



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
WINTER HAVEN

Tower Chimes

Week of January 12, 2014

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127 Years of Ministry

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR OUR ANNUAL TALENT SHOW

It's that time of year again -
the Church Talent Show is right around the corner!

On January 26th at 5:30 pm, Master of Ceremonies, Todd Dantzer, will lead the show that features a wonderful list of extremely talented people from our very own congregation. Please join us for dinner and a fun event filled with fellowship and enjoying the different gifts God has given us. The high school and middle school youth groups would be honored to have you there!

This is an all church event that serves as a fundraiser for our youth programs. There is no cost to attend the show or dinner, but any donations would be very much appreciated.

If you are interested in entering the talent show, please contact Rachal Little at (863)-294-3121 or rlittle@firstpreswh.org.



TALENT SHOW RESERVATION

Name: _____

Number of adults: _____ Number of children: _____

If you would like to perform, please list your name, your talent, and a reliable way to contact you.

Name: _____ Talent: _____

Phone number or e-mail address: _____

- Dr. Steven R. Negley
Senior Pastor
- Dr. C. Alan Harvey
Associate Pastor
- Dr. Raymond M. Larson
Minister of Visitation
- Dr. James G. Manor
Parish Associate
- Amy L. McKee
Director of
Christian Education
- Rachal H. Little
Director of
Student Ministries
- David C. Brinson
Director of
Music Ministries
- Ronda A. Lacy
Director of Finance &
Administration
- Connie J. Shipley
Administrative Assistant
- Rose Flynn
Office Assistant
- Sammy D. Bryant
Director of Maintenance
- Ann M. Quessenberry
Custodian



Church calendar

Sunday, January 12

Ordination & Installation of Officers
Minute for Mission

8:50 a.m. Worship

9:30 a.m. OJ Fellowship (MH)

9:45 a.m. Sunday School-Children & Youth

10:00 a.m. Sunday School-Adults

11:00 a.m. Worship

5:30 p.m. HSYG (SC)

Monday, January 13

8:45 a.m. MOM

10:00 a.m. Lydia Circle (MH-Back)

Tuesday, January 14

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (MCR)

12:00 p.m. **Men's Lunch (MH)**

6:30 p.m. Personnel (MCR)

Wednesday, January 15

8:45 a.m. MOM

3:00 p.m. Christ Kids

5:15 p.m. Confirmation (SC)

5:30 p.m. MSYG (SC)

6:15 p.m. Chancel Bells

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, January 16

7:00 p.m. Chapel Bells

Friday, January 17

8:45 a.m. MOM

Saturday, January 18

2:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen Prep (Kitchen)

4:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen (737)

7:00 p.m. Saturday Nite Live (MH)

Remember in prayer

members

Anna Marie Barton
Maggie Beeland
Michele & Neil Berger
Win Bertrus
R. Otis Bice, Jr.
Jeff Bowen
Brian Boyce
Millie Carrier
Joan Carruth
George & Sylvia Chambers
Helen Champlain
Peggy Chun
Tom Coffman
Norma Conner
Meredith Curtiss
Don Dinger
Eunice Dishman
Jerry Dugger
Jeanne Estes
Dawn & David Fellows
Mary Firment

Lois Frakes
Gary Gardner
Phyllis Gilbert
Marge Goodman
Audrey Hawk
Frances Heath
Doris Hill
Ranell Hillman
Camille Howe
Scott Irvin
Dorothy Johnson
Toni Krieger
Dena Lancashire
Anne LeMacks
Dot Lenfestey
Pete & Judy Lindsay
Spike Lucia
Jim Manor
Rita Marcacci
Matt McGaffigan
Joan Murphy

Nancy Neale
Dee Palmore
Judy Partain
Doug Purnell
Liz Purnell
Barbara Roberts
Dave Ryan
Dorothy Ryan
Bill Siegel
Harvey Snively, Jr.
Jeff & Lisa Snyder
Myrtice Stolz
Lucy Jackson Teeter
Hazel Thomas
Julia Trachy
Ed & Suzy Threadgill
Shirley Turner
Jennifer Vibrat
Max & Betty vonHahmann
Anne Windham
Retha Wright



