



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

Tower Chimes

Week of November 5, 2017

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131 Years of Ministry

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F unT imers THIS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5 @ 12 P.M.

Because of our late lunch time, we suggest you bring a snack. We will meet in McLeod Hall and travel to the **Bartow Civic Center** for a concert by the **Bartow Adult Band** and then to **Ruby Tuesday's** for lunch. The only cost is your lunch.



Please make your reservation by this Wednesday, November 1, by calling the church office at 294-3121, e-mailing the church at office@firstpreswh.org.

CIRCLE MEETINGS HAVE RETURNED

Lydia Circle - **Second Monday, November 13 at 10 a.m.** in McLeod Hall

Joy Circle - **Third Tuesday, November 21 at 9:30 a.m.** at the home of Carol Carter



We will be using the PW Horizons Bible study titled: "*Cloud of Witnesses - The Community of Christ Hebrew*" written by Melissa Bane Sevier. In nine lessons, the author invites us to explore major themes found in Hebrews, relate these themes to other parts of our faith tradition, and tie them together with the overarching motif of community.

The study books are available for \$10. Contact either Carol Carter at 299-4253 or Sue McClew at 875-6176 for your copy.

LAST OM, OM BOOK DISCUSSION CLUB OF 2017

You are invited to join us **November 20** as we examine *The Santa Claus Man* by Alex Palmer. A copy or copies 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.

We will meet in the back of McLeod Hall for this discussion and light refreshments. Reservations are requested and can be made by calling the church office at 294-3121 or e-mailing at office@firstpreswh.org.



Don't Forget!



Set your clocks
back Saturday
night before
going to bed.



SOUP KITCHEN NEEDS

URGENT NEED!!! November 4: Head Cook and Assistants

November 25: Need Head Cook and Assistants

Won't You Help Us Feed Hungry People?

Please Sign Up On The Deacon's Board In McLeod Hall.

God Bless You and Thank You!

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 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)
- 10:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School (CE)
- 11:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
- 12:00 p.m. FunTimers (MH then Bartow)
- 5:30 p.m. HSYG (GC)

Monday, November 6

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

Tuesday, November 7

- 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (MCR)
- 12:00 p.m. Men's Lunch (MH)
- 6:30 p.m. Session (GR)

Wednesday, November 8

- 8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)
- 10:45 a.m. Preschool Music (CE103)
- 12:00 p.m. Buildings & Grounds (MH)
- 3:00 pm Christ Kids (CE)
- 5:00 p.m. Christ Kids Singer & Ringers Practice (Sanctuary)
- 5:30 p.m. MSYG (GC)
- 6:00 p.m. APNC (ER)
- 6:00 p.m. Chancel Bells
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir (MS)

Thursday, November 9

- 1:15 p.m. Chapel Bells (MS)
- 3:00 p.m. Membership (MCR)
- 6:30 p.m. Praise & Worship Band (Sanctuary)

Friday, November 10

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

Saturday, November 11

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



Zach Anaya
 Brenden Anderson
 Christian Anderson
 Karolina Crockett
 Samuel Crockett
 Zach Drum
 Robert Ferguson
 Stephanie Gillie
 Eddie Gray
 Daniel Harp
 Sean Harp
 David Knowles
 John Marotti
 Mathew Massam
 KaitLin Marotti-Pitts
 Ashton Pitts
 Shad Skinner
 Drew Stapor

Remember in Prayer

MEMBERS

Marie Able	Bryan Howard	Marilyn Schleifer
Maxie Adams	Camille Howe	Beverly Seagreaves
Kathy Andrews	Jim Huff	Joyce Shirah
Kathleen Avinger	Martha Johnson	Mary Alice & Emma
Bill Brack	Joey Johnston	Skipper
Tom Brackett	Peggy Kennedy	Barbara A. Smith
Henry Braun	Toni Krieger	Barbara H. Smith
Carol Carter	Dena Lancashire	Nell Speer
Helen Champlain	Kathy Lockhart	Scott Strey
Tom Coffman	Spike Lucia	Carol Switalski
Gail Damkjer	Larry Marshall	Barbara Tackett
Yolanda Dyer	Gladys Meier	Jay Tackett
Jana & Mike Easterling	Lynnis Mincey	McKenzie Tackett
Jeanne Estes	Bev Morris	Pam Tallent-Blackburn
Bill Everhart	Joan Murphy	Carolyn Thompson
Clyde Greene	Nancy Neale	Shirley Turner
Frances Heath	Barbara Perkins	Jane Whitney
Kay Hedden	Keith Ray	Lee Wilkinson
Doris Hill	Barbara Roberts	Judy Winfree
Ranell Hillman	Earle Roberts	Retha Wright

