



TOWER CHIMES

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SUNDAY MORNING HELP NEEDED IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY



Beginning **Monday, January 8, 2024**, we will be installing a new elevator at First Pres. For at least the first two months of the year, the only way to access the second floor of the sanctuary building will be the stairs or a new temporary ramp. On Sunday mornings, we will have wheelchairs available for those who would like to use the ramp.

If you would be willing to volunteer to help push people in wheelchairs up and down the ramps before and after worship, please email the church office (cshipley@firstpreswh.org) and let us know what Sundays you would be available. Thanks for your assistance.

SOUP LUNCHEON RETURNS



You are invited to a soup luncheon on **Sunday, January 14 at 11:15 am** after our **single 10 am worship service**. The Stephen Ministers will again host this lunch of soups, salad, and dessert. It will be a great time of food, fun, and fellowship. We will also commission **Lisa Snyder** as our newest Stephen Leader in worship.

We hope to see you there!

THE 2024 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 dedication information.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, January 14

- 9:00 am Adult Sunday School (GR)
- 10:00 am Single Service Worship (Sanctuary)
- 10:15 am Children Sunday School (CE 206)
- 11:15 am Soup/Salad Luncheon (MH)
- 5:30 pm High School Youth Group (GC)

Monday, January 15

- 8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CE)
- 3:00 pm Book Club (MH)
- 6:00 pm Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (MH)

Tuesday, January 16

- 9:00 am Staff Meeting (MCR)
- 10:00 am Joy Circle (Off-site)
- 12:00 pm Men's Lunch (MH)
- 5:30 pm Christ's Moms (CE 102)

Wednesday, January 17

- 8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CE)
- 1:00 pm American Mah Jongg (CE 102)
- 1:30 pm Congregational Care (MH)
- 3:15 pm Christ's Kids (CE)
- 5:30 pm Middle School Youth Group (GC)
- 6:00 pm Chancel Bells (MH)
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir (Chapel)

Thursday, January 18

- 10:00 am Lydia Circle (MH)
- 11:00 am Funtimers/Train Ride (MH/Off-site)
- 1:15 pm Chapel Bells (MH)

Friday, January 19

- 8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CE)

Saturday, January 20

- 2:00 pm Soup Kitchen Prep (Kitchen)
- 4:00 pm Soup Kitchen (737)
- 7:00 pm Saturday Nite Live/Santa Returns (MH)



REMEMBER IN PRAYER

MEMBERS

Stephen Abbott	Caitlyn Grady	Pat Miller
Ann Adams	Lynne Grady	Edna Mitchell
Pat Berrell	Pam Gray	Jeri & Tom Oldt
Kelly Butz	Heidi Munoz-	Arletta Oriani
Orin Champlain	Gutierrez	Mary Ellen Porter
Ellie Crowder	Ken Hart	Sharon Ramseyer
Gail Damkjer	Jane Hayman	Dick Shaw
Marjorie DiLorenzo	Wade Hoffman	Joyce Shirah
Zan Dismuke	Jim Huff	Katie Sparr
Rob Donaldy	Scott & Becky Irvin	Barbara Tackett
Dana Elmore	Joanie Kooser	Pam Tallent-Blackburn
Bill Everhart	Ray & Gladys Larson	Jennifer & Mike Vibral
Gloria Goss	Pat McCarty	Gale & Gwen Waters

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Mike Bell	John Linn	Ann Reddout
Donna Brannen	Ada Lopez-Mendez	Dennis Ryan
Bobby Calvery	Brian Marino	Emily Sheffield
Rick Cheney	Khyla Martinez	Lucinda Shelby
Ernie French	Dick McCauley	Joyce Snively
Pam Gordon	Joe Morton	Ruth Thiebout
Mitzi Gross	Ed & Anne Neumyer	
Juan Joy	Durb Pearson	

MILITARY

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

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Bag Lunch Ministry
We gave out 172 lunches
the week of 1/1/24.

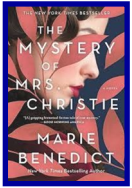


Soup Kitchen Ministry
We fed 85 people on
Saturday, 1/6/24.



Return Service Requested

JANUARY BOOK CLUB



We will meet on **Monday, January 15** at **3 pm** in McLeod Hall as we discuss *The Mystery of Mrs. Christie*, by Marie Benedict.

This is a deft, fascinating page-turner reconstruction of one of the most notorious events in literary history: Agatha Christie's mysterious 11-day disappearance in 1926.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL



The Adult Sunday School class will be starting their new series, *The History of the Bible: The Making of the New Testament Canon* at **9 am on January 14** in the Geneva Room. Together we'll explore the foundational New Testament books, and answer basic questions about when, their purpose, and why they were finally collected into the Bible as we know it with video lectures from a University of North Carolina Professor of Religious Studies.

Come learn with us this year and grow deeper in your faith.

SATURDAY NITE LIVE



Santa is Returning from the North Pole for a January Saturday Nite Live at First Pres!

Sadly, severe weather interrupted Santa's scheduled December visit with the special needs adults at our **Saturday Nite Live**. But Santa is rested up and planning to return to McLeod Hall on **Saturday, January 20, 7 - 9 pm** with gifts for all our *Saturday Nite Livers*. To feed the Jolly Elf and the crowd, we are planning on a covered dish dinner. Volunteers are welcome to drop by that night to experience the joy of this once-a-month Christian fellowship event. For more info, contact the church office.

SAVE THE DATE



Annual Congregational Meeting to review the Pastors' Terms of Call. **Sunday, January 28** at **9:55 am**, in the Sanctuary.

FUNTIMERS JANUARY ADVENTURE

Our next FunTimers event is **Thursday, January 18, 11 am - 2 pm** and we will take a ride on the **Ridge Live Steamers Outdoor Model Railroad**. We will meet at the church and take the bus to 7760 N. Scenic Highway. Bring a bag lunch. Drinks will be provided. This will be an outside activity. It's colder on the train, so please dress accordingly. For our safety, no open-toed shoes.

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

THE CHOSEN BIBLE STUDY RETURNS ON SUNDAY...

January 21, from 5:30 to 7 pm in McLeod Hall.

We will enjoy fellowship at a covered-dish meal, a little video treat from *The Chosen*, and then make plans for attending the debut of Season 4 in February at a local movie theater.

Please come join us as we move into a new year with *The Chosen Bible Study*.

COME MAKE MUSIC WITH US!

Have you ever thought about participating in our ensembles here at church? Now is your chance! Even if you don't read music, you are more than welcome to join us in ringing and singing music together (music literacy is not a requirement to join - in fact, not all of our musicians read music!).

On **Wednesday evenings**, **Chancel Bells** rehearses on **from 6 to 7** and **Chancel Choir** rehearses **from 7 to 8:15**. **Chapel Bells** is a smaller bell group that plays easier music. We are always looking for more members, too! We rehearse on **Thursday afternoons from 1:15 to 2:15**.

We are a fun group of people who love making music with each other for the Lord! Weekly rehearsals will take place in McLeod Hall until the new elevator installation is completed.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out to Jeremy Rath, our Director of Music Ministries, at jrath@firstpreswh.org or by calling the church office.