you don't have a talent you would like to share, we would love it if you would join us for an evening of fellowship and fun!



Church calendar

Sunday, January 25

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
 10:55 a.m. Congregational Mtg.
 11:00 a.m. Worship
 5:00 p.m. Talent Show (MH)

Monday, January 26

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

Tuesday, January 27

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

Wednesday, January 28

8:45 a.m. MOM
 3:00 p.m. Christ Kids
 5:30 p.m. MSYG (SC)
 5:30 p.m. Community Outreach (MCR)
 6:00 p.m. Chancel Bells
 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, January 29

7:00 p.m. Chapel Bells

Friday, January 30

8:45 a.m. MOM

Saturday, January 31

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

Remember in Prayer

members

Maggie Beeland	Doris Hill	Liz Purnell
Win Betrus	Ed Houston	Barbara Roberts
R. Otis Bice, Jr.	Camille Howe	Earle Roberts
Guy Bostick	Dorothy Johnson	Mary Ellen Rowker
Lois Burrell	Marcia Keplinger	Dave Ryan
Millie Carrier	Toni Krieger	Dorothy Ryan
George & Sylvia Chambers	Dena Lancashire	Martha Seney
Helen Champlain	Elaine Maltese	Dean Shull
Norma Conner	Rita Marcacci	Barbara A. Smith
Don Dinger	Dick McCauley	Carolyn Thompson
Jerry Dugger	Gladys Meier	Ed Threadgill
Jana Easterling	Heidi Van Allen-Munoz	Shirley Turner
Jeanne Estes	Joan Murphy	Mike Vibrat
Bill Everhart	Nancy Neale	Betty von Hahmann
Kathy Girouard	Joe Oriani	Anne Windham
Marge Goodman	Dee Palmore	Penny Zwicker
Pete & Jean Harman	Al & Marjorie Porter	
Frances Heath	Barbara Puckett	

Family and friends

Kris Sackett-Busse	Dick & Nancy Shaw's friend
Bob Cameron	Candy & Larry Marshall's friend
Margaret Carswell	John & Barbara Puckett's friend
Al Ellis	Jim Threlkel's friend
Cecily Faenza	Helen Champlain's niece
Raymond Fenstermaker	Gale & Gwen Waters' grandson
Donna Furtivo	Robert Donaldy's friend
Jean Hehn	Ellie Threlkel's friend
Abigail Ising	Rick & Pat Reass' greatniece
Pete Kent	Charley & Nancy Chilton's nephew
Ronda Lacy	Director of Finance & Business Administration
Geoff Lewis	David & Erin Emry's friend
Lynda & Rick Lewis	Jonathan Owen's friends
Brenda Marshall	Jeri Stewart & Tom Oldt's friend
Nan Mason	Harvey & Mary Ann Snivley's daughter
Sharon Massey	Merile Weeks
Blain & Cynthia Thompson-McCaleb	Carolyn Thompson's daughter
LaDonna Owen	Jonathan Owen's aunt
Loucilla Patty	Bob Endres' mother
Cal Quessenberry	Ann Quessenberry's husband
Jake Reddout	Morris Reddout's son
Peggy Seigler	Ellie Threlkel's friend
Neil Spector	Tom Oldt & Jeri Stewart's friend
Jackie Williams	Jeff Bowen's co-worker



Our Christian sympathy goes to the family & friends of Sunny Shelton, who died on Sunday, January 18, 2015.

Our sincerest sympathy goes to Trish Dugger in the death of her sister-in-law, Rose Marie Bolaga, who died Sunday, January 18, 2015.



Military service

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



2014 CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING TOTAL
 Our total for the 2014 Christmas Eve Medical Benevolence Offering was \$3,055.35. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

YOUTH GROUP INFORMATION



High school youth group: Let us know rather quickly whether or not you plan on attending Montreat the week of **July 19-25**. We need a deposit of \$50.00 to secure your spot.

Middle school youth group: The Great Escape will be the following week of **July 31-August 4**. We will need your deposit of \$100 to secure your spot for this week.

We would love for you all to join us this summer as we seek a deeper relationship with Jesus and have a blast doing it! If you have never been to these retreats ask other youth that have been to share their experience with you.

Remember the Talent Show coming up **Sunday, January 25th at 5:00**. This is one of our annual youth fundraisers to help offset some of the cost of these retreats.

We would love your support with set-up, serving and clean up for this event.

Email Dana @ dparrish@firstpreswh.org with any questions or concerns you may have.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

What good is your Faith? James forces us to face the implications of faith. Be inspired to put your faith into action in practical ways as you get to know both the man and the Book of James. Join Beth Moore as she explores such concepts as joy, hardship, faith, wisdom, single-mindedness, the tongue, humility, prayer, and more.