Military service

Aaron Ashley
James E. Baker
Ben Clark
Deborah Clark
Tim Davis
Michael Dobler
Leah (Doty) Fuscia
Eddie Gray
Beau Gresham
Chris Hagen
Daniel Harp
Sean Harp
Coree Jones
Terry Jones, Jr.
Jackie Jung
David Knowles
Timothy Lee
John Marotti
Kaitlin Marotti
Adam McPhail
Andrew Stapor
Keaton Thompson
Jacob van Zandt

Friends and family

Vance Baker
Jill Bentley & baby
Fred Bertram
Martha Bunday
Luann Corby
Jo Davis
Michael Dobler
Selma Griffith
Bryan Howard
Bailee Kent
Pete Kent
Geoff Lewis
Warren Partain
Dan Rawls
Cathy Rector
Mandy Reed
Bob Santo
Norma Simon
Robert "Ned" Snively, Jr.
Anna Wilkenson
Mary Wilkenson
Margaret Willson

Rachal Little's friend
Marty Bentley's daughter-in-law
Morris Reddout's nephew
Margaret Braun's friend
Ron Damkjer's friend
Connie Shipley's mother
Nancy & Rich Dobler's son
Mary Ann Snively's friend
Bob & Janet Howard's son
Nancy Chilton's niece
Charles Chilton's nephew
Punkin & Squire Smith's friend
Judy Partain's son
Janet Golden's friend
T. Michael & Charlie Stavres' friend
Jeff Bowen's friend
Marcia Keplinger's friend
Ruth Dunham's sister
Jean Harman's son
Shirley Hines' niece
Shirley Hines' sister
Mary Marrs' mother



Our Christian sympathy goes to Lia Gray and her family, in the death of her mother, Jeanette Cornatzer, who died on Wednesday, January 1, 2014.

Please help us visit our hospitalized members!

The tightening of HIPAA regulations has meant that we have missed visiting some of our members during their hospital stay. If you are a member or a friend of this congregation, or you have a family member admitted to any hospital, please call the church office and let the pastors know.

Thank you for helping us stay in touch with the congregation.



CALLING ALL 6TH GRADERS...

On **Wednesday, January 15**, all our church's sixth graders are invited to meet Dr. Negley for the start of our Confirmation Training. The group will meet in the Student Center (711 Sixth Street NW) each Wednesday afternoon (5:15pm-6:15pm) from January 15 through the end of April. If you need more information, call Dr. Negley at 294-3121.

Come and Join this fun and faith-filled class.

OUR ACOLYTE SIGN-UP SHEET IS BLANK. PLEASE SIGN YOUR CHILD UP FOR 2014

Acolytes are needed at the 8:50 and 11 a.m. worship services on Sunday mornings. A sign-up sheet is located on the informational bulletin board in the CE Building. Please sign-up your child ahead of time so we can include his/her name in the bulletin. Any child who is in first through fifth grade can acolyte. Training class coming soon. Please call Amy McKee at 294-3121 or e-mail amckee@firstpreswh.org.



FIRST FACT!!

While the Youth Groups were at the Winter Retreat at Southwind, Kasey Ray, Lindsey Ivey, Robert and Madison Grode volunteered to help the dinner cleanup crew after the evening meal. Because of their faithful service, clean up time was cut in half, allowing the official cleanup crew to be able to join the entire group for evening worship. **We are proud of our youth group participants and their**

YOUTH SCHEDULE



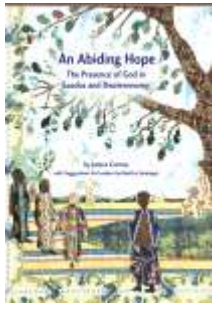
MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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| January 12: HSYG resumes 5:30-7:30 pm | January 29: MSYG from 5:30-7:30 pm |
| January 15: MSYG from 5:30-7:30 pm | February 2: Souper Bowl of Caring
PCC soccer fields @ 2:00 pm |
| January 19: HSYG from 5:30-7:30 pm | February 8: Soup Kitchen.
Meet in MH @ 2:00 pm |
| January 20: Movie Night @ 7:00 pm | February 9: HSYG from 5:30-7:30 pm |
| January 22: MSYG from 5:30-7:30 pm | February 12: MSYG from 5:30-7:30 pm |
| January 26: Talent Show!
Meet in MH @ 4:00 pm | |

Middle School Youth Group (MSYG) is for all students in grades 6-8. We meet every **Wednesday from 5:30-7:30 pm** in the Student Center for dinner, games, fellowship, and a lesson about God's love and what it means to be a young believer.

