



# TOWER CHIMES

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WINTER HAVEN  
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## DECK THE HALLS AND SET THE STABLE



Following our **10 am** worship service **this 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.

## CHRIST'S KIDS MISSION CHALLENGE



Join us in collecting items to complete hygiene kits for our Soup Kitchen through the month of **November!** Items being collecting are travel-size and new: soaps, shampoo, conditioner, body wash, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, combs, wash cloths, gallon-size ziploc bags and feminine hygiene products. Place in marked collection boxes in McLeod Hall. Our Christ's Kids will assemble the kits for distribution. Thank you and we hope you can be one of our volunteers that shares a completed kit at your next date with the Soup Kitchen.

## FUNTIMERS



On **Thursday, December 5**, FunTimers will meet for our Christmas party.

We will gather at **11:30 am** in McLeod Hall for a catered lunch of holiday mixed greens salad, pork loin, zucchini medley, mashed potatoes, rolls & butter, and dessert.

Our program will be Carols and Christmas Songs through the ages with a special surprise!

Cost of lunch will be \$15. Please sign up in McLeod Hall or call the office to enable us to let the caterer know the number attending.

## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Sunday, November 24

- 8:00 am Chapel Worship
- 9:00 am Adult Sunday School (GR)
- 10:00 am Sanctuary Worship
- 10:15 am Children Sunday School (CE 206)
- 11:15 am Luncheon (MH)
- 11:45 am Deck the Halls (Sanctuary)

### Monday, November 25

### Tuesday, November 26

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

### Wednesday, November 27

### Thursday, November 28

**THANKSGIVING  
OFFICE CLOSED**

### Friday, November 29

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### Saturday, November 30

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



## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

### MEMBERS

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

### FAMILY & FRIENDS

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

### 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	



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Return Service Requested

**Bag Lunch Ministry**  
We gave out 217 lunches  
the week of 11/11/24.



**Soup Kitchen Ministry**  
We fed 67 people on  
Saturday, 11/16/24.



## 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.

## 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.

## COME TO THE STABLE: A LIVING NATIVITY STROLL

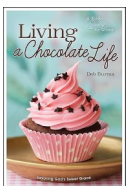


On **Saturday, December 14, 6-7:30 pm**, First Pres hosts an outdoor Living Nativity (including live animals!) and musical performances throughout our parking lot.

We'd love for you to be a part, whether its joining the all ages cast during the 7:15 pm performance, providing cookies, or being welcoming at our hospitality table or helping to keep the parking lot safe; volunteers will be needed.

Please mark your calendar and begin to think about how you can be a part of this gift to our community. Sign-ups are on the bulleting board of the narthex or call the church office.

## 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 **December 17 at 10 am** at Carol Carter's house.

**The Lydia Circle** meets on the **3rd Thursday** of each month, the next meeting is **December 19 at 10 am** in the Manor Conference Room in the church office.

## CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School has returned for our children (PreK-5th grade) after the Time with Younger Disciples in the 10:00 am worship service. Class meets in **CE room 206**. And ART Sundays meet in **Room 207**. We are excited for a year where together, kids experience God's greatest gift, being Simply Loved.



## ADULT'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our Adult Sunday School series, **The Story of the Bible**, meets at **9 am** in the **Geneva Room**. In the lessons they join a New Testament professor in videos discussing the four stages of the history, process, critical periods and even recovery of new ancient sources that were stitched together to form our Biblical canon.



## OUR SYMPATHIES



Our Christian sympathy goes to **Dolly Goetz** upon the death of her husband, **Al Goetz**, who died on Saturday, November 16, 2024.