



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

Tower Chimes

Week of January 24, 2016

Issue 569

130 Years of Ministry

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.

Prizes will be awarded to the person or persons

Voted Best Dressed in Period Costume

and Downton Abbey Trivia

Summa Cum Laude Graduates.



- 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
Director of Finance &
Administration
- Connie J. Shipley
Administrative Assistant
- Rose Flynn
Office Assistant
- Sammy D. Bryant
Director of Maintenance
- Ann M. Quessenberry
Custodian

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 and let him know to save you a parking space.

To make lunch reservations by January 20, contact the church office at 294-3121, or office@firstpreswh.org,



Church calendar

Sunday, January 24

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
 3:30 p.m. Downton Abbey Tea (MH)
 4:30 p.m. HSYG Music Rehearsal (GC)
 5:30 p.m. HSYG (GC)

Monday, January 25

8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)
 10:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl (MH)
 11:30 a.m. PrimeTimers Car Show (MH/Parking Lot)
 1:30 p.m. Friendship Callers (MCR)
 6:15 p.m. Worship & Music (UR)

Tuesday, January 26

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
 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 27

8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)
 12:00 p.m. Busy Moms of Faith Devotion (GR)
 3:00 p.m. Christ Kids (CE)
 5:00 p.m. Confirmation Class (GC)
 5:30 p.m. Christ Kids Ringers (CE)
 5:30 p.m. Community Outreach (MCR)
 5:30 p.m. MSYG (GC)
 6:00 p.m. Chancel Bells (MS)
 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir (MS)

Thursday, January 28

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

Friday, January 29

8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)

Saturday, January 30

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

Remember in Prayer

members

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

IN THE HOSPITAL: Joyce Hayman Family and friends

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
Morgan Griffith	Everhart & Donaldy's friend
Jean Hehn	Ellie Threlkel's friend
Chris & Tracey Johnston	Jeremiah & Jaleeann Johnston's family
Pete Kent	Charley & Nancy Chilton's nephew
Sharon & Hoyt Maulden	Judy Winfree's friend
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's friend
Anna Robinson	Punkin Smith's friend
Cash Sheaffer	Zan Dismuke's grandson
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



Our Christian sympathy goes to Judy Lindsay and family in the death of her mother, Delma Herman, who died on Tuesday, January 12, 2016.



FOUR WEEKS OF WISDOM SERMON SERIES

For the next three weeks Drs. Harvey and Negley will be preaching from the Wisdom Literature of the Bible, found in the Old Testament books of Job, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes and Song of Songs. Dr. Negley will be preaching this Sunday from Job..

STEPHEN MINISTER TRAINING INFORMATION SESSION

Want to learn more about becoming a Stephen Minister?

We will begin training a new class of Stephen Ministers on February 4, 2016. For those who might be interested in being part of this class, we will be holding a Stephen Ministry information session **January 20, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.** in McLeod Hall.

There will be:

- Short Videos on Christian Caring
- An overview about Stephen Ministry
- Time for you to ask questions or express your personal concerns such as...
 - Am I compassionate enough?
 - Do I know how to pray properly?
 - Am I spiritual or biblical enough?



This is a great opportunity to learn more about Stephen Ministry as you prayerfully decide whether this is the right ministry for you. Please join your Stephen Leaders to learn how this will be the “Best 22 sessions (50 hours) of Training You’ll Ever Experience!” If you are not able to attend, do not worry. Contact Pat Reass at 206-9914 or Mary Marrs at 255-9921 for more information.



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.

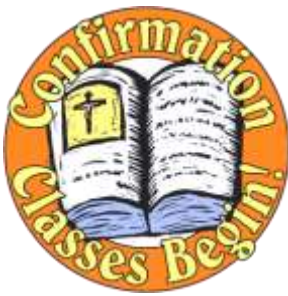


JOIN US FOR BUSY MOMS OF FAITH...

a devotional and fellowship time **Wednesday, January 27 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!





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 Golden Center of the church. (The Golden 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 if you need more information.

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.

The Session has called for a Congregational Meeting on **Sunday, January 31, at 10:55 a.m.** in the sanctuary to vote on the annual Terms of Call for the installed pastors, and to hear the report of the Nominating Committee to elect deacons to fill two vacancies in the Class of 2016. (The names to be placed into nomination are Heather Whitney and Karen Alexander.), and to vote on the sale of the condominium which we have for sale.



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 next meeting will be February 8, 2016.**

Joy Circle is the **third Tuesday; next meeting, February 16, 2016 at 9:30 a.m.** at Carol Carter’s.

PAPER CUTTING

The Paper Cutting activity last Sunday resulted in many new pieces of art! Thank you to Mary Ellen Porter for guiding us in our artistic endeavors!

We will keep you posted on future dates.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

All Church Retreat: **May 14 & 15** at Cedarkirk Camp Conference Center.

Vacation Bible School: *Cave Quest – Following Jesus the Light of the World*, **June 20-23 from 6:15 – 8:30 p.m.**



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): _____



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.

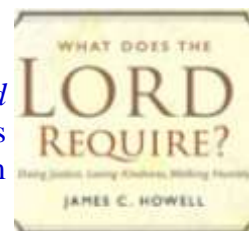
Elementary aged children will enjoy the Workshop Rotation with Science, Movies, Art, Cooking, Storytelling, Games, and Library time!! Special prizes will be offered all year long for attendance. This first 2016 Rotation will be: People Who Made a Difference.



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.

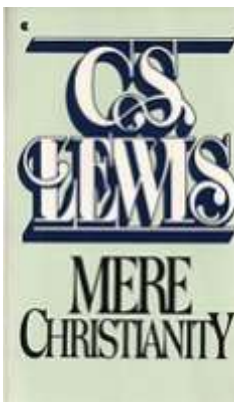
Adults Class Options (10-10:45 a.m.)

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.



Join us for Sunday School!

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!

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.
- * 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



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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 332 bag lunches the week of 1/11/16.

Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 94 people on 1/16/16

OUR ANNUAL CHURCH-WIDE 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 dparish@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, fun, and raising funds for our youth summer trips. Please contact the office at 294-3121, office@firstpreswh.org, or fill out the form below 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.

Name: _____ Talent: _____

Phone number or e-mail address: _____