IN THE HOSPITAL: Roger Able & John Skipper

Relatives & Friends

Robert Allen	Denise Cole's father
Mike & Linda Bechtel	Marie Able's sister & brother-in-law
Reese Burdette	Dana Cole's cousin
Kevin Dees	Jonathan Owen's friend
Al Ellis	Jim Threlkel's friend
Kevin Ehrlich	Rossanne Gorsky's son
Raymond Fenstermaker	Gale & Gwen Waters' grandson
Judy Hatcher	Kelli Ivey's mother
Pete Kent	Charley & Nancy Chilton's nephew
Ryan Koukkouklis	Matthew Gray's friend
Anna Robinson	Punkin Smith's friend
Alisa Sheaffer	Punkin Smith's friend
Rebecca Stone	Pat Reass' friend
Kristy Turner	Rick & Pat Reass' daughter
Monnie Vail	Bob & Marilyn Sheffield's friend
John Waters	Gale & Gwen Waters' nephew
Marshall Wood	Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend

Our deepest sympathy goes to family and friends of Gladys Meier who died on Thursday, October 19, 2017.

Our sincerest sympathy goes to Karen Lacerte, Kim Kelley, & family on the death of their mother, Marge Goodman who died on Saturday, October 21, 2017.

Our Christian sympathy goes to family & friends on the death Nancy Williamson who died on Monday, October 23, 2017.

ARE YOU 80+?

Were you out-of-town or sick when your 80+ Birthday Party was held? Did something come up at the last minute so that you missed your 80+ Birthday Party?

If your answer to either of these questions is "YES," then we want you to know you are invited to attend the last 80+ Birthday Party for 2017 celebrating those born in the months of October, November or December. All you are asked to do is call the Church Office at 294-3121 and ask that your name be added to the list by Monday November 13 by 4 p.m.

What WE do – Thanks to YOU

A celebration of generosity and ministry

What WE do ... Christian Education

In the book of Acts, Philip encountered a man who was reading from the book of the prophet, Isaiah. Philip asked him if he understood what he was reading. The man replied, **“How can I, unless someone guides me?” (Acts 8:31)** This question forms the basis for Christian Education in the church. We strive to provide the best opportunities we can to encourage people to grow in faith in Jesus Christ.

Infants/Toddlers – From the time the parents bring their young children into the Nursery for the first time, they will recognize the clean, safe, and nurturing environment which we provide and the loving care givers who will care for them in **their parents’ absence. We provide a Nursery for all worship services, Sunday School,** and other activities in which young parents participate. Morning Out Mom on three weekday mornings gives parents, and in some cases, grandparents, time off to run errands or enjoy an adult activity. The children enjoy socializing with other children and playing with the wide assortment of toys in the nursery suite and on the playground.



Children – Many of our children participate in our after school program called Christ Kids Inc. for kindergartners to fifth graders. It meets once a week for recreation and snacks, Bible study, and music, and three times a year for parties. On each Sunday morning, **children have an opportunity to explore God’s Word in our Sunday School** program as teachers help them explore their lives as Younger Disciples.



WHAT WE DO CONTINUED...

Middle School Youth meets every Wednesday afternoon, and Senior High Youth meets every Sunday night for food, fellowship, and study. Each group takes a summer trip to a conference at Great Escape or Montreat. They have weekend retreats and special events, and they participate in various mission projects. The Confirmation Class provides training for church membership, usually for sixth graders.



Adults have special programs throughout the year. On Sunday Mornings, there are several adult classes. We never outgrow the need to learn more, and studying with a group of committed Christians is the best way to learn. Our teachers are dedicated and always striving to help adult disciples in faith development. The Church-Wide Retreat is an annual weekend of education and growth.



