



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
WINTER HAVEN

Tower Chimes

Week of November 19, 2017

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131 Years of Ministry

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JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL VISIT THIS SUNDAY



We are very excited to be welcoming home (for a visit) **Drs. Fred Foy and Cecily Strang**, medical and gospel missionaries to Africa.

The Strangs will be joining us for worship **this Sunday, November 19**, and sharing the good news of what God is doing in the lives of Christians in East Africa. Fred Foy will be preaching in our morning worship services, and there will be opportunities to learn more about the work of these mission partners.

Please plan to join us that morning as we praise God together for our mission work which spreads the message of Jesus around the globe.



DON'T MISS OUR CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Session has called for a congregational meeting for **this Sunday, November 19 at 10:55 a.m.** in the Sanctuary for the election of a new Deacon.

We hope all church members will be present for this discussion and vote.



OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 19

- 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)
- 10:55 a.m. Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary)
- 11:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
- 5:30 p.m. HSYG (GC)

Monday, November 20

- 3:00 p.m. OM, OM Book Club (MH-Back)

Tuesday, November 21

- 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (MCR)
- 9:30 a.m. Joy Circle (Off-site)
- 12:00 p.m. Men's Lunch (MH)

Wednesday, November 22

Thursday, November 23

THANKSGIVING
Office Closed

Friday, November 24

Office Closed

Saturday, November 25

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

3 CENTS-A-MEAL THIS SUNDAY

We will collect the
3 Cents-a-Meal Hunger Offering
during worship services this
SUNDAY, November 19.



This offering is divided between our Soup
Kitchen/Bag Lunch Ministry, Beth-El
Farm-workers Ministry, and Honduras.

Remember in Prayer

MEMBERS

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

IN THE HOSPITAL: Roger Able, John Skipper,
James Shinn, & Barbara A. Smith

Relatives &

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



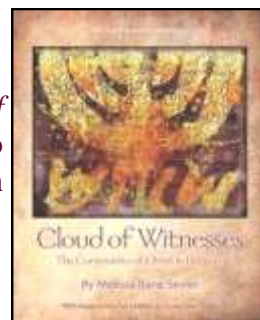
Zach Anaya	Daniel Harp
Brenden Anderson	Sean Harp
Christian Anderson	David Knowles
Karolina Crockett	John Marotti
Samuel Crockett	Mathew Massam
Zach Drum	KaitLin Marotti-Pitts
Robert Ferguson	Ashton Pitts
Stephanie Gillie	Shad Skinner
Eddie Gray	Drew Stapor

CIRCLE MEETINGS

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

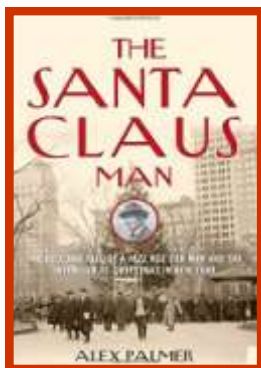
Joy Circle - **Third Tuesday, November 21 at 9:30 a.m.** at the home of Carol Carter.

We are 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.

THE FOLLOWING WEEKLY ACTIVITIES ARE CANCELED THE WEDNESDAY BEFORE THANKSGIVING, NOVEMBER 22.

Christ Kids, Christ Kids Singer & Ringers Practice, Middle School Youth Group, Associate Pastor Nominating Committee Meeting, Chancel Bells, & Chancel Choir.



JINGLE JAVA JAM!!!

Save the date! **Sunday, December 3rd at 4:00 p.m.** we will have our 3rd Annual Jingle Java Jam! Please join us as we begin to celebrate the season of Advent with music, dance and drama. You will also be served delicious desserts of the season along with a visit from St. Nicholas!

Please make your reservation by contacting the church office at 294-3121, office@firstpreswh.org, or filling out this tear-off and dropping in the offering plate.

Name: _____ # Attending: _____

NEXT *FunTimers* IS TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12

We will gather at **5:30 pm** to travel to a **nursing home** to sing **Christmas Carols** for the residents. We'll return to the church for cocoa and Christmas cookies.

Please make your reservation by Sunday, December 10 by calling the church office at 294-3121, e-mailing the church at office@firstpreswh.org, or filling out this tear-off and dropping in the offering plate.

Name: _____ # Attending: _____



THANKS FOR A FABULOUS FIRST “FIFTH SUNDAY”

Our first attempt at the Fifth Sunday First Pres Family Gathering was held on Sunday, October 29. The single worship service at 10 a.m. was graced by over 45 of our church’s musicians leading various parts of worship. We want to thank the Chancel Choir, the Chancel Bells, the Children’s Ringers and Singers, and the Praise and Worship Band for helping the hearts and hearts and souls of nearly 300 worshippers soar with worship music.

The day continued with a meal and table fellowship in McLeod Hall. Over 25 volunteers should be thanked for adding their talent to table decorations, cooking, preparing, serving, and after meal clean-up for the post-worship luncheon. The 200 plus folks who enjoyed dining and sharing fellowship seemed to truly enjoy seeing First Pres friends who might normally attend one of the other Sunday worships services.

Thanks again to all who made this day such a wonderful opportunity for us to worship and enjoy Christian fellowship together.

Please mark your calendars for the upcoming Fifth Sunday First Pres Family Gatherings:
Sunday, December 31, 2018 and Sunday, April 29, 2018.



YOUTH (GRADES 6-12) WINTER RETREAT!!!

Come join us February 13-15 on our First Pres Student Winter Retreat! We will be going to Cedarkirk and staying in the lovely rustic cabins. Come join us for an amazing weekend, of fun, memories, and an opportunity to grow closer to God. Fun activities include canoeing, campfires, wall climbing, zip lines and more! This trip is under your own student leadership so you know it will be fun and relaxed.



The cost is \$78 per person and includes transportation, lodging, and meals. Please RSVP to Leonard by November 29, 2017 by calling 312-678-7764 or emailing to leonardmosiah@gmail.com.

Come to the Stable and Bethlehem Square Performances on Saturday, December 2 at 7:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

We are casting roles and still have plenty of openings for shepherds and angels at both performances.

The 7:30 performance will feature our children in grades K-8. Preschoolers can participate at the 7:30 performance if accompanied by an adult in costume.

The 8:30 performance will feature our 9th-12th graders and adults.

Sign-up in the Narthex.

Not an actor? We also have roles for you.

Men: Putting up the set and taking it down;
Assisting our guests with parking;

Ladies: Baking cookies & dessert breads;
Arranging the food for serving;
Assisting with dressing the actors.

Signup sheets are on the board in the Narthex.



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

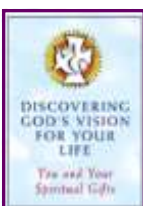


For Kids: We are getting to know some amazing Bible characters this fall: Hannah, Samuel, Saul, David, and Solomon. Short videos, music, art, and Bible activities will keep the kids coming back for more!

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.

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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 282 bag lunches
the week of 11/6/17.

Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 92 people on 11/11/17.

Return Service Requested

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.

We plan to have the finishing touches in place by 8 p.m. and hope to see you here!

