



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

Tower Chimes

Week of January 15, 2017

Issue 610

131 Years of Ministry

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL CONCERT Sunday, January 22 at 2:30 p.m.

Composer, pianist, and conductor, **Mark Hayes**, will be the guest conductor at Hope Presbyterian Church featuring Winter Haven choirs from Hope Presbyterian Church, Beymer United Methodist Church, Polk State College and our First Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir.

“Mark Hayes is an internationally known and award-winning composer, arranger, concert pianist, and conductor with over 1000 publications in print. Whether concertizing on the other side of the globe or composing at his home in Kansas City, Missouri, Mark is blessed to live out his mission ‘to create beautiful music for the world.’” Several of his choral works will be featured along with Piano/Organ arrangements and 4 hand piano duets. Lynn is very excited to have the opportunity to play a duet with Mark! The concert is free admission, a Love Offering will be taken.



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

Lynn M. McCoy
Director of
Music Ministries

Evelyn W. McMullen
Interim Director of
Christian Education

Cheryce D. Harris
Interim Director of
Student Ministries

Ronda A. Lacy
Director of Finance &
Administration

Connie J. Shipley
Administrative Assistant

Rose S. Flynn
Office Assistant

Sammy D. Bryant
Director of Maintenance

THE ODD MONTH, ODD MONDAY BOOK DISCUSSION



The next meeting of the OM, OM Book Club is **this 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.



TITLES FOR 2017:

March 20 *The Dinner Party* by Brenda Janowitz.

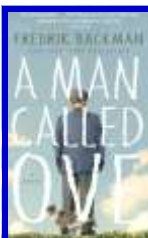
May 15 *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman.

July 17 *Highest Duty: My Search for What Really Matters*
by Chesley B. Sullenberger III and Jeffrey Zaslow.

September 18 *A Cool and Lonely Courage* by Susan Ottaway.

November 20 *The Santa Claus Man* by Alex Parker.

A copy or copies of the titles should soon be available for check out in the library. Should you wish to order a copy you may contact Jonathan or Bethany Owen in the library. Meetings are at 3 p.m. in the back of McLeod Hall. Reservations are requested to ensure adequate refreshments. These may be made through the Church Office at 294-3121. You are invited to join us in January.



OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 15

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, January 16

- 3:00 p.m. OM, OM Book Club (MH)

Tuesday, January 17

- 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. Session, Joint with Elders & Deacons (MH)

Wednesday, January 18

- 8:45 a.m. MOM
- 10:45 a.m. Preschool Music (CE 103)
- 11:45 a.m. Preschool Music (CE 103)
- 3:00 p.m. Christ Kids (CE)
- 5:00 p.m. Memorial Garden (MCR)
- 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 19

- 1:15 p.m. Chapel Bells
- 6:30 p.m. Praise & Worship Band (Sanctuary)

Friday, January 20

- 8:45 a.m. MOM

Saturday, January 21

- 9:00 a.m. Mark Hayes Choir Workshop (Hope Pres)
- 2:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen Prep (Kitchen)
- 4:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen (737)
- 7:00 p.m. Saturday Nite Live (MH)

Remember in Prayer

members

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| Roger Able | Doris Hill | Doug Purnell |
| Maxie Adams | Camille Howe | Robert Ramseyer |
| Tom Brackett | Jim Huff | Keith Ray |
| Jonye Briggs | Joey Johnston | Barbara Roberts |
| Millie Carrier | Kelly Kennedy | Earle Roberts |
| Orrin & Helen Champlain | Toni Krieger | Ed Rounsley |
| Tom & Anamarie Coffman | Dena Lancashire | Dave Ryan |
| Charlie Darte | Jackie Lawn | Marilyn Schleifer |
| Jana & Mike Easterling | Spike Lucia | Karen Schreiber |
| Jeanne Estes | Elaine Maltese | Barbara A. Smith |
| Bill Everhart | Larry Marshall | Barbara H. Smith |
| Lois Frakes | Dick McCauley | Pam Tallent-Blackburn |
| Bill Garrett | Gladys Meier | Carolyn Thompson |
| Evelyn Girouard | Lynn Mincey | MaryBess Thompson & family |
| Margaret Goodman | Bev Morris | Shirley Turner |
| Pam Gray | Joan Murphy | Jim Vobornik |
| Jane Hayman | Nancy Neale | Lee Wilkinson |
| Marilyn Hearn | Ed Partridge | Marie Williams |
| Frances Heath | Anthony Premuto | Retha Wright |

IN THE HOSPITAL: Charlie Darte & Scott Strey Relatives & Friends

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| Jacob Andrews | Olga Andrews' grandson |
| Carlotta & Larry Bennett | Bethany Owen's friend |
| Reese Burdette | Dana Cole's cousin |
| Dubinsky family | Andy & Linda Satvres |
| Al Ellis | Jim Threlkel's friend |
| Raymond Fenstermaker | Gale & Gwen Waters' grandson |
| Wayne Harrison | Penn Tucker's friend |
| Pam Heath | Lynn Oakley's friend |
| Pete Kent | Charley & Nancy Chilton's nephew |
| Marianne Lehman | Tom & Jerri Oldt's friend |
| Parry Marrs | Greg Marr's mother |
| Nan Mason | Harvey & Mary Ann Snively's daughter |
| Sharon & Hoyt Maulden | Judy Winfree's sister & brother-in-law |
| Cynthia McCaleb | Carolyn Thompson's daughter |
| Emily Noble | Beverly Seagreaves' granddaughter |
| Sean, Nick, & Robbie | Beth Luxford's family/friends |
| Judy Seaver | Wade & Sandy Hoffman's friend |
| Tim | Carole Marotti's friend |
| Kristy Turner | Rick & Pat Reass' daughter |
| Debbie Webb | Jonathan Owen's friend |
| Marshall Wood | Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend |

PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS

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| Karolina Crockett | David Knowles |
| Samuel Crockett | John Marotti |
| Zach Drum | KaitLin Marotti-Pitts |
| Robert Ferguson | Ashton Pitts |
| Stephanie Gillie | Shad Skinner |
| Eddie Gray | Drew Stapor |



YOU ARE INVITED TO A SPECIAL STEPHEN MINISTERS MEETING

Please join us in McLeod Hall, **Tuesday, January 24th at 6:30 p.m.** to hear **Dr. Jeffrey Reddout, Psychologist.** Dr. Reddout will address depression, expectations not met, and how many folks feel “let down” during and after the holidays.



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 16 more to go. Please contact Alan at 294-3121 or aharvey@firstpreswh.org, 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. If possible, please attach a photo of your topper or an image from the internet. Thanks!



THE 2017 SANCTUARY FLOWER CALENDAR IS WIDE OPEN

There is space to sign up for placing flowers in the narthex on a given Sunday, when the sanctuary flowers for your desired date have already been selected by someone else.

Please remember these important points:

1. Include your best contact number.
2. Include the name of your florist.
3. Tell your florist that the arrangement *must* be here by **Friday, 1:30 p.m.**
4. Call the office the week before to give bulletin information (294-3121.)



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!



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!!**



3 CENTS-A-MEAL SUNDAY

We will collect the **3 Cents-a-Meal Hunger Offering** during worship this Sunday, **January 15**.

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

WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING, SUNDAY, JANUARY 22



The Session has called for the Annual Meeting of the Congregation to Review the Pastors' Terms of Call for **Sunday, January 22, 2017** at 10:55 a.m. in the sanctuary.

Also, on **Sunday, January 22**, members are invited to McLeod Hall at **4 p.m.** to discuss our mission, ministry, and church budget.

We hope all members will plan to attend.

2016 CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING TOTAL

Our total for the 2016 Christmas Eve Medical Benevolence Offering was **\$3,775**. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

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WE 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.

OUR CHURCH IS EXCITED TO WELCOME DR. EVELYN MCMULLEN AS OUR NEW INTERIM DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION!

Evelyn has 30 years of experience as Director of Christian Education in small, medium and large churches, most recently nearly two decades at North Lakeland Presbyterian Church. She is currently the Director of Bright Threads Ministries, a ministry she helped found to assist church leadership transform relationships and practices with people who have developmental disabilities. Her passion for this area of Christian education and mission led Evelyn to earn a Doctor of Educational Ministry from Columbia Theological Seminary.

Evelyn lives in Lakeland with her husband, Cary. She will be continuing her role with Bright Threads as she works part-time with our church over the next few months in our interim position overseeing the Christian Education program here at First Pres. You will enjoy getting to know Evelyn. Please make an opportunity to greet her here at the church on Sundays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays this winter and spring.



PLEASE, DON'T FORGET YOUR DIRECTORY

Please keep in mind that mailing them costs \$3.40 each. So, we'd like for you to pick up your copy.

You can pick up your directory in the Edinburgh Room. They are in the Edinburgh Room labeled with the family name in alphabetical order.



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

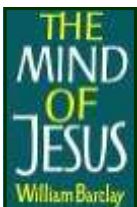
A Praise and Worship service held in our sanctuary. Along with scripture, sermon, and prayers, the praise band helps the congregation in adoring and showing reverence to God. Following the Time with Younger Disciples, children are invited to join Ms. Lynn in music and then to join in their own Children's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

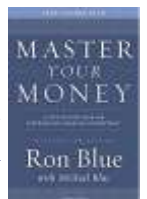
SUNDAY SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES

9:30 & 9:45 a.m. – Adult



Please join the Perspectives Class studies at **9:30 a.m.** in the Geneva Room for *The Mind of Jesus* by William Barclay. "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.

Join Howard Beckert **9:45 - 10:45** as he leads us on a Financial Study for 2017. During this class we 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.



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 the Sunday School curriculum called *252 Basics*. This 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
259 bag lunches the week of 1/2/17.

Return Service Requested

Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 75 people on 1/7/17.

LADIES, HERE ARE OUR AVAILABLE BIBLE STUDIES

LADIES, JOIN ONE OF OUR CIRCLE MEETINGS

We are using the
PW Horizons Bible study titled: "*Who Is Jesus? What a Difference a Lens Makes.*"
Study books are available for \$8.00.
Contact either Carol Carter at 299-4253
or Sue McClew at 875-6176 for book
or with any questions

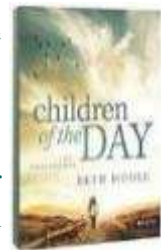


Joy Circle meets the **3rd Tuesday of each month at 9:30 a.m.**
at the home of Carol Carter.
December 20 is the next meeting.

Lydia Circle meets the **2nd Monday of each month** in McLeod Hall. The next meeting is **February 13 at 10:00 a.m.** We will share our lesson followed by a potluck luncheon.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY IS *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 for video/discussion study with author Beth Moore on the Thessalonian shores.



If you would like to attend, please contact Lia Gray at uncpair@gmail.com or call 318-1541.
Optional study books are \$18. We 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: January 26, February 9 & 23.