



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

# Tower Chimes

Week of December 6, 2015

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129 Years of Ministry

## Make **FIRST PRES** your **FIRST CHOICE** for Celebrating Advent in 2015

During the Season of Advent, our church family is focusing on those who were present to celebrate the birth of Christ. The **Advent daily devotions**, which have been written by members of our congregation and staff, will feature stories about special nativity sets that help us to re-tell the story of the birth of our Savior.

The **sermons for the Sundays of Advent** will take a detailed look at different nativity characters each week:

The Shepherds on the Second Sunday in Advent: **December 6**

The Wise Men on the Third Sunday in Advent: **December 13**

The Holy Family on the Fourth Sunday in Advent: **December 20**

On Saturday night, December 12, our church members will help the holy night and the town of Bethlehem come to life with **Come to the Stable and to Bethlehem Square** (our indoor and outdoor living re-creation of the people and the place of Christ's birth.)



The season will reach its climax on **Christmas Eve, December 24**, and our **Candlelight Services of Lessons and Carols**. The **5:00 p.m.** service will include children's choirs, and a children's story with a re-enactment of the nativity. The **9:00 p.m.** service will feature additional musical selections from our choir.

We hope you, your family and friends, will make **FIRST PRES** your **FIRST CHOICE** for sharing the Good News of Christ's birth this Advent and Christmas season.

## **THE ST. NICHOLAS DAY JINGLE JAVA JAM** **IS ALMOST HERE ~ DECEMBER 6, 4 P.M.**

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 call the church office at 294-3121 by noon on Friday, December 4. Nursery services will be provided if needed. We look forward to seeing you for this special holiday event. Thank you!

- Dr. Steven R. Negley  
Senior Pastor
- Dr. C. Alan Harvey  
Associate Pastor
- Dr. Raymond M. Larson  
Minister of Visitation
- Dr. James G. Manor  
Parish Associate
- Amy L. McKee  
Director of  
Christian Education
- Dana H. Parrish  
Director of  
Student Ministries
- Lynn M. McCoy  
Director of  
Music Ministries
- Ronda A. Lacy  
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Administration
- Connie J. Shipley  
Administrative Assistant
- Rose Flynn  
Office Assistant
- Sammy D. Bryant  
Director of Maintenance
- Ann M. Quessenberry  
Custodian



# Remember in Prayer

## Church calendar

**Sunday, December 6**

### SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 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
- 4:00 p.m. St. Nicholas Jingle Java Jam (MH)
- 4:30 p.m. HSYG Music Rehearsal (GC)
- 5:30 p.m. HSYG (GC)

**Monday, December 7**

- 8:45 a.m. MOM

**Tuesday, December 8**

- 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 12:00 p.m. Men's Lunch (MH)
- 5:30 p.m. Personnel (MCR)

**Wednesday, December 9**

- 8:45 a.m. MOM
- 12:00 p.m. Building & Grounds (MH)
- 12:00 p.m. Busy Moms of Faith Devotional (GR)
- 3:00 p.m. Christ Kids (CE)
- 4:30 p.m. Come to the Stable Kids Rehearsal (CE)
- 5:30 p.m. MSYG (GC)
- 6:00 p.m. Chancel Bells (MS)
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir (MS)
- 8:00 p.m. Come to the Stable Choir & Guitars Rehearsal (MS)

**Thursday, December 10**

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

**Friday, December 11**

- 8:45 a.m. MOM

**Saturday, December 12**

- 2:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen Prep (Kitchen)
- 4:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen (737)
- 6:30 p.m. Come o the Stable and to Bethlehem Square (Parking Lot & MH)
- 7:30 p.m. Come o the Stable and to Bethlehem Square (Parking Lot & MH)

Roger Able  
Win Betrus  
Millie Carrier  
Orrin & Helen Champlain  
Jerry Dugger  
Mary Dukes  
Jana & Mike Easterling  
Bob Endres  
Jeanne Estes  
Bill & Becky Everhart  
Marge Goodman  
Frances Heath  
Doris Hill