This interactive study features seven sessions of personal, daily assignments and eight group sessions with video. There are multiple levels of participation available. The dates for this study are **February 5 and 19, March 5 and 19, April 2, 16, and 30 at 9 - 11 a.m.** in the Edinburgh Annex. For more information and to request a workbook, please email Lia Gray at uncpair@gmail.com or call her at 318-1541



SERMON SERIES:

FAITHFUL LIVING IN THE HUNDRED ACRE WOOD

Many of us, younger and older, are familiar with the fictional "Hundred Acre Wood" and its inhabitants. Just the mention of Christopher Robin, Winnie the Pooh and his stuffed furry friends brings to our minds an array of characters and some very distinctive character traits. Dr. Harvey and Dr. Negley are looking at scripture through the influences of Pooh, Tigger, Eeyore, Kanga, and others in the Hundred Acre Wood to help us all consider faithful living in the place we all call home.

If you would like to share your interest and identification with these inspiring little friends, you are invited to bring your Pooh characters with you on specific Sundays.

This Sunday, January 25, bring your Eeyore with you to church.

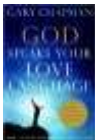
SAVE THE DATE: OM, OM BOOK DISCUSSION CLUB

Our Odd Month, Odd (3rd) Monday **Book Discussion Club** will meet again on **March 16 at 3:00 p.m.** We will have some light refreshments and will discuss Bill O'Reilly and Martin Dugard's book, *Killing Jesus*. If you were at the January book review and indicated your intention to attend, there is no need to call the office.



Please call the church office at 294-3121 if you plan to attend. Copies of this title is now available for checkout in the library. You may contact Jonathan Owen about ordering a personal copy.

SIGN UP NOW FOR THE ALL CHURCH RETREAT!!!



Hi friends, we are looking forward to a wonderful time at the All Church Retreat at Cedarkirk, **February 7 & 8**. This year our theme is "God Speaks Your Love Language." During the weekend we will have group Bible study with fellowship, outdoor recreation, relaxing, home cooked meals, Sunday morning worship, and a Saturday evening game of "capture the flag" with Dr. Negley. Childcare is provided during the group Bible study time.

We need to know if you and your family will be attending the retreat. You can come both Saturday and Sunday and stay overnight or join us for one day only. Please contact Amy McKee by Monday, January 26 if you plan on attending. You can call the church office at 294-3121 or e-mail her at amckee@firstpreswh.org. We hope to see you all there!

GENEROSITY SHOWS IN THE WORK OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

First Presbyterian Church of Winter Haven operates with a unified church budget, as the ministry that we conduct through all our program areas falls under a single church budget (managed by the Session), which is supported by the tithes and offerings of our members and friends. As we move into a new year (our 129th year of ministry), the Session is in the process of seeing how the generosity of our members and friends will enable and enhance our ministry.

Our ministry plans for 2015 are reflected in the proposed operating budget.

Dream Budget for 2015

Benevolences:

World Mission in Presbytery (Honduras), Synod, and General Assembly	\$	34,300
Presbytery of Tampa Bay Per Capita (Shared operating expenses)	\$	24,898
Deacon's Fund (Local Mission)	\$	24,802
Congregational Care	\$	1,000
Stephen Ministry	\$	2,000
International Mission (Strangs)	\$	<u>3,000</u>
Subtotal Benevolence	\$	<u>90,000</u>

Personnel:

Pastoral Staff (salaries and benefits)	\$	238,091
Program Staff (salaries and benefits)	\$	186,618
Support Staff (salaries)	\$	223,130
Nursery Staff (salaries)	\$	15,750
Worker's Comp Insurance, Employer Payroll Taxes	\$	33,600
Controlled Disbursements	\$	<u>25,211</u>
Subtotal Personnel	\$	<u>722,400</u>

Office/Administrative

Printing, Postage, Supplies	\$	21,100
Phones, Equipment, Misc	\$	<u>13,900</u>
Subtotal Office/Administrative	\$	<u>35,000</u>
Properties Buildings and Grounds	\$	27,000
Utilities	\$	37,000
Insurance	\$	81,000
Vehicle and Equipment Maintenance/Other	\$	<u>12,000</u>
Subtotal Properties	\$	<u>157,000</u>

Program Committees

Christian Education	\$	5,900
Youth Ministry	\$	7,000
Worship and Music	\$	6,000
Other Committees	\$	17,840
Subtotal Committees	\$	<u>36,740</u>

Total needed to fully fund First Presbyterian Church's ministry in 2015: \$ 1,041,140

We hope that generosity will show in our combined giving toward our 2015 operating budget. Please let the Session know of your plans for generous giving by returning the “estimate of generosity” card that was mailed to you, or that you will find in the pew today. You may also feel free to fill out this pledge form and return to the office. Thanks for helping us show God’s love in all that we do as a church of Jesus Christ.

