



# TOWER CHIMES

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WINTER HAVEN  
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## ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING & SINGLE WORSHIP SERVICE



The Session has called for the Annual Meeting of the Congregation to Review the Pastors' Terms of Call. We will meet in the sanctuary and by Zoom on **Sunday, January 30 at 9:55 am**, just before our **single worship service at 10 am**. We need 101 members in attendance in this combined format to achieve our quorum for this congregational meeting. There will be a luncheon in McLeod Hall immediately following worship. Please plan to join us.

Check our website or your email for the Zoom link, or use these 7 steps:

1. go to <https://zoom.us/join>
2. enter Meeting ID **847 7356 6315**
3. click **Join**
4. click **Open Zoom Meeting**
5. enter your name and Meeting Password **637**
6. click **Join Meeting** and wait to join
7. see all your church family and wave "hi"

## GOD IS HERE ALL YEAR MINI-VBS



Register NOW for our afternoon of mini-VBS fun at **God is HERE All Year, Sunday February 6, 3-5 pm**. It will be a fun afternoon of VBS music, games, crafts, and a Bible story for children 3 years through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Teens are welcome to volunteer with any adult! Visit the church website to sign-up!

## SAVE THE DATE!



The annual **Souper Bowl of Caring Youth vs Geezers** football game will be **Sunday, February 13 at 2 pm** at the Polk State College soccer fields! Bring your canned goods donations to the church any time from now until the end of February to support our Feeding the Hungry ministry.

## 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.*

## STAFF

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## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

**Sunday, January 30**

### THIRD GRADE BIBLES

- 9:55 am Annual Congregational Meeting  
(Sanctuary/Zoom)  
10:00 am Single Worship Service  
(Sanctuary/Facebook Live)  
11:15 am Luncheon (MH)  
5:30 pm High School Youth Group (GC)

**Monday, January 31**

- 8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CE)

**Tuesday, February 1**

- 9:00 am Staff Meeting (MH)  
12:00 pm Men's Luncheon (MH/Zoom)  
4:00 pm Jazzbyterians Rehearsal  
(Sanctuary)  
6:30 pm Session (MH/Zoom)

**Wednesday, February 2**

- 8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CE)  
3:30 pm Christ Kids (CE)  
5:00 pm Confirmation (GC)  
5:30 pm Middle School Youth Group (GC)  
6:00 pm Chancel Bells (MS)  
7:00 pm Chancel Choir (MS)

**Thursday, February 3**

- 1:00 pm Chapel Bells (MS)  
2:30 pm Praise Band (Sanctuary)

**Friday, February 4**

- 8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CE)

**Saturday, February 5**

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

## CONTACT INFORMATION UPDATES



The past year has reminded us all of the importance of staying in touch with those we care about. We are always looking to keep our directory current and are seeking to make sure we have your current information on file.

If you have a new phone number, home address, email, or additional contact info (such as a winter address), please contact the church office so we can make sure you stay informed. Thank you.

## SYMPATHY



Our Christian sympathy goes to **Rossanne Gorsky** upon the death of her husband, **Ed Gorsky**, who died on Friday, January 21, 2022.



## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

### MEMBERS

Melvin & Debbie Anderson	Bill Everhart	Pat Miller
Kathy Andrews	Rossanne Gorsky	Edna Mitchell
Pat Berrell	Jane Hayman	Richard Moots
Tom Brackett & Family	Frances Heath	John & Marilyn Schleifer
Orrin & Helen Champlain	Kay Hedden	Joyce Shirah
Charlie Darte	Bryan Howard	Susan Singleton
Marjorie DiLorenzo	Jim Huff	Dale Smith
Zan Dismuke	Scott & Becky Irvin	Pam Tallent-Blackburn
Dana Elmore	Martha Johnson	Sug Zowarka
	Dena Lancashire	
	Pat McCarty	
	Dick McCauley	

### FAMILY & FRIENDS

Margaret Carswell	Barbara Puckett's friend
Mark & Vikki Deedrik	Nat & Jane West's friend
Sydney Fenstermaker	Gale & Gwen Waters' granddaughter
Susie Fisher	Becky Everhart & Rob Donaldy's cousin
Gloria & Timothy	Punkin Smith's friend
Sam Gray	Lynn Oakley's friend
Pam Jengo	Joe Oriani's cousin
Joe & Helen Lewis	Jonathan Owen's friends
Vance Littrell	Rick & Pat Reass' friend
David MacMillan Family	Bob Steele's nephew
Kayla Martinez	Paul & Ann Montgomery's granddaughter
Joey McKenna	Lynn Oakley's friend
Buddy Miller	Barbara Puckett's brother
Eileen O'Leary	The Threlkel's friend
Cliff Peeno	Orin & Helen Champlain's friend
Myra Shelton	Punkin Smith's friend
Beth Sparr	Dave Sparr's sister
Robbie Thompson	Larry & Peggy Davis' friend
Norma Weeder	Jennifer Vibral's friend
Kandi Wiles	Kit Threlkel's friend
Derrick Wilson	Rick & Pat Reass' friend

### PLEASE NOTE

We update the Family & Friends prayer list periodically. If there is someone who needs to remain on the list, please call the church office.

