



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

## Tower Chimes

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### PLEASE JOIN US FOR A FAREWELL RECEPTION



Come and help us say thanks to **Dana Parrish** and **Amy McKee** as they wrap up their service on our church staff. Dana has served the past two years as Director of Student Ministries. She is leaving to return to teaching (kindergarten.) Amy has been a member of our church staff for ten years, leading our educational program as Director of Christian Education. She is planning to devote her full-time attention to parenting Jonathan and Timothy.

Please join Amy and Dana in McLeod Hall this **Sunday, January 8, from 10:30 a.m. – 10:55 a.m.** for a drop-in reception. There will be a time to celebrate their wonderful and rich ministries with us. There will be a basket set up for each, so you can share your own personal notes or gifts.



### COME TO THE TABLE WITH OUR NEW ELDERS AND DEACONS

**This Sunday, January 8**, our congregation will celebrate the ordination and installation of our new Deacons and Elders, and celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Please plan to join us in worship (8:15 a.m. Chapel, 9:30 p.m. Heart of Worship, or 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary Traditional) as we ordain and install **David Fellows, Corbin Hart, George Rowker, Jane West and Ellen Zeller** to the office of Deacon, and **Rich Dobler, Karen King, Tom Oldt, Andy Ray and Jane Ray** to the office of Elder. These new officers will also assist in the service of communion in worship.

### WE ALSO WANT TO THANK OUR OUTGOING OFFICERS –

Elders **Bob Carter, Jonathan Owen, Ben Tucker, Judy Winfree and Shawn Swango**, and Deacons **Karen Alexander, Bill Allen, Debbie Sowards, Nancy Shaw, and Heather Whitney** for their dedicated service.



# OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

## Sunday, January 8 COMMUNION

### Ordination & Installation of Elders & Deacons

- 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)
- 10:30 a.m. Reception for Amy McKee & Dana Parrish
- 11:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
- 4:30 p.m. HSYG Music Rehearsal (GC)
- 5:30 p.m. HSYG (GC)

## Monday, January 9

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

## Tuesday, January 10

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

## Wednesday, January 11

- 8:45 a.m. MOM
- 10:45 a.m. Preschool Music (CE 103)
- 11:45 a.m. Preschool Music (CE 103)
- 12:00 p.m. Buildings & Grounds (MH)
- 3:00 p.m. Christ Kids (CE)
- 5:30 p.m. Christ Kids Bell Ringers (MS)
- 5:30 p.m. MSYG (GC)
- 6:00 p.m. Chancel Bells (MS)
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir (MS)

## Thursday, January 12

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

## Friday, January 13

- 8:45 a.m. MOM

## Saturday, January 14

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

# Remember in Prayer

## members

Roger Able  
Maxie Adams  
Tom Brackett  
Jonye Briggs  
Millie Carrier  
Orrin & Helen Champlain  
Tom & Anamarie Coffman  
Charlie Darte  
Jana & Mike Easterling  
Jeanne Estes  
Bill Everhart  
Lois Frakes  
Bill Garrett  
Evelyn Girouard  
Margaret Goodman  
Jane Hayman  
Marilyn Hearn  
Frances Heath  
Doris Hill

Camille Howe  
Jim Huff  
Joey Johnston  
Kelly Kennedy  
Toni Krieger  
Dena Lancashire  
Jackie Lawn  
Spike Lucia  
Elaine Maltese  
Larry Marshall  
Dick McCauley  
Gladys Meier  
Lynn Mincey  
Bev Morris  
Joan Murphy  
Nancy Neale  
Ed Partridge  
Anthony Premuto  
Doug Purnell

Robert Ramseyer  
Keith Ray  
Barbara Roberts  
Earle Roberts  
Dave Ryan  
Marilyn Schleifer  
Barbara A. Smith  
Barbara H. Smith  
Pam Tallent-Blackburn  
Carolyn Thompson  
MaryBess Thompson & family  
Shirley Turner  
Jim Vobornik  
Lee Wilkinson  
Marie Williams  
Retha Wright

IN THE HOSPITAL: Charlie Darte & Scott Strey

## Relatives & Friends

Jacob Andrews  
Carlotta & Larry Bennett  
Reese Burdette  
Al Ellis  
Raymond Fenstermaker  
Wayne Harrison  
Pam Heath  
Pete Kent  
Nan Mason  
Saron & Hoyt Maulden  
Cynthia McCaleb  
Jo Michaels & father  
Judy Seaver  
Colonel Sites  
Tim  
Kristy Turner  
Debbie Webb  
Marshall Wood

