



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

Tower Chimes

Week of January 29, 2017

Issue 612

131 Years of Ministry

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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 **THIS Sunday, January 29** in order for us to reserve you a spot.



SOUPER BOWL OF CARING KICKS OFF!!!

Since 1990, young people have been leading the charge and inspiring others to collect dollars and food weeks leading up to the Big Game. Teaming up with local partners, these groups give 100% of donations to local charities, changing the nation's largest weekend of football into the largest weekend of caring.



OUR YOUTH will once again be joining in the **SOUPER BOWL OF CARING** here in Winter Haven.

Next Sunday morning, February 5, members of our youth groups will be at the doors with Soup Pots following our three worships services to collect dollars for our own Saturday Soup Kitchen.

And – at **2 p.m.** that day, the annual Youth and Geezers flag football game will be played on the soccer fields at Polk State College. The cost of admission (to play or watch) is a non-perishable food item for our Soup Kitchen.

Please plan to come out and join us for these
SOUPER BOWL OF CARING EVENTS!

CHURCH –WIDE TALENT SHOW

Come and join us on **Sunday evening, February 19**, for an evening of incredible talent and wonderful fellowship at our Annual Church Wide Talent Show and Spaghetti Supper. The Youth will be preparing the meal and participating in the talent filled evening.

It all happens in McLeod Hall starting at **5:30 p.m.**

If you have a special talent you would be willing to share, contact Steve Negley (snegley@firstpreswh.org) and we'll see if we can squeeze you in!



THE GREAT ESCAPE WILL BE HERE BEFORE YOU KNOW IT

Middle School Youth are encouraged to save **July 30 – August 4, 2017** for our annual trip to THE GREAT ESCAPE. This week-long conference is one of the hi-lights of our summer youth schedule. We will be discussing details on Wednesday night at middle school youth fellowship. Trip deposits will be due in February. If you have any questions, contact Dr. Negley at 294-3121 or snegley@firstpreswh.org.



OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 29

- 8:15 a.m. Chapel Worship (Chapel)
- 9:15 a.m. The Connection (MH)
- 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School—Perspectives (GR)
- 9:30 a.m. Heart of Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:45 a.m. Children's Sunday School (CE)
- 9:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School—Master Your Money (207)
- 11:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
- 4:30 p.m. HSYG Music Rehearsal (GC)
- 5:30 p.m. HSYG (GC)

Monday, January 30

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

Tuesday, January 31

- 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (MCR)
- 12:00 p.m. Men's Lunch (MH)

Wednesday, February 1

- 8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)
- 10:45 a.m. Preschool Music (CE 103)
- 11:45 a.m. Preschool Music (CE 103)
- 2:30 a.m. Presbytery Women Bible Study Leaders (MCR)
- 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, February 2

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

Friday, February 3

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

Saturday, February 4

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

PLEASE SEE
CORRECTION ABOVE

Howard Beckert's
Sunday school class,
Master Your Money,



meets from
9:45 to 10:45 a.m.

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 |

Remember in Prayer

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

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

Relatives & Friends

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| 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 |
| Howard & Sandy Neitsch | Roger Able's friend |
| Emily Noble | Beverly Seagreaves' granddaughter |
| Sean, Nick, & Robbie | Beth Luxford's family/friends |
| Judy Seaver | Wade & Sandy Hoffman's friend |
| Lance Smith | Ann Quessenberry'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 |



Our Christian
sympathy goes to
Larry Marshall &
family, on the
death of his father,
Challis Marshall,
who died Wednesday,
January 18, 2017.

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.



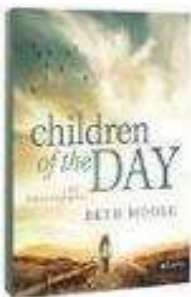
Only 15 more to go. Please contact Alan at 294-3121 or aharvey@firstpreswh.org, if you would like more information or would like to share with us the story of your Christmas tree topper. Once you have written your devotion, please email to Connie at cshiple@firstpreswh.org. If possible, please attach a photo of your topper or an image from the internet. Thanks!

