



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

Tower Chimes

Week of January 22, 2017

Issue 611

131 Years of Ministry

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PLEASE JOIN US FOR TWO VERY IMPORTANT CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS 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.



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 McCoy is very excited to have the opportunity to play a duet with Mark! The concert is free admission, a Love Offering will be taken.

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 22

- 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)
- 10:55 a.m. Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary)
- 11:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
- 2:00 p.m. Mark Hayes Concert (Hope Pres)
- 4:00 p.m. Congregational Conversation (MH)
- 5:30 p.m. HSYG (GC)

Monday, January 23

- 8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)
- 10:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl (MH)
- 2:00 p.m. Friendship Callers (MCR)

Tuesday, January 24

- 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (MCR)
- 12:00 p.m. Men's Lunch (MH)
- 5:30 p.m. Stephen Minister Leaders (MH)
- 6:15 p.m. Worship & Music (UP)
- 6:30 p.m. Congregation Invited to Stephen Ministers (MH)

Wednesday, January 25

- 8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)
- 10:45 a.m. Preschool Music (CE 103)
- 11:45 a.m. Preschool Music (CE 103)
- 3:00 p.m. Christ Kids (CE)
- 5:30 p.m. Christ Kids Bell Ringers (MS)
- 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 26

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

Friday, January 27

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

Saturday, January 28

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

Remember in Prayer

members

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

IN THE HOSPITAL: Charlie Darte, Elaine Maltese, Scott Strey, Jaron, Emma, & John Skipper

Relatives & Friends

Carlotta & Larry Bennett	Bethany Owen's friend
Reese Burdette	Dana Cole's cousin
Dubinsky family	Andy & Linda Stavres
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
Patty Marrs	Greg Marrs' 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
Marcia Sodko & Marilyn Hertz	John Schleifer's daughters
Tim	Carole Marotti's friend
Kristy Turner	Rick & Pat Reass' daughter
Tony Ward	Sharon Ott's friend
Debbie Webb	Jonathan Owen's friend
Marshall Wood	Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend

PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS

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.



ATTENTION SENIOR HIGH YOUTH

Senior High Youth interested in attending the Montreat Youth Conference: The dates are July 15-22, 2017.

Your deposit of \$100.00 is due to Mrs. Harris by **January 29** in order for us to reserve you a spot.



SAVE THE DATES



Souper Bowl of Caring:

February 5

Talent Show:

February 19

PLEASE, DON'T FORGET YOUR DIRECTORY!!!

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



THANK YOU



A little note of thanks to those who hosted my good-bye celebration on Sunday, January 8.

It was a wonderful event and I appreciate everyone who attended.

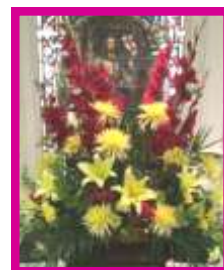
I will treasure these moments in my heart. In Christ, Amy McKee

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.)



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.



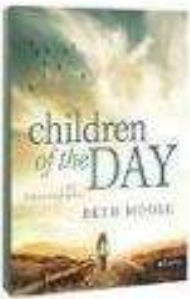
Our Stephen Ministers are there to care!

LADIES, HERE ARE OUR AVAILABLE BIBLE STUDIES

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.

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

Lydia Circle meets the **2nd Monday** of each month at **10:00 a.m.** in McLeod Hall. **The next meeting is March 13.**



Joy Circle meets the **3rd Tuesday** of each month at **9:30 a.m.** The next meeting is **March 21** at the home of Carol Carter.

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!!**



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

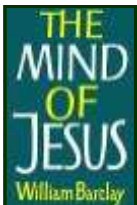
A Praise and Worship service held in our sanctuary. Along with scripture, sermon, and prayers, the praise band helps the congregation in adoring and showing reverence to God. Following the Time with Younger Disciples, children are invited to join Ms. Lynn in music and then to join in their own Children's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

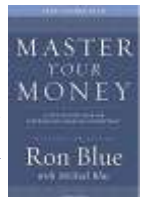
SUNDAY SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES

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
355 bag lunches the week of 1/9/17.

Return Service Requested

Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 80 people on 1/14/17.

WE WANT TO KNOW YOUR STORY!!! 2017 ADVENT DEVOTIONAL

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 15 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!