



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

## Tower Chimes

Week of January 17, 2016

Issue 569

130 Years of Ministry

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The Earl and Countess of Grantham  
of Downton Abbey  
cordially invite you to a Farewell Tea  
on Sunday January 24, 2016  
at half past three o'clock  
in the afternoon  
in McLeod Hall

of First Presbyterian Church.  
Reservations are required and must be received by  
Thursday January 20 at noon!  
Please complete the form below  
or e-mail Carson care of:  
[aharvey@firstpreswh.org](mailto:aharvey@firstpreswh.org).

Prizes will be awarded to the person or persons  
Voted Best Dressed in Period Costume  
and Downton Abbey Trivia  
Summa Cum Laude Graduates.

Names(s)



gladly accept the invitation for the Farewell Tea.  
Please include the name of each person attending.

### PRIME TIMERS CAR (AND BOAT) SHOW

Calling all Prime Timers (members and friends of First Pres. ages 55 and up)  
to our Car (and Boat) Show.

We will gather on **Monday, January 25, at 11:30 a.m.** in McLeod Hall for a  
wonderful lunch and a time of fellowship. Catered lunch will cost \$8.  
Dr. Steve Negley will start us on a trip down memory lane. Then, we will journey out  
to the parking lot to enjoy cars and boats from years gone by.

If you have a classic car or boat that you'd be willing to bring for the event, call or  
email Steve (294-3121) or [snegley@firstpreswh.org](mailto:snegley@firstpreswh.org) and let him know to save you a  
parking space.

To make lunch reservations by January 20, contact the church office at 294-3121,  
[office@firstpreswh.org](mailto:office@firstpreswh.org), or fill out this form and drop in the offering plate.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_



# Church calendar

**Sunday, January 17**

**3 Cents-a-Meal**

- 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-Adults
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
- 4:30 p.m. HSYG Music Rehearsal (GC)
- 5:30 p.m. HSYG (GC)

**Monday, January 18**

- 8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)
- 12:00 p.m. Busy Moms of Faith Devotion (GR)

**Tuesday, January 19**

- 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 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. Session-Joint Meeting with Elders & Deacons (MH)

**Wednesday, January 20**

- 8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)
- 3:00 p.m. Christ Kids (CE)
- 5:00 p.m. Memorial Garden (MCR)
- 5:30 p.m. Christ Kids Ringers (CE)
- 5:30 p.m. MSYG (GC)
- 6:00 p.m. Chancel Bells (MS)
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir (MS)

**Thursday, January 21**

- 9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study (UR)
- 7:00 p.m. Chapel Bells (MS)

**Friday, January 22**

- 8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)

**Saturday, January 23**

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

# Remember in Prayer

**members**

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

**Family and friends**

- |                       |                                      |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Jacob James Andrews   | Augie Andrews' grandson              |
| Antonello family      | Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friends       |
| Carlotta Bennett      | Bethany Owen's friend                |
| Bob Conley            | Marile Weeks' friend                 |
| Jerry Cooley          | Susan Singleton's friend             |
| John Doughty          | Dena Lancashier's nephew             |
| Al Ellis              | Jim Threlkel's friend                |
| Linda Fellows         | David Fellow's mother                |
| Raymond Fenstermaker  | Gale & Gwen Waters' grandson         |
| Bridgett Goins        | Lisa Endres friend                   |
| Bill Gregory          | Barbara Puckett's friend             |
| Jean Hehn             | Ellie Threlkel's friend              |
| Pete Kent             | Charley & Nancy Chilton's nephew     |
| Nan Mason             | Harvey & Mary Ann Snively's daughter |
| Amity McGee           | Bethany Owen's friend                |
| Lettie Lane North     | Jean Strang's sister                 |
| David Richardson      | Ellie & Jim Threlkel friend          |
| Ann Steiner           | Steve & Teresa Negley's friend       |
| Jeannie & Ralph Weeks | Marile Weeks brother & sister-in-law |
| Marshall Wood         | Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend        |
| Wallace Wood          | Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend        |



Robert Ferguson  
Stephanie Gillie  
Eddie Gray  
David Knowles  
Drew Stapor

## 3 CENTS-A-MEAL THIS SUNDAY, JANUARY 17

We will collect the **3 Cents-a-Meal Hunger Offering** during worship services **THIS SUNDAY.**

This offering is divided between our Soup Kitchen/Bag Lunch Ministry, Beth-El Farm-workers Ministry, and Honduras.



## CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING TOTAL



Our total for the 2015 Christmas Eve Medical Benevolence Offering was \$2,976.

*Our Christian sympathy goes to Marie Able in the death of her mother, Marily Schlueter, who died on Tuesday, December 15, 2015.*

## JOIN US FOR BUSY MOMS OF FAITH...

a devotional and fellowship time on Monday, **January 18, and 25 from 12 noon to 1 p.m.** in the Geneva Room.

Please feel free to bring your lunch and join us for as long as you can. We look forward to seeing you in January!



Everyone is invited to join us for Movie Game Night on Friday evening, **January 22 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.** Please bring your favorite covered dish to share and enjoy an evening of food, fellowship, and fun with your friends from First Pres.

See you all on January 22 in McLeod Hall!

## BECOME A FRIENDSHIP CALLER

We have need of some who would like to become a little more involved in the life and ministry of our church. You are invited to look into becoming a Friendship Caller: you do not need any special talent or the giving of a lot of your time to this vital ministry. You need the gift of wanting to lift another who is lonely and/or cannot get out on their own.

Our next meeting is **Monday, January 25 at 1:30 p.m.** Please call Ray Larson at 294-3121 for more information.

We have many friends and members who would love to welcome your visit.



## COME TO THE WATERS...



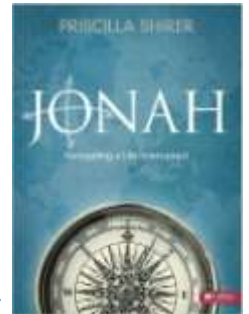
the Presbyterian Women's Bible Study for 2015-2016, will be a rich exploration of water stories in both testaments. "Just as water nourishes our bodies, so the scriptures on water nourish our souls." Join one of the Circles for interesting lessons and Christian fellowship.

Joy Circle is the **third Tuesday; next meeting, January 19, 2016 at 9:30 a.m.** at Carol Carter's.

Lydia Circle is the **second Monday of the**

## 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.



Our last meeting will be: **Thursdays, 9 - 11 a.m. January 21.**  
Contact Lia Gray to reserve your study booklet at: [Uncpair@gmail.com](mailto:Uncpair@gmail.com) or 318-1541.

## CALLING ALL SIXTH GRADERS:



All sixth grade young people in the church are invited to join Dr. Negley for Confirmation Class. We will be meeting on Wednesday afternoons from 5:00-6:15 (with supper) during the months of February, March, and April, in the Student Center of the church. (The Student Center building is at 711 Sixth Street, NW) In the class we will explore the church, the Bible, and what faith means to each of us. The first meeting will be **Wednesday, January 27, at 5:00 p.m.** Contact Dr. Negley (294-3121 or [snegley@firstpreswh.org](mailto:snegley@firstpreswh.org) if you need more information.

# Making *FIRST PRES* Your *FIRST CHOICE* for Christian Growth

## Sunday School Classes for the New Year

**Children ages three through fifth grade** will meet in the 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 with Science, Movies, Art, Cooking, Storytelling, Games, and Library time!! Special prizes will be offered all year long for attendance. This first 2016 Rotation will be: *People Who Made a Difference*.



**Middle school and High school** youth meet every Sunday morning in The Golden Center for Sunday School from 9:45-10:45. 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.



## Adult Class Options (10-10:45 a.m.)

**The Perspectives Class** will continue their discussion on the book - *What Does the Lord Require? Doing Justice, Loving Kindness, Walking Humbly*, by James C. Howell. This class is led by Dr. Jim Threlkel and Mr. Glenn Thomas and meets in the Geneva Room, Room 106 of the CE Building.

Join Howard Beckert starting on Sunday, January 10 for 6 weeks of ***Faith-Based Family Finances***. This intriguing class will cover such topics as: Stewardship, Common Sense Financial Principles, Budgeting, Freedom From Debt, and Passing It On Before You Pass On. This class is meant for adults of all ages and stages of life. We will meet from **10-10:45 a.m. in Room 207** for discussion each week. Bring your friends and your questions. This is sure to be a very beneficial class for all. We look forward to you all joining us.

