



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

Tower Chimes

Week of October 16, 2016

Issue 599

130 Years of Ministry

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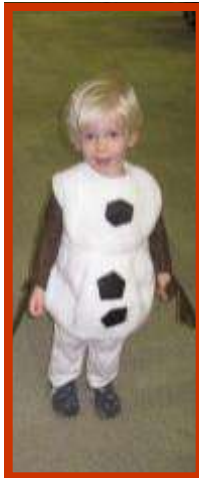
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FALL-BULOUS FUN IS COMING...

Wednesday, October 26 during our annual **Fall Fest** from **5:30-7:30 p.m.** We will start the festivities with a pizza dinner at 5:30 p.m. Donations will be accepted. Fall Fest will begin at 6 p.m. with games, crafts, and Bible trivia.



Please be sure to bring your friends and family to this wonderful event. We will also have set-up that day beginning at 9 a.m.

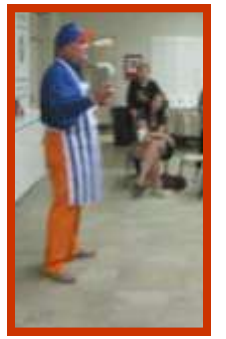
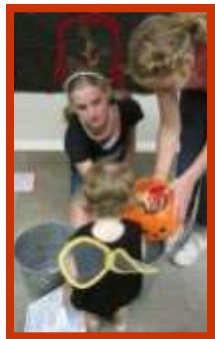
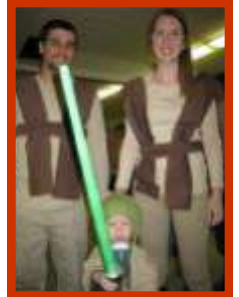
Please RSVP for dinner by calling the church office at 294-3121 or filling out the form and placing it in the offering plate. If you can help out with set-up, please e-mail Amy McKee at amckee@firstpreswh.org.

Please bring in individually wrapped candy or small prizes by Monday, October 24 to the church office or McLeod Hall.

We appreciate your help.

Name: _____

Attending: _____



CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, October 16 3 Cents-a-Meal

8:15 a.m. Chapel Worship (Chapel)
9:15 a.m. The Connection (MH)
9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School
9:30 a.m. Heart of Worship (Sanctuary)
9:45 a.m. Children's Sunday School (CE)
11:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
4:30 p.m. HSYG Music Rehearsal (GC)
5:30 p.m. HSYG (GC)

Monday, October 17

8:45 a.m. MOM

Tuesday, October 18

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (MCR)
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. Deacons (GR)

Wednesday, October 19

8:45 a.m. MOM
10:45 a.m. Preschool Music (CE 103)
11:15 a.m. Preschool Music (CE 103)
3:00 p.m. Christ Kids (CE)
5:30 p.m. Christ Kids Bells (CE 103)
5:30 p.m. MSYG (GC)
6:00 p.m. Chancel Bells (MS)
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir (MS)

Thursday, October 20

9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study (GC)
1:15 p.m. Chapel Bells (MS)
6:30 p.m. Praise and Worship Band
(Sanctuary)

Friday, October 21

8:45 a.m. MOM

Saturday, October 22

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



Zach Drum
Robert Ferguson
Stephanie Gillie
Eddie Gray
David Knowles
John Marotti
KaitLin Marotti-Pitts
Ashton Pitts
Drew Stapor

Remember in Prayer

member s

Roger Able	Frances Heath	Ed Partridge
Bill Adams	Doris Hill	Anthony Premuto
Jonye Briggs	Camille Howe	Robert Ramseyer
Millie Carrier	Jim Huff	Keith Ray
Helen Champlain	Joey Johnston	Barbara Roberts
Meredith Clem	Sara Koon	Earle Roberts
Tom Coffman	Toni Krieger	Dave Ryan
Charlie Darte	Dena Lancashire	Marilyn Schleifer
Jana & Mike Easterling	Jackie Lawn	Barbara A. Smith
Bruce Eelman	Spike Lucia	Barbara H. Smith
Jeanne Estes	Larry Marshall	Pam Tallent-Blackburn
Bill Everhart	Dick McCauley	Carolyn Thompson
Lois Frakes	Sharon McGaffigan	Shirley Turner
Bill Garrett	Jack Meadows	Jim Vobornik
Margaret Goodman	Gladys Meier	Lee Wilkinson
Jane Hayman	Lynn Mincey	Marie Williams
Marilyn Hearn	Joan Murphy	Retha Wright