### MILITARY

Zach Anaya	Stephanie Gillie	KaitLin Marotti
Brenden Anderson	Eddie Gray	Mathew Massam
Christian Anderson	Daniel Harp	Jet Sanderson
Zach Drum	Sean Harp	Shad Skinner
Robert Ferguson	David Knowles	Drew Stapor
Ernie French	John Marotti	

## 2022 FLOWER CHART IS IN NARTHEX

You are invited to sign up for your important Sunday worship dates. Please be sure to call or email the church office the week before with bulletin information.

### ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: THE HISTORY AND ARCHEOLOGY OF THE BIBLE



The work of historians and archaeologists opens a thrilling world of discovery, as they bring their methods and insights to bear on the beloved narratives of the Bible. This illuminating series stops at key moments of scripture, Old and New, to bring it life with the latest historical and archaeological findings. Meeting in Geneva Room at **10:10 am** throughout the Spring.

### CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL



Children's Sunday School for PreK-5<sup>th</sup> grade is meeting in the Christian Education Building, **10:10 am to 10:50 am**. Our children enjoy weekly rotating lessons, learning music, and the third Sundays will feature art projects! Join the fun between worship services on Sunday mornings.

### CHRIST'S KIDS



Any child 4 years through 5<sup>th</sup> grade is invited to join us every **Wednesday** from **3:30 till 5:30 pm**. Meeting on our playground then doing some amazing Bible study and music, our kids will grow in their faith this year. Registration forms are available on our church website. Contact Rev. Sarah with any questions.

### YOUTH GROUPS



Come join us for food, fun, faith, and fellowship in the Golden Center! We are excited seeing all of our youth during this great school year! Middle schoolers meet on **Wednesdays at 5:30 pm**. High Schoolers meet on **Sundays at 5:30 pm**.

### ANGELS CARE CENTER KIT-MAKING NEEDS



Angels Care Center has an ongoing need for the following items to give out in kits to patients and families. Thank you for your donations—they are a blessing to so many people, and truly an expression of God's love and care. Items may be placed in the collection box in McLeod Hall.

**First Aid Kits:** band-aids, wet wipes, small soaps, washcloths, Q-tips, cotton balls, small bacterial soap or hand sanitizer, Kleenex, etc.

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

**Senior Sacks:** lightweight tote bags, laundry detergent, Lysol wipes, denture tablets, notepads and pens, adult diapers, tea bags/hot chocolate mix and cups, activity pads/crossword puzzles, anything to brighten and make our seniors life easier and brighter. (we also put a toiletry kit and first aid kit in their bag)

**Children's "Jesus Kits":** coloring sheets with Biblical themes, crayons, stickers, small books, small containers of Play Doh, toy cars, hair clips

**Special Summer Needs:** sunscreen, insect repellent, deodorant

**Miscellaneous:** zip lock bags (snack, quart and gallon sizes)



## DID YOU KNOW YOU CAN TEXT TO GIVE?

To donate, you will text a **keyword**, (those options are below and special events will be added as they come.), then a **space**, and an **amount** to **863-243-6880**. Example: Text keyword **3cents 5** for gifting \$5 to *3 Cents-a-Meal*. An auto-response will confirm your gift offering. Respond **Y** to confirm and send. Save this number as a contact for future giving.

### Keywords are:

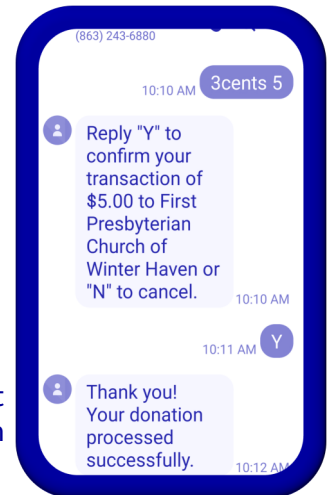
- Pledged (for your offering to be credited to your pledged amount for the current year)
- Offering (Non-pledge or undesignated gifts)
- Music (for Capital Music Campaign Organ/Music)
- 3cents (for 3 Cents-a-Meal)
- Memorial (for when donating in memory of someone)
- Special (for all other donations; example 1 time events)

If you are donating through Text To Give for the first time, you will receive a text containing a link to login or create your Secure Give account. Please save that login information.

You will then be asked to save your default payment information for giving by text. The system will confirm your donation and you will receive an email receipt.

The only time that you should have to enter your login or card information is the first time you donate through Text to Give. After your first transaction, your Secure Give account and card information will be recognized automatically and you will simply reply **Y**.

The next time you would like to give by text, simply type the keyword and amount to the number above and you will receive a request to confirm with **Y**.



## HOW TO EASILY ACCESS SECURE GIVE

Go to our Church website 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 or at [rmiller@firstpreswh.org](mailto:rmiller@firstpreswh.org).

