



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
WINTER HAVEN

Tower Chimes

Week of November 26, 2017

Issue 647

131 Years of Ministry

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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.

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: _____



OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 26

- 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)
- 5:30 p.m. HSYG (GC)

Monday, November 27

- 8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)
- 10:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl (MH)

Tuesday, November 28

- 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (MCR)
- 12:00 p.m. Men's Lunch (MH)
- 5:30 p.m. Soup & Sandwich Supper (MH)
- 6:00 p.m. Deck the Halls
- 8:00 p.m. Worship & Music (UR)

Wednesday, November 29

- 8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)
- 10:45 a.m. Preschool Music (CE 103)
- 2:30 p.m. Presbyterian Women Bible Study Leaders (MCR)
- 3:00 p.m. Christ Kids (CE)
- 3:45 p.m. Christ Kids Bell Ringers (MS)
- 5:30 p.m. Middle School Youth Group (GC)
- 6:00 p.m. Chancel Bells (MS)
- 6:00 p.m. APNC (ER)
- 6:30 p.m. Officer Training (MCR)
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir (MS)

Thursday, November 30

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

Friday, December 1

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

Saturday, December 2

- 2:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen Prep (Kitchen)
- 4:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen (737)
- 7:30 p.m. Come To the Stable and to Bethlehem Square (Parking Lot)
- 8:30 p.m. Come To the Stable and to Bethlehem Square (Parking Lot)

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 A. Smith
Henry Braun	Peggy Kennedy	Barbara H. Smith
Carol Carter	Toni Krieger	Nell Speer
Helen Champlain	Dena Lancashire	Scott Strey
Tom Coffman	Kathy Lockhart	Carol Switalski
Gail Damkjer	Spike Lucia	Barbara Tackett
Yolanda Dyer	Larry Marshall	Jay Tackett
Jana & Mike Easterling	Lynniss Mincey	McKenzie Tackett
Jeanne Estes	Bev Morris	Pam Tallent-Blackburn
Bill Everhart	Joan Murphy	Carolyn Thompson
Lia Gray	Nancy Neale	Shirley Turner
Clyde Greene	Barbara Perkins	Lee Wilkinson
Frances Heath	Keith Ray	Judy Winfree
Kay Hedden	Sherrie Ray	Retha Wright
Doris Hill	Barbara Roberts	

IN THE HOSPITAL: Roger Able, John Skipper, & James Shinn

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



FunT imers FOR DECEMBER 12 HAS BEEN CANCELED...

due to the busyness of the season.

Please watch out for something fabulous in January.

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.

CIRCLE MEETINGS

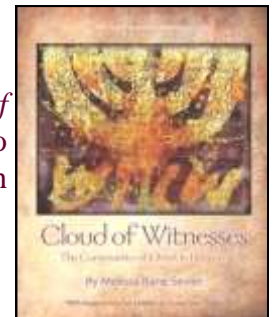
Lydia Circle - **Second Monday each month at 10 a.m.** in McLeod Hall.

Joy Circle - **Third Tuesday each month 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.



IT IS THAT TIME ~ POINSETTIA ORDER FOR 2017

Poinsettias are a yearly tradition to decorate the church on Christmas, "in honor of" or "in memory of" a loved one or friend. This year the poinsettias will be in the sanctuary on **December 24.**

Please fill out the order form below. The cost per plant is **\$11** and checks, marked "poinsettia fund", should be made payable to First Presbyterian Church. Place the order form and check in the offering plate, mail it, or take it to the church office by **Monday, December 18.**

A complete listing will be available
Sunday, December 24.

IMPORTANT ~ PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

Donor(s): _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

_____ I will pick up my poinsettia after the 9 p.m. Christmas Eve service.

_____ I would like my poinsettia delivered to a shut-in.

Number of plants ordered: _____ Amount Enclosed: \$ _____



DECEMBER

B irthdays

12/2	Ron Damjker Teresa Renney	12/12	Kaylie Arnold Bill Lockhart	12/22	Cynthia Stroupe Weston Thibodaux
12/3	Henry Chilton Bruce Eelman Daphne Gray Lissette Levasseur		Elizabeth Mosiah Jackie Pinckney	12/23	Cecilia Linn Kyle Meadows
12/4	Jack Scamehorn	12/13	Dawn Fellows Peggy Kennedy Beverly Seagreaves	12/24	Judy Fitzgerald Ryan Johnson Mary Anne Knowles
12/5	Alee Swango Jane Tillman	12/15	Merry Stewart Borowski Lia Gray Lynn Lasseter Griffin Powell Margaret Way	12/25	Kathy Jackson Carol Roe
12/6	Helen Butz Avery Lockhart Steve Saterbo Ginger Schreier	12/16	Marty Bentley Jean Bostick Randy McCann Kim Powell	12/26	M. David Alexander Patti Forum
12/7	Christina Maness			12/27	Rusty Hart
12/8	Caroline Beckley			12/28	Stephanie Cornejo Madison Thomas
12/9	Bob Helmick Lorraine Todd	12/18	Geoff Roe	12/29	Wiley Koon, Sr. Glenda Parrott
12/10	Marile Weeks	12/19	Megan Kosmensky	12/30	Ella Chilton Keith Putnam Terry Rayfield
12/11	John Gray Austin Johnston Michael Lyons Zane McCann Jane Ray Dave Sparr	12/20	Renee Parrish Harvey Snively	12/31	David Gillen Barbara Roberts Steve Sowards
		12/21	Neil Berger Mark Turner		
		12/22	Maggi Helmick Lou Parrott		

A nniversaries

12/05	Josh & Jessica Lockhart	12/23	James & Ellen Zeller
12/09	Russell & Lynn Aaron	12/26	Steve & Laura Dunham Kline & Barbara Roberts Drew & Lindsay Stapor
12/14	Bob & Shirley Turner	12/27	Mike & Martha Seney
12/16	Jim & Daphne Gray Ray & Gladys Larson	12/28	Bob & Carol Carter
12/18	Carl & Kathy Cheatham	12/29	Howard & Cheryl Beckert Gale & Gwen Waters
12/19	Andrew & Linda Stavres	12/30	Richard & Pam Baker Pete & Merry Stewart Borowski
12/20	Wiley & Sara Koon Steve & Teresa Negley	12/31	Dean & Sonja Jackson John & Tracy Scheck
12/21	Jose & Alison Batista		
12/22	Nat & Jane West		
12/23	Orrin & Helen Champlain Larry & Pat Lincoski		

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

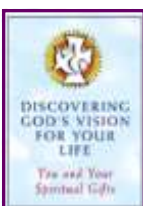


For Kids: We are getting to know some amazing Bible characters this fall: Hannah, Samuel, Saul, David, and Solomon. Short videos, music, art, and Bible activities will keep the kids coming back for more!

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 246 bag lunches
the week of 11/13/17.

Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 70 people on 11/18/17.

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!

