



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

Tower Chimes

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133 Years of Ministry

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FIRST SUNDAY FIRST PRES GATHERING & WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Please join us **this Sunday, October 6** for our **10:00 am Single Worship Service** where you will be able to catch up with all your First Pres friends. The service will feature a unique order of worship with elements from our other services such as: several opening songs with our Praise Band, a traditional anthem, Sermon, Time with Younger Disciples, and closing music by one of our hand bell groups or ensembles. Communion will be celebrated.



At **11:15 am**, we hope you continue fellowship with our First Pres family and friends, with a **Congregation-wide Fellowship Luncheon in McLeod Hall**.

No reservations requested or required. There will be plenty of food. Any leftovers will be used by our Saturday Soup Kitchen.

FUNTIMERS AND ALL FPC SENIORS

Please sign-up now to take part in this FUN adventure!

CedarKirk—Wednesday, October 9

Our FPC bus will provide transportation.

The bus will leave from FPC at 8:30 am and return about 4:00 pm.

Join us for this popular annual event and spend the day at CedarKirk in fellowship with other adults!

We will enjoy an engaging speaker, have time to sing together, and an opportunity to explore the camp.

Wear comfortable clothes and shoes since there will be free time available for recreation, rocking on the porch, or exploring camp.

Bring an appetite as well because we'll have breakfast treats and a delicious lunch!

Join us for a beautiful fall day at CedarKirk!

The speaker/workshop leader for this year's event is Rev. Ramiro Ros. Across two workshops, he will trace some of the unlikely characters in Jesus' lineage to encourage each of us to step into the roles God has called us to. Regardless of where we are in our lives, Rev. Ros will help us identify ways we can make God's plan the central focus of our lives.

This event is \$20 per person and includes snacks, lunch, and all activities.



To sign-up for this fun trip to CedarKirk: email to office@firstpreswh.org, call the church office at 294-3121, sign-up at the FunTimers display in McLeod Hall, or fill out this tear-off and drop it in the offering plate or by the office.

Name: _____ Contact #: _____ # Attending: _____

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, October 6

- 10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)
11:15 am Fellowship Luncheon (MH)
5:30 pm High School Youth Group (GC)

Monday, October 7

- 8:45 am MOM (CE)

Tuesday, October 8

- 9:00 am Staff Meeting (MCR)
12:00 pm Men's Lunch (MH)
6:00 pm Personnel (MCR)

Wednesday, October 9

- 8:30 am FunTimers (MH/Cedarkirk)
8:45 am MOM (CE)
12:00 pm Buildings & Grounds (MH)
3:00 pm Christ Kids (CE)
5:30 pm Middle School Youth Group (GC)
6:00 pm Dave Ramey Financial Peace (PL)
6:00 pm Chancel Bells (MS)
7:00 pm Choir (MS)

Thursday, October 10

- 12:00 pm Chapel Bells (MS)

Friday, October 11

- 8:45 am MOM (CE)

Saturday, October 12

- 2:00 pm Soup Kitchen Prep (Kitchen)
4:00 pm Soup Kitchen (737)

Remember in Prayer

MEMBERS

Marie Able	Jane Hayman	Joan McCollough
Kathy Andrews	Joyce Hayman	Edna Mitchell
Helen Butz	Frances Heath	Bev Morris
Helen Champlain	Kay Hedden	Nancy Neale
Carl Cheatham	Doris Hill	Bill Patchen
Charlie Darte	Bryan Howard	Barbara Roberts
Patricia & James Dexter	Bob & Isobel	John & Marilyn Schleifer
Marjorie DiLorenzo	Hubbard	George Seagraves
Yolanda Dyer	Jim Huff	Cash Sheaffer
Jana Easterling	Martha Johnson	Joyce Shirah
Dana Elmore	Bill Johnston	Barbara H. Smith
Bill Everhart	John Kissel	Joel Smith
Jim Francis	Dena Lancashire	Christine Stevens
Pat Gardner	Eric Lindstrom	Pam Tallent-Blackburn
John Gray	Spike Lucia	Carolyn Thompson
Pam Gray	Pat McCarty	Gwen Waters
Bob Hancock	Bob McClew	Sug Zowarka

Relatives & Friends

Jeff Bronson	Rose Flynn's brother-in-law
Reese Burdette	Dana Cole's cousin
Debra Cain	Tom & Jeri Oldt's friend
Larry Durrence	George & Joyce Carefoot's brother-in-law
Al Ellis	Jim Threlkel's friend
Sidney Hilliard	Tillie Montney's mother
Joyce Hoffman	Wade Hoffman's mother
Pete Kent	Charley & Nancy Chilton's nephew
Nathan Leaman	Lynn Oakley's friend
Shelia Moskowitz	Nell Speer's friend
Debbie Rogers	Lynn Oakley's friend
Sandy Schwenk	Zane Schwenk's mother
April Stade	Pam Gray's friend
Jabo Stewart	Tom & Jeri Oldt's friend

