



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

Tower Chimes

Week of April 8, 2018

Issue 667

132 Years of Ministry

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PLEASE JOIN US FOR BRIGHT SUNDAY, APRIL 8, 2018

Important note, this year there will be one worship service at 10 a.m.

The theme for this year is: *Recalling Silent Cal and Other Witty Presidents*. The “sermon for the day” will be related to: Psalm 126:2-3, “*Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then it was said among the nations, the Lord has done great things for them. The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.*” The choir will sing a rousing campaign song of yesteryear. Can you guess what that song title is? You might also hear for the first time another election tune. Our trumpeter, Wes Ecker, will play a tune inviting us to get up on our feet.

Though the date is not Memorial Day or July the Fourth, you are invited to wear our nation’s colors of red, white and blue or articles of clothing incorporating our flag in the design. A wooden cross will be on display in the narthex waiting for people to transform it with their gifts of flowers into a beautiful floral cross. As we have done for so many years, we will leave the sanctuary and go to the Memorial Garden for the butterfly release.



IT’S FLAMINGO TIME!!!

Are you wondering how you can support the youth group AND put a smile on your neighbor’s face? Well, wonder no more because the answer is here – participate in our Flamingo FUNdraiser! It is as easy as 1, 2, 3:

- Step 1:** Look for the sign up table as you leave the Sanctuary after either Sunday Service.
- Step 2:** Order flamingos to put in the yard of your choice.
- Step 3:** Relax and enjoy the show!

One flocking costs \$25.00, or you can send TWO flocks for \$50.00. For those of you who want to ensure your house does NOT get flocked, you can purchase flamingo insurance for \$40.00.

We want to do everything we can to make our summer trips as affordable for our students as possible. Please consider how you can get involved and support our youth group’s summer retreats. Also, please call Leonard Mosiah (294-3121) if you are interested in donating to the trips or sponsoring a student! **Flocking begins April 8 through April 29!**

You can also order your flock by filling out this form and dropping in offering plate on Sunday or bringing to the office along with you check.

Donor: _____ Best Contact Info: _____

Name of Recipient: _____ Address of Recipient: _____

Date of Flocking: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____

Special Instructions: _____



OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 8

Bright Sunday

10:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
5:30 p.m. HSYG (GC)

Monday, April 9

8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)
10:00 a.m. Lydia Circle (MH)
6:30 p.m. Nominating (GR)
6:00 p.m. Christian Education (GR)

Tuesday, April 10

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (MCR)
12:00 p.m. Men's Lunch (MH)
12:00 p.m. Sewing for Honduras (GSH)
5:30 p.m. Personnel (MCR)
7:00 p.m. Praise & Worship Band (Sanctuary)

Wednesday, April 11

8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)
10:45 a.m. Preschool Music (CE 103)
12:00 p.m. Buildings & Grounds (MH)
3:00 p.m. Christ Kids
3:45 p.m. Christ Kids Bells (MS)
5:00 p.m. Confirmation (GC)
5:30 p.m. MSYG (GC)
6:00 p.m. Chancel Bells (MS)
6:15 p.m. APNC (ER)
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir (MS)

Thursday, April 12

1:15 p.m. Chapel Bells (MS)

Friday, April 13

8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)

Saturday, April 14

2:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen Prep (Kitchen)
4:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen (737)



Our Christian sympathy goes to Sherry Kennedy on the death of her mother, Helen Wagner, who died on Saturday, March 24, 2018.

