



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

Tower Chimes

Week of November 8, 2015

Issue 560

129 Years of Ministry

PARENTS NIGHT OUT

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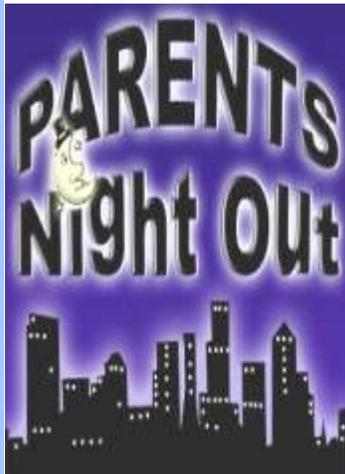
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Parents, are you looking for a night out without the kiddos? Please feel free to drop off your kids from **6-9 p.m.** in McLeod Hall on Friday evening, **November 13.**

We will have games, crafts, snacks, and Bible stories to keep your children in fifth grade and below entertained while you enjoy time for yourself.

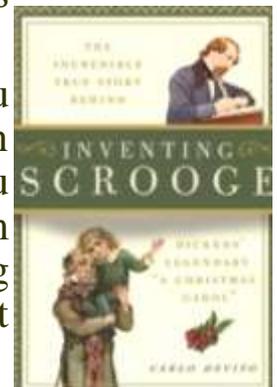
The event is **FREE** but space is limited. Please contact Amy McKee by Wednesday, November 11 to reserve your child's space (294-3121 or amckee@firstpreswh.org).



OM, OM BOOK DISCUSSION CLUB IS GETTING CLOSER

Our **Odd Month, Odd (3rd) Monday Book Discussion Club** will meet again on **November 16 at 3:00 p.m.** We will have some light refreshments and will discuss Carlo Devito's book, *Inventing Scrooge*.

Please call the church office at 294-3121 if you plan to attend. Copies of this title have been ordered and should be in our library soon. You may also contact Jonathan Owen by seeing him on Sunday, calling him at 318-9944, or e-mailing him at jonathan.owen.cu2r@statefarm.com about ordering a personal copy.



**Wednesday
November 11**

Church calendar

Sunday, November 8

All Saints Day

8:50 a.m. Gathering Worship
 9:45 a.m. OJ Fellowship (MH)
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School-Children & Youth
 10:00 a.m. Sunday School-Adult
 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
 5:00 p.m. Youth Group Music Rehearsal (GS)
 5:30 p.m. HSYG (GC)

Monday, November 9

8:45 a.m. MOM
 10:00 a.m. Lydia Circle (MH)
 6:30 p.m. Christian Education (GR)

Tuesday, November 10

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (MCR)
 12:00 p.m. Men's Lunch (MH)
 6:30 p.m. Personnel (MCR)

Wednesday, November 11

8:45 a.m. MOM
 12:00 p.m. Busy Moms of Faith (GR)
 12:00 p.m. Buildings & Grounds (MH)
 3:00 p.m. Christ Kids (CE)
 5:30 p.m. MSYG (GC)
 6:00 p.m. Chancel Bells (MS)
 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir (MS)

Thursday, November 12

7:00 p.m. Chapel Bells (MS)

Friday, November 13

8:45 a.m. MOM
 6:00 p.m. Parents Nite Out (MH)

Saturday, November 14

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

Remember in Prayer

members

Roger Able	Ed & Joan Houston	Earle Roberts
Win Betrus	Camille Howe	Dave Ryan
Millie Carrier	Jim Huff	Dorothy Ryan
Orrin & Helen Champlain	Dorothy Johnson	Barbara A. Smith
Norma Conner	Joey Johnston	Barbara H. Smith
Jerry Dugger	Dena Lancashire	Pam Tallent-Blackburn
Mary Dukes	Steve Luxford	Chuck Tate
Jana & Mike Easterling	Gladys Meier	Carolyn Thompson
Bob Endres	Lynnis Mincey	Ed Threadgill
Jeanne Estes	Jim Morris	Shirley Turner
Bill & Becky Everhart	Joan Murphy	Gwen Waters
Marge Goodman	Randal Palmer	Lee Wilkinson
Frances Heath	Barbara Puckett	
Doris Hill	Ann Reddout	