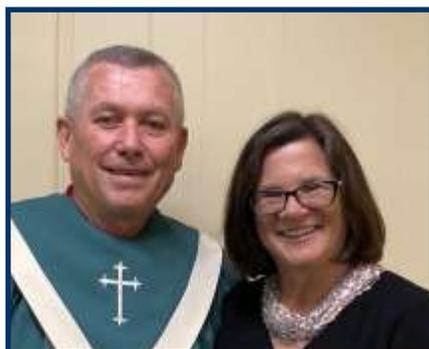
MILITARY

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



Edward Walker

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863-259-0736 (Cindy)

OUR PASTORS ARE EAGER TO VISIT OUR HOSPITALIZED MEMBERS, BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP

The tightening of HIPAA regulations has meant that we have missed visiting some of our members during their hospital stay. If you are a member or a friend of this congregation, or you have a family member admitted to *any* hospital, please call the church office and let our pastors know.

Thank you for helping us stay in touch with the congregation!

“PINT-SIZE” FUNTIMERS OCTOBER EVENT PUMPKIN CARVE-A-THON

Bring your own pumpkin for an evening of decorating,
roasting pumpkin seeds and fall-theme fun!

We'll have dinner as well! Meeting in McLeod Hall at 6:30 on October 18.



FALL FEST: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 5PM -7PM



We will be celebrating the beginning of Fall with games, crafts, trivia, and a pizza dinner on **Sunday, October 27** starting at **5 pm** with Fall Fest! A family-friendly event for all ages! Be sure to wear your Halloween costume and bring a bag to collect all your goodies!

Adults and teens, we'll begin set-up for this fun event after the 11am worship. See you McLeod Hall for all the fun!

We'll also have a sign-up sheet for Come To the Stable, December 14 for families to begin planning now.



CANDY NEEDED

With Fall Fest just around the corner, the Christian Education committee has set out buckets to collect individually wrapped candies! So, as you are out and about preparing for Halloween in your neighborhood, grab an extra bag or two for the children of First Pres. Buckets are in the narthex and McLeod Hall. And thank you.

CHRIST KIDS!

Christ Kids – our faith-filled and safe after-school program for children 4 years through 5th grade meets **Wednesdays at 3 pm**. Permission slips for families are on the church website, so spread the word and don't forget to join us as an Adult Volunteer! Questions? Contact Rev. Sarah via calling the church office at 294-3121 or emailing sbishop@firstpreswh.org.



CALLING ALL YOUTH!!!

Youth grades 6th-12th, please join us for Sunday School following the 9:15 am Heart of Worship Service, **10:30-10:55**.

We will enjoy fellowship, breakfast, and dive deeper into the scriptures discussed in the today's worship services.

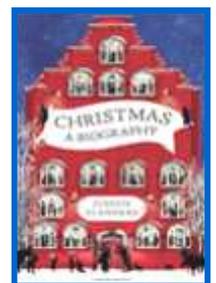
Meet us in the back of McLeod Hall! Come hungry and ready to learn more about God!



START READING FOR THE NEXT ODD MONTH THIRD THURSDAY AT 3 BOOK CLUB!

November 21

Christmas A Biography, By Judith Flanders.



DAVE RAMSEY'S FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY Meets Wednesdays at 6:00 pm in the Price Library and will run through November 6



Take control of your money with *Financial Peace University (FPU)*! This nine-session course uses biblical wisdom and common sense to help you tackle budgeting, pay off debt, and make your money work for you! FPU includes your member workbook and a year of free online resources through a Financial Peace Membership. Join this FPU group today! Be sure to purchase your member registration online at <https://www.fpu.com/1095087> and then join us. Questions? Contact Lee Wilkinson at 863-221-2006 or wilkeglk@verizon.net.

SCHOOL IS BACK IN SESSION AND SO ARE OUR WEEKLY YOUTH FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS

Middle School Youth is meeting on **Wednesday evenings, from 5:30 – 7:30 pm** in the Golden Student Center. Join with **Philip Batista, Bill Lockhart, Steve Negley, and Emily Snyder (our Director of Student Ministries)** and our sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students as we enjoy time of food (we always have a meal), fun, and faith. Feel free to invite your friends to come along, too.

