



TOWER CHIMES

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WINTER HAVEN
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WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY



The first Sunday in **October** is designated as World Communion Sunday, which celebrates our oneness in Christ with all our brothers and sisters around the world. We will celebrate this special **Sunday, October 1 at 10 am**, highlighted by communion.

Following the service, you are invited to join your church family in McLeod Hall for a time of fellowship. We will enjoy a Honduran themed luncheon hosted by our 2023 mission team.

Let us come together and celebrate God's grace, mercy, and peace that truly stretches around the world.



CHOSEN BIBLE STUDY



We will meet **Sunday, October 15** in McLeod Hall, **from 5 to 7 pm**. Bring a covered dish to share OR bring your own meal as we enjoy fellowship together around the table.

We will dig deeper into the background stories as they relate to scripture and hear from their Biblical consultants! For this study we will watch the Season 2 finale episode and Bible Roundtable Discussion.

We will also be putting together *The Chosen Bible Study Cookbook* soon! Join us to learn details. We look forward to seeing you!

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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THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, October 1

WORLD COMMUNION

- 9:00 am Adult Sunday School (GR)
- 10:00 am Fall Sundays Singe Service (Sanctuary/Facebook)
- 10:15 am Children Sunday School
- 11:15 am Honduran Luncheon (MH)
- 5:30 pm High School Youth Group (GC)

Monday, October 2

- 8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CE)
- 6:00 pm Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (MH)

Tuesday, October 3

- 9:00 am Staff Meeting (MH)
- 12:00 pm Men's Lunch (MH)
- 6:30 pm Session (MH)

Wednesday, October 4

- 8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CE)
- 3:15 pm Christ's Kids (Playground)
- 5:30 pm Middle School Youth Group (GC)
- 6:00 pm Chancel Bells (BR)
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir (CR)

Thursday, October 5

- 1:15 pm Chapel Bells (BR)

Friday, October 6

- 8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CE)

Saturday, October 7

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

SOUP KITCHEN HELP NEEDED FOR THE FALL



Would you like to help love and serve those who hunger this summer? We need head cooks & helpers for **October 14, 21, & 28** and **November 18 & 25**.

If you can help with this very important ministry, please sign up in McLeod Hall or call the church office.

SYMPATHIES



Our Christian sympathy goes to **Pat & Jim Vobornik** upon the death of her son, **Donald Zabel**, who died on Tuesday, September 19, 2023.



REMEMBER IN PRAYER

MEMBERS

Ann Adams	Shirley Hines	Joe Oriani
Pat Berrell	Jim Huff	Jackie Pinckney
Orin Champlain	Scott & Becky Irvin	Mary Ellen Porter
Ellie Crowder	Joanie Kooser	Sharon Ramseyer
Marjorie DiLorenzo	Ray & Gladys Larson	Dick Shaw
Zan Dismuke	Beth Luxford	Joyce Shirah
Rob Donaldy	Pat McCarty	Katie Sparr
Dana Elmore	Sue McClew	Barbara Tackett
Bill Everhart	Pat Miller	Pam Tallent-Blackburn
Lynne Grady	Edna Mitchell	Jennifer & Mike Vibral
Pam Gray	Heidi Munoz-	Gale & Gwen Waters
Ken Hart	Gutierrez	
Jane Hayman	Jeri & Tom Oldt	

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Mike Bell	Bob & Marilyn Sheffield's friend
Donna Brannen	Jill Kosmensky's friend
Linda Brown	Susan Singleton's friend
Bobby Calvery	Jeff, Lisa, & Emily Snyder's friend
Rick Cheney	Kit Threlkel's friend
Ernie French	Greg & Mary Marrs' grandson-in-law
Mitzi Gross	Gale & Gwen Waters' cousin
Juan Joy	Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend
Brian Marino	Judy Moots' brother
Khyla Martinez	Paul & Anne Montgomery's granddaughter
Joe Morton	Bob & Marilyn Sheffield's friend
Ed & Anne Neumyer	Candy Marshall's friend
Dennis Ryan	Lynn Oakley's friend
Laurie Selling	Susan Singleton's friend
Lucinda Shelby	Lynn Oakley's friend
Kenny Shipley	Connie Shipley's brother
Joyce Snively	Larry & Peggy Davis' friend
Lori Turner & family	Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friends

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	Eddie Gray	Mathew Massam
Brenden Anderson	Daniel Harp	Diane Secord
Christian Anderson	Sean Harp	Shad Skinner
Zach Drum	David Knowles	Drew Stapor
Robert Ferguson	John Marotti	
Stephanie Gillie	KaitLin Marotti	

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS



Al & Dolly Goetz
312 Townbridge Dr.
Haines City 33844
863-875-6052



Anne Vondracek
908 Royal Palm Cir.
Winter Haven 33884
970-531-2236

WINTER HAVEN QUILTERS MEET AT FIRST PRES



Winter Haven Quilters is a fun group open all who are interested in quilting and fellowship. Meeting twice monthly, it is a time of sharing quilting skills and tips, quilt patterns and ideas, and usually schedules lunch together and a field trip each year. The group's main outreach is to create small quilts to give to the Sheriff Department which are dispensed by deputies to those in need. The highlight of the year is a lunch with Sheriff Grady Judd and staff where the quilts are presented to the department.