Relatives & Friends

Peggy Argudo	Gene Aspy's friend
Susan Bryan	Jim Francis' friend
Reese Burdette	Dana Cole's cousin
Anna Clawson & twins	Linda & Andy Stavres' granddaughter
Allen Cofiori	Gale & Gwen Waters' friend
Paul Darlington	Rick & Pat Reass' friend
Sarah Dubinsky	Linda & Andy Stavres' friend
Al Ellis	Jim Threlkel's friend
Raymond Fenstermaker	Gale & Gwen Waters' grandson
Pete Kent	Charley & Nancy Chilton's nephew
Nan Mason	Harvey & Mary Ann Snively's daughter
Cynthia McCaleb	Carolyn Thompson's daughter
Kevin McGaffigan	Matt & Sharon McGaffigan's son
Marisa Middaugh	Gene Aspy's niece
Kate & Johnny Olson	Toni Barger's friend
Kristy Turner	Rick & Pat Reass' daughter
Debbie Webb	Jonathan Owen's friend
Marshall Wood	Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend

10 Ways to Pray When You Can't Pray

Pray Anyway
Choose to Listen
Just Say His Name
Have a Go-to Prayer
Say a Prayer of Praise
Pray for Someone Else
Pray for a Heart of Prayer
Have Someone Pray for You
Read Different Prayers in the Bible
Pray Different Bible Verses Over Your Life

DON'T FORGET ~ 3 CENTS-A-MEAL SUNDAY

We will collect the **3 Cents-a-Meal Hunger Offering** during worship on **October 16**.

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



CIRCLE MEETINGS HAVE RETURNED



Joy Circle meets the **3rd Tuesday of each month at 9:30 a.m.** at the home of Carol Carter. **October 18** is the next meeting.

Lydia Circle meets the **2nd Monday of each month at 10 a.m.** in McLeod Hall. **November 14** is the next meeting.

We will be using the PW Horizons Bible study titled: "*Who Is Jesus? What a Difference a Lens Makes*" written by the Rev. Dr. Judy Yates Siker. Join us as we journey through the New Testament, looking at Jesus through a number of various lenses and how these different perspectives impact our understanding of who Jesus is.

The study books are now available for \$8.00.

Contact either Carol Carter at 299-4253 or Sue McClew at 875-6176 for your copy.



2016 DIRECTORIES ARE HERE!!!

You can pick up your directory in McLeod Hall.

They are in stacks labeled with the family name in alphabetical order.

If you do not find a directory with your family name on it and need one, please write your name and phone number on the form at the end of the table or call the church office at 294-3121.



SAVE THE DATE...

Jingle Java Jam = **December 4**
Come to the Stable = **December 10**



OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHRISTIAN SERVICE THE CONNECTION



Are you looking for an opportunity to share in fellowship with other members and friends of First Pres? If you answered, "YES" then we have a perfect opportunity for you. We are looking for folks to help "Oversee the Connection" time on Sunday mornings. We need your help setting out the food on platters and making sure that the trays have enough goodies on them throughout the morning.

The actual Connection time runs from 9:15-10:45 a.m. We would need your help starting around 8:30 a.m. to get all of the goodies out on trays. Please contact the church office at 294-3121 and speak to Alan Harvey or Amy McKee for more information. Thank you in advance for your faithful service!

STAGE SET-UP FOR PRAISE & WORSHIP

ORDINARILY ON WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON-EVENINGS

I can help set up stage and put on skirting

I can help with displaying banners and paraments

I can help move podium, communion table, musician stands, and stools



Name: _____ Best Contact Information: _____

ARE YOU A TECHIE???