### members

Camille Howe  
Jim Huff  
Dorothy Johnson  
Joey Johnston  
Dena Lancashire  
Steve Luxford  
Gladys Meier  
Lynnis Mincey  
Jim Morris  
Joan Murphy  
Randal Palmer  
Barbara Puckett  
Ann Reddout

Earle Roberts  
Dave Ryan  
Dorothy Ryan  
Barbara A. Smith  
Barbara H. Smith  
Pam Tallent-Blackburn  
Chuck Tate  
Carolyn Thompson  
Ed Threadgill  
Shirley Turner  
Gwen Waters  
Lee Wilkinson

### Family and friends

Jerry Cooley  
Jim Daniels & family  
Al Ellis  
Families in distress  
Raymond Fenstermaker  
Jean Hehn  
Julia Hildebrand  
Vicki Kaufman  
Pete Kent  
Tam Keys  
Nan Mason  
Letti Lane North  
David Richardson  
Anthony Shepherd  
Jimmy & Amanda Sites  
Chet Spires  
David Sumner  
Rick Tyler  
Marshall Wood

Susan Singleton's friend  
Jonathan Owen's friends  
Jim Threlkel's friend  
Gale & Gwen Waters' grandson  
Ellie Threlkel's friend  
Rick & Pat Reass' friend  
Amy Speer's mother  
Charley & Nancy Chilton's nephew  
Bethany Owen's mother  
Harvey & Mary Ann Snively's daughter  
Jean Strang's sister  
Ellie & Jim Threlkel friend  
Saturday Nite Live friend  
Lynn Oakley's friends  
Saturday Nite Live friend  
Bethany Owen's brother-in-law  
Rick & Pat Reass' friend  
Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend



Robert Ferguson  
Stephanie Gillie  
Eddie Gray  
David Knowles  
Drew Stapor

## 2016 ADVENT DEVOTIONAL

“Toyland’ – Remembering Favorite Childhood Toys Received at Christmas” was the theme approved by the Session for the 2016 Advent Devotional, which we hope will extend to Epiphany (January 6, 2017).

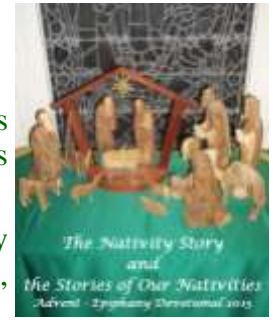
What was your favorite childhood toy received at Christmas? Raggedy Ann and Andy Dolls? A bicycle? CandyLand, Clue, Life, Monopoly or Operation games? An Easy Bake Oven? A Tickle Me Elmo? A GI Joe? A baseball and glove or a football? Barbie and Ken dolls? In two or three paragraphs tell us about your favorite childhood toy received at Christmas, who brought it or gave it to you, your excitement, etc. Then as in previous years, we will add scripture and a brief prayer.

**If you are willing to write for this devotional, then please sign up in the narthex.** While there be sure and pick up your copy of the 2015 Advent Devotional, *The Story of the Nativity and the Stories of Our Nativities.*



*Our Christian sympathy goes to the family and friends of Norma Conner, who died on Saturday, November 21, 2015.*

# THE NATIVITY STORY AND THE STORIES OF OUR NATIVITIES



Advent through Epiphany 2015 Devotional booklets are available **NOW**. The devotions will also be available on our website and Facebook page as well as through daily e-mails beginning November 29, 2015.

If you would like to be added to the daily staff e-mail devotions and Advent/Epiphany devotions go to our website at <http://www.firstpreswh.org/resources/e-mail-subscriptions>, click on "Sign up for The Devotional" fill in your email information.



## DEVOTIONAL GATHERING FOR MOMS

Busy Moms of Faith, a Wednesday Devotional Gathering, will meet on **Wednesday, December 2 and Wednesday, December 9 at noontime** in the Geneva Room. Please feel free to bring your own lunch if you would like. We meet for a time of prayer, devotion, and personal sharing. We look forward to all moms joining us for this hour long gathering. Feel free to stay as long as you are able.

## MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE UNTO THE LORD!

Children and Youth will be sharing their musical talents during the **11 a.m. worship on Sunday, December 13.**



## COME TO THE WATERS...



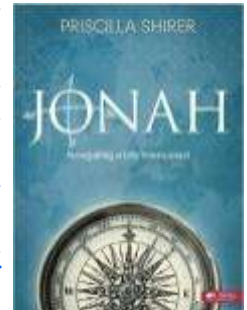
the Presbyterian Women's Bible Study for 2015-2016, will be a rich exploration of water stories in both testaments. "Just as water nourishes our bodies, so the scriptures on water nourish our souls." Join one of the Circles for interesting lessons and Christian fellowship.

Lydia Circle is the **second Monday of the month. The December 14 meeting will meet at 11:00 a.m.** at the home of Nancy Brooks. If you wish to ride the bus, meet at the church at **10:30 a.m.** This will be our annual potluck Christmas luncheon and lesson four (4) of our Bible study.

Joy Circle is the **third Tuesday; next meeting, December 15 at 9:30 a.m.** at Carol Carter's.

## *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.



We will return after the holidays:  
**Thursdays, 9 - 11 a.m. January 7 & 21.**  
Contact Lia Gray to reserve your study booklet at:  
[Uncpair@gmail.com](mailto:Uncpair@gmail.com) or 318-1541.

## PRIMETIMERS

Mark your calendars for the Primetimers Christmas Luncheon

Wednesday, December 16, 11:30 a.m. in McLeod Hall

The program staff and pastors will be preparing and serving a lunch (\$8.00) which will include: Chicken in Cream, Green Beans, Rolls, and Holiday Desserts. There will be food, fellowship, and a Christmas Carol Sing-Along. Please contact the church office at 294-3121, e-mail us [office@firstpreswh.org](mailto:office@firstpreswh.org) or fill out the form below.



## PRIMETIMERS CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON RESERVATION

We will collect the money the day of the luncheon.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Number attending: \_\_\_\_\_

## COME TO THE STABLE MUSICIANS



We will have a rehearsal for all guitar players and singers in the choir room on **Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 p.m.** We will be practicing familiar Christmas carols. If you would like to pick up the music before then, please see Lynn during office hours or after church!

## DISNEY CANDLELIGHT PROCESSIONAL

If you will be at Epcot on Christmas Day you have the opportunity to enjoy a group of singers from the church who will be performing at the 6:45 and 8:15 Candlelight Processional.



For those members participating in the Candlelight Processional, please see Lynn if you have not yet signed a release form. We will have Candlelight review practice on the following dates: **December 13<sup>th</sup>, and 20<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.; December 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> at 8:00 p.m.** Please see Lynn immediately if you do not have music or recordings!

## CHRISTMAS DAY SOUP KITCHEN



We are planning to share another wonderful Christmas Day meal for those in our area who are hungry. The dinner menu will include: turkey and gravy, ham, mashed potatoes, green bean casserole, corn, cranberry sauce, bread, pie, cake, and Christmas cookies. From 1:30–3:15 p.m. we will be cooking side dishes, carving meat, cutting bread and desserts in the main church kitchen, and setting up the 737 building and tables for the meal. We will serve from 3:30–4:30 p.m.

Volunteers are needed to

- Bake a ham or turkey at home, and bring it to the main kitchen by 2:30 p.m. on Christmas Day (the hams and turkeys can be picked up at the church on Sunday, December 20)
- Make a large green bean casserole (disposable baking pans can be picked up at the church on Sunday, December 20)
- Help with cooking and food and building prep. from 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. on Christmas Day
- Help serve the Christmas meal and clean up 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. on Christmas day.

If you would like to help with any of these portions of the Christmas Day Soup Kitchen meal, please sign up in McLeod Hall and plan to join us for this wonderful Christmas tradition here at First Pres.

## YOUTH TOY DRIVE

Our middle and high school youth are sponsoring a toy drive through the Salvation Army and Beth-el for Christmas. We know that a big part, maybe the biggest part, of being a follower of Jesus Christ is being His hands and feet here on earth. This is one small way that we can love God's people. Please join with us in collecting toys for children for Christmas.