Next meetings are **Mondays, October 2 & 16**, from **10 am to noon** in McLeod Hall. We will be working on the quilt pattern "Boxed In", and also scrap quilts. Please come visit or join us. No previous quilting experience necessary! Contact Sue Henry for more information at (863)656-2611.

FUNTIMERS CORRECTION



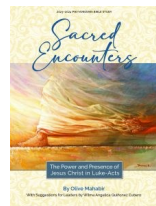
Our next FunTimers event will be on **Thursday, October 19**. We will meet in McLeod Hall at **11 am** where Pastor Steve and Jeremy will lead us in a presentation on our 1926 Deagan Carillon. We will also head to the music suite to listen to chime tones from the roll player and keyboard.

Lunch will be a catered meal of lasagna, salad, bread, & dessert. The cost is just \$15.

Please RSVP by signing up in McLeod Hall or calling or emailing the church office. And bring a friend!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN BIBLE STUDIES ARE BACK

The *Lydia and Joy Circles* have begun a new Bible Study: *Sacred Encounters* by Olive Mahabir.



The Joy Circle meets on the **3rd Tuesday** of each month, next meeting is **October 17 at 10:00 am** on Carol Carter's back porch.

The Lydia Circle meets on the **3rd Thursday** of each month, next is meeting **October 19 at 10:00 am** in McLeod Hall.

The study books are available at a cost of \$11. Contact Lynn Swart at 863-293-5561, Carol Carter at 863-206-7095, or the church office to purchase your copy.

Our circles are open to any and all women of the church interested in fellowship and Bible study.

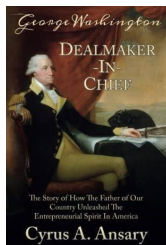
TRUNK OR TREAT IS COMING!

We are planning another incredible afternoon of candy, snacks, and community outreach. We will be hosting our annual Trunk Or Treat on **Sunday, October 29 from 4:30 pm to 6 pm**. We are in need of decorated trunks and candy. If you can bring your decorated vehicle, please sign up in the church office or on the board in the Narthex. You can also drop off bags of candy in McLeod Hall.



Please come join the fun! Any questions can be sent to Emily at esnyder@firstpreswh.org.

ARE YOU READING FOR OUR NEXT BOOK CLUB?



We will meet on **Monday, November 20** at **3 pm** in McLeod Hall as we discuss ***George Washington: Dealmaker-In-Chief*** by Cyrus A. Ansary.

In this time of fellowship, we will discuss the riveting account of how George Washington sought to put in place in America an economic system that was the antithesis of what had existed in the colonies under British rule.

Please bring your book ideas for 2024.

YOUTH GROUPS



The **High School Youth Group** meets on **Sundays** from **5:30** until **7:30 pm**.

The **Middle School Youth Group** meets on **Wednesdays** from **5:30** until **7:30 pm**.

Come join us for another awesome year of food, fellowship, and faith building! If you have any questions or would like to sign up to provide a meal for our students, please contact Emily Snyder at 863-224-4403 or esynder@firstpreswh.org.

MEN'S LUNCH GROUP



Every **Tuesday**, the men of the church gather from **12:00-1:00 pm** for lunch together in McLeod Hall. 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 email and ask to be added to the email list.

CONTACT INFORMATION UPDATES



We are always looking to keep our member contact information 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 summer address), please contact Connie at the church office so we can make sure you stay informed. Thanks.

FALL WORSHIP AT FIRST PRES

We continue our **Fall Sundays Single Services** at **10 am** through the end of the year. We have treasured the sense of fellowship in being together for worship



Our blended service will include the elements of worship that have helped our spirits soar to God for well over a century; prayers, scripture, sermon, and responses. And we will continue to be inspired in our weekly worship services by music from our Praise Band, Chancel Choir and Handbell Choirs, Jazzbyterians, along with piano and organ by Jeremy Rath.

CHOIR AND BELLS REHEARSALS

Our First Pres Musicians are in our fall season of music making and we would love to extend an invitation to YOU. If you are interested in joining us, please see our rehearsal schedule below:



Chancel Bells rehearses every **Wednesday evening** from **6:00 - 7:00** in the Bell Room.

Chancel Choir rehearses on **Wednesday evenings** from **7:00 - 8:15** in the Choir Room.

Chapel Bells rehearses every **Thursday afternoon** from **1:15 - 2:15** in the Bell Room.