High School Youth (our ninth, tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grade young people along with **Cheryce Harris, Steve Negley, Jonathan Owen, Emily Snyder, and Peggy Threlkel**) gathers at the Golden Student Center (711 Sixth Street, NW) on **Sunday evenings (5:30 – 7:30 pm)** to share food, Christian fellowship, and service. Come check us out and watch your walk with Jesus deepen.



HAVE YOU LOST...



A pair of glasses (prescription, reading, or sunglasses), jacket, or sweater? Maybe it was last week, last month or even last year. If so, we could have it.

We have a collection that has been found over time and would like to find their rightful homes.

Please check the desk next to the maintenance office.

On top you will find various glasses and in the box underneath is a box with clothing.

OFFICE FURNITURE AVAILABLE!

You may see this furniture in the back of McLeod Hall.

If you are interested, call the church office at 294-3121 or email office@firstpreswh.org with you bid.

The money collected will go into our mission fund.



CAN YOU HELP WITH CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SUPPLIES?

As we start a new school year, what better way to help First Pres continue to be a welcoming and fun church! We need your help! Our Christ Kids, Sunday School and Morning Out Moms program has created an Amazon wish list (https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1UYO02DN421X0?ref=wl_share) of new toys, games and supplies to make that space fresh! You can purchase right from the list or use it as a guide to pick something up as you are out and about town.

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



TEXT TO GIVE

1. Donor texts the keyword and amount (ex. Tithe 100 –**There must be a space between the keyword and amount**) to the number that is assigned to your organization. (If only an amount is texted without a keyword, the funds will go to a default category- unless you are using the short code- there is no default category on the short code.)
2. First time text donors receive a text with a link to sign into their SecureGive account or create a new one.
3. Donor signs in or creates an account and saves a default payment method to be used for text giving.
4. When this is complete, donor receives a confirmation that their first text donation has been processed. They will also receive an email receipt.



The next time the donor would like to give by text, they simply type the keyword and amount and will receive a request to confirm with Y. After replying, they will receive a text confirmation that their donation was processed and will receive an email receipt.

****We recommend that the donor save your organization's text number as a contact in their phone for future use****

****Donors can text a question mark “?” to be sent helpful tips.**

****Donors can text STOP to de-activate text giving from their phone. If they have texted STOP at any point, they must text START to get re-started.**

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

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!!**



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 Susan Singleton at 318-9208. Or you can talk with one of our other Stephen Leaders: Alan Harvey, Mary Marrs, Steve Negley, Barbara Perkins, or Jean Strang.**

ANGELS CARE CENTER OF ELOISE Angel Collection Box Needs

There is an ongoing need for the following items to give out at the Angels Care Center. Please leave items in the Angel Collection Box in McLeod Hall. Thank YOU, and God Bless!!!

First Aid Kits: washcloths, band-aids, wet wipes, small soaps, small antibacterial soap, Q-tips, small packets of antibiotic ointment, etc.

Children's "Jesus Kits": coloring sheets with Biblical themes, crayons, scripture/song cards (simple and short for children), small books, stickers, etc.

Toiletry Kits: shampoo, soap, deodorant, razors, feminine products, combs, washcloths, hand gel, lotion, toothbrush and toothpaste, small samples from hotel/motels, etc.



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 189 bag lunches
the week of 9/23/19.

Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 88 people on 9/28/19.

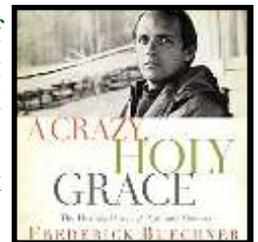
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NEW ADULT EDUCATION – SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTING OCTOBER 13 IN CE 207

A Crazy, Holy Grace- the Healing Power of Pain and Memory by Fredrick Buechner

When pain is real, why is God silent? Frederick Buechner has grappled with the nature of pain, grief, and grace ever since his father committed suicide when Buechner was a young boy. In this essential collection of essays, including one never before published, Frederick Buechner finds that the God who might seem so silent is ever near.

Join the study and conversation starting **October 13** by picking up your copy of the book and study guide for \$10.00 from the church office.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN BIBLE STUDY



The Lydia and Joy circles current Bible Study is:

“Love Carved in Stone” – A fresh Look at the Ten Commandments.

The Lydia Circle meets on the **2nd Monday** of each month and will meet on **October at 14 at 10 am** in the back of McLeod Hall.

The Joy Circle meets on the **3rd Tuesday** of each month and will meet on **October 15 at 9:30 am** at the home of Carol Carter.

The study books are available now at a cost of \$10. See either Sue McClew or Carol Carter, or come by the church office to purchase your copy. Our group is open to any and