IN THE HOSPITAL: Rita Marcacci

Family and friends

Peyton Battilla	Hadley Owen's friend
Christine & Emily	Beverly Seagreave's daughter & granddaughter
Jerry Cooley	Susan Singleton's friend
Jim Daniels & family	Jonathan Owen's friend
John Doughty	Dena Lancashire's nephew
Al Ellis	Jim Threlkel's friend
Families in distress	
Raymond Fenstermaker	Gale & Gwen Waters' grandson
Jean Hehn	Ellie Threlkel's friend
Vicki Kaufman	Amy Speer's mother
Pete Kent	Charley & Nancy Chilton's nephew
Mary Lou Knapp	Lynn Oakley's friend
Letti Lane North	Jean Strang's sister
Nan Mason	Harvey & Mary Ann Snively's daughter
J. David Richardson	Ellie & Jim Threlkel friends
Anthony Shepherd	Saturday Nite Live friend
Jimmy & Amanda Sites	Lynn Oakley's friends
Chet Spires	Saturday Nite Live friend
Rick & Pat Tyler	Rick & Pat Reass' friends



Military

Robert Ferguson
 Stephanie Gillie
 Eddie Gray
 David Knowles
 Drew Stapor



Our Christian sympathy goes to David Tannahill and family, in the death of his father, Gordon Tannahill who died Monday, October 26, 2015.

Our sincerest sympathy goes to Linda Feenstra and Bruce Houston in the deaths of their father, Ed Houston, who died on Sunday, October 25, 2015 and their mother, Joan Houston, who died on Tuesday, October 27, 2015

**MAKE A JOYFUL
NOISE
UNTO THE LORD!**



We are excited to have our children and youth take a more active role in our worship through music. We will use the talents of our young people on the **second Sunday of the month** to lead us in song and to share their special music. They will be sharing as part of the **11:00 a.m. service next Sunday, November 8.**

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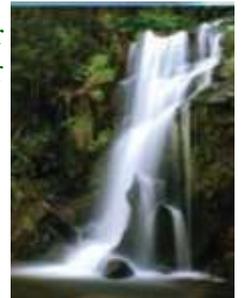
***THERE WILL BE NO CHRIST KIDS ON
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH***

COME TO THE WATERS...

the Presbyterian Women's Bible Study for 2015-2016, will be a rich exploration of water stories in both testaments. "Just as water nourishes our bodies, so the scriptures on water nourish our souls." Join one of the Circles for interesting lessons and Christian fellowship.

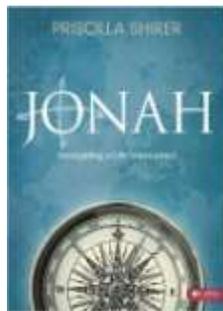
Joy Circle is the **third Tuesday; next meeting, November 17 at 9:30 a.m.** at Carol Carter's.

Lydia Circle is the **second Monday; next meeting, November 9 at 10 a.m.** in McLeod Hall.



***Jonah: Navigating a Life Interrupted by
Priscilla Shirer***

What do we do when God interrupts our lives? Many times, like Jonah, we run! In this 7-session Bible study, Priscilla redefines interruption and shows that interruption is actually God's invitation to do something beyond our wildest dreams. When Jonah was willing to allow God to interrupt his life, the result was revival in an entire city. The cost of this book is \$12.77.



Meeting dates are:

**Thursdays, 9 - 11 a.m., November 19, December 3,
January 7 & 21.**

Contact Lia Gray to reserve your study booklet at:
Uncpair@gmail.com or 318-1541.

**NEW DEVOTIONAL
GATHERING FOR MOMS**



On Wednesdays from 12 noon till 1 p.m. all moms of the church and community are invited to join us for **Busy Moms of Faith**, a Devotional Gathering which will meet in the Geneva Room, located in the Christian Education building. Come by during your lunch hour or however long you can join us to share your weekly joys, sorrows, celebrations, adventures and brief devotional time.