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.

FEBRUARY

Birthdays

2/1	Susan Owens Gary Salomon	2/9	Kevin Thomas Ethan Boland	2/21	Don Cook Lucille Freeman
2/2	Karen Clarke Bob Gerber Evelyn Girouard Jake Tackett Leah Weeks	2/10	Lesley Johnston	2/22	Donna Rounsley Squire Smith
2/3	Marjorie Putnum Charlie Roe Marjorie Roe Sarah Slocum	2/11	Ron Dunham Jeanne Estes Kenny Harp Phillip Kenner Dave Ryan Mike Vibral	2/23	Lynn Aaron Graham Lock Diane Plowden Doug Rollins Susan Singleton Gail Van Allen
2/5	Kevin Britt Paige Butz Tucker Plowden	2/12	Cheryl Marchetti Leland Miller Eric Roe Bob Turner	2/24	Casey Cheatham Bill Everhart Kathryn McAllister
2/6	John Breuning Zan Dismuke Ann King Steve Lockhart Jackson Parrish Tracy Scheck	2/13	Carl Cheatham Marj Crittenden	2/25	Richard Moots Teresa Negley Drew Powell Hunter Shinn
2/7	Tom Wales	2/14	Lucas Johnston TD Sowards	2/26	Roger Able Bill Patchen Kassady von Hahmann
2/8	Steffan Bentley Chase Reineke Gee Roe, III Argyle Stevens Kelly Walker	2/15	Jenna Johnston Kaden Rabern JW Scheck	2/27	Walter Ferguson Betts Huff Addison Robinson Nat West
2/9	Augie Andrews	2/16	Marie Able Michelle Calvin	2/28	Joseph Badnell Pam Gray Jane Hayman
		2/17	Paul MacDonald Kristan Sheffield		
		2/18	Matt McGaffigan Edna Mitchell		
		2/19	Dorrie Tackett		

Anniversaries

2/2	Gus & Shannon Badnell	2/17	Ross & Jill Kosmensky
	George & Kelly Butz	2/19	Ron & Kris Dunham
	Greg & Shelly Prather	2/21	Taylor & Amanda Plowden Hunter & Jennifer Smith
2/4	Ed & Joyce Reints	2/22	Adam & Erin Cranmer
2/9	Debbie & Melvin Anderson	2/24	Robert & Lisa Endres Jeremiah & Jaleean Johnston
2/11	Bob & Shirley Hines		
2/12	Fred & Kathleen Deloach		
2/14	Ray & Tracy Garcia		

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

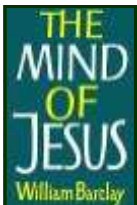
A Praise and Worship service held in our sanctuary. Along with scripture, sermon, and prayers, the praise band helps the congregation in adoring and showing reverence to God. Following the Time with Younger Disciples, children are invited to join Ms. Lynn in music and then to join in their own Children's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

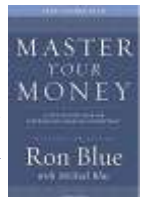
SUNDAY SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES

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
325 bag lunches the week of 1/16/17.

Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 100 people on 1/21/17.

Return Service Requested

«Mailing Name»
«Address 1»
«Address 2»
«City», «State» «Zip»

YOUR OLD CANS OF PAINT NEEDED FOR PRISON TOY SHOP

Many of the inmates at the Polk Correctional Institution spend the year crafting wood toys to be donated to Toys for Tots at Christmas. This project is made possible through material donations to the prison's wood-working shop.



Retired Prison Chaplain, Al-Khatib, and Dr. Negley are asking our congregation to donate half-used cans of paint so that the inmates can paint and decorate their wooden toys. Please bring any partially-used cans of paint that are just cluttering up your home, shop, or closets with you to church. The members of our youth groups will help organize the cans, and fill out the detailed donation form that must be processed by the Department of Corrections. Once we have collected all of your partially filled paint cans, Dr. Negley and Chaplain Al-Khatib will deliver the paint to the prison.