



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

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Week of February 12, 2017

Issue 614

131 Years of Ministry

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CHURCH-WIDE TALENT SHOW

Come and join us next **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!



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.



OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, February 12 CONFIRMATION BIBLES

- 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)
- 4:30 p.m. HSYG Music Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. HSYG (GC)

Monday, February 13

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

Tuesday, February 14

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

Wednesday, February 15

- 8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)
- 10:45 a.m. Preschool Music (CE 103)
- 11:15 a.m. Preschool Music (CE 103)
- 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 16

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

Friday, February 17

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

Saturday, February 18

- 2:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen Prep (Kitchen)
- 4:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen (737)
- 7:00 p.m. Saturday Nite Live (MH)

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



Remember in Prayer

members

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

IN THE HOSPITAL: John Skipper & Mike Vibrat

Relatives & Friends

Arlin Arbeiter	Sherie Ray's father
Carlotta & Larry Bennett	Bethany Owen's friends
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
Amanda Martin	John & Marilyn Schleifer's granddaughter
Sharon & Hoyt Maulden	Judy Winfree's sister & brother-in-law
Cynthia McCaleb	Carolyn Thompson's daughter
Carmen Mourfield	T. Michael & Charlie Stavres' friend
Howard & Sandy Neitsch	Roger Able's friends
Emily Noble	Beverly Seagreaves' granddaughter
Cindy Price	T. Michael & Charlie Stavres' friend
Anna Robinson	Squire & Punkin Smith's friend
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
Eleanor & Patsy Warmack	T. Michael & Charlie Stavres' friends
Laura Williamson	Nancy Williamson's daughter
Marshall Wood	Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend

Our Christian sympathy goes to Harvey & Mary Ann Snively, Patti Herndon, Pete Snively, & Meg Strang, on the death of their daughter/sister, Nan Mason, who died Tuesday, January 31, 2017.

URGENT ~ SOUP KITCHEN HEAD COOKS NEEDED FOR FEBRUARY 11& 18

Our Saturday Soup Kitchen needs Head Cooks.
Please sign up on Deacons' board in McLeod Hall.



DR. HARVEY WILL BE AWAY...

for the month of February. He is taking two weeks of vacation, and a two week sabbatical approved by the Session so that he can assist his parents as they prepare their North Carolina home for sale. He will be back in the office on March 1.

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.

We have the following dates available in the near future:

FEBRUARY 12 & 26, and the WHOLE MONTH OF MARCH

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.)



LAST CALL ~ WE STILL WANT YOUR TREE TOPPER STORIES

As of February 6, we are still short **11** devotionals for our 2017 Advent Devotional. We wanted to have the required number before we cease 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!**



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.



SHROVE TUESDAY IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER

Reserve your spot now for Shrove Tuesday, **February 28 at 5:30 p.m.** Sign-up for delicious pancakes, sausage, and bacon prepared by Parson Larson and his dedicated crew of flapjack flippers. During the evening several challenges await you. So pick your table team wisely and join us for a delightful feast before the fast! Reservations are due by Monday, **February 27** at noon. Please drop this tear off in the offering plate or call the church office at 294-3121.

Name _____ Number attending _____



SOUP KITCHEN BOOT CAMP COMING

Remember those recruiting posters featuring a picture of Uncle Sam pointing his finger with the caption reading, "Uncle Sam needs you!"?

Now imagine posters scattered around the church featuring a picture of Jesus with open arms and the caption reading, "Jesus invites you to feed His sheep!"

To this end, the Deacons are sponsoring two **Soup Kitchen Boot Camps** on Saturdays March 4 and April 1. People who have been interested in the Soup Kitchen but may have been a little skittish about helping, will have the opportunity to work alongside your Deacons as they prepare and serve the meal, set up the 737 Building for dining, and do clean up afterwards. For those who have considered serving in the role as Head Cook but are still unsure about what that entails, additional training will also be offered on the same dates. This is a non-intimidating and non-threatening way to experiencing working in the Soup Kitchen and responding to Jesus' invitation to feed His sheep.



If you are interested in participating, please sign up on the Deacons board in McLeod Hall. Please consider the invitation and join us as we minister to some of the least of Jesus' brothers and sisters in our own community.



THERE ARE STILL MANY, MANY, MANY DIRECTORS READY TO BE PICKED UP

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



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.



COMMUNION TO THE FURTHEST PEW IS...

an organized program, conceived by the Community Outreach Committee and the Deacons and approved by the Session, to schedule and implement serving the Lord's Supper to those who are homebound or confined to long term health care facilities.

COMMUNION TO THE FURTHEST PEW SIGN-UP

Yes, I/we would like to receive Holy Communion at our home sometime the week of **March 6 - 10.**

Name(s): _____ Phone # for Contact: _____



Please indicate the best time for you:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10-12	X	10-12	10-12	10-12
2-5	2-5	2-5	2-5	2-5



Please call the office at 294-3121 and ask for Alan, Ray, or Steve so that a time for this service may be arranged and coordinated with a church officer. Thank you!