If technology is your thing, we have a place for you in our musical praise!! We are in need of people who would like to learn about our sound system and help during the worship services to make sure all our praise is heard!

We will be holding a training session so contact Lynn at 701-570-1485 and let her know if you are willing to join the Sunday rotation in the sound booth.

PLEASE!!



YOUTH GROUP INFO



Youth group is a time of worship and fellowship with each other. **Middle School meets Wednesdays from 5:30-7:30 and High School meets Sundays from 5:30-7:30.** We share a meal each week and learn more of God's word and how we can become disciples of Jesus Christ. How can we become doers of the words not just hearers of the word?

You can stay connected in two ways to see what we are doing by following us on:

- Instagram at [fpwhyouth](#)
- Facebook at [First Pres WH youth](#).



Dana also sends out messages via *Remind*. This is an app many teachers use to communicate with their students Text 81010:

- if you are a middle school youth type [@msygfprwh](#)
- if you are a high school youth type [@hsygfprwh](#)



We are always looking for volunteers to prepare a meal for our youth and spend some time with them. If you are interested in preparing a meal for one of our groups contact Dana in the church office or at 863-412-2897 or by email [@ dparrish@firstpreswh.org](mailto:dparrish@firstpreswh.org). There are many ways you can be involved. Call and find out how.



CONFIDENTIALITY IN STEPHEN MINISTRY



Confidentiality is the cornerstone of Stephen Ministry. It is absolutely essential for building safe, healing, and caring relationships. Stephen Ministers do not reveal what their care receivers have told them. Not to clergy, not to the Stephen Leaders, not to their spouses or friends and not to other Stephen Ministers. Why? Because trust is vital for a caring relationship to be effective. Care receivers are experiencing difficulties that leave them feeling very vulnerable. Discussing their innermost feelings is an important step in the healing process. But in order to open up and discuss that which is troubling them most, care receivers need complete trust in their Stephen Minister, and the assurance that what they say will not be circulated to others and become news for gossip.

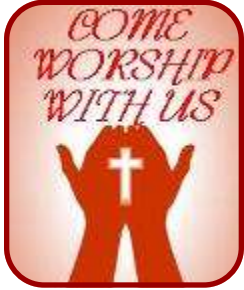
This assurance builds trust and creates a safe place where care receivers can risk revealing their most painful issues and problems, ones that they might not even discuss with close friends or family. Confidentiality helps create a relationship that promotes healing and hope.

Another aspect of confidentiality is that nobody except the Stephen Minister, care receiver, clergy and referrals coordinator even know that a care receiver has been assigned a Stephen Minister. Care receivers, of course, are free to tell others about the relationship and who their Stephen Minister is, but the Stephen Minister never tells. This means a care receiver can choose to have complete anonymity. If he or she doesn't want people to know that they have a Stephen Minister, no one will ever know.

Why all this talk about confidentiality? To build your trust in Stephen Ministry. It is a high-quality, care giving ministry that you can count on should you ever have the need. Confidentiality is the cornerstone of our Stephen Ministry program.

HERE'S WHAT YOU'LL FIND EACH SUNDAY MORNING!

WORSHIP SERVICES



8:15 a.m.

Chapel Worship

A traditional worship service held in our chapel. The service will follow the same order as the 11:00 a.m. worship, but will not have a Chancel Choir. Musical ensembles will offer special music on many Sundays. A Time with Younger Disciples will be included if we have children in attendance.

9:30 - 10:25 a.m.

Heart of Worship

A Praise and Worship service held in our sanctuary. Along with scripture, sermon, and prayers, a praise band will help the congregation in adoring and showing reverence to God. Following the Time with Younger Disciples, children will be invited to join Ms. Lynn in music and then to join in their own Children's Sunday School Classes.

11:00 a.m.

Sanctuary Worship

A traditional worship service held in our sanctuary. The service follows the same order as the 8:15 a.m. Chapel Service, and includes music from the Chancel Choir and the organ, as well as other instruments and groups.

