



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

Tower Chimes

Week of October 14, 2018

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132 Years of Ministry

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FALL FEST IS OCTOBER 24 AT 6:30 PM Cake Door Prize & Candy Donation

Our annual Fall Fest is just around the corner. In addition to the games, maze and pizza, our CE committee would like to host a Cake Give Away, so if baking is your gift (cakes or pies) consider creating a cake for us to raffle off!



If not, donations for individually wrapped candy and small toys are welcomed as we prepare for that fun evening! And don't forget to join us for the fun. Contact Rev. Sarah for more information at sbishop@firstpreswh.org or by calling 863-294-3121.

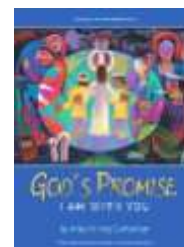


PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN BIBLE STUDY

The Lydia and Joy circles will begin a new study this month titled:
God's Promise – "I Am with You."

The Joy Circle meets on the **3rd Tuesday** of each month and will meet **October 16 at 9:30 a.m.** the home of Carol Carter.

The Lydia Circle meets on the **2nd Monday** of each month and will meet **November 12 at 10 a.m.** in the back of McLeod Hall.



The study books are available at a cost of \$10.00. See or call either Sue McClew (875-6176) or Carol Carter (299-4253) to purchase your copy. Both groups are open to any and all women of the church interested in fellowship and Bible study.



DON'T MISS OUR LAST 2018 Odd Month, Odd Monday Book Club

November 19: *The 13th Gift* by Joanne Huist Smith & *52 Little Lessons from A Christmas Carol* by Bob Welch

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.

In January, 2019, OMOM Book Club becomes
OMTT3 Book Club: Odd Month - Third Thursday at 3 Book Club.



OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, October 14

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

Monday, October 15

- 8:45 a.m. Morning Out Mom (CE)
- 6:00 p.m. FunTimers (MH)

Tuesday, October 16

- 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (MCR)
- 9:30 a.m. Joy Circle (MH)
- 12:00 p.m. Men's Lunch (MH)
- 12:00 p.m. Finance (UR)
- 6:00 p.m. Officer Training Circle (MCR)
- 6:30 p.m. Deacons (GR)

Wednesday, October 17

- 8:45 a.m. Morning Out Mom (CE)
- 3:00 p.m. Christ Kids (CE)
- 5:00 p.m. MSYG Music (Sanctuary)
- 5:30 p.m. Middle School Youth Group (GC)
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study (MH)
- 6:00 p.m. Chancel Bells (MS)
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir (MS)

Thursday, October 18

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

Friday, October 19

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

Saturday, October 20

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

Remember in Prayer

MEMBERS

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| Roger Able | Bryan Howard | Jane Ray |
| Kathy Andrews | Bob & Isobel Hubbard | Barbara Roberts |
| Bill Brack | Jim Huff | Earle Roberts |
| Tom Brackett | Martha Johnson | Elsie Savant |
| Henry Braun | Joey Johnston | Beverly Seagreaves |
| Nancy Brooks | Peggy Kennedy | Joyce Shirah |
| Helen Butz | John Kissel | Susan Heyer Singleton |
| Helen Champlain | Toni Krieger | Mary Alice & Emma
Skipper |
| Carl Cheatham | Dena Lancashire | Barbara H. Smith |
| Tom Coffman | Kathy Lockhart | Mary Ann Snively |
| Yolanda Dyer | Spike Lucia | Christine Stevens |
| Mike & Jana
Easterling | Candy Marshall | Scott Strey |
| Ed & Rossanne
Gorsky | Anne McCauley | Jay Tackett |
| Clyde Greene | Jerry Mincey | Pam Tallent-Blackburn |
| Jane Hayman | Tillie Montney | Carolyn Thompson |
| Joyce Hayman | Bev Morris | Mike & Jennifer Vibral |
| Frances Heath | Nancy Neale | Judy Winfree |
| Kay Hedden | Joe Oriani | Retha Wright |
| Doris Hill | Randall Palmer | |
| | Andy, Sherie, & Kasey
Ray | |

IN THE HOSPITAL: Bill Everhart

Relatives & Friends

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| Reese Burdette | Dana Cole's cousin |
| Brenda Cape | Alan Harvey's friend |
| Katie Carter | Bob & Carol Carter's daughter-in-law |
| Al Ellis | Jim Threlkel's friend |
| Dale Szarflarski | Wade Hoffman's friend |
| Thomas & Carolyn Francis | Jim Francis' brother & sister-in-law |
| Alicia Glika | Diane Repass' friend |
| Diana Hagen & baby Liam | Debbie Anderson's friend |
| Pat Harmon | Marile Weeks' friend |
| Pete Kent | Charley & Nancy Chilton's nephew |
| Eduardo Lopez | Gene Aspy's friend |
| Eve H. Mills | Gannon Olmert's cousin |
| Stephanie Montgomery | Jean Strang's friend |
| Carol Moore | Roger & Marie Able's friend |
| Kris Polak | Sandy Hoffman's friend |
| David Satterfield | Heather Whitney's friend |
| Jim Smathers | Tom & Jeri Oldt's friend |
| Arnie Spangers | Marile Weeks' friend |
| Tibbs Swick | Amanda Olmert's father |
| Kristy Turner | Rick & Pat Reass' daughter |
| Marshall Wood's family | Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend |



Our Christian sympathy extends to Jerry Mincey upon the death of his wife, Lynn Mincey, who died on Friday, October 5, 2018.



