



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

Tower Chimes

Week of September 9, 2018

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132 Years of Ministry

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FALL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES!

Children's Sunday School for PreSchoolers through 5th grade happening in the CE Building, **9:30 a.m. (9 a.m. on the First Sunday.)** Our children will activate faith with *Spark Lectionary* curriculum. Each class will engage the Biblical story of the day through creative, hands-on activities, interactive games, and crafts. We'll also be continuing the story with take-home Spark Family pages! Sunday School for Preschoolers and Kindergartners will meet in Room 101. Our elementary students will meet after music in Room 206. Sunday School starts **Sept. 9 at 9:30 am!**



And don't forget we are practicing each Sunday with Miss Lynn and sharing musical talents on the first Sunday starting **October 7**. On the first Sunday, Sunday School will begin at **9 a.m.**

Adult Educational Opportunities – Sunday mornings and more!

Perspectives Sunday School Class – 9:30am in the Geneva Room

Join a discussion-based, current topics class that values diving deep in today's issues. Topics for 2018-19 include the Middle East and Islamic faith; racism and other contemporary, thematic concerns. Join Jim Threlkel and Glenn Thomas as they plan their year on **September 9 at 9:30 a.m.**



Be on the lookout for other adult educational opportunities this fall.

Embracing and Immersing Adult Faith – starting in late October/early November. A second Sunday School adult educational option every other month with rotating leadership.

Chapel Chats – A monthly, hour-long exploration of scripture meeting in the Chapel



CHRIST KIDS BEGINS SEPTEMBER 12TH

It's hard to believe the new school year is just around the corner! And you know what that means?!? A new year of Christ Kids! Our Wednesday after-school program which starts **September 12**.

Permission slips for kids four years through 5th grade are available on the church website. Download and drop off your form today. And don't forget to invite a friend or two!

Adults interested in volunteering? Call Rev. Sarah at 294-3121 or email her at sbishop@firstpreswh.org.



OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 9

8:00 a.m. Chapel Worship (Chapel)
 9:15 a.m. The Connection (MH)
 9:15 a.m. Heart of Worship (Sanctuary)
 9:30 a.m. Sunday School (CE)
 11:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
 4:00 p.m. Praise Band (Sanctuary)
 5:30 p.m. High School Youth Group (GC)

Monday, September 10

8:45 a.m. Morning Out Mom (CE)
 6:30 p.m. Christian Education (GR)

Tuesday, September 11

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (MCR)
 12:00 p.m. Men's Lunch (MH)
 6:00 p.m. Personnel (MCR)

Wednesday, September 12

8:45 a.m. Morning Out Mom (CE)
 12:00 p.m. Buildings & Grounds (MH)
 3:00 p.m. Christ Kids (CE)
 5:30 p.m. Middle School Youth Group (GC)
 6:00 p.m. Chancel Bells (MS)
 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir (MS)

Thursday, September 13

1:15 p.m. Chapel Bells (MS)

Friday, September 14

8:45 a.m. Morning Out Mom (CE)

Saturday, September 15

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

Remember in Prayer MEMBERS

Roger Able	Doris Hill	Keith & Jane Ray
Joyce Anderson	Bryan Howard	Sarah Rennie
Kathy Andrews	Camille Howe	Barbara Roberts
Bill Brack	Isobel Hubbard	Earle Roberts
Tom Brackett	Jim Huff	Elsie Savant
Henry Braun	Scott & Becky Irvin	Beverly Seagreaves
Nancy Brooks	Shea & Lacey Irvin	Joyce Shirah
Helen Butz	Martha Johnson	Susan Heyer Singleton
Helen Champlain	Joey Johnston	Mary Alice & Emma Skipper
Carl Cheatham	Peggy Kennedy	Barbara H. Smith
Tom Coffman	John Kissel	Christine Stevens
Yolanda Dyer	Toni Krieger	Scott Strey
Mike & Jana	Dena Lancashire	Jay Tackett
Easterling	Kathy Lockhart	Pam Tallent-Blackburn
Bill Everhart	Spike Lucia	Carolyn Thompson
Ed & Rossanne Gorsky	Larry Marshall	Mike & Jennifer Vibral
Clyde Greene	Anne McCauley	Lee Wilkinson
Jane Hayman	Lynn Mincey	Judy Winfree
Joyce Hayman	Bev Morris	Retha Wright
Frances Heath	Nancy Neale	
Kay Hedden	Joe Oriani	
	Randall Palmer	

