



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

Tower Chimes

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134 Years of Ministry

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*In these uncertain times our calendar reflects
our regular programming desires.
Any cancellations will be decided 2 weeks at a time.*

BEING A CHURCH WHILE FACING A VIRUS

We want to be the faithful body of Christ in this time of uncertainty. To address the spread of the Coronavirus, the Session has determined that the church will be moving to VIRTUAL WORSHIP until further notice. Since public health officials have requested churches to refrain from holding public worship services, we will have our Sunday services STREAMED ON FACEBOOK LIVE at <https://www.facebook.com/FPCWinterHaven/> at 9:15 am (Heart of Worship) and 11:00 am (Traditional). You do not need a Facebook account to join us. Simply use the link above. Videos of weekly worship will then be posted on our website by Sunday afternoon.



PLEASE HELP US STAY IN TOUCH WITH YOU. Email **Connie** at the church office at cshipley@firstpreswh.org so that we can add you to our system for email updates. Also check our Facebook page for meeting and activity updates.

LIVING TOGETHER – APART

With the most recent determination to continue social distancing nationwide until April 30, it seems that we will not be able physically to be together in worship for some of the holiest days of the Christian year. But, we will be together in spirit and we will worship God.



Please join us on Facebook Live for a **virtual worship service on Maundy Thursday** evening (April 9). At 6:30 PM, scriptures, prayers, and songs will help us to mark this important night when Jesus ate a Last Supper with His disciples. This evening worship will end with the Tenebrae (Service of Darkness) as we prepare to move through Good Friday on our way to the empty tomb of Easter.

And, on **Easter Sunday**, we will be **streaming our 9:15 AM Heart of Worship and 11:00 AM Traditional Worship** services on Facebook Live. If the cross and grave could not keep our Lord from proclaiming God's glory, we won't let the events of our times keep us from praising God on Resurrection Day. Please join us for this virtual and vital worship on Easter.

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 5 PALM SUNDAY IN LENT

9:15 am Heart of Worship (Facebook Live)
11:00 am Worship (Facebook Live)

Monday, April 6

Tuesday, April 7

9:00 am Staff Meeting (MCR)
4:00 pm Music Director Search (MH)
6:30 pm Session (GR)

Wednesday, April 8

12:00 pm Buildings and Grounds (MH)

Thursday, April 9

6:30 pm Worship (Facebook live)

Friday, April 10

12:00 pm Chapel Open Until 3pm

Saturday, April 11

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

THE CHURCH OFFICE REMAINS OPEN

Please call us at 294-3121 if
you have any questions,
concerns, or needs.



*Congratulations to
Kristen Siegel and
Robert Wichrowski
upon the birth of
their daughter,
Declan Colby
born March 29, 2020.*

*Our Christian sympathy goes to
Louise Volpe upon the death of her
husband, Joe Volpe, who died on
Sunday, March 22, 2020*

Remember in Prayer

MEMBERS

Marie Able	Kay Hedden	John Schleifer
Melvin & Debbie Anderson	Doris Hill	Zane Schwenk
Kathy Andrews	Bryan Howard	George Seagreaves
Orrin & Helen Champlain	Isobel Hubbard	Cash Sheaffer
Carl Cheatham	Jim Huff	Bob Sheffield
Charlie Dart	Martha Johnson	Joyce Shirah
Marjorie DiLorenzo	Bill Johnston	Barbara H. Smith
Yolanda Dyer	John Kissel	Dale Smith
Jana Easterling	Dena Lancashire	Joel Smith
Dana Elmore	Eric Lindstrom	Christine Stevens
Bill Everhart	Spike Lucia	Pam Tallent-Blackburn
Jim Francis	Don Martin	Carolyn Thompson
John Gray	Pat McCarty	Ellie Threlkel
Jane Hayman	Bob McClew	Mike Vibral
Joyce Hayman	Edna Mitchell	Joe Volpe
Frances Heath	Nancy Neale	Gwen Waters
	Arletta Oriani	Sug Zowarka
	Barbara Roberts	

Relatives & Friends

Belle Barris	Lauren Schwenk's friend
Jessica Benton	Nikki Hoagland's cousin
Steve Dobler	Rich Dobler's brother
Jean Ann & Blake Doyle	Ben & Judy Tucker's friend
Dottie Fairchild	Bob Hiines' sister
Susie Fisher	Rob Donaldy and Becky Everhart's cousin
Tom Francis	Jim Francis' brother
Allison Futch	Lynn Oakley's friend
Debbie Futch	Lynn Oakley's friend
Lynda Giles	Polly Wilson's niece
Christy Hemenway	Bob & Lisa Endres' friend
Kate Hurd & family	Kathy Cheatham's friend
John Kluberg	Nancy Dobler's brother
Jim Marrs	Greg Marrs' brother
Carol Moore	Roger & Marie Able's friend
Jackie Murphy	Lynn Oakley's friend
Jean Murphy	Lynn Oakley's mom
Paula Penna	Steven Lockhart's friend
Sydney Alexis Rich	Bill & Becky Everhart's friend
Joan Richter	Lynn Oakley's friend
Toni Shaw	Candy Marshall's friend
Deborah Strother	Sandy Hoffman's friend
Penni Tinsley	Tom & Jeri Oldt's friend
Jeanie Williamson	Jackie Pinckney's friend