High School Youth Group (HSYG) is for anyone in grades 9-12. Our meetings are **Sunday nights from 5:30-7:30 pm** in the Student Center. We enjoy dinner, games, fellowship, and discuss God, our relationship with Him, and other relevant topics in the lives of high school age students.

For more information regarding our youth groups or to RSVP for any of these events, contact Rachal Little at 294-3121 or rlittle@firstpreswh.org.



LADIES, COME JOIN US FOR LYDIA AND/OR JOY CIRCLE

Lydia Circle meets on the **second Monday of each month at 10 a.m. in McLeod Hall.**

Joy Circle meets on the **third Tuesday of each month at 9:30 a.m. at Carol Carter's house.**

2014 FLOWER CHART IS HERE

**We have openings in January, February & March.
Would you like to remember or honor a loved one?**



If you would like to provide flowers for the sanctuary on a given Sunday, choose the date and sign the Flower Calendar in the narthex. A week before the date, contact a florist regarding the arrangement, and inform the church office what you would like printed in the bulletin.

OUR CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING...



will go to support Medical Benevolence Foundation Clinics in Malawi on the continent of Africa, Bangladesh on the continent of Asia and Haiti, as well as the Presbytery of Tampa Bay Medical Mission Partnership in Honduras with Dr. Moreno's Pena Horeb Clinic in Tegucigalpa.

Please make your offering by **January 12, 2014**. Checks should be made payable to First Presbyterian Church, designate "Christmas Eve Offering," and include your envelope number. If using cash, please use a Christmas Eve Offering or Medical Benevolence white envelope in the pew.

Our current total is \$5,381.

WOMEN'S GLOBAL EXCHANGE

Sue McClew has been selected to participate in the Churchwide Presbyterian Women's Global Exchange trip next November 4-20, 2014 to the Caribbean and is in need of your help with a fundraising project. Our presbytery P.W. will be selling crocheted yarn necklaces at upcoming P.W. events to raise money to help Sue with her expenses (\$3,500). She will also be taking some necklaces with her on the trip as gifts for the women she meets. If you have any questions or would be willing to help make the necklaces (yarn can be provided), please contact Sue at 875-6176.



COMING SOON!! TRAINING OPPORTUNITY FOR NEW STEPHEN MINISTERS!!

Do you have a passion for caregiving?

Have you felt the call to serve God through a life-changing ministry?

Have you wondered... What is a Stephen Minister?



Stephen Ministry is highly confidential Christian caregiving, and the program here at First Presbyterian Winter Haven will begin a new training class in February 2014. If you are interested in learning more about how you might become a Stephen Minister, please fill out the information requested below, tear off, and place in the offering plate. Someone from the Stephen Minister Leader Team will contact you!

I am interested in learning more about how to become a Stephen Minister.

Name _____ Phone number _____

DOWNTON ABBEY CHRISTMAS TEA

On the afternoon of Sunday, January 5, 2014, over 70 guests gathered in McLeod Hall for a Downton Abbey Christmas Tea. Amy McKee welcomed the guests into the hall filled with green covered round tables resembling packages with red ribbons and bows and set with china, silver, napkins and place cards. From 4:00 - 4:30 p.m. she engaged the guests in amusements of Carson's Place Setting Quiz, Character ID from Dowager Countess Violet to kitchen maid Daisy, and Downton Abbey Trivia.

At half past four, the tea was served as guests chose from a wide selection of teas. Once tea had been poured, the guests were treated to the entrée course of Smoked Salmon and Chive Tartlets, Chicken Salad Finger Sandwiches, Christmas Tree Vegetable Tea Sandwiches, Fruit Cornucopia Sandwich Quarters, and Hot Cheese Toasts. Platters of a variety of scones were then brought out. For dessert, platters of assorted biscuits and shortbread were served along with plates of orange delights and petit fours. Alan Harvey was assisted in the kitchen by Carrie Bilancio, Janet Golden, Douglas Harvey, Amy McKee, and Marcia Smith. After the dessert course, Alan made a few comments about how this event moved from idea to reality and how to look at Downton Abbey with theological eyes. He then encouraged guests to open their crackers (party favors). They did and found enjoyment in the party hats, trinkets, and games that spilled out.

