



TOWER CHIMES

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FAREWELL RECEPTION FOR REV. SARAH BISHOP



Please join us this **Sunday, November 17** in McLeod Hall immediately following the 10 am worship service to honor and bid farewell to Rev. Sarah Bishop. Come for cake and punch at this time when we celebrate Sarah's six and a half years in ministry with us. There will be a basket for your cards and best wishes. (If you are including a gift card for Sarah, remember not to purchase for your favorite local restaurants or Publix 😊.) Purchasing something redeemable in central Illinois would be best. If your love gift is by check, please make it out directly to Sarah Bishop.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING



The Session has called for a Congregational Meeting for **Sunday, November 17** at **9:55 am** in the sanctuary to concur with Rev. Sarah Bishop's request to dissolve the Associate Pastor relationship between her and our congregation so that she may accept a call to Westminster Presbyterian Church in Springfield, IL.

FUNTIMERS



This **Monday, November 18**, FunTimers will meet in McLeod Hall at **11:30 am**.

We will have a catered lunch of house salad, chicken caprese, au gratin potatoes, southern style green beans, and cookies. The cost of lunch will be \$15 (cash only.)

After lunch, we will be treated to a on given by Bruce and Kate Eelman. The program will be about the 125th reenactment of the battle of Gettysburg. There will be pictures and stories about the reenactors, the camps, and the role of women.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, November 17
3 CENTS-A-MEAL

- 8:00 am Chapel Worship
- 9:00 am Adult Sunday School (GR)
- 9:55 am Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary)
- 10:00 am Sanctuary Worship
- 10:15 am Children Sunday School (CE 206)
- 11:15 am Farewell Reception (MH)
- 3:00 pm Bach Fest (Sanctuary)
- 4:00 pm Reception (MH)
- 5:30 pm High School Youth Group (GC)

Monday, November 18

- 8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CE)
- 11:30 am FunTimers (MH)
- 3:00 pm Book Club (MH)
- 6:00 pm Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (MH)

Tuesday, November 19

- 9:00 am Staff Meeting (MCR)
- 10:00 am Joy Circle (Off-site)
- 12:00 pm Men's Lunch (MH)
- 12:00 pm Finance (UR)
- 6:30 pm Deacons (MH)

Wednesday, November 20

- 8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CE)
- 1:00 pm American Mah Jongg (CE 102)
- 3:30 pm Christ's Kids (Playground/CE)
- 5:30 pm Middle School Youth Group (GC)
- 6:00 pm Chancel Bells (BR)
- 6:30 pm Officer Training (MCR)
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir (CR)

Thursday, November 21

- 10:00 am Lydia Circle (MCR)
- 1:15 pm Chapel Bells (BR)

Friday, November 22

- 8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CE)

Saturday, November 23

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



REMEMBER IN PRAYER

MEMBERS

Ann Adams	Wade & Sandy Hoffman	Kim Powell
Orrin Champlain	Scott & Becky Irvin	Sharon Ramseyer
Charles Chilton	Joanie Kooser	Dick & Nancy Shaw
Marjorie DiLorenzo	Ray & Gladys Larson	Katie Sparr
Rob Donaldy	Lynn Lassater	Linda Stavres
Richard & Dana Elmore	Steve Lockhart	Barbara Tackett
Bill Everhart	Pat McCarty	Pam Tallent-Blackburn
Gloria Goss	Pat Miller	Jennifer & Mike Vibral
Caitlyn Grady	Edna Mitchell	Gale & Gwen Waters
Lynne Grady	Heidi Munoz-Gutierrez	
Pam Gray	Norm Patrick	
Jane Hayman		

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Chad Anderson	Tamara Keyes	Ann Reddout
Sara Cliett	Khyla Martinez	Karen Sadler-Banks
Pat Cokewell	Ada Lopez-Mendez	Charles Sample
Diane Conaly	James & Eileen Martin	Bob & Nikki Shade
Sean Duerr	Jeannie Martin	John Shoberg
Kim Hastings	Khyla Martinez	Craig Smith
Erik Johansson	Carroll Negley	Barbara Spinella
Juan Joy	Patty Oakley	Lyric Taylor
Misty Judd		Danny Williams

MILITARY

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



OUR SYMPATHIES

Our Christian sympathy goes to **Chell Doyel** upon the death of her husband, **Bob Doyle**, who died on Friday, November 8, 2024.

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Return Service Requested

Bag Lunch Ministry
We gave out 160 lunches
the week of 11/4/24.



Soup Kitchen Ministry
We fed 103 people on
Saturday, 11/9/24.



BACH FESTIVAL



The **Bach Festival of Central Florida** will be giving a Fall Concert here at First Presbyterian Church of Winter Haven this **Sunday, November 17 at 3:00 pm** in the Sanctuary.

The theme of the concert is “Thanksgiving,” and will include settings of the familiar Thanksgiving hymn **Now Thank We All Our God** by J.S. Bach and by Johann Pachelbel. The Mozart Vespers are also on the program.

A light reception will follow in McLeod Hall. There is no cost to attend the concert, however, a free-will offering will be accepted at the door. Hope to see you there!

SOUP KITCHEN HELP NEEDED



Would you like to help love and serve those who hunger? We are head cook for **December 7**. If you can help with this very important ministry, please sign up in McLeod Hall or call the church office.

COME HELP US DECK THE HALLS AND GET THE STABLE SET



Following our **10 am** worship service on **Sunday, November 24**, 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.

NATIVITY SHOW AND TELL

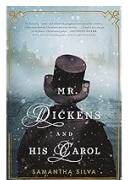


Join us on **Sunday, December 8**, immediately following the 10 a.m. worship service for our **Nativity Show and Tell**. Please feel free to bring one of your favorite Nativities to share with those attending the lunch. (If your Nativity is extra special, you can set it up following the lunch, to make sure it's safe and sound.) We will have sandwiches and “donkey/camel” nuggets for the children to enjoy. A fun nativity craft will be provided for the kids. Come celebrate the Advent Season with your friends from First Pres.

NOVEMBER BOOK CLUB

We will meet on **Monday, November 18 at 3 pm** in McLeod Hall as we discuss **Mr. Dickens & His Carol** by Samantha Silva.

We hope you will join us for this charming, comic, and ultimately poignant story about the creation of the most famous Christmas tale ever written, *A Christmas Carol*.

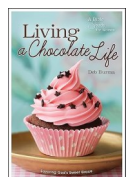


PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The *Lydia and Joy Circles* Bible study is **Living a Chocolate Life** by Deb Burma.

The Joy Circle meets on the **3rd Tuesday** of each month, the next meeting is **November 19 at 10:00 am** at Carol Carter's house.

The Lydia Circle meets on the **3rd Thursday** of each month, the next meeting is **November 21 at 10:00 am** in the Manor Conference Room in the church office.



THE CHOSEN

You are invited to join us on **Sunday, December 8, 5 - 7 pm** in McLeod Hall to watch a Bible round table for season 4 from **The Chosen**, then discuss what we have seen. Please join us even if you haven't watched the series, we will help you catch up.

Please bring a covered dish to share and enjoy an evening with your friends from First Pres. Childcare will be provided.