MILITARY



Zach Anaya	Daniel Harp
Brenden Anderson	Sean Harp
Christian Anderson	David Knowles
Samuel Crockett	John Marotti
Zach Drum	KaitLin Marotti
Robert Ferguson	Mathew Massam
Stephanie Gillie	Shad Skinner
Eddie Gray	Drew Stapor



WE ARE STILL COLLECTING EASTER EGG DONATIONS

Although we are not having our Easter egg hunt this year, there will be a plan B. So, we still need your help! Please drop individually wrapped candy in the marked baskets in McLeod Hall. Unfortunately, we cannot accept chocolate with this Florida heat.

SEWING FOR HONDURAS

Sewing day gatherings for Honduras dresses has been suspended until further notice. If you have dresses to drop off, please call the church office at 294-3121 to make arrangements.



CANCELLATIONS

FunTimers' April event.

Presbytery Women, Joy & Lydia Cirles, April Bible study.

YOUTH GROUP UPDATES:



Due to the concerns of the coronavirus, we have decided to cancel youth group & activities until further notice. We will keep you updated as things are changing weekly.

Since our meetings are cancelled, **Emily Snyder** has created an Instagram account where she will be posting short devotionals every few days to keep your hearts filled with a little bit of Jesus during this crazy time! The account can be found on Instagram if you search **fpewh_youth**. If you don't have an account, but still want to receive the devotions, here is the link: [instagram.com/fpewh_youth](https://www.instagram.com/fpewh_youth).

Stay healthy and we hope to be together again soon!

CHRIST KIDS AND CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our after-school program may not be meeting with school out, but they are having the opportunity to grow in their faith at home! Families are being sent a Bible lesson weekly; this week's focus is on prayer. They will also have creative practice of prayer to try at home. And as it is safe, families will have access to our playground Wednesday afternoons, 3-5pm as well.

If you know families that may also enjoy deepening their faith during this time, please let know **Rev. Sarah** at sbishop@firstpreswh.org and she can share the link as well.



FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE ONLINE GIVING IS AVAILABLE THROUGH SECUREGIVE

Go to our Church website at www.firstpreswh.org and click on **give** (top right), you will be re-directed to <https://app.securegive.com/firstpreswh> or you can go directly to the SecureGive website, <https://app.securegive.com/firstpreswh>.

Robin Miller is available to assist you during office hours at 863-294-3121 or email rmiller@firstpreswh.org.

CE SAVE THE DATES

All-Church Retreat May 2-3 at CedarKirk

Registration and this year's theme to be announced soon. But plan on joining us for a relaxing weekend away in the pines. All types of families and individuals are invited to join us.

Vacation Bible School: June 14-18 Knights of North Castle: Quest for the King's Armor

This summer, our brave knights will grow in their strength of the Lord and His power at *Knights of North Castle: Quest for the King's Armor*, **Vacation Bible School** starting **June 14 through the 18**. So mark your calendar now to help kids take up the gauntlet and accept the challenge to "armor up" and be strong by remaining with God and sharing God's love to the world! Registration for volunteers and kids is now open on our website at firstpreswh.org.



HELPING HANDS ON FIRST SUNDAY



Did we over look you for helping with a First Sunday Luncheon at First Presbyterian? If your answer is "Yes," then you are invited to call the Church Office at 294-3121 and tell Connie or Rose of the date that you would like to help. You can also call **MaryBess Thompson** at 863-398-2600 or **Erin Miller** at 863-585-4259 and let these members of the Hospitality and Fellowship Committee know of your interest and availability.

Thank you!

HOW ARE YOU DOING?

Are you going through a difficult time?



Concerned about the coronavirus?

Lost a job?

Living with depression?

Lost a loved one?

Going through a divorce?

Living with an illness?



Stephen Ministers are members of First Presbyterian Church who have received special training to provide high quality, confidential, one-to-one, Christian care to hurting people.

If you, or someone you know, are sad or struggling inside, don't suffer alone.

To find out more about Stephen Ministry for you or someone you know, **call Susan Singleton at 318-9208.**

Or you can talk with one of our other Stephen Leaders: Alan Harvey, Mary Marrs, Steve Negley, Barbara Perkins, Connie Shipley, or Jean Strang.