All moms are invited to attend this FREE program. We look forward to seeing you all there. Please call Amy McKee if you have any questions (863) 294-3121 or e-mail amckee@firstpreswh.org.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We will be putting the Christmas trees up in the Sanctuary on **November 22nd at 2:00 p.m.** If you can join us, we would appreciate any and all help. We look forward to seeing you.



Making *FIRST PRES* Your *FIRST CHOICE* for YOUR SPIRITUAL HOME

“What makes a church a spiritual home?”

The answers are as broad as the people who fill the pews. “The church is the body of Christ here on earth. The church is a place where we find our connection with other children of God for worship, the study of God’s Word, Christian fellowship, and the service to the world in God’s name. It’s where we feel connected to God and God’s children.





As we connect here at First Presbyterian Church of Winter Haven with other disciples of Jesus Christ, we are making **FIRST PRES** our **FIRST CHOICE** for our spiritual home.

SAVE THE DATE: DECEMBER 6, 2015!
BE IN MCLEOD HALL AT 4 P.M.
FOR THE ST. NICHOLAS DAY JINGLE JAVA JAM!

If you remember having fun at The Madrigal Feast we did for several years, then you will love this event!



Round tables will fill the decorated McLeod Hall and you will be treated to a wonderful dessert and coffee or hot cocoa and cookies for the young ones. Children, youth and adults will present a musical program featuring choral, bell and other instrumental selections of sacred and secular songs of the season. Everyone can participate as we join together to sing the popular and much requested *“Twelve Days of Christmas.”*

Donations will be gladly accepted to defray the cost. Reservations are needed to accommodate food and seating, please complete the tear off form and place it in the offering plate or call the church office at 294-3121. Nursery services will be provided if needed. We look forward to seeing you for this special holiday event. Thank you!

Jingle Java Jam Reservation

I/We have saved the date, now please save me/us
of Adult(s): _____ #of Child(ren): _____

Check here if nursery services will be needed: _____
How many children?: _____



**COME TO THE STABLE and BETHLEHEM SQUARE
on SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12**



**SIGN-UP NOW FOR:
ROLES IN THE NATIVITY'S
CHILDREN'S PERFORMANCE - 6:30 p.m.
YOUTH /FAMILY PERFORMANCE -7:30 p.m.**

COME TO THE STABLE and BETHLEHEM SQUARE is FPC's Christmas gift to our community. We invite all church members to join in making this event the best it can be. We are seeking children and teens, along with adults to be performers, musicians, shopkeepers, greeters and part of the support staff.

Signups for performers begin in the Narthex on Sunday, Nov. 1 and then each Sunday thereafter until we've cast all our roles.

Beginning on November 8, we will be enlisting food shoppers, bakers and food preparers, men to setup and strike sets, do traffic control and ladies to help in the kitchen during the event.



There will be opportunities for those of you on Facebook to advertise
COME TO THE STABLE.

Watch the bulletin boards in the narthex for all the opportunities to help and signup for your specialty.

**Be sure to invite and bring your friends and family to
Come To The Stable and Bethlehem Square
Saturday, December 12
performances at 6:30 & 7:30 p.m.**

The Village Square in McLeod Hall will be open for refreshments after each performance.

You can help make this our best nativity ever!

YOUTH GROUP MEALS



Each week when we meet for Wednesday night middle school youth and Sunday night high school youth group we share a meal. It is an essential part of our ministry here at First Pres. Jesus dined with many and it is a time to break bread and share fellowship. Sometimes the best conversations begin around the table.

If you are interested in preparing a meal in the new Golden Center kitchen for our youth or are interested in donating to our youth fund to help purchase these meals please contact Dana at dparrish@firstpreswh.org or call the office at 863-294-3121.



FALL 2015 SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH, (9:45 A.M.) & ADULTS (10 A.M.)

A Nursery is available for children 2 and younger during the 8:50 Gathering, Sunday School hour, and 11 a.m. worship service.

Children ages three through fifth grade will meet in the new children's music room, Room 103 of the Education Building from **9:45 - 10 a.m.** with Ms. Lynn.

