



TOWER CHIMES

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WINTER HAVEN
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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 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.

CHOSEN BIBLE STUDY

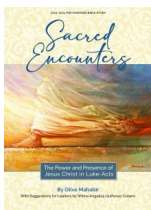


We will meet this **Sunday, November 5** in McLeod Hall, **from 5 to 7 pm**. Bring a covered dish to share OR bring your own meal as we enjoy fellowship together around the table.

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 3 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!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN BIBLE STUDIES



The *Lydia and Joy Circles* Bible Study is *Sacred Encounters* by Olive Mahabir.

The Lydia Circle meets on the **3rd Thursday** of each month, the next meeting is on the special date of **Tuesday, November 14, at 10:00 am** in McLeod Hall.

The Joy Circle meets on the **3rd Tuesday** of each month, next meeting in on the special date of **November 14, at 10:00 am** at Carol Carter's.

The study books are available at a cost of \$11. Contact Lyn 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.

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 29

- 9:00 am Adult Sunday School (GR)
- 10:00 am Fall Sundays Singe Service (Sanctuary/Facebook)
- 10:15 am Children Sunday School
- 4:30 pm Trunk or Treat (PL)

Monday, October 30

- 8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CE)
- 6:00 pm Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (MH)
- 7:00 pm Worship & Music (UR)

Tuesday, October 31

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

Wednesday, November 1

- 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, November 2

- 1:15 pm Chapel Bells (BR)

Friday, November 3

- 8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CE)

Saturday, November 5

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

THANK YOU!



We want to thank our church Family for all the calls, cards & caring that we have received because of the death of our son Donald R. Zabel. Your love is so appreciated.

Pat & Jim Vobornik

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.



REMEMBER IN PRAYER

MEMBERS

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

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Mike Bell	Bob & Marilyn Sheffield's friend
Donna Brannen	Jill Kosmensky'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
John Linn	Sharon Mann's brother
Ada Lopez-Mendez	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's friend
Bob Threlkel	Jim Threlkel's brother

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	

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.



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

11/1	George Butz Judith Suprina	11/8	Judie Tucker	11/21	Charley Chilton
11/2	Ellen Miller	11/9	McKenzie Cinquanti Amy Speer	11/22	Clyde Greene Greg Marrs
11/3	Stephany Alexander Erin Miller Connie Shipley	11/10	Beth Luxford Greg Prather		Mandy Matha Steve Negley Suzann Threadgill
11/4	Bruce Houston	11/12	Ellie Hoagland Bob Howard	11/23	Preston Allen Kim Zimmerman
11/5	Joyce Shirah Missie Snively Jakson Thibodaux	11/13	Dru Gainey Sy Gray IV Carol Lind	11/24	Jonathan McKee
11/6	Hanley Renney	11/14	Ricky Montney, III	11/25	Sharon Bogey
11/7	Patti Herndon Nikki Hoagland	11/15	Judy Winfree	11/26	Paula Forrest
11/8	Mia Cinquanti Ben Crowder Jimmy Hankin Tonia Milbry	11/16	Cameron Weeks	11/27	David Dershimer Tracy Mercer
		11/18	Judy Partridge	11/28	Bliss Roe Louise Volpe
		11/19	Leonard Gann Will Rowker	11/29	Jackson Gainey
		11/20	Todd Dantzler	11/30	Karla von Hahmann

ANNIVERSARIES

11/1	Joni & Leonard Gann	11/23	Punkin & Squire Smith
11/8	Mary Ann & James Koon	11/26	Cynthia & Stephen Saterbo
11/9	Lesley & Andy Johnston	11/27	Gayle & Bill Johnston Arletta & Joe Oriani
11/16	Laura & James Powell	11/30	Janet & Michael Lawlor
11/17	Karen & Tony Premuto		
11/18	Kathryn & Kevin Thomas		

SOMETIMES IT'S HARD TO ASK FOR HELP



We're brought up to be strong, self-sufficient, independent people. We tend to think that if we ask for help, it is a sign of weakness. So we try to keep our struggles hidden, stuffed deep inside. However, that's not God's plan. Galatians 6:2 says "*Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.*" God wants us to care for others--and allow others to care for us in our time of need.

If you're 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. (It's confidential too!) Find out more about Stephen Ministry by **calling 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 there to care!**

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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Return Service Requested

Bag Lunch Ministry

We gave out 178 lunches
the week of 10/16/23.



Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 75 people on
Saturday, 10/21/23.

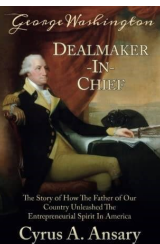
FUNTIMERS RIDE AGAIN!



Our next FunTimers event will be on **Thursday, November 16**. We will meet in McLeod Hall at **10 am** and board transportation to Celebration to dine at Town Tavern. We will have time after lunch to walk around (and maybe get some ice cream.) We will return to the church by 3 pm.

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

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: Deal Maker-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.

COME HELP US DECK THE HALLS AND GET THE STABLE SET

Following our **10 am** single worship service on **Sunday, November 26**, we invite you to **stay to help decorate the sanctuary and church interior** for the upcoming Advent and



Christmas seasons, and/or work outside as we **construct the stable for *Come to the Stable***.

We will join together in McLeod Hall for a quick lunch and then the decorating and construction will begin. Feel free to dress casually or bring your favorite work clothes.

Come enjoy food and fellowship as we prepare our church and our hearts for the coming of Christ.

ADVENT CELEBRATION

Join your church family for an evening of Advent preparation with dinner, activities, and fellowship starting at **5:45 pm, Wednesday November 29** till **7:00 pm**.



Bring the whole family and gather around to prepare our hearts and homes for Christmas.