



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

Tower Chimes

Week of November 3, 2019

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133 Years of Ministry

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The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated at our First Sunday single worship service Sunday, November 3. Prepare your heart to come to the Lord's Table.

FIRST SUNDAY FIRST PRES GATHERING

Please join us **next Sunday, November 3** 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.

At **11:15 am**, we hope you continue fellowship on the playground with our First Pres family and friends at a **Congregation-wide Fellowship picnic in the 737 building with hamburgers and hotdogs, hosted by the Christian Education Committee.**

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



We hope you will join us for this great day of faith, friendship, and fellowship.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE AGREED TO HELP US HOST THE PRESBYTERY OF TAMPA BAY ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7



We are leaving the sign-up sheets posted in McLeod Hall so that you may check on the times for your service. We will have First Pres Nametags and Lanyards for you as you arrive to serve. The dress for Presbytery is business casual (women will be in slacks or skirts/dresses, and men will probably arrive open collar or wearing ties, with some in jeans), so dress comfortably to help welcome our sisters and brothers in Christ.

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 3 FIRST SUNDAY ALL SAINTS' DAY COMMUNION

- 10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:15 am Fellowship Picnic (Playground)
- 12:00 pm Bell Cleaning (MS)
- 5:00 pm High School Youth Group (GC)

Monday, November 4

- 8:45 am MOM (CE)

Tuesday, November 5

- 9:00 am Staff Meeting (MCR)
- 12:00 pm Men's Lunch (MH)
- 1:15 pm PW Bible Study Leader (MCR)
- 6:30 pm Session (GR)

Wednesday, November 6

- 8:45 am MOM (CE)
- 3:00 pm Christ Kids (CE)
- 5:30 pm Middle School Youth Group (GC)
- 6:00 pm Dave Ramey Financial Peace (ER)
- 6:00 pm Chancel Bells (MS)
- 7:00 pm Choir (MS)

Thursday, November 7

- 7:30 pm Hosting Presbytery
- 12:00 pm Chapel Bells (MS)

Friday, November 8

- 8:45 am MOM (CE)
- 5:00 pm Praise Band (Sanctuary)

Saturday, November 9

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



MILITARY

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| 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 | |



Remember in Prayer

MEMBERS

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

IN THE HOSPITAL: Helen Butz, Bill Everhart, & Lillian Harden

Relatives & Friends

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| Michael Branch | Jeff Bowen's friend |
| 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 |
| Verona Johnson | Lynn Oakley's friend |
| Pete Kent | Charley & Nancy Chilton's nephew |
| John Kluberg | Nancy Dobler's brother |
| Bob Lapsley | Susan Singleton's friend |
| Nathan Leaman | Lynn Oakley's friend |
| Shelia Moskowitcz | Nell Speer's friend |
| Michael Oriani | Joe Oriani's brother |
| 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 |
| Penni Tinsley | Tom & Jeri Oldt's friend |
| Margarita Villarreal | Lynn Oakley's friend |
| Ennis & Liz Young | Anne Meadows' friend |

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

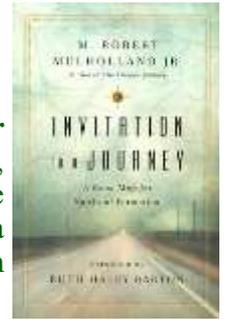


The tightening of HIPAA regulations has meant that we have missed visiting some of our members during their hospital stay. If you are a member or a friend of this congregation, or you have a family member admitted to *any* hospital, please call the church office and let our pastors know.

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

NEW PERSPECTIVES SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS STARTS NOVEMBER 10

The *Adult Perspectives Class* will start a seven Sunday a DVD/discussion series on **November 10, 2019** titled *Invitation to a Journey* where we will interact with thirty acclaimed scholars, theologians, and authors, in exploring what is next for Christianity and what faith may look like for ourselves and others in this 21st century. The focus of the first session is: "Faith is not a destination but a journey and the right answers aren't as important as the right questions." Join us in the Geneva Room at 9:30 am.