MILITARY

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

WE HAVE A NEW WAY OF GIVING!

ONLINE

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give

Here are a few ways to access this new option:

- Go to our Church website at www.firstpreswh.org and click on **give** (top right), you will be re-directed to <https://app.securegive.com/firstpreswh> or you can go directly to the SecureGive website, <https://app.securegive.com/firstpreswh>
- First time users will click on sign-up
- Complete all fields and click the blue sign-up box ** password must be a minimum of 8 characters, including numbers and uppercase and lowercase letters.
- Click donate
- Choose your donation option, under special offering you will enter your special request, ie. pastor fund, butterfly etc
- Choose one time or reoccurring
- Enter card information (if you choose to save your information the next time you login the information will be there and make giving much easier)
- Submit (this is where you will add your additional message if needed)
- You will receive an email confirmation of your giving for your records

There's also an APP for that!

- Simply go to your App store and download the free **SecureGive Vision** (you must type in SecureGive Vision) app and follow the prompts on each screen. Once you login or create an account you will be prompted to search for First Presbyterian church by name, city and/or state, follow the steps and enter the amount you wish to donate and the designation, one-time or recurring and then enter your card information.

Robin Miller is available to assist you during office hours at 863-294-3121 or email rmiller@firstpreswh.org.

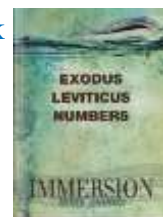
ADULT DISCIPLESHIP ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Immersion - A Wednesday evening Bible study has begun.

Join Rev. Sarah and additional leadership as we dive deep into scripture, starting with the Book of Exodus. A copy of the study book is available in McLeod Hall.

Our adventure is **Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m., October 17; November 7 & 14
then again, December 5, 12, & 19.**

Questions? Contact Rev. Sarah at sbishop@firstpreswh.org or 294-3121.



REMEMBER! THE STEPHEN MINISTERS ARE HERE FOR YOU!



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.

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!



WINTER HAVEN STAMP CLUB INVITES YOU

... to its 70th Birthday Celebration October 25 at 7:15 p.m. in the Geneva Room



The Winter Haven Stamp Club was formed here in Winter Haven in 1948 but as interest fell off here the club moved to Lakeland. In the early 60’s more stamp collectors moved into the Winter Haven area, so in 1964 the club returned to Winter Haven. The 21 charter members set a time for the meetings – the second and fourth Thursday of each month - and the meeting place was Rotary Park Field House. In 1966 the meeting place was changed to the Geneva Room at First Presbyterian Church and it has been held there ever since.

The purpose of the club is to further the knowledge of the hobby, to assist those who are building a collection, and to provide a place to meet with other collectors to discuss what is new in stamps. Collectors of all ages are welcome, especially those who are starting collections.

Guests are welcome to come join us in celebrating the 70th year of the Winter Haven Stamp Club October 25 at 7:15 p.m. in the Geneva Room.

JOIN US ON SUNDAYS!!!

8:00 a.m. Chapel Worship

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 - 10:15 a.m. Heart of Worship

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.

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.

DON'T MISS THE CONNECTION 9:15-10:45 A.M.

This fellowship time in McLeod Hall offers a coffee bar type selection with different flavored creamers, pastries, etc. It is a gathering place before or between worship and Sunday School for some folks.



SUNDAY SCHOOL 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. Sunday School for preschoolers and kindergartners will meet in Room 101. Our elementary students will meet after music in Room 206.



Oct 7-First Sundays – Sunday School at **9 a.m.** and sharing musical talents in worship at **10a.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 for this engaging class at **9:30 a.m.**



(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.

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 186 bag lunches
the week of 10/1/18.

Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 75 people on 10/6/18.

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HEY MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOLERS!

Ever wonder what it's like for children all over the world, living in different circumstances? Join us for *The Compassion Experience*.

What is The Compassion Experience? This free event features an interactive journey through the true stories of children living in developing countries like the Philippines, Kenya, Uganda, and the Dominican Republic. In over 2,000 square feet of interactive exhibit space, visitors will step inside homes, markets, and schools — without getting on a plane. Each child's story starts in poverty but ends in hope.



Middle and high school youth are invited to join us **October 21** as we travel to First Baptist Church at the Mall. There is NO COST and dinner will be provided!

Students will meet in McLeod Hall at **3 p.m.** to help setup for our fall festival. We will then proceed to the event and be back at the YOUTH HOUSE at 7:45pm.

Please RSVP in person or contact Leonard Mosiah at
leonardmosiah@gmail.com or 312-678-7764.