## YOU CAN HELP SUPPORT YOUR CHURCH...

just by shopping at this special Amazon link.

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/59-0668481>

Your shopping will support **Winter Haven First Presbyterian Church**

- Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the charitable organization of your choice.
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- Support your charitable organization by starting your shopping at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com).

## MEN'S LUNCH GROUP



Every **Tuesday**, the men of the church gather from **12:00-1:00 pm** for lunch together. This fellowship group offers men an opportunity to build friendships and grow in faith.

We hope that you will join us. This gathering is hybrid; meaning you can come in person or join by Zoom. To receive the Zoom invite, please contact the office by phone or [office@firstpreswh.org](mailto:office@firstpreswh.org) and ask to be added to



# FEBRUARY

## BIRTHDAYS

2/1 Gary Salomon	2/12 Ron Dunham	2/22 Susan Singleton
2/2 Karen Clarke	Dave Ryan	Gail Van Allen
Jake Tackett	Mike Vibral	2/23 Casey Cheatham
Leah Weeks	2/13 Leland Miller	Bill Everhart
2/3 Marjorie Putnum	Eric Roe	Kathryn McAllister
Charlie Roe	Bob Turner	Bob Sheffield
Sarah Slocum	2/14 Marj Crittenden	2/24 Richard Moots
2/5 Kevin Britt	2/15 Lucas Johnston	Teresa Negley
Paige Butz	TD Sowards	Drew Powell
2/6 Zan Dismuke	2/16 Kaden Rabern	Hunter Shinn
Ann King	JW Scheck	2/25 Thom Rivers
Steve Lockhart	2/17 Marie Able	Kassady von Hahmann
Tracy Scheck	2/18 Kristan Sheffield	2/26 Walter Ferguson
2/7 Tom Wales	2/19 Matt McGaffigan	Betts Huff
2/8 Steffan Bentley	Edna Mitchell	Addison Robinson
Chase Reineke	2/21 Donna Rounsley	Nat West
Argyle Stevens	Squire Smith	2/27 Joe Badnell
2/9 Augie Andrews	2/22 Lynn Aaron	2/28 Pam Gray
Kevin Thomas	Winston Cranmer	Jane Hayman
2/10 Ethan Boland	Neal McBride	
2/11 Lesley Johnston	Diane Plowden	

## ANNIVERSARIES

2/1 Janie & Bob Hammette	2/14 Norman & Bonnie Patrick
2/2 Gus & Shannon Badnell	2/17 Ross & Jill Kosmensky
George & Kelly Butz	2/19 Ron & Kris Dunham
Greg & Shelly Prather	2/21 Hunter & Jennifer Smith
2/9 Debbie & Melvin Anderson	2/22 Adam & Erin Cranmer
2/11 Bob & Shirley Hines	2/24 Bob & Lisa Endres
2/12 Fred & Kathleen Deloach	

## STRESSED? FEELING DOWN? NEED ENCOURAGEMENT?



Stephen Ministers don't just provide care for people experiencing a major crisis. They also provide care and support for people weighed down by the little things in life. If you (or someone you know) are feeling down, lonely, stressed or discouraged, you could benefit from the care, support, and encouragement of a Stephen Minister. It's free. It's confidential. And it will really make a difference in your life!

To find out more, contact **Connie Shipley** at 863-221-2224 or one of our other Stephen Minister Leaders, **Mary Marrs, Steve Negley, or Barbara Perkins**.

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**This newsletter is published weekly.**  
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**Return Service Requested**

**Bag Lunch Ministry**  
We gave out 151 lunches  
the week of 1/17/22. 

 **Soup Kitchen Ministry**  
We fed 60 people on  
Saturday, 1/22/22.

## JAZZBYTERIANS JAZZ AND DESSERT CONCERT



Come hear the Jazzbyterians and Friends play an afternoon concert on **Sunday, February 20**. The concert begins at **4 pm** in McLeod Hall.

Refreshments will be served during the performance. Come enjoy some of your favorite hymns like you've never heard them before! Hope to see you there!

## RESTARTING THE "EVEN MONTH BOOK CLUB"



We are inviting those who have enjoyed the book club in the past, and anyone interested in books to join us! We are restarting the book club with the first meeting of 2022 on **Monday, February 21** at **3 pm** in McLeod hall.

We will be discussing the book, *Midnight Library* by Matt Haig. Then meeting on the 3rd Monday every even month (April 18, June 20, August 15, & October 17.) Mark your calendar and plan to get together with us for a time of fellowship and discussion of this intriguing book.

## SAVE THE DATE - SPRING COMMUNITYFEST



On **March 5**, from **11 am-4 pm**, we invite you to bring some neighbors and friends and celebrate your church at **CommunityFest**. Gathering in downtown Winter Haven, we will host a booth and basketball game as we share with people about the ministries at the church. CommunityFest is an annual event that highlights all the different community partners and organizations that make up the town.

We hope to see you there!