Preschool Children will meet in Room 108 for a morning of crafts, snacks, Bible stories, and playtime with their preschool friends.

Elementary aged children will enjoy the Workshop Rotation this Fall with Science, Movies, Art, Cooking, Storytelling, Games, and Library time!!



Middle school and High school youth meet every Sunday morning in The Golden Center for Sunday School from **9:45 - 10:45 a.m.** During this time we meet and have fun and eat good food while learning about and growing in our faith in Christ. Come join us.



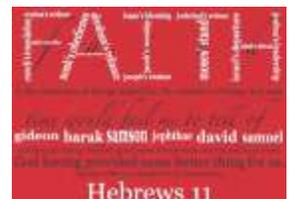
WE HAVE SEVERAL OPTIONS FOR ADULTS TO ENJOY THIS FALL

Please join **Lia & Jay Gray** as they facilitate Andy Stanley's series titled, *Staying In Love*. This class will meet in Room 207 of the CE building from **November 1 – November 22**. Please join us for one Sunday or all four Sundays. We all know what's required to fall in love. A pulse. Falling in love is easy. But staying there? That's something else entirely. Come connect and engage with us during this lively discussion on marriage.



The Perspectives Class will start a new series on the book—*What Does the Lord Require? Doing Justice, Loving Kindness, Walking Humbly*, by James C. Howell. This class is facilitated by Dr. Jim Threlkel & Glenn Thomas and meets in the Geneva Room.

Dr. Negley will lead **Faith as a Verb** - Chapter 11 of the Biblical book of Hebrews shows snapshot after snapshot of faith in action. Join us as we use this one chapter, and the rich list of heroes and heroines of our faith, as our starting point for weekly conversations about how we live faithful lives as God's people. This class meets in the back of McLeod Hall.



Have Your 2nd Cup of Coffee on Us - Coffee House Chat will meet in the Mary Spencer Reference Library at **10 a.m.** We will offer a brief devotion, coffee, and goodies. Come enjoy fellowship with your First Pres friends!



MORE BLESSINGS THAN I EVER EXPECTED!

Here's what one Stephen Minister has to say about Stephen Ministry:

"At first I wasn't sure about all this caregiving stuff. I mean, didn't I love others enough already? Then I finished my Stephen Ministry training and met with the person for whom I provided care. Now I know what Christian love is all about! I didn't expect the wonderful gifts of love and friendship that God gave me through my caring relationship. What a wonderful ministry this is!"

A new training class for Stephen Ministers is starting after the first of the year. Consider this ministry opportunity. Watch for more details.



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.

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!



If you are a middle or high school student we would love for you to join us for youth group each week in our new and improved youth house, The Golden Center. **Middle School Youth Group** meets each Wednesday night from 5:30-7:30 and **High School Youth Group** meets each Sunday night from 5:30-7:30. During this time we spend time together sharing meals, growing in Christ, playing games, and having LOTS of fun!

Once a month we will meet outside the Golden Center to be the hands and feet of Jesus to help people in our community. We have laid sod for Habitat for Humanity, worked in our soup kitchen feeding the homeless, and bagged countless bag lunches for our bag lunch ministry. These are just a few ways we are the hands and feet of Jesus.

Sometimes we get together simply to have fun. We have been to the corn maze in the dark, Fun Spot, pool parties, camp outs, paint balling and so much more. If you are looking to connect with young people your age while developing a deep relationship with Christ come and join us. We would love to have you!

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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

This newsletter is published weekly.
Summer months and holidays published bi-weekly.
Church dated material, please deliver by 10/30/15.

Bag Lunch Ministry

We gave out 335 bag lunches the week of 10/26/15.

Return Service Requested

Non-profit Org.
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Permit No. 1162
Lakeland, FL

Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 74 people on 10/31/15.

THANK YOU!!

Thank you to everyone who helped set-up for Fall Fest, donated goodies, and those who attended the event. We had a fall-bulous time playing games, making crafts, participating in Dr. Negley's Bible Trivia, and crawling through the mystery maze. We are already looking forward to next year. Here are a few pictures from the fall-tastic evening.

