



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

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Week of January 21, 2018

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132 Years of Ministry

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OUR ANNUAL TALENT SHOW IS NEXT WEEK!!!

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 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, 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, or fill out this reservation form and drop in the offering plate.

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OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 21

- 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)
- 4:00 p.m. Youth Committee (GC)
- 5:30 p.m. High School Youth Group

Monday, January 22

- 8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)
- 10:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl (MH)
- 6:00 p.m. Global Mission (MCR)

Tuesday, January 23

- 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (MCR)
- 12:00 p.m. Men's Lunch (MH)
- 5:15 p.m. Stephen Minister Leaders (MH)
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministers (MH)
- 6:30 p.m. Joint Meeting w/Elders & Deacons (MH)

Wednesday, January 24

- 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 25

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

Friday, January 26

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

Saturday, January 27

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



Our Christian sympathy goes to Rossanne Gorsky on the death of her son, Kevin Ehrlich, who died December 26, 2017.



Remember in Prayer

MEMBERS

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

IN THE HOSPITAL: Bill Everhart & John Skipper

Relatives & Friends

Robert Allen	Denise Cole's father
Dusty Barr	Mary Ellen Rowker's cousin
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

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



3 CENTS-A-MEAL

We will collect the **3 Cents-a-Meal Hunger Offering** during our three worship services **THIS SUNDAY, January 21.**

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

WE NEED UPDATED PHOTOS!!

If you are sitting on the aisle, could you take some pictures of the children collecting? It would be greatly appreciated. Please email them to Connie at cshipley@firstpreswh.org.



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.



JOIN ONE OF OUR YOUTH GROUPS

If you are a middle or high school student, we would love for you to join us for youth group each week in our youth house, The Golden Center. **Middle School** meets each **Wednesday night from 5:30-7:30** and **High School** meets each **Sunday night from 5:30-7:30.** During this time we spend time together sharing meals, growing in Christ, playing games, and having LOTS of fun!



Once a month we meet outside the Golden Center to be the hands and feet of Jesus to help people in our community. We have laid sod for Habitat for Humanity, worked in our soup kitchen feeding the homeless, and bagged countless lunches for our bag lunch ministry. These are just a few ways we are the hands and feet of Jesus.

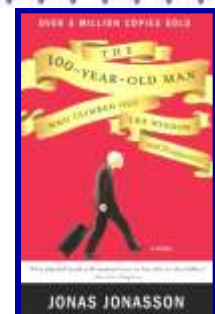
Sometimes we get together simply to have fun. We have been to the corn maze in the dark, Fun Spot, pool parties, camp outs, paint balling, and so much more. Upcoming events being planned are: a Chain of Lakes canoe cookout and Ice Skating. If you are looking to connect with young people your age while developing a deep relationship with Christ, come and join us. We would love to have you!

START READING FOR OUR NEXT Odd Month, Odd Monday Book Club?

March 19: *The One Hundred Year Old Man* By Jonas Jonasson

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.



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.



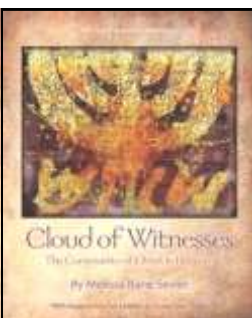
“*My Favorite ^Christmas Things*” has the potential for being one of our best Advent Devotionals. Once again scripture lessons and prayers will be added to your submissions. Please share one or more of your favorite ^Christmas Things. Sign up in the narthex, in the office or by calling Alan at 294-3121.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

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

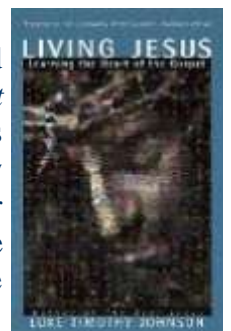


For Kids: We'll be getting to learn more about Jesus - His life and ministry and leaders in the early church. Short videos, music, art, and Bible activities will keep the kids coming back for more!

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.**



Also for adults: Explore financial principles embedded in the Bible. This course, led by church member, Elder, and CPA Howard Beckert will give the participants direction in how to apply these principles in their daily lives. The class will be tailored to meet the needs and interests of the participants and meets in CE207 at **9:30 a.m.** and runs thru February 11.

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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 235 bag lunches
the week of 1/8/18.

Return Service Requested

Ms. Jennifer Van Allen
4714 48th St. Apt. 3F
Woodside, NY 11377-6610

Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 75 people on 1/13/17.

SOUND BOARD OPERATORS WANTED

If technology is your thing, we have a place for you in our musical praise!! We are in need of people who would like to learn about our sound system and help during the worship services to make sure all our praise is heard!

We will be holding a training session so **contact Lynn at 701-570-1485** and let her know if you are willing to join the Sunday rotation in the sound booth. **PLEASE!!**



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 Barbara's Centre for Dance, we have distributed a huge amount. 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.