Remember in Prayer

MEMBERS

Roger Able	Patti Herndon	Barbara Roberts
Maxie Adams	Doris Hill	Earle Roberts
Becca Alexander	Ranell Hillman	Elsie Savant
Kathleen Avinger	Bryan Howard	Joyce Shirah
Bill Brack	Camille Howe	Mary Alice, Emma, & John Skipper
Tom Brackett	Jim Huff	Barbara H. Smith
Henry Braun	Scott & Becky Irvin	Ed Smith
Nancy Brooks	Shea & Lacey Irvin	Mary Ann Snively
Helen Butz	Martha Johnson	Pete Snively
Helen Champlain	Joey Johnston	Jeff Snyder
Nancy Chilton	Peggy Kennedy	Meg Strang
Tom Coffman	John Kissel	Scott Strey
Yolanda Dyer	Toni Krieger	Jay Tackett
Mike & Jana Easterling	Dena Lancashire	Pam Tallent-Blackburn
Bill Everhart	Kathy Lockhart	Carolyn Thompson
Rossanne Gorsky	Spike Lucia	Suzie Threadgill
Lynn Grady	Carole Marotti	John Van Allen
Clyde Greene	Gregg Marrs	Jennifer Vibral
Jimmy Hankin	Larry Marshall	Lee Wilkinson
Susan Hankin	Lynniss Mincey	Judy Winfree
Jane Hayman	Bev Morris	Retha Wright
Joyce Hayman	Nancy Neale	
Frances Heath	Randall Palmer	
Kay Hedden	Keith & Jane Ray	

Relatives & Friends

Reese Burdette	Dana Cole's cousin
Helen Cote	Norm & Bonnie Patrick's friend
Al Ellis	Jim Threlkel's friend
Julie Fleps	Lisa Endres' friend
Debbie Hunt	Lisa Endres' friend
Pete Kent	Charley & Nancy Chilton's nephew
John McKibben	Jane Whitney's brother
Michael Oriani	Joe Oriani's brother
David Satterfield	Heather Whitney's friend
Kristy Turner	Rick & Pat Reass' daughter
Kevin Tobin	Gale Johnston's friend
Jerry Williams	Steve Negley's friend
Marshall Wood	Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend



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



3 CENTS-A-MEAL

We will collect the **3 Cents-a-Meal Hunger Offering** during our three worship services **ON SUNDAY, April 15.**

This offering is divided between our Soup Kitchen/Bag Lunch Ministry, Beth-El Farm-workers Ministry, and Honduras.

WE NEED UPDATED PHOTOS!!

If you are sitting on the aisle, could you take some pictures of the children collecting? It would be greatly appreciated.

Please email them to Connie at cshiple@firstpreswh.org.



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING



Remember Easter is when we participate with other congregations around the world in the **One Great Hour of Sharing Offering**. Our gifts provide relief to those affected by natural disasters (through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance), provide food to the hungry, and assist in helping to empower the poor and oppressed. Envelopes are available in the pew pockets. Please place your money in these specially provided envelopes or your check payable to First Presbyterian Church duly noted for **OGHS** in the offering plate. Thank you!



WHO ARE YOU? WHOSE ARE YOU?

Mark your calendars and plan to join friends from First Presbyterian Church at our **annual church-wide retreat, Saturday, April 21 - Sunday, April 22.** We will be spending two wonderful days (and a great night) at the Cedarkirk Camp and Conference Center south of Tampa.

We will play, relax, eat, fellowship, study, and worship together as we explore what it means to be the wonderful child of God that God has made you. **WHO ARE YOU?** (Come and share the unique you with others.) **WHOSE ARE YOU?** (Come and celebrate what it means to be loved and claimed by God.)



IT'S SPRING, GET READY FOR THE RING!!!



Please mark your calendars for the Spring Ring on **Sunday, April 29th at 4:00 p.m.** in the sanctuary. All the bell choirs have been working hard on special music for this program.

We will have three churches joining us, Haines City Presbyterian, Beymer, and Good Shepherd, with their special music and we will have our traditional mass ring selection that is turning out to be fantastic!

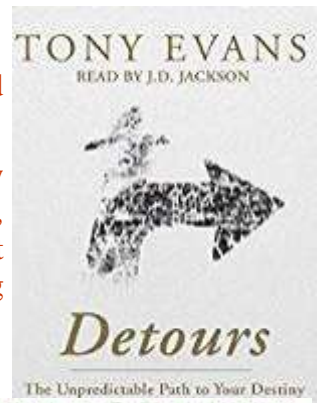
We will also be sharing information about a special historical project coming soon to First Presbyterian Church. Please come join us for this special program.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Detours, by Dr. Tony Evans, is a study of the life of Joseph, through whom God demonstrates how He is at work even when life seems to be going wrong.

