



TOWER CHIMES

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SUNDAY MORNING HELP NEEDED IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY



We are 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. Thank you for your assistance.

3 CENTS-A-MEAL THIS SUNDAY



We will collect the *3 Cents-a-Meal Hunger Offering* during our worship service this **Sunday, January 21**. This special offering is divided among our Soup Kitchen & Bag Lunch Ministry, the Beth-El Farmworker Ministry, and our support of the church in Honduras. We hope you will set aside your pennies to help.

THE CHOSEN BIBLE STUDY RETURNS THIS 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*.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, January 21 3 CENTS-A-MEAL

- 9:00 am Adult Sunday School (GR)
- 10:00 am Single Service Worship (Sanctuary)
- 10:15 am Children Sunday School (CE 206)
- 5:30 pm The Chosen Bible Study (MH)
- 5:30 pm High School Youth Group (GC)

Monday, January 22

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

Tuesday, January 23

- 9:00 am Staff Meeting (MCR)
- 12:00 pm Men's Lunch (MH)
- 6:30 pm Joint Meeting of Elders & Deacons (MH)

Wednesday, January 24

- 8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CE)
- 1:00 pm American Mah Jongg (CE 102)
- 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 25

- 1:15 pm Chapel Bells (MH)

Friday, January 26

- 8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CE)

Saturday, January 27

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



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	Sharon Ramseyer
Ellie Crowder	Ken Hart	Dick Shaw
Gail Damkjer	Jane Hayman	Joyce Shirah
Marjorie DiLorenzo	Wade Hoffman	Katie Sparr
Zan Dismuke	Jim Huff	Barbara Tackett
Rob Donaldy	Scott & Becky Irvin	Pam Tallent-Blackburn
Dana Elmore	Joanie Kooser	Jennifer & Mike Vibral
Bill Everhart	Ray & Gladys Larson	Gale & Gwen Waters
Gloria Goss	Pat McCarty	

FAMILY & FRIENDS

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

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 185 lunches
the week of 1/8/24.



Soup Kitchen Ministry
We fed 85 people on
Saturday, 1/13/24.



Return Service Requested

SATURDAY NITE LIVE



Santa is returning from the North Pole for a January **Saturday Nite Live** event 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 to 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.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL



The new Adult Sunday School class series is **The History of the Bible: The Making of the New Testament Canon**. It meets at **9 am** in the Geneva Room. Together we will 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.

SOUP KITCHEN HELP NEEDED

Would you like to help love and serve those who hunger this winter? We need headcooks & helpers for **January 27, February 10, and all of March**.



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

FUTURE BOOK CLUB SELECTIONS

MARCH 18

Running with Sherman by Christopher McDougall

MAY 20

Riders of the Purple Sage by Zane Gray

JULY 22

One Summer America 1927 by Bill Bryson

Mark your calendar to join us at **3 pm** in McLeod Hall to discuss.

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 **6 to 7** and **Chancel Choir** rehearses **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 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.