Amy McKee then showed a portion of the Downton Abbey Christmas Special as a prelude to the premiere of the fourth season of Downton Abbey beginning that evening at 9:00 p.m. on PBS Masterpiece Theater. Guests departed at 5:30 p.m. bidding their farewells to guests and all who made this special event possible. In addition to thanking those above for their help with food preparation, service, and program, we thank Joe McKee and Dale Smith for table setting, Connie Shipley for placecards, Ronda Lacy for the bows and streamers, Rose Flynn for the loan of some teapots, Ann & Cal Quessenberry for assistance with set up, Annmarie, Aurora & Aristan Walker and James & Gabriel Lastowski for assistance with clean up. These cooperative efforts and the enthusiastic response of the guests contributed to making the Downton Abbey Christmas Tea a great success!



SUNDAY SCHOOL AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Preschool Children – Meet in Room 108 for their very own time of Bible stories, craft, and snack time.

Kindergarten through Fifth Grade Children – Children in Kindergarten through Fifth Grade will continue with *Follow the Star* in January during Sunday School while visiting Art, Science, Movies, Cooking, Computer, and Storytelling.

Middle School & High School Youth – meet in the **Mary Spencer Reference Library** at **9:45 a.m.** for Talk-Sheets. There will be discussion, activity time, and of course BREAKFAST. Come hungry, come happy, and come hang out with Rachal Little and a variety of faithful volunteers on Sunday mornings.

The Perspectives Class – facilitated by Dr. Jim Threlkel and Mr. Glenn Thomas will continue the second part of their study on *The Old Law, The New Law* by William Barclay. The class will spend their time in The New Law. The words of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount have moved and challenged men and women since He first spoke them. Here they are explained, simply and clearly, showing how Jesus mixed honesty with compassion and helped people to inject good into life. This is the New Law. This study raises questions about war and peace, God and materialism, and about fostering essential relationships and values. This class meets in the Geneva Room in the CE Building.



Join **Connect - Grow - Thrive** as they begin *Unfinished* in 2014 ..."So you believe in God. Now what? Just before he left, Jesus sent his followers into the world with a revolutionary mission: to change the world by proclaiming God's truth and demonstrating his incredible love. But the single task he gave us to accomplish remains unfinished. In this small group Bible study, best-selling author Rich Stearns takes you and your small group on a breathtaking journey to rediscover the critical mission of Christ in our world today and the richness of God's calling on our lives. Why are you here, what is your purpose, and where do you fit in the bigger story God is writing?" This class meets in Room 207, please feel free to drop in anytime. Newcomers are ALWAYS welcome!

Sundays with Steve, God Talk in the Family of Faith - As people of the Christian faith, we talk about our faith. Questions and answers abound. Dr. Steve Negley invites you to join in a class that will explore the biblical texts that help us to answer some of the questions we face in life:

- How can we find God?
- What are we doing here?
- Why doesn't God do something about evil?
- What does God want with us?
- Is God against us?
- ...to name a few.



Bring your Bible and your God-given curiosity to the back section of McLeod Hall on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. to join in this exploration of faith.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE



At **8:50 a.m.**, members and friends of First Presbyterian Church are invited to attend The Gathering. This service is held in the sanctuary. The piano is the primary instrument for leading in congregational music with a variety of instruments adding special touches from week to week. The prayers in worship and the flow of the service help the congregation gather in God's love. The Gathering ordinarily lasts 50 minutes and will conclude with the Benediction at 9:40 a.m.

At **9:45 a.m.** children & youth Sunday School and **10:00 a.m.** adult Sunday School.

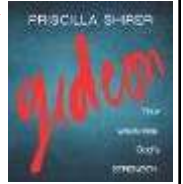
At **11:00 a.m.**, you are invited to attend our later morning worship. This service is held in the sanctuary with music and responses regularly led by our chancel choir and accompanied by organ and piano. In the tradition of our church, cultivated over the last few decades, a full liturgy gives the congregation opportunities for spiritual enrichment and the sense of God's love and grace. This worship service ordinarily lasts one hour and concludes with the Benediction at 12:00 pm.