What began as a series of ‘talks’ on the radio by the devout Christian layman and brilliant college professor C. S. Lewis, has become a foundational book for many millions of Christ’s followers over the years. “Ever since I became a Christian I have thought that the best, perhaps the only, service I could do for my unbelieving neighbors was to explain and defend the belief that has been common to nearly all Christians at all times.” So Lewis begins this literary journey. Our class will read (five to ten pages a week) and reflect on Lewis’ **Mere Christianity (What One Must Believe to be a Christian)**. If you have read this work before, come and share what elements in our faith has touched your heart and soul. If you have not had the opportunity, join with us for the first time as we explore topics such as The Three Parts of Morality, Christian Marriage, Forgiveness, Faith, Hope, Charity, Obstinate Toy Soldiers, Nice People or New Men, from the fertile and faithful perspective of C.S. Lewis. Dr. Negley will lead the class which meets in the back section of McLeod Hall.



## 2016 ADVENT DEVOTIONAL ~ PLEASE HAVE YOUR STORY AND PICTURE SUBMITTED BY JANUARY 31, 2016



'Toyland' – Remembering Favorite Childhood Toys Received at Christmas is the theme 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.**

### DON'T FORGET TO SIGN UP FOR OUR 2016 CHURCH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY PORTRAIT SITTING

#### THERE ARE 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.



March photography sessions have been added:

March 10 1:00 pm – 8:00 pm  
March 11 1:00 pm – 8:00 pm  
March 12 10:00 am – 5:00 pm



### IN PREPARATION FOR BRIGHT SUNDAY 2016! In Your Mind Is There A Missing Stained Glass Window?



In the chapel and sanctuary of First Presbyterian Church, you will find a series of stained glass windows depicting scenes from the life of Jesus. In the chapel, you will find these scenes: Jesus' Birth, Jesus as a Boy in the Temple, Jesus as the Good Shepherd, Jesus Praying, Jesus Entering Jerusalem and Jesus Presiding at the Last Supper.



In the narthex, you will find stained glass windows of Jesus' Crucifixion, Jesus' Resurrection and Jesus' Ascension. Of course, in the sanctuary we see the open armed Christ of the Christ window with the invitation facing the street, Come to Me ...."



Imagine that we were going to commission another stained glass window to add to the series. Is there one other scene that you believe is needed to make the series complete? What story in the life of Jesus would that be? What would Jesus be doing? Please complete the form below and place in the offering plate. Thanks!



#### STAINED GLASS WINDOW IDEA

Scene or Story: \_\_\_\_\_

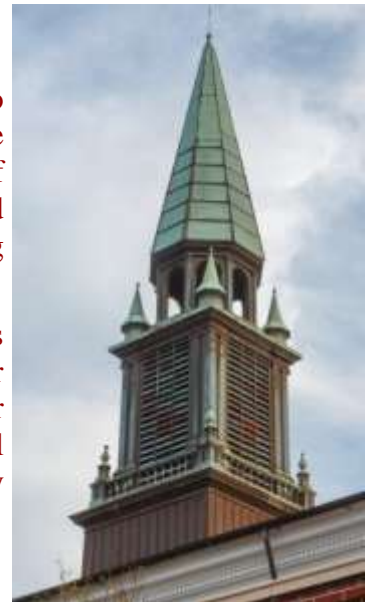
Scripture Reference (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Last Day for Submission: Sunday January 31.

# COME WORSHIP WITH US WORSHIP

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!**



**Join the 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!

## IT'S A MATCH!!!

Matching is an important part of what Stephen Ministry is all about. Those who are interested in serving are matched with the best job for them. Those who need care are matched with the best caregiver for them. Find out whether Stephen Ministry is a match for you.

We'll be training a new class of Stephen Ministers starting **February 4, 2016**. To find out more about becoming a Stephen Minister, contact Pat Reass at 206-9914 or Mary Marrs at 662-4647 today to find out more about this ministry.



Be an  
**Instrument**  
of God's  
Love

**JOIN OUR STEPHEN MINISTRY TEAM**



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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 327 bag lunches the week of 1/4/16.

### Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 77 people on 1/9/16

**Return Service Requested**

## OUR ANNUAL TALENT SHOW IS ALMOST HERE!!!

Our annual Talent Show is literally right around the corner!  
It will be held **Sunday, January 31 at 5:00.**

If you have a special talent to share and would like to participate, please contact Dana at [dparrish@firstpreswh.org](mailto: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! Please call the office to make a reservation.

### TALENT SHOW DINNER RESERVATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ # of adults: \_\_\_\_\_ # of children: \_\_\_\_\_

**If you would like to perform, please list your name, your talent, and a reliable way to contact you.**