



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

# Tower Chimes

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## OUR ANNUAL TALENT SHOW IS ALMOST HERE!!!

### Sunday, January 28 at 5:00

If you have a special talent to share and would like to participate, please contact Leonard Mosiah at [leonardmosiah@gmail.com](mailto:leonardmosiah@gmail.com) or the church office, 294-3121.

Even if you don't have a talent you would like to share, we would love it if you would join us for an evening of food, fellowship and fun! Please RSVP to 294-3121, [office@firstpreswh.org](mailto:office@firstpreswh.org), or fill out this reservation form and drop in the offering plate on Sunday.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

# of Adults: \_\_\_\_\_ # of Children: \_\_\_\_\_



## FIRST *FunTimers* OF 2018

Join us for a special FunTimers outing to start the new year. **Tuesday, January 30 at 10:15 a.m.** we will meet in McLeod Hall then take a trip to Gaylord Palms Hotel and Resort for a tour and lunch. Their enormous atrium creatively showcases Florida landmarks and foliage, everything from reptiles to small streams filled with fish. We will have a special guided tour by their horticulturist.

We will shop for our lunch at The Cocoa Bean and The Market Place. Hot and cold sandwiches (hamburgers for \$6,) beautiful salads and luscious looking desserts.

The only cost is your food. We are looking forward to a fun time in a beautiful setting. Please RSVP by to 294-3121, [office@firstpreswh.org](mailto:office@firstpreswh.org), or fill out this reservation form and drop in the offering plate.

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# OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

## Sunday, January 14

- 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)

## Monday, January 15

- 6:30 p.m. Odd Month, Odd Monday Book Discussion club (MH)

## Tuesday, January 16

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

## Wednesday, January 17

- 8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)
- 10:45 a.m. Preschool Music (CE 103)
- 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)
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir (MS)

## Thursday, January 18

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

## Friday, January 19

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

## Saturday, January 20

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

# Remember in Prayer

## MEMBERS

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|------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| Roger Able             | Doris Hill        | Beverly Seagreaves    |
| Maxie Adams            | Bryan Howard      | James Shinn           |
| Debbie Anderson        | Camille Howe      | Joyce Shirah          |
| Kathy Andrews          | Jim Huff          | Mary Alice & Emma     |
| Kathleen Avinger       | Martha Johnson    | Skipper               |
| Bill Brack             | Joey Johnston     | Barbara H. Smith      |
| Tom Brackett           | Peggy Kennedy     | Ed Smith              |
| Henry Braun            | Toni Krieger      | Jeff Snyder           |
| Nancy Brooks           | Dena Lancashire   | Scott Strey           |
| Helen Butz             | Kathy Lockhart    | Barbara Sweeney       |
| Helen Champlain        | Spike Lucia       | Carol Switalski       |
| Tom Coffman            | Larry Marshall    | Jay Tackett           |
| Yolanda Dyer           | Lynnis Mincey     | Pam Tallent-Blackburn |
| Jana & Mike Easterling | Bev Morris        | Carolyn Thompson      |
| Jeanne Estes           | Nancy Neale       | Shirley Turner        |
| Bill Everhart          | Keith Ray         | Jennifer Vibral       |
| Lia Gray               | Sherrie Ray       | Lee Wilkinson         |
| Clyde Greene           | Barbara Roberts   | Judy Winfree          |
| Jane Hayman            | Earle Roberts     | Retha Wright          |
| Frances Heath          | Elsie Savant      |                       |
| Kay Hedden             | Marilyn Schleifer |                       |

IN THE HOSPITAL: Ranell Hillman & John Skipper

## Relatives & Friends

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|----------------------|----------------------------------|
| Robert Allen         | Denise Cole's father             |
| Reese Burdette       | Dana Cole's cousin               |
| Al Ellis             | Jim Threlkel's friend            |
| Renee Fugate         | Karen Alexander's friend         |
| Pete Kent            | Charley & Nancy Chilton's nephew |
| Diane Mauldin        | Kit Threlkel's friend            |
| Fred Meier           | Sarah Rennie's father            |
| Mike Oriani          | Joe Oriani's brother             |
| Paula & Claude Owens | Walter Ferguson's friends        |
| Austin Snively       | Amy Powell's friend              |
| Lois Susac           | Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend    |
| Kristy Turner        | Rick & Pat Reass' daughter       |
| Joy Wallace          | Arletta Oriani's aunt            |
| John Waters          | Gale & Gwen Waters' nephew       |
| Marshall Wood        | Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend    |



Our Christian sympathy goes to Bill Brack on the death of his brother, Gerald Brack, who died Sunday, December 31, 2017.



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| 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           |

## WE APPRECIATE!!!



A sincere thank you to all the musicians that shared their faith, talent, patience, and flexibility throughout the Christmas season. Many thanks goes to the Chancel Choir, Chapel and Chancel Bells, Praise Band, Jazzbyterians, Christ Kids Ringers, children singers, and all those who shared special music for Sunday worship and special programs.

Many thanks also goes to our sound booth volunteers and those who take care of the weekly set-up for our worship services. Special thanks goes to **Cheryce Harris** and **Anamarie Coffman** for stepping in to help with their directing and playing talents.

## VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED...

for The Connection each Sunday morning. If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information, please contact Cheryl Beckert 863-293-4110 (h) or 863-221-4944 (c).



## WE ARE STILL IN NEED OF BLANKETS!

Although we had a generous donation of blankets from the Barbara School of Dance, we have distributed a huge.