As we move into 2015, our generosity will show in ministry as each of us takes part in walking as a disciple of Jesus Christ. **Thanks for helping us show God’s love in all that we do.**

First Presbyterian Church
Estimate of Generosity for 2015

Last Name _____ First Name(s) _____ Envelope # _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

In gratitude for God’s love, I/we make the following ***estimate of generous support*** of the church, its local mission and commitment to Presbytery, synod and general assembly:
(The amount of this ***estimate*** may be increased or decreased if your circumstances change.)

\$ _____ : Per Week Per Month Per Year

I/we want contribution envelopes: Yes No

*For where your treasure is
there will your heart be also.*
Matt 6:21

Signature _____



FEBRUARY

B irthdays

2/1	Susan Owens Gary Salomon	2/11	Lesley Johnston Brian Parrish	2/21	Don Cook Lucille Freeman
2/2	Karen Clarke Bob Gerber Evelyn Girouard Jake Tackett Leah Weeks	2/12	Ron Dunham Jeanne Estes Kenny Harp Phillip Kenner Dave Ryan Mike Vibral	2/22	Lynn Aaron Graham Lock Doug Rollins Susan Singleton Gail Van Allen
2/3	Marjorie Roe Sarah Slocum	2/13	Cheryl Marchetti Leland Miller Eric Roe Bob Turner	2/23	Casey Cheatham Bill Everhart Kathryn McAllister
2/5	Otis Bice Kevin Britt Paige Butz	2/14	Carl Cheatham Marj Crittenden	2/24	Richard Moots Teresa Negley Drew Powell Hunter Shinn
2/6	Zan Dismuke Ann King Steve Lockhart Jackson Parrish Tracy Scheck	2/15	Lucas Johnston TD Sowards	2/25	Bill Patchen Thom Rivers Kassady von Hahmann
2/7	Tom Wales	2/16	Les Dunson Jenna Johnston Kaden Rabern JW Scheck	2/26	Walter Ferguson Betts Huff Nat West
2/8	Steffan Bentley Chase Reineke Gee Roe, III Argyle Stevens Kelly Walker	2/17	Michelle Calvin	2/27	Joseph Badnell
2/9	Augie Andrews Kevin Thomas	2/18	Paul MacDonald Kristan Sheffield	2/28	Pam Gray Jane Hayman
2/10	Ethan Boland	2/19	Matt McGaffigan Edna Mitchell		
		2/20	Dorrie Tackett		

A nniversaries

2/2	Gus & Shannon Badnell	2/14	Ray & Tracy Garcia
	George & Kelly Butz	2/17	Ross & Jill Kosmensky
	Greg & Shelly Prather	2/19	Ron & Kris Dunham
2/4	Ed & Joyce Reints	2/21	Hunter & Jennifer Smith
2/7	Dick & Nancy Saxon	2/22	Adam & Erin Cranmer
2/11	Bob & Shirley Hines	2/24	Robert & Lisa Endres
2/12	Fred & Kathy Deloach		Jeremiah & Jaleean Johnston

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!

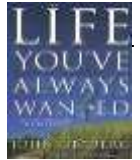
Children ages three and four gather in Room 108 for their own Sunday School time of crafts, snack, Bible lesson, and fun.

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.



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 new topic is *Unlocking the Parables from a First Century Middle-Eastern Perspective*. Bring your bible and be prepared to explore how the stories Jesus told can speak to us today.



Need a ride
to church?



IMPORTANT REMINDER FOR THOSE NEEDING A RIDE TO CHURCH ON SUNDAYS!

For anyone seeking a ride using our angel van service on Sundays, please call the church office at 294-3121 on

Friday by 12 p.m. to make those arrangements.

It is necessary to call each week you need a ride.

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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 324 bag lunches the week of 1/12/15.

Return Service Requested

Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 92 people on 12/17/14.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING IS FAST APPROACHING



It is that time of year when we begin collecting soup cans for our Souper Bowl of Caring. The Souper Bowl of Caring helps our youth and that of youth across the country form a strong connection to their communities and be the hands and feet of Christ by helping their neighbors in need.

We will be collecting soup cans until Super Bowl Sunday, **February 1**. On this day our youth will play their very own "Souper Bowl" against the "Geezers". You can bring the soup cans to church with you Sunday or Mon-Thursday 8:00-5:00 and Friday 8:00-2:00 throughout the month of January and drop them off in Mcleod Hall. There will be a box marked Souper Bowl of Caring. Just drop them in the box and Dana will take care of the rest. Each year November and December are high traffic months for soup kitchens around the country with February being the next highest month. What a great way to kick off the new year, helping others. Please prayerfully consider donating to this amazing cause. God calls us to be his hands and feet here on earth in many different forms. This is one simple way we can do our part to further God's kingdom.

And don't forget the "youth vs geezers" flag football game at **2:00 p.m. on February 1** at the Polk State College

