



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

Tower Chimes

Week of February 5, 2017

Issue 613

131 Years of Ministry

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SOUPER BOWL OF CARING THIS SUNDAY

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.

This 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.** the annual Youth and Geezers flag football game kicks off 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!



OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, February 5

- 8:15 a.m. Chapel Worship (Chapel)
- 9:15 a.m. The Connection (MH)
- 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School (CE)
- 9:30 a.m. Heart of Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:45 a.m. Children's Sunday School (CE)
- 11:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
- 2:00 p.m. Souper Bowl of Caring Game (PSC)

Monday, February 6

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

Tuesday, February 7

- 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. Session (GR)

Wednesday, February 8

- 8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)
- 10:45 a.m. Preschool Music (CE 103)
- 11:15 a.m. Preschool Music (CE 103)
- 12:00 a.m. Buildings & Grounds (MH)
- 3:00 p.m. Christ Kids (CE)
- 5:00 p.m. Confirmation Class (GC)
- 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 9

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

Friday, February 10

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

Saturday, February 11

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

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

Remember in Prayer

members

Roger Able	Kelly Kennedy	Ed Rounsley
Maxie Adams	Toni Krieger	Dave Ryan
Tom Brackett	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
Charlie Darte	Larry Marshall	Barbara H. Smith
Jana & Mike Easterling	Dick McCauley	Scott Strey
Jeanne Estes	Gladys Meier	Pam Tallent-Blackburn
Bill Everhart	Lynn Mincey	Carolyn Thompson
Lois Frakes	Bev Morris	MaryBess Thompson & family
Bill Garrett	Joan Murphy	Shirley Turner
Evelyn Girouard	Nancy Neale	Jim Vobornik
Margaret Goodman	Ed Partridge	Lee Wilkinson
Marilyn Hearn	Anthony Premuto	Marie Williams
Frances Heath	Doug Purnell	Nancy Williamson
Doris Hill	Robert Ramseyer	Judy Winfree
Camille Howe	Keith Ray	Retha Wright
Jim Huff	Barbara Roberts	Earle Roberts
Joey Johnston		

IN THE HOSPITAL: John Skipper

Relatives & Friends

Arlin Arbeiter	Sherie Ray's father
Carlotta & Larry Bennett	Bethany Owen's friend
Reese Burdette	Dana Cole's cousin
Raymond DiNunzio	Kit Threlkel's friend
Dubinsky family	Andy & Linda Stavres' friends
Al Ellis	Jim Threlkel's friend
Raymond Fenstermaker	Gale & Gwen Waters' grandson
Pam Heath	Lynn Oakley's friend
Bryan Howard	Bob & Janet Howard's son
Pete Kent	Charley & Nancy Chilton's nephew
Marianne Lehman	Tom & Jerri Oldt's friend
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
Ashish Shaw	Orin & Helen Champlain's friend
Glen Shelby	Kelly Butz' 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
Laura Williamson	Nancy Williamson's daughter
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.

Our deepest sympathy goes to the Julie Valk & Renee Parrish in the death of their mother, Betty Enzor who died Tuesday, January 17, 2016.

10 to 2 Lunch Bunch rides again... to Cheddar's Scratch Kitchen
Join other members and friends of First Pres for a weekday lunch outing.

We will:

- meet at the church at **10 a.m.** on **Monday, February 27.**
- take the church bus (and van) to Cheddar's Scratch Kitchen in Lakeland.
- enjoy a leisurely meal and fellowship, and have you back to the church by 2 p.m.

All it costs is the price of your own lunch.

Call the church office (294-3121) or email office@firstpreswh.org to get your name on the list.



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.

CLASS OF 2020

The Nominating Committee has the responsibility of suggesting men and women to serve on the Session and the Diaconate. Your responsibility is to provide the names of those whom you feel meet the high standards of character required for these offices. These persons must have the time available to SERVE, the commitment to Jesus Christ to SERVE, and the ability to LEAD this congregation and its spiritual and physical growth for our Lord's sake.

Please prayerfully consider your recommendations (which may include yourself.) Your signature is not required.

These recommendations will be considered by the Nominating Committee which will present a slate for election. We are to elect five Elders and five Deacons to three-year terms to replace those retiring this year. We are also to elect five at-large members to serve on next year's Nominating Committee.

Names(s) for consideration as:

ELDER

DEACON

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2.	2.
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4.	4.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

1.
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Please place in the offering plate or mail to the church office.

STILL SHORT ON TREE TOPPER STORIES



As of January 26, we are still short **12** devotionals for our 2017 Advent Devotional. We wanted to have the required number before we ceased publicizing our appeal. We will not solicit any more stories after February 15 and will revive our appeal in the early fall to secure enough stories to complete our booklet.

Many thanks to all of you who have submitted stories! We would invite others to tell us about your Christmas Tree Topper, be it angel, finial, star, or whatever. We need **YOU** to make *our* 2017 Advent Devotional, *On the Christmas Treetop a/an* ____ successful. Please address inquiries to Connie at 294-3121 or **e-mail her your submission and photo at cshipley@firstpreswh.org**. Thank you!



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.



THE GREAT ESCAPE WILL BE HERE BEFORE YOU KNOW IT



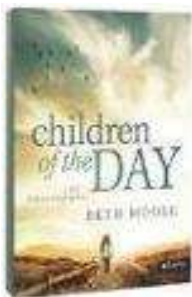
Middle School Youth are encouraged to save **July 30 – August 4, 2017** for our annual trip to **THE GREAT ESCAPE**. This week-long conference is one of the hi-lights of our summer youth schedule. We will be discussing details on Wednesday night at middle school youth fellowship. Trip deposits will be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

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.



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

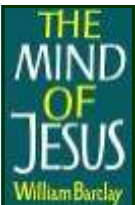
A Praise and Worship service held in our sanctuary. Along with scripture, sermon, and prayers, the praise band helps the congregation in adoring and showing reverence to God. Following the Time with Younger Disciples, children are invited to join Ms. Lynn in music and then to join in their own Children's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

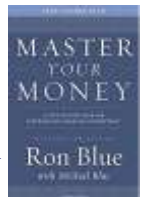
SUNDAY SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES

9:30 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 at **9:30** 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 1/23/17.

We gave out 1,286 bag lunches
in January, 2017.

Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 60 people on 1/28/17.

We fed 315 people in January, 2017.

Return Service Requested

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!