By studying how God worked His sovereign plan through Joseph, we will learn to rely on God as He helps us navigate our detours in life that may take us through trials, injustice, and even betrayal. We will be comforted and encouraged as we learn to rest in God's redemptive plan and the hope found in God's sovereign will. The last meeting will be **9-11 a.m.** in the Golden Center **Thursday, April 12.**

If you're interested please contact Lia Gray at 863-318-1541 or uncpair@gmail.com.



WE ARE BLESSED



Many thanks goes to the Worship Committee and friends for making the palm crosses for Palm Sunday and to Sue McClew, Ann and Frieda Walker, Laura Frost, and Chloe Miller for their help in distributing the crosses during the Palm Sunday services.

THANK YOU!!!

Special thanks goes to Lia Gray and Cecelia Linn for their work in providing the new Easter Banners for the Heart of Worship service. They also provide the special Advent/Christmas banners and the Lenten banners that we have been using this season. If anyone is interested in helping with the banners, please contact Lynn McCoy.



DO YOU LIKE TO SEW? WE NEED YOU!



We are sewing SUNdresses for Honduras pre-school girls. We gather in the Girl Scout House on **Tuesdays from 12 to 2 p.m.** (Bring a sack lunch.)

NEEDED: Sewers either at church or in your own home, fancy pillow cases, men's cotton blend shirts, bias tape, ribbon for draw strings - 2 1/2 yards and 5/8" wide, cotton blend material in 3/4 yard or 1 yard pieces.

Drop by, pick up some material, cut a pattern, cut material, sew or just say "Hi"; any or all work for us.

For details, a ride, or a pick up of material, supplies or a sewing machine please contact Lydia Circle member Sharon Mitchell 419-332-5268.

We could use your help...

as a substitute care-giver in our church nursery. Do you like spending time with God's smallest children? We have a wonderful staff who regularly provide child-care in our church nursery on Sunday mornings, but occasionally those folks need some time away.

If you would be willing to serve as a substitute (we would arrange with you well in advance) please call (294-3121) or email (rmiller@firstpreswh.org) Robin Miller, our Director of Finance and Administration to get your name on our nursery substitute list. Thanks.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY



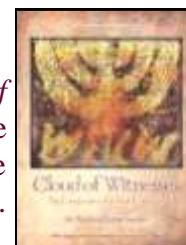
Calling volunteers to pick up bread and desserts from Winter Haven Square Publix (across from Legoland) for Saturday Soup Kitchen. If you are currently picking up on Saturday mornings, delivering them to the church, and are willing to continue this service, then you need not notify us unless we do not have your best contact information. If you are interested in this volunteer opportunity and need more information, please call Alan at 294-3121. If you no longer wish to help, please let Alan know. A new list goes out soon as the present schedule ends on May 5. Thank you.

CIRCLE MEETINGS

Lydia Circle - **Second Monday each month at 10 a.m.** in McLeod Hall.

Joy Circle - **Third Tuesday each month at 9:30 a.m.** at the home of Carol Carter.

We are using the PW Horizons Bible study titled: "*Cloud of Witnesses - The Community of Christ Hebrew*" written by Melissa Bane Sevier. In nine lessons, the author invites us to explore major themes found in Hebrews, relate these themes to other parts of our faith tradition, and tie them together with the overarching motif of community. The study books are available for \$10. Contact either Carol Carter at 299-4253 or Sue McClew at 875-6176 for your copy.



ANGELS CARE CENTER OF ELOISE- Angel Collection Box Needs

There is an ongoing need for the following items to give out at the Angels Care Center. Please leave items in the Angel Collection Box in McLeod Hall. Thank YOU, and God Bless!!!



First Aid Kits: washcloths, band-aids, wet wipes, small soaps, small antibacterial soap, Q-tips, small packets of antibiotic ointment, etc.