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.

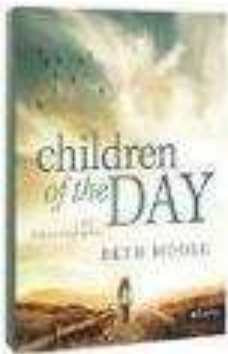
Retired Prison Chaplain, Al-Khatib, and Dr. Negley are asking our congregation to donate half-used cans of paint so that the inmates can paint and decorate their wooden toys. Please bring any partially-used cans of paint that are just cluttering up your home, shop, or closets with you to church. The 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.



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 have any questions, please contact Lia Gray at uncpair@gmail.com or call 318-1541. We meet in the **Golden Center on 6th Street between the Christian Education and Soup Kitchen buildings.**

The last meeting is February 23, from 9am - 11am, .

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 February 13.**



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

REMEMBER THE ANGEL VAN MINISTRY

The Angel Van is a service deacons provide for adults who have no means of transportation to and from our Sunday worship.

Those who would like to take advantage of this service need to call the office at 294-3121 by noon on Fridays. Your request will be relayed to the deacon driving on that Sunday and the deacon will contact you by telephone on Saturday to confirm your desire to be transported and to arrange the time of pick up for our Worship Service at 11 a.m. Please let us know if we can be of service to 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.

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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NOMINATING COMMITTEE

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

CONFIDENTIALITY IN STEPHEN MINISTRY



Confidentiality is the cornerstone of Stephen Ministry. It is absolutely essential for building safe, healing, and caring relationships. Stephen Ministers do not reveal what their care receivers have told them. Not to clergy, not to the Stephen Leaders, not to their spouses or friends and not to other Stephen Ministers. Why? Because trust is vital for a caring relationship to be effective. Care receivers are experiencing difficulties that leave them feeling very vulnerable. Discussing their innermost feelings is an important step in the healing process. But in order to open up and discuss that which is troubling them most, care receivers need complete trust in their Stephen Minister, and the assurance that what they say will not be circulated to others and become news for gossip.

This assurance builds trust and creates a safe place where care receivers can risk revealing their most painful issues and problems, ones that they might not even discuss with close friends or family. Confidentiality helps create a relationship that promotes healing and hope.

Another aspect of confidentiality is that nobody except the Stephen Minister, care receiver, clergy and referrals coordinator even know that a care receiver has been assigned a Stephen Minister. Care receivers, of course, are free to tell others about the relationship and who their Stephen Minister is, but the Stephen Minister never tells. This means a care receiver can choose to have complete anonymity. If he or she doesn't want people to know that they have a Stephen Minister, no one will ever know.

Why all this talk about confidentiality? To build your trust in Stephen Ministry. It is a high-quality, care giving ministry that you can count on should you ever have the need. Confidentiality is the cornerstone of our Stephen Ministry program.

If you would like to find out more about Stephen Ministry for yourself or someone you know (possibly a friend, neighbor, coworker, or relative) talk with or call **Pat Reass at 206-9914**. Or talk with one of our other Stephen Minister Leaders: **Alan Harvey, Ray Larson, Mary Marrs, Steve Negley, Barbara Perkins, or Jean Strang**. You can also use one of the three Request Form Boxes (pictured right) located in the Centennial Room, narthex, and balcony hallway.

DON'T MISS THE CONNECTION

9:15 – 10:45 a.m.

Fellowship time in McLeod Hall 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 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 a.m. ~ Heart of Worship

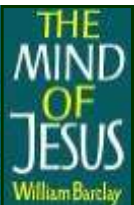
A Praise and Worship service held in our sanctuary. Along with scripture, sermon, and prayers, the praise band helps the congregation in adoring and showing reverence to God. Following the Time with Younger Disciples, children are invited to join Ms. Lynn in music and then to join in their own Children's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

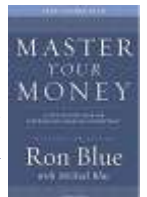
SUNDAY SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES

9:30 a.m. ~ Adult



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 a.m.** 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.



9:30 a.m. ~ 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
347 bag lunches the week of 1/30/17.

UPDATE

We gave out 1,440 bag lunches
in February, 2017.

Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 70 people on 2/4/17.

Return Service Requested

The Souper Bowl of Caring 2017 was a huge success at First Pres!



Through your generosity, the soup pots held by the doors after worship by the youth were filled with \$824. This amount will supply all the food for four of our Saturday Soup Kitchen meals, feeding a hot supper to over 400 people. We also collected 80 non-perishable food items from the players and fans at our Souper Bowl Game at Polk State College. This food will be transformed into two huge pots of soup for an upcoming Saturday Soup Kitchen.

We had 28 youth and adults take the field for our two hour flag football game. There were a total of 17 touchdowns scored and no reported injuries. Thanks to all for making this day such a wonderful time of Christian fellowship and a focus on feeding our hungry neighbors.