If you have any extra blankets, quilts, or comforters twin size or larger, we can use them for our homeless and those without adequate heating in their homes.

If you would launder them and bring them to the church, we can get them in the hands of people that need them.

## WE APPRECIATE

Hats Off to Cheryl Beckert, Carol Carter, Jane West, Nell Speer, and Bonnie Jenkins for being excellent hostesses for the Fifth Sunday Luncheon on Sunday December 31, 2017. We had good attendance for a holiday weekend event.

We thank you for helping us end 2017 on a high note of enjoyment and fellowship.



## THE 2018 SANCTUARY FLOWER CALENDAR IS POSTED IN THE NARTHEX.

Available dates for the near future are:

January 28, February 4, 12, & 25

## OUR STEPHEN MINISTERS ARE READY TO CARE FOR YOU!

Stephen Ministers are members of First Presbyterian Church who have been through extensive training and provide confidential, one-to-one, Christian care to people who are experiencing a difficult time. They will listen, care, encourage, pray with and for you, and provide weekly support for you as long as your need persists.



If you or someone you know is hurting, find out more about Stephen Ministry by **calling Pat Reass at 206-9914**. Or you can talk with one of our other Stephen Leaders: **Alan Harvey, Mary Marrs, Steve Negley, Barbara Perkins, Susan Singleton, or Jean Strang**. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to bring God's love and care into your life.

# Christmas

## My Favorite ^ Things



While I have enjoyed *The Sound of Music* for years, I have often wondered how one song, *My Favorite Things* was adopted into the collection of Christmas songs. Obviously the references to “brown paper packages tied up with strings,” “crisp apple strudel,” and “sleigh bells” reminded many people of the holidays and so it became a standard in the Christmas music library. I was inspired by it and thought the insertion of “Christmas” would be an appropriate theme for the 2018 Advent Devotional.

A theme for the 2018 Advent Devotional was previously announced, but it seems too narrow and restrictive so “*My Favorite Christmas Things*” will not exclude those who had already thought of a dish and recipe that might be included. The dish, “Tomato Gravy,” the recipe for it, and how it came to be a part of Christmas Breakfast might be an interesting story. Your recipe for your grandmother’s cornbread dressing and the good time you had observing her or helping her make it would also be welcome. The Peppermint Stick Ice Cream Pie and instructions for making it might entice others to conclude their holiday meal with this dessert so that it becomes a Christmas Eve tradition in their household.



Among other favorite Christmas things that might be of interest to our readers are articles of clothing. Your Associate Pastor dons Christmas ties yearly that were given him by family members of Ray Golden and Bill Ross. Do you have an ugly sweater that has become holiday garb you enjoy wearing?



Your favorite things might be homemade decorations or ornaments that were made when you were a child, a scout or taking a craft class. A dear friend may have made a special decoration or ornament for you.

Christmas carols or songs that became identified with one particular artist may be especially dear to you. For example, it might just not seem like Christmas without hearing Bing Crosby sing *White Christmas*.

Or it might not seem like Christmas without viewing *The Grinch* or *Elf*. One of your favorite Christmas things might be listening to ‘*Twas the Night before Christmas*’ or reading again Dickens’ classic, *A Christmas Carol*. Water skiing might have been a favorite thing to do for Winter Havenites spending the holiday here while others enjoyed snow skiing up north or out west while visiting there.



“*My Favorite ^Christmas Things*” has the potential for being one of our best Advent Devotionals. Once again scripture lessons and prayers will be added to your submissions. Please share one or more of your favorite ^Christmas Things. Sign up in the narthex, in the office or by calling Alan at 294-3121. Thanks!



## CIRCLE MEETINGS

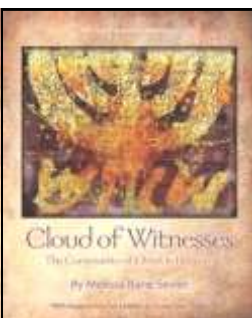
Lydia Circle - **Second Monday each month at 10 a.m.** in McLeod Hall.

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.



# Join Us on the Lord's Day



## Worship

### 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.

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## 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.



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## SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES



**For Kids:** We'll be getting to learn more about Jesus - His life and ministry and leaders in the early church. 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.**



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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 158 bag lunches  
the week of 1/1/18.

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«City», «State» «Zip»

### Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 115 people on 1/6/17.

## First Presbyterian Church

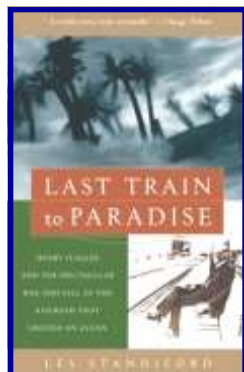
# Christian Financial Planning, a Participant Driven Course

January 14 thru February 11, 2018



Come and gather with other Christians and explore financial principles embedded in the Bible. This course, led by First Pres church member, Elder, and CPA Howard Beckert will give the participants direction in how to apply these principles in their daily lives. The five-week class will be tailored to meet the needs and interests of the participants.

Join Howard and fellow faithful friends starting **next Sunday at 9:30 a.m.**  
in Room 207 of the Christian Education Building.



## IT'S THAT TIME...

### Odd Month, Odd Monday Book Club

January 15, *Last Train to Paradise* by Les Standiford

We will meet in the back of McLeod Hall at 3 p.m.  
for discussion and light refreshments.

Please RSVP by calling 294-3121 or emailing office@firstpreswh.org.