For more information, please call Jeremy at the church office or email him at jrath@firstpreswh.org.

THE FLOWER CHART IS POSTED IN THE 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.





OCTOBER

BIRTHDAYS

10/1	Ben Garner Steve Luxford Jackson Palomaki Ariston Walker Lee Wilkinson	10/9	Laura Gaye Dunham	10/24	Jenna Volpe
10/2	Ruth Dunham Dick Shaw Kyle Von Hahmann	10/11	Al Goetz Matthew Gray Ken Hart Lynn Oakley Cori Swango	10/25	Bob Bentley Bill Siegel
10/3	Sophie Maggard Mele Souza	10/12	Susan Kahley	10/26	Lucie Broyles Martha Burke Bill G. Roe, II
10/4	Pam Baker Karen Gerber	10/14	Brenda Darte	10/27	Leah Melvin Jon Powell
10/5	Tilley Montney Jeff Snyder	10/15	Linda Bors Susan Smith	10/29	Julie Dantzler Rossanne Gorsky James Powell Steve Stapor Gwen Waters
10/6	Karen Alexander Nicole Roe	10/18	Bob Hines Arletta Oriani Brittaney Roe	10/30	Kathy Lockhart Mike Seney Pam Wilkinson
10/7	Whitney Dunham	10/19	Joan Chilton	10/31	Richard Baker Caitlyn Grady Sara Koon Dorian Miller Ed Mitchell
10/8	Buddy Kahley Jill Kosmensky Jessica Wilson	10/21	Chelle Doyel		
10/9	Michael Baragona	10/22	Jonye Briggs Mary Alice Kennedy		
		10/23	Mark Bostick Olivia Glenn Howard Rambeau Pat Vobornik		

ANNIVERSARIES

10/1	Mike & Amy McGee	10/17	Wade & Sandy Hoffman	10/24	John & Cheryl Marchetti Leland & Elizabeth Miller
10/2	Jared & Chalsey Lockhart	10/20	Buddy & Susan Kahley David & Theresa Kalb	10/25	Gannon & Amanda Olmert
10/9	Pete & Missie Snively	10/21	Thom & Amanda Rivers	10/26	Scott & Rusty Hart
10/11	Bill & Susan Taylor	10/23	Sam & Kristan Sheffield	10/31	Don & Norma Martin
10/15	Keith & Marjorie Putnum				

CHRIST CARING FOR PEOPLE THROUGH PEOPLE...



That's the motto of Stephen Ministry. The Stephen Minister's role is to bring God's love into the lives of people who are going through a difficult time or experiencing a crisis. What do Stephen Ministers do? They listen to you, care for you, support and encourage you, and pray with and for you. And in the midst of this confidential, one-to-one, caring relationship, God's healing love comes pouring through.

If you or someone you know is facing a crisis--large or small--and could benefit from the caring presence of a Stephen Minister, **call Connie Shipley at 863-221-2224. Or you can talk with one of our other Stephen Leaders: Mary Marrs, Steve Negley, or Barbara Perkins.** Our Stephen Ministers are ready to care for you!

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>.

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This newsletter is published weekly.
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Bag Lunch Ministry
We gave out 196 lunches
the week of 9/18/23. 

 **Soup Kitchen Ministry**
We fed 87 people on
Saturday, 9/23/23.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL, APOCRYPHAL JESUS



Our Sunday School class, meeting in the Geneva Room from 9 till 9:50 am, continues its exploration of the Bible. Each class explores 'apocryphal' or hidden writings about early Christianity, Jesus and his disciples. Join this fascinating class' interactive time with video lectures from a biblical scholar, guided conversations, and visits from our pastors to answer your questions.

CHILDREN SUNDAY SCHOOL



Sunday School for our children (PreK-5th grade,) growing in God's love is after the time with younger disciples in worship service (10:15-11 am), meeting in CE room 206. And ART Sundays will be meeting in Room 207. Come grow with us.

NEW THIS FALL: CHRIST'S MOMS

Welcoming our newest fellowship and prayer group, Christ's Moms meet the 3rd Tuesday of each month. Our next gathering is Tuesday, October 17 from 5:30 to 7 pm in CE room 102.



This monthly group of young moms are invited for fellowship, support and advice.

CHRIST'S KIDS

Our faith-based after-school program, Christ's Kids meets **Wednesdays, at 3:15 pm** on the playground. At Christ's Kids, our mission is to develop and nurture disciples of Jesus Christ while fostering and building relationships with the church community. This is achieved through supporting developmental relationships and growth of the children in our community, expanding biblical knowledge through stories, music and movement as well as serving and caring for other children of God while participating in helping the larger community.



Your child doesn't want to miss it! Kids PreK through 5th grade are able to join.

Visit our website for this year's registration or contact Rev. Sarah at sbishop@firstpreswh.org