The youth will have bins in McLeod Hall to collect any toys you would like to donate. If you would like to help us collect these toys please be sure that they are new toys of any age group. We are stressing all age groups not wanting to focus on one age over another. We will be collecting these toys through Friday, December 11. The church office closes at 2:00 on Friday so we will be collecting until 2:00 that day.



**Thank you for supporting our youth and helping us be the Hands and Feet of Jesus.**

# *Making FIRST PRES Your FIRST CHOICE for Giving Your First Fruits to God in 2016*

First Presbyterian Church of Winter Haven operates with a unified church budget. This means that the ministry that we conduct through all our program areas falls under a single church budget, which is supported by the tithes and offerings of our members and friends. **Every person** who generously gives of their first fruits in support of this budget **is a partner in everything** that we do (from preaching to teaching, to the care of our own children in the nursery and the children in Honduras through international mission.)

In our 2016 operating budget, the extent to which we generously share resources so that the church can be the church is revealed.

## **Dream Budget for 2016**

### Benevolences:

World Mission in Presbytery (Honduras), Synod, and General Assembly	\$34,000
Presbytery of Tampa Bay Per Capita (Shared operating expenses)	\$25,000
Deacon's Fund (Local Mission)	\$25,000
Congregational Care	\$ 1,000
Stephen Ministry	\$ 2,000
International Mission (Strangs)	\$ <u>3,000</u>
<b>Subtotal Benevolence</b>	<b>\$90,000</b>

### Personnel:

Pastoral Staff (salaries and benefits)	\$240,000
Program Staff (salaries and benefits)	\$188,000
Support Staff (salaries)	\$225,000
Nursery Staff (salaries)	\$ 16,000
Worker's Comp Insurance, Employer Payroll Taxes	\$ 34,000
Controlled Disbursements	\$ <u>25,000</u>
<b>Subtotal Personnel</b>	<b>\$728,000</b>

### Office/Administrative

Printing, Postage, Supplies	\$ 21,100
Phones, Equipment, Misc	\$ <u>13,900</u>
<b>Subtotal Office/Administrative</b>	<b>\$ 35,000</b>

Properties Buildings and Grounds	\$ 27,000
Utilities	\$ 37,000
Insurance	\$ 81,000
Vehicle and Equipment Maintenance/Other	\$ <u>12,000</u>
<b>Subtotal Properties</b>	<b>\$157,000</b>

## Dream Budget for 2016, continued

Program Committees	
Christian Education	\$ 6,000
Youth Ministry	\$ 7,000
Worship and Music	\$ 6,000
Other Committees	<u>\$18,000</u>
<b>Subtotal Committees</b>	<b><u>\$37,000</u></b>

**Total needed to fully fund First Presbyterian Church's ministry in 2016: \$1,047,000**

A unified church budget is all about partnership, as each member of the church shares as a partner in the overall ministry of the church. (No one person can take sole credit for the sharing of faith or the works of charity, leaving someone else responsible for the sidewalks and sewer lines.) Each time any of us drops a dollar in the plate, we have helped every area of ministry.



As we move into 2016, our generosity will show in ministry as each of us takes part in walking as a disciple of Jesus Christ and making FIRST PRES our FIRST CHOICE for sharing our first fruits. Thanks for helping us show God's love in all that we do.

# OUR CHURCH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

Dear Church Family,

We are excited to announce that we have requested the services of **Lifetouch** Church Directories to prepare our Pictorial Family Album. It will contain color portraits of all the families, some candid pictures of our activities and updated addresses and phone numbers.

Each family photographed will select a pose for the directory, and receive **FREE**:

An 8 x 10 Portrait

A Church Directory

\*\*\* Active Military, Police & Fire receive an additional 20% off \*\*\*

For your convenience, you will be able to view your portraits within minutes from having them taken. There is **NO OBLIGATION**, however, you will have the opportunity to order portraits. Please bring your credit card, cash or checkbook.