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 starts on **November 11 at 10 am** in the back of McLeod Hall.

The Joy Circle meets on the **3rd Tuesday** of each month and starts on **November 19 at 9:30 am** at the home of Carol Carter.

The study books are available 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 all women of the church interested in fellowship and Bible study.



SEWING FOR HONDURAS

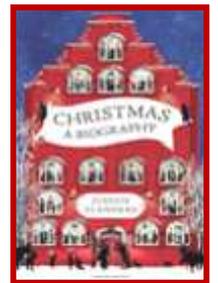


Sewing for Honduras ladies have met and are busy sewing dresses and backpacks. They will meet once a month on a day convenient for most. Next sewing day will be **Wednesday, November 13, 10 am - Noon.**

In the meantime, if you are curious or slightly interested and would like to see the patterns, materials, have a suggestion, or want to get started, please contact Sharon Mitchell 419-332-5268.

ARE YOU READING FOR THE NEXT ODD MONTH THIRD THURSDAY AT 3 BOOK CLUB? November 21

Christmas A Biography, By Judith Flanders.



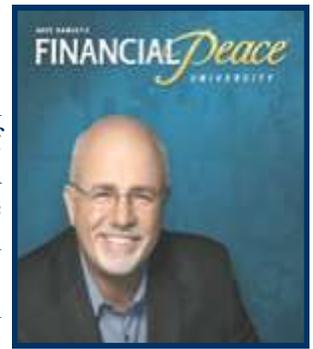
MYSTERY FAITH THEATER 600 SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23 AT 6 PM



Pass along the word to the Young Adult in your life, our first *Mystery Faith Theater 600* night will be **Saturday, November 23** at Rev. Sarah's home. Inspired by *Mystery Science Theater 3000*, we'll gather together for a meal, fellowship, and then grabbing the popcorn to crack jokes and enjoy a 'bad' movie. Rev. Sarah will have the main course, so bring a side dish to share. Be sure to connect with Emily Snyder 863-224-4403 or Rev. Sarah 574-298-2295 to get an address.

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University NEW CLASS STARTING IN JANUARY, 2020

Take control of your money with *Financial Peace University* (FPU)! This nine-lesson course uses biblical wisdom and common sense to help you tackle budgeting, pay off debt, and make your money work for you! We currently meet **Wednesdays at 6 pm** in the Price Library. FPU includes your member workbook and a year of free online resources through Financial Peace Membership. Our first Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University is going well so we are going to offer it **AGAIN** this January, 2020. Please be in contact with Lee and Pam Wilkerson at 863-221-2006 or email wilkeglk@verizon.net as we firm up a night that is best for all.



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.

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.



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.**

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.

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!!**



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.



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WE HAVE AN EXTRA WAY OF GIVING!

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>.

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

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.**

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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 195 bag lunches
the week of 10/21/19.

Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 113 people on 10/26/19.

Return Service Requested

“PINT-SIZE” FUNTIMERS NOVEMBER 15 6:30 PM ADVENT CRAFTING WORKSHOP



Time to get your crafting on! We will have a great night of crafts, music, and fellowship, as we prepare for the Advent/Christmas season. Wanna make a personalized gift for a family member? Or needing a family Advent wreath to center your families devotional time this Advent? Join us, starting at **6:30 pm in McLeod Hall**; we'll have all the supplies, just bring your creativity! Dinner provided.

HEY EVERYONE!

JOIN THE FUNTIMERS FOR CITRUS NIGHT!

Monday, November 18 at 6 pm in McLeod Hall, Glenn Thomas will present a program on the history and future of citrus in Florida.

Joyce Snively will cater a delicious dinner with a citrus focus. The cost is \$15 and is payable at the door.

To sign-up, call the church office at 294-3121, email to office@firstpreswh.org, 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: _____

Attending: _____