Olga Andrews' grandson  
Bethany Owen's friend  
Dana Cole's cousin  
Jim Threlkel's friend  
Gale & Gwen Waters' grandson  
Penn Tucker's friend  
Lynn Oakley's friend  
Charley & Nancy Chilton's nephew  
Harvey & Mary Ann Snively's daughter  
Judy Winfree's sister & brother-in-law  
Carolyn Thompson's daughter  
Doug Purnell's friends  
Wade & Sandy Hoffman's friend  
Lynn Oakley's friend  
Carole Marotti's daughter  
Rick & Pat Reass' daughter  
Jonathan Owen's friend  
Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend

# PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS

Karolina Crockett  
Samuel Crockett  
Zach Drum  
Robert Ferguson  
Stephanie Gillie  
Eddie Gray

David Knowles  
John Marotti  
KaitLin Marotti-Pitts  
Ashton Pitts  
Shad Skinner  
Drew Stapor



Our Christian sympathy goes to Karen Schreiber & family, on the death of her mother, Judy Kingham, who died Tuesday, December 27, 2016.



## OM, OM BOOK CLUB

The next meeting of the OM, OM Book Club is **Monday, January 16 at 3 pm** in the back of McLeod Hall. We will enjoy light refreshments and discuss the book *A Land Remembered* by Patrick Smith.

Be sure to call the church office at 294-3121 if you plan to attend.

### LADIES CIRCLES

*Who is Jesus?*

*What a Difference a Lens Makes*  
by Judy Yates Siker

The next Lydia Circle meets,  
**January 9 at 10:00 am** in McLeod Hall.

The next Joy Circle meets at **9:30 am** at the home of  
Carol Carter on **January 17**.



### WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

*Children of the Day* by Beth Moore

We meet in the *Golden Center* on 6th  
Street between the Christian  
Education and Soup Kitchen  
buildings. Meeting times are from  
9 to 11 am and meets:

**January 12 & 26, February 9 & 23.**



## SOUP KITCHEN CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY

We can't say thank you enough for the many volunteers who helped us  
feed our hungry neighbors over Christmas.

Thanks to those who cooked hams, turkeys, and green bean casseroles at home, bringing them in on Christmas Eve to serve as the core of the meals. Thanks also to the dozen or so volunteers who cooked, served and cleaned up at our Saturday Soup Kitchen on Christmas Eve. 86 people were fed on Saturday! And thanks to the two shifts of volunteers who cooked and prepared and served at our Christmas Day Soup Kitchen. 60 people were fed! And thanks to Santa, who made a special appearance and distributed stockings to all our guests, and toys to the children who dined with us on Christmas day.



It was a wonderful outpouring of God's love as we celebrated our Savior's birth.

## BLANKETS UNDER THE TREE



We want to thank the dancers and their families from **Barbara's Centre for Dance** as they once again donated blankets for us to distribute through our Soup Kitchen and Bag Lunch Ministries.

Continuing a giving tradition shared with us over the past several years, on December 27, the team from Barbara's brought 112 blankets and placed them under our Christmas tree in McLeod Hall. Please thank our friends at Barbara's for helping us spread the warmth of Christ on the cold winter nights.

## THANK YOU ALL!

Gladys and I are so appreciative to all of you who came to our 50th wedding anniversary celebration on Sunday, December 18. We are so blest to be part of this church family, and to know your love and kindness. Your presence and nice thoughts are still with us and will be forever. We are so thankful to have so many friends celebrate with us. May God our Father be with you all.

*Ray Larson*



## VISITATION MINISTRY



We at First Presbyterian church are looking at the possibility of beginning what we will call *Visitation Ministry*. This ministry to our church family and friends is a tangible way of sharing Christ's compassion and demonstrating our faith in The God of Eternal Love. It is an extremely rewarding and helpful "hands-on" ministry, which will be a pleasant experience, both for the volunteer visitor and the person visited. We invite you to join this giving ministry of our church by simply calling Ray at the church at 294-3121 with any questions.



### IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW NEEDS HELP...

connect with one of our Stephen Ministers, by calling **Pat Reass at 206-9914**, or talk with one of our other Stephen Minister Leaders: **Alan Harvey, Ray Larson, Mary Marrs, Steve Negley, Les O'Neal, Barbara Perkins, or Jean Strang.**

You can also use one of the three Request Form Boxes located in the Centennial Room, narthex, and balcony hallway.

**Our Stephen Ministers are there to care!**



## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### 2017 BREAD PICK UP LIST IS COMING SOON!