Do you know all fellow members by name? Are there families whom you do not know? We feel that this full color Pictorial Directory will help you to know each other and build stronger unity and closer fellowship.

If you are a **generational** family e.g. Grandparents, daughter, son-in-law, grandchildren, consider signing up together and having a generations picture taken along with your individual family pictures. You can also bring your musical instrument, sports paraphernalia, or a pet to reflect your personality in the photo.

All friends are welcome & will receive the complimentary 8x10 but only our families will receive the church directory. So invite other family members or friends for photos.



## THREE CONVENIENT WAYS TO SIGN UP:

\* Sign up online on the church website at [firstpreswh.org](http://firstpreswh.org).

\* Sign up on our Facebook page.

\* Sign up before and after church in the narthex.



Please sign up ASAP to lock in your preferred date. Plan to be here for about 1 hour.

The photography sessions are here at the church on:

Dec 28	1:00 pm – 8:00 pm.
Dec 29	1:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Jan 14	1:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Jan 15	1:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Jan 16	10:00 am – 5:00 pm



All families will receive a \$10 coupon the day of their scheduled photography, plus if you donate a food item, or cash for our food ministry the day of your photo session, you will receive another \$5.00 coupon (one per household) towards your portrait order.

## IT IS THAT TIME ~ POINSETTIA ORDER FOR 2015

Poinsettias are a yearly tradition to decorate the church on Christmas, “in honor of” or “in memory of” a loved one or friend. This year the poinsettias will be in the sanctuary on **December 20**.

Please fill out the order form below. The cost per plant is **\$11** and checks, marked “poinsettia fund”, should be made payable to First Presbyterian Church. Place the order form and check in the offering plate, mail it, or take it to the church office by **Monday, December 14**.

A complete listing will be available  
**Sunday, December 20.**

### IMPORTANT ~ PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

Donor(s): \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I will pick up my poinsettia after the 9 p.m. Christmas Eve service.

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like my poinsettia delivered to a shut-in.

Number of plants ordered: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_



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## 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.

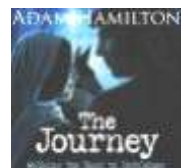
**Elementary aged children** will enjoy the Workshop Rotation this Fall with Science, Movies, Art, Cooking, Storytelling, Games, and Library time!!



**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

Starting on **Sunday, November 29**, take a journey with us on the road to Bethlehem as we follow **Adam Hamilton’s The Journey** curriculum during the 4 Sundays of Advent. Amy McKee will lead this video/discussion class which will meet in Room 207 of the Education building. Join us for one Sunday or all four, come as often as you are able.



**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.







## ARE YOU WORKING?

There's a lot of work to do in God's kingdom. Caregiving is one of the most important jobs God calls us to do--to love others in his name.

Our congregation's Stephen Ministry is one way we accomplish God's caring work. Perhaps God has blessed you richly and you're at a place where you can give something back by serving and blessing others. Roll up your sleeves and explore your role in Stephen Ministry.

Training dates coming soon.

**Be a working Christian.**

## 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!**

## 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](mailto:dparrish@firstpreswh.org) or call the office at 863-294-3121.



# Youth Group

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*

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### Bag Lunch Ministry

We gave out 255 bag lunches the week of 11/23/15.

### Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 110 people on 11/28/15.

### Return Service Requested

«Mailing Name»

«Address 1»

«Address 2»

«City» «State» «Zip»

## COME TO THE STABLE and to BETHLEHEM SQUARE

**Saturday, December 12 at 6:30 & 7:30 p.m.**

**An exciting nativity under the stars, including live:**



A "heavenly choir" with accompaniment played by our church musicians, a beautifully costumed cast of all ages - angels, shepherds, the three kings and most importantly - the Holy Family, a donkey for Mary and a small flock of sheep.

Guests can pet the animals after the presentation.



**Between performances guests are invited to join the cast and villagers In Bethlehem Square for:**



a tasting of the "food of Bethlehem", enjoy live music, meet the costumed cast and villagers, and sign the Bethlehem census scroll to receive a special memento of the event.



**BE SURE TO INVITE FRIENDS TO ATTEND!**