Thanks to YOU ...

Because of the generosity of our congregation in regular giving, we plan to invest around \$260,000 during 2018 in the area of Christian Education, covering the cost of curriculum and supplies, and many of the expenses related to trips, conferences, and retreats for children, youth, and adults. This portion of our church budget also provides for the services of a Director of Christian Education, a Director of Student Ministry, and our nursery personnel.

In addition, each year church members donate nearly 4,000 hours as teachers, mentors, chaperones, and planners for our various educational events so that we can **educate all God's children here at First Pres.**

Worship (and more) on the Lord's Day



8:15 a.m. Chapel Worship

A traditional worship service is held in our chapel. The service follows the same order as the 11:00 a.m. worship, does not have a Chancel Choir. Musical ensembles offer special music on many Sundays. A Time with Younger Disciples is included when we have children in attendance.

9:30 - 10:25 a.m. Heart of Worship

A Praise and Worship service is held in our sanctuary. Along with scripture, sermon, and prayers, a 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 is 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.

DON'T MISS THE CONNECTION 9:15—10:45 A.M.

Fellowship time in McLeod Hall offers a coffee bar type selection with different flavored creamers, pastries, etc. It is a gathering place before (or after) worship, and between worship and Sunday School for some.

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.



SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES

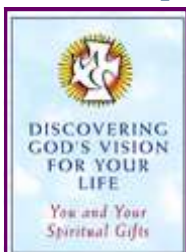
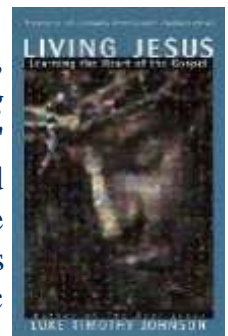


For Kids: We are getting to know some amazing Bible characters this fall: Hannah, Samuel, Saul, David, and Solomon. Short videos, music, art, and Bible activities will keep the kids coming back for more!

If your family attends the 9:30 a.m. service, kids age 4 and older worship with their families for the first part of the service. After the "Time with Younger Disciples," age 4 through grade 5 may be dismissed to the Christian Education building for music and classes until 10:45 a.m.

If your family attends the 11:00 a.m. service, come to the CE Building for music and classes from 10:00 until 10:45 a.m.

For Adults: Who is the real Jesus? How can we experience the mystery, complexity, and richness of his spirituality and teachings in our lives today? *Living Jesus: Learning the Heart of the Gospel* by Luke Timothy Johnson elucidates the mystery of Jesus' resurrection and its central role in the Christian experience. It explores the diversity and fullness of the New Testament views of Christ, revealing how each book's perspective can deepen our understanding of Jesus. Profoundly insightful, *Living Jesus* offers valuable lessons on how we can accept the Gospels' powerful invitation to an authentic Christian spirituality. Join us in the Geneva Room from **9:30 until 10:30 a.m.**



Also for Adults: To whom are spiritual gifts given? What is the purpose of spiritual gifts? How can I be sure which particular spiritual gifts I have? What does the Bible say about each of the spiritual gifts? These questions are some of the ones discussed by a new 8 week Sunday School Class. Join us **THIS Sunday, at 9:30 a.m.** in Room 207 of the Educational Building. There is a fee of \$12 to cover the cost of the book.

Our Purpose Statement

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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 234 bag lunches
the week of 10/23/17.

Return Service Requested

Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 117 people on 10/28/17.

DECK THE HALLS

We hope you will join us as we DECK THE HALLS and decorate First Pres for the Advent and Christmas Season.

On Tuesday night, November 28 EVERYONE is invited to join us for the festivities.

Supper will be served at 5:30 p.m. Grilled cheese sandwiches will be provided. You are invited to bring a pot of soup or chili to share.

At 6 p.m. we will divide into groups to Deck the Halls.

You can help others hang the Advent banners.

You might want to prepare the candles (placing the candles into the holders) for the Christmas Eve Service.

Your skill might be helping others hanging the garland and angels in the sanctuary, or fluffing and erecting the sanctuary Christmas trees.

There will be Christmas music playing throughout the church, and happy people everywhere Decking the Halls, preparing God's house for the holiday season.