Relatives & Friends

Reese Burdette	Dana Cole's cousin
Mimi Convoy	Pat Vobornik's sister
Vivian DeRussy	Mary Ellen Rowker's friend
Al Ellis	Jim Threlkel's friend
Charlotte Epstein	Roger & Marie Able's niece
Thomas & Carolyn Francis	Jim Francis' brother & sister-in-law
Lynda Giles	Polly Wilson's niece
Dolores Hardy	Bill & Becky Everhart's friend
Pat Harmon	Marile Weeks' friend
Kay Heatherington Holt	Bill Everhart's friend
David Horell	Roger & Marie Able's friend
Pete Kent	Charley & Nancy Chilton's nephew
Walter Mayden	Gale Waters' cousin
Mary Linda McCarty	Gale & Gwen Waters' friend
John McKibben	Jane Whitney's brother
Carol Moore	Roger & Marie Able's friend
Betty Sanders	Jane Whitney's sister
David Satterfield	Heather Whitney's friend
Margaret Stanley	Alison O'Neal's sister
Tibbs Swick	Amanda Olmert's father
Blake Szarnak	Rose Flynn's friend
Kristy Turner	Rick & Pat Reass' daughter
Samuel Cole Vibral	Jennifer & Mike Vibral's grandson

IT'S NOT TOO LATE
 TO SIGN UP FOR
 SANCTUARY FLOWERS
 FOR THIS SUNDAY,
 SEPTEMBER 9.
 Call the church office at
 294-3121 to put
 Your name down.

THE CALENDAR ALSO
 HAS THE FOLLOWING
 AVAILABLE DATES FOR
 REST OF THE YEAR:

September 23 & 30
 October 14 & 21
 November 11, 18, & 25
 December 2, 9, & 30



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

Worship (and more) on the Lord's Day at First Pres **STARTING SUNDAY – SEPTEMBER 9, 2018** **Here's what you'll find each Sunday morning!**

8:00 a.m. Chapel Worship **(NOTE THE NEW EARLIER TIME)**



A traditional worship service held in our chapel. The service follows the same order as the 11:00 a.m. worship, but does not have a Chancel Choir. Musical ensembles will offer special music on many Sundays.

A Time with Younger Disciples will be included when we have children in attendance.

9:15 – 10:45 a.m. The Connection An extended fellowship time in McLeod Hall which will offer a coffee bar type selection with different flavors, creamers, pastries, etc. It is a gathering place before (or after) worship, and between worship and Sunday School for some.

9:15 - 10:15 a.m. Heart of Worship **(NOTE THE NEW EARLIER TIME)**

A Praise and Worship service held in our sanctuary. Along with scripture, sermon, and prayers, a praise band will help the congregation in adoring and showing reverence to God. Following the *Time with Younger Disciples*, children will be invited to join Ms. Lynn in music and then to join in their own Children's Sunday School Classes.



9:30 – 10:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School
A variety of Christian Education classes for adults.

9:30 – 10:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School

We will begin with music with Ms. Lynn and then children of all ages will be welcomed to explore faith in their own classes.

11:00 a.m. Sanctuary Worship

A traditional worship service held in our sanctuary. The service follows the same order as the 8:00 a.m. Chapel Service, and includes music from the Chancel Choir and the organ, as well as other instruments and groups.



And beginning in October... the First Sunday First Pres Family Gathering

10:00 a.m. Worship

11:15 a.m. Congregational Luncheon

WHEN? Every First Sunday



WHAT? A single worship service followed

October 7	February 3	June 2
November 4	March 3	July 7
December 2	April 7	August 4
January 6	May 5	



Single worship by a fellow-

ship luncheon

A Single Worship Service at 10:00 a.m. (Sunday School will be held at 9:00 a.m.)