THE CONNECTION

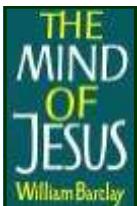
9:15 – 10:45 a.m.

An extended fellowship time in McLeod Hall which will offer a coffee bar type selection with different flavors, creamers, pastries, etc. It will be a gathering place before (or after) worship, and between worship and Sunday School for some. Videos of church activities will be playing on a loop in McLeod Hall. Hosts will circulate in McLeod Hall and the CE Building to greet and assist people in making connections with others in one of the worship or Christian Education options.



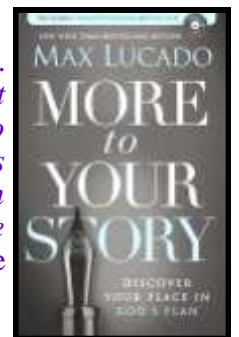
SUNDAY SCHOOL OPPOTUNITIES

9:30 a.m. – Adult



The Perspectives Class studies, **The Mind of Jesus** by William Barclay. Please join this class in the Geneva Room at 9:30 a.m. "Jesus suffered, doubted, hoped, feared, dreamed, wept, knew loneliness, planned, and built. William Barclay achieves in **The Mind of Jesus** his aim "to make the figure of Jesus more vividly alive, so that we may know him better and love him more." This class is facilitated by Dr. Jim Threlkel and Glenn Thomas.

Max Lucado – More to Your Story DVD study will be held October 23 – November 27. Rick and Pat Reass will lead this class. *Car pools and car crashes. Job changes and joint custody. Life can feel overwhelming and inconsequential. But bestselling author Max Lucado says there's more to your story than the chaos, confusion, and clutter of daily life. Your life is a crafted narrative written by a great God, who is working toward your supreme good. Join Max on a journey through the great promises of the New Testament and discover your place in God's plan. Everything changes when you see how your story fits with God's story. Come join in fellowship and discussion in Room 207 of the CE building.*



9:45 – Children

On Sunday mornings all children age three through fifth grade will have a special music time with Ms. Lynn from **9:45 – 10 a.m.**

At 10 a.m. the Preschool Children (ages 3 and 4) meet in Room 101 for their own time of Bible lesson, craft, snack, and playtime.

The **Elementary children** (kindergarten through fifth grade) are invited to experience a brand new Sunday School curriculum called **252 Basics**. This new curriculum is designed to provoke discovery and invite kids into a new understanding of how to grow in relationship with Jesus. We look forward to you all joining us on Sunday mornings!



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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
241 bag lunches the week of 10/3/16

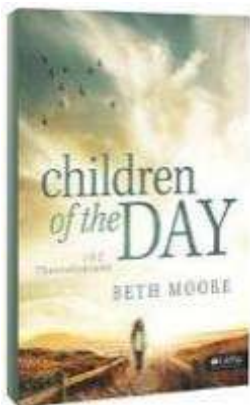
Return Service Requested

Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 95 people on 10/8/16

FALL WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY IS NEAR

Children of the Day by Beth Moore



The New Testament believers carried the Spirit of God as they walked along the shores of Thessalonica, just as we carry that light today when we're grocery shopping, having coffee, or picking up children. Your circumstances and conditions are not coincidental in your journey. God's timing is impeccable. Join us in a 9 session video/discussion study with author Beth Moore on the Thessalonian shores as we face real crises, real medical diagnoses, real afflictions, real relationships, real doubts, real concerns, and real fears. Let the tide wash your eyes with fresh vision. Don't let pride or timidity come between you and the presence of God.

If you would like to attend please contact Lia Gray
at uncpair@gmail.com or call 318-1541.

Optional study books will be about \$18.

We will meet in the *Golden Center*

(on 6th Street between the Christian Education and Soup Kitchen buildings.)

All meeting times are from 9am - 11am and will meet:

October 20, November 3 & 17, December 1 & 15,

January 12 & 26, February 9 & 23.