We are in the process of creating our 2017 Saturday bread pick-up list from Publix. If you are currently on the list and can no longer participate, or if you did not pick up bread in 2016 and would like to, please call Alan at 294-3121 to let him know.



### SOUP KITCHEN CALENDAR

A New Soup Kitchen Schedule for December 31, 2016 - January 27, 2018 is posted on the Deacon's Board in McLeod Hall.



Please sign up! Thanks!



### LET ME APPLAUD YOU ... I NEED A FEW MORE HANDS!



I am truly grateful that a few have volunteered to serve as host/hostesses for **The Connection**. If you have the gift of hospitality and would like to use it here, then we would love to have you join with our other volunteers so that a rotating schedule of hosts/hostesses could be created to staff **The Connection**. We would love to have 3 to 5 more volunteers and then the couple or individual would not serve but once every two months.

The food and juice are purchased ahead of time and the hosts put out the cookies, croissants, donuts, pastries, salty snack and juice. They monitor the table and replenish items as needed. As time permits they clean up.

**The Connection** is available from 9:15-10:45 on Sunday mornings. Please contact Alan at 294-3121 or [aharvey@firstpreswh.org](mailto:aharvey@firstpreswh.org) if you have more questions or would like to add your name to the list. Thanks!



### SOUND BOARD OPERATORS WANTED

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!!**



# DON'T MISS THE CONNECTION

9:15 – 10:45 a.m.

An extended fellowship time in McLeod Hall which offers a coffee bar type selection with different flavors, creamers, pastries, etc. It is a gathering place before (or after) worship, and between worship and Sunday School for some. Videos of church activities will play on a loop in McLeod Hall. Hosts 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.



## PLEASE JOIN US FOR ONE OF OUR THREE WORSHIP SERVICES

### 8:15 a.m. ~ Chapel Worship

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



### 9:30 - 10:25 a.m. ~ Heart of Worship

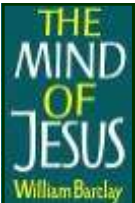
A Praise and Worship service held in our sanctuary. Along with scripture, sermon, and prayers, the praise band helps the congregation in adoring and showing reverence to God. Following the Time with Younger Disciples, children are invited to join Ms. Lynn in music and then to join in their own Children's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

## SUNDAY SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES

### 9:30 a.m. – Adult



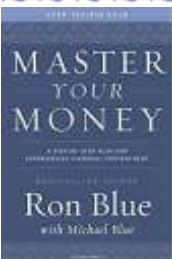
The Perspectives Class studies, **The Mind of Jesus** by William Barclay. Please join this class in the Geneva Room at 9:30 a.m. "Jesus suffered, doubted, hoped, feared, dreamed, wept, knew loneliness, planned, and built. William Barclay achieves in **The Mind of Jesus** his aim "to make the figure of 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.

### 9:45 – Children

On Sunday mornings all children age three through fifth grade 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!



## NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS COMING THIS JANUARY

Mark your calendars for **January 8 from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m.**, as Howard Beckert leads us on a Financial Study for 2017. During this class we will focus on – Biblical principles on money management, common sense financial principles, five personal finance items to evaluate each year, freedom from debt and so much more.

This class will meet in Room 207 for 6 weeks.

*Master Your Money* by Ron Blue will be our reference book.

## Our Purpose Statement

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*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  
312 bag lunches the week of 12/19/16.

We gave out  
221 bag lunches the week of 12/26/16.

**We gave out 1,302 bag lunches  
in December.**

**Return Service Requested**

### Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 86 people on 12/24/16.

We fed 60 people on 12/25/16.

We fed 81 people on 12/31/16.

**We fed 227 people in December.**

## 2017 ADVENT DEVOTIONAL TOPIC IS HERE

**Question:** An angel, a finial, a star, and a teddy bear, What do these things have in common?

**Answer:** All have been Christmas tree toppers. The theme for the Advent Devotional 2017 is: *On The Christmas Treetop, a/an \_\_\_\_\_*. We would like to know "What tops your Christmas tree?" In a few paragraphs tell us about your tree topper. Of what is it made? Why is it special to you? How did you acquire it? In 2 or 3 paragraphs, tell us about your Christmas tree topper.



**Only 18 more to go.** Please contact Alan at [aharvey@firstpreswh.org](mailto:aharvey@firstpreswh.org) or 294-3121, if you would like more information or would like to share with us the story of your Christmas tree topper. Once you have written your devotion, please email to Connie at [cshipley@firstpreswh.org](mailto:cshipley@firstpreswh.org). If possible, please attach a photo of your topper or an image from the internet. Thanks!