A unique order of worship with elements from our other services:

A couple of opening songs with our Praise Band

An anthem presented by our Chancel Choir

A hymn accompanied on our pipe organ

Closing music by one of our hand bell groups or ensembles

Sermon and Time with Younger Disciples by our Pastors

Congregation-wide Fellowship Luncheon at 11:15 a.m.

Served family style in McLeod Hall at our round tables.

No reservations requested or required. There will be plenty of food.

Any leftovers will be used by our Senior High Youth for their

Sunday night meal, our Middle School Youth for their Wednesday

night meal, or our Saturday Soup Kitchen.)





For 11 a.m. worship services. If you would be interested in helping welcome, greet, seat, and assist people at worship, we could use your assistance as an usher.

Please contact the church office at 294-3121 or office@firstpreswh.org.

YOUTH GROUPS ARE IN FULL SWING!

We are well into the year and our **High School Youth Group** meets on **Sundays, 5:30-7:30 p.m.** **Middle School Youth Group** meets on **Wednesdays, 5:30-7:30 p.m.** Both groups gather in the **Golden Center**. We encourage you to invite friends to share this fun time and a nice meal.

SPEAKING OF YOUTH MEALS...

Our youth groups provide a safe environment for students to meet, have fun, and learn about Christ. We provide dinner for students at every youth group. What can you do? Help us by volunteering to provide dinner for our students. This contribution also exposes you to what Christ is doing in our youth program.



Looking for words to comfort a friend?

When your closest friends, members of your (whatever) club, who you always thought had a good marriage, are getting a divorce: "I heard, and I'm sorry. I'm sure there must be pain. If it helps to talk about it, count me as a friend who is willing to listen and not pass judgment. If you don't want to talk about it, I'll respect that, too."



Bockelman, Wilfred. *Finding the Right Words; Offering Care and Comfort When You Don't Know What to Say*. Minneapolis: Augsburg; 1990.

STEPHEN MINISTERS ARE HERE TO HELP

If you, or someone you know, are sad or struggling inside, don't suffer alone. Ask for help. We've got a team of Stephen Ministers who are ready to listen, care, encourage, pray, and help you through a tough time. Men are matched with men, and women with women. (It's completely confidential too!) To find out more about Stephen Ministry for you or someone you know, **call 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.**



Stephen Minister Request Form Boxes are placed in the **Centennial Room, narthex, and balcony hallway** for your convenience. These secure boxes make it easy for someone to make a Confidential Request for a Stephen Minister. Forms are found in the pew pockets and forms and pens are also held by the box making it convenient for individuals to request a Stephen Minister.

DON'T FORGET THE ANGEL VAN MINISTRY

The Angel Van is a service deacons provide for adults who have no means of transportation to and from our Sunday worship. Those who would like to take advantage of this service need to call the office at 294-3121 by noon on Fridays. Your request will be relayed to the deacon driving on that Sunday and the deacon will contact you by telephone on Saturday to confirm your desire to be transported and to arrange the time of pick up for our 10:30 a.m. service. Please let us know if we can be of service to you.



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 181 bag lunches
the week of 8/27/18.

We gave out 901 bag lunches
in August, 2018.

Return Service Requested

Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 70 people on 9/1/18.

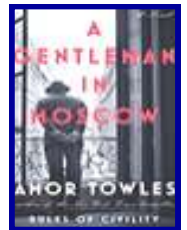
We fed 446 in August, 2018.

The next Odd Month, Odd Monday Book Club is September 17

A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles

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.



And for the last gathering of the year...

November 19: *The 13th Gift* by Joanne Huist Smith

52 Little Lessons from A Christmas Carol by Bob Welch

A copy or copies of the titles 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.



FUNTIMERS, SAVE THE DATE

Monday, Sept 17 at 11:15 a.m.



We will travel from the church to the *Museum of Winter Haven History* in the Woman's Club Building located at Pope Ave. and Lake Howard Dr. Bob Gernert, museum director, will present a narrated tour of the museum.

Following the program we will gather at the Fire Restaurant on Central Avenue for lunch.

All it will cost you is the price of your lunch.

We hope you will join us **and** bring a friend. Please RSVP by **Wednesday, Sept. 12** by calling the church office at 294-3121 or emailing to office@firstpreswh.org, or filling out this attachment and placing in the offering plate.

Name: _____ # Attending: _____