We hope you will join us in worship, study, and fellowship!

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Have you ever felt insufficient, ill-equipped, incompetent, or outnumbered?

If so, *Gideon: Your weakness. God's strength*, a 7 session women's Bible study by **Priscilla Shirer**, is for you! When we hear the name Gideon, most of us think about his 300 soldiers or the fleece he laid out under the evening sky, but Gideon's story is so much bigger than that. Like everything else in the Bible, this is a story about God and His people—His love for them, as well as His strength operating in spite of their weakness—even through their weakness. And because God's people includes you and me, Gideon's story is also about us—our lives, our doubts, our struggles, and our possibilities as believers. From a state of fear, weakness, and insecurity, Gideon emerged as Israel's hero, filled with God's presence and His passion for deliverance. In what ways do you feel insufficient? Those places create the greatest opportunity to experience the sufficiency of God. Instead of ignoring, neglecting, or trying to escape your weaknesses, see them as the gifts that they are, given specifically and strategically by God to unlock the door of God's strength.



Meeting dates will be **January 16 and 30, February 13 and 27, March 13 and 27, and April 10.** Choose to come **9AM - 11AM or 6PM - 8PM.**

If you would like a study guide, the cost is \$13.85. Contact Lia Gray, 318-1541 or uncpair@gmail.com, for more information and to order a study guide.

Writers Needed for the 2014 Advent Devotional:

See Poster in the Narthex



After having done these devotionals for a few years, we have discovered that most people are in a mood to write about Advent and Christmas **during the season** rather than asking them to think about the holidays in late summer or early fall. So now we want to work almost a year ahead, and that is why we are announcing the theme for the 2014 Advent Devotional. The theme is: ***“Reel Christmas – Discovering Christ or Religious Themes in Favorite Holiday Films.”***

Do you enjoy movies? While some people like new releases, others have several old movies they enjoy viewing during the holidays. Many of us like to see new films, and there are always special releases at the holidays. The Hallmark Channel began the Countdown to Christmas by showing new and old holiday films on November 2. Many of us also enjoy introducing children or grandchildren to films that we have enjoyed.

Over the years, a number of films set at Christmastime have been produced such as *Home Alone*, *It's a Wonderful Life*, *White Christmas*, or *While You Were Sleeping*. Other films may include a Christmas segment, for example, *The Fourth Wise Man*, *Meet Me in St. Louis*, *Steel Magnolias*, or *The Trouble With Angels*. We are looking for volunteers to select a holiday film and to write two paragraphs. One paragraph is to be about how they see Christ or religious themes in the film and another paragraph is to tell why they like the film so much and how it became a holiday viewing tradition with them. Only two paragraphs are required. Amy McKee and Alan Harvey will select scriptures and write prayers to accompany your submission. We realize that several people might like to write on a certain film, but for this devotional we are restricting the submissions on any given film to two writers. **Submissions will be due by January 31, 2014.** A poster is in the narthex with a more complete listing of holiday films. Also, you may write about another Christmas film that is not listed. Sign up now so you can share with your friends your favorite holiday film and why you enjoy it so much.

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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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Bag Lunch Ministry

We gave out 195 bag lunches in the week of 12/30/13.

Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 96 people on 1/04/14.

Return Service Requested

PRIME TIMERS CAR (AND BOAT) SHOW

Calling all Prime Timers (members and friends of First Pres. ages 55 and up) to our Car (and Boat) Show.

We will gather on **Monday, January 27, at 11:30 a.m.** in McLeod Hall for a wonderful lunch and a time of fellowship. Lunch will be catered by Joyce Snively and the cost will be \$8. Dr. Steve Negley will start us on a trip down memory lane. Then, we will journey out to the parking lot to enjoy cars and boats from years gone by.

If you have a classic car or boat that you'd be willing to bring for the event, call or email Steve (294-3121) or snegley@firstpreswh.org and let him know to save you a parking space.

To make lunch reservations, call the church office at 294-3121 or Carol Switalski at 353-1887.