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES SEARCH

The Session has appointed a Director of Music Search Committee, and they have been busy this year preparing to search for Lynn McCoy's replacement. The committee (Mike Harris, chair, Sara Hank, vice-chair, Karen Premuto, secretary, Lia Gray, Sean Ivey, Ed Smith, Devin Thompson, Nat West, Mike Seney, and Steve Negley ex-officio) has helped the Session update the position description, and create materials to advertise the position, and are currently posting ads and hope to be receiving resumes in the days to come.



If you know of someone who might be interested and qualified to serve as our new Director of Music Ministries, please direct them to our church website for more information. And please keep the committee, Lynn, and all those involved in our music programs in your prayers in the coming months.

2020 CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE

Did you miss getting your picture taken for our 2020 Church Directory?

We have noticed several people missing who were pictured in the 2016 directory when compared with the roster of persons who were photographed in December 2019 and February 2020. Thus far, for the 2020 Directory we have had 135 photos taken compared to 240 for the 2016 Directory.

Would you still like to have your photo included in the new directory? If your answer is “Yes!” and if there is enough interest, we are trying to schedule a make up day.

Currently, sixteen individuals/families have indicated they would like to be photographed, but we need at least twenty-five to schedule another day for picture-taking.

Please call the church office at 294-3121 or Toni Barger at 914-715-1734 and let us know you would like another opportunity to be photographed. Also, please indicate what day works best for you: Tuesday, Saturday, or either one.



We really would like everyone included in our 2020 First Pres Pictorial Directory.

ANGELS CARE CENTER OF ELOISE

Angels Care Center continues to give out special kits to our patients and their families, e.g. toiletry kits, first aid kits, children’s kits, and senior bags. This is not possible without your donations of items to fill these kits! We have made and given out over 31,000 in the last 9 years!



But... in the last few months we have come up short of what is needed to fill the kits. This is a year round project and the need is great. We are in particular need of deodorant, disposable razors, small combs, quart and snack size zip lock bags, Band-Aids, washcloths, sunscreen, small hand sanitizer, and small samples from hotel/motels. Also, any and all items for our senior bags, whatever will make our senior citizens’ lives easier and brighter: laundry soap, Lysol cleaning wipes, paper towels, mugs or plastic plates, bowls, teabags, oatmeal packs, crossword puzzles/activity pads, seasonal item/décor, gift cards (Walmart, restaurants, etc.) You can put these items in the Angels Care collection box located in McLeod Hall.

**Your help now and throughout the year is greatly appreciated.
Thank you for being God’s special Angels!**

TEXT TO GIVE AT SECUREGIVE

1. Donor texts the keyword and amount (ex. Tithe 100 –**There must be a space between the keyword and amount**) to the number that is assigned to your organization. (If only an amount is texted without a keyword, the funds will go to a default category- unless you are using the short code- there is no default category on the short code.)
2. First time text donors receive a text with a link to sign into their SecureGive account or create a new one.
3. Donor signs in or creates an account and saves a default payment method to be used for text giving.
4. When this is complete, donor receives a confirmation that their first text donation has been processed. They will also receive an email receipt.



The next time the donor would like to give by text, they simply type the keyword and amount and will receive a request to confirm with Y. After replying, they will receive a text confirmation that their donation was processed and will receive an email receipt.

****We recommend that the donor save your organization’s text number as a contact in their phone for future use****

****Donors can text a question mark “?” to be sent helpful tips.**

****Donors can text STOP to de-activate text giving from their phone. If they have texted STOP at any point, they must text START to get re-started.**

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Our Purpose Statement

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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 260 bag lunches
the week of 3/16/20.

We gave out 177 bag lunches
the week of 3/23/20.

Soup Kitchen Ministry

We feed 85 people on 3/21/20.

We feed 80 people on 3/28/20.

Return Service Requested

«Mailing Name»

«Address 1»

«City», «State» «Zip»

WE WILL STILL HAVE EASTER LILIES FOR OUR VIRTUAL WORSHIP

It is time to order your Easter lily for **Easter Sunday, April 12**. Easter lilies are a yearly tradition to decorate the church on Easter Sunday.

To purchase a lily "in honor of" or "in memory of" a loved one or friend, please fill out this order form. The cost is \$12 per plant. Checks should be made payable to First Presbyterian Church and marked "Easter Lily Fund".

Please place your order by **Monday, April 6** by calling the church office at 294-3121, emailing to office@firstpreswh.org, or filling out this attachment and dropping it by the office or mailing it to the church. A complete listing will be available Easter Sunday.

Donor(s): _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Number of plants ordered: _____ Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

I will pick up my lily on Monday, April 13

I would like my lily delivered to a shut-in.