Children's "Jesus Kits": coloring sheets with Biblical themes, crayons, scripture/song cards (simple and short for children), small books, stickers, etc.

Toiletry Kits: shampoo, soap, deodorant, razors, feminine products, combs, washcloths, hand gel, lotion, toothbrush and toothpaste, small samples from hotel/motels, etc.

Miscellaneous: zip lock bags (gallon, quart and snack size).

OUR STEPHEN MINISTERS ARE READY TO CARE FOR YOU!

Stephen Ministers are members of First Presbyterian Church who have been through extensive training and provide confidential, one-to-one, Christian care to people who are experiencing a difficult time. They will listen, care, encourage, pray with and for you, and provide weekly support for you as long as your need persists.



If you or someone you know is hurting, find out more about Stephen Ministry by **calling Pat Reass at 206-9914. Or you can talk with one of our other Stephen Leaders: Alan Harvey, Mary Marrs, Steve Negley, Barbara Perkins, Susan Singleton, or Jean Strang.** Our Stephen Ministers are ready to bring God's love and care into your life.

APRIL

BIRTHDAYS

4/1	Randall Spivey	4/14	Marcia Eycleshimer	4/22	Thomas Wales
	Shirley Ussery	4/14	Beverly Morris	4/23	Kimberly Gaines
4/2	Kenny Lasseter		Julia Parker	4/24	Diany Blanton
	Alexander Schulz	4/15	KC Davidson		Kelly Butz
	Phillip Tanner		Tracy Garcia		Clara Nell Dantzler
4/3	Glenn Thomas		Perry Oakley		Kristen Hahn
4/5	Blake Bentley		Penny Zwicker		Lydia Rennie
	Richard Bogey	4/16	Steven Dunham	4/25	April Porter
	Kalen Rabern		Elise Levasseur	4/26	Blair Dunham
	Glynn Swango		Barbara H. Smith		Camille Howe
	Betsy Wengler		McCree Stults		John Marchetti
4/7	Russell Aaron	4/17	Howard Beckert		Darcie Owens
	Brandy Gray		Scott Hart		Dave Tannahill
	Caden Kok		Billy Melvin	4/27	Lori Calvin
	Kenneth Welch	4/19	Joni Gann		Lindsay Fitzgerald
4/8	Elizabeth Walker		Jane West		Barbara Puckett
4/9	Mal Boland	4/20	Jay Gray	4/28	Carolyn Greene
	Katie Solomon		Roxane McCann		Kyle Seney
	Kristin Tannahill		Julie Valk		Lucas Volpe
4/10	Julius Windham		Ansley Wales	4/29	Alice Colgrove
4/11	Quentin Roe		Dave Wander		Matthew Gaines
	Mike Speer	4/21	James Bruce		Marilyn Sheffield
4/12	Ellie Crowder		Christian Cornejo		Alexandra Turner
	Charlene Glenn		Kevin Grady	4/30	Deane Briggs
	Meg Strang		Corbin Hart		Dale Johnson
	Kyle Walker		Marcia Strang		Ryan Seney
4/13	Drew Baker		Dave Zwicker		Ellen Tate
	Barrett Bostick	4/22	Lyndsey Clarke		
	Debbie Sowards		Harper Roe		

Anniversaries

4/1	Neal & Anne McBride	4/17	Richard & Susan Wales
4/4	Tom & Jeri Oldt	4/22	Ted & Paula Threadgill
4/6	Stephen & Beth Luxford	4/23	Michael & Meredith Baragona
4/7	David & Marcie Dersheimer	4/25	Joseph & Martha Burke
4/10	Carson & Kay Weeks	4.25	Bob & Linda Mishael
4/12	Lauren & Zane Schwenk	4/26	Shorter & Marcia Strang
4/14	David & Kathleen Gillen	4/27	Randall & Donna Spivey

Join Us on the Lord's Day

Worship



8:15 a.m. Chapel Worship

A traditional worship service is held in our chapel. The service follows the same order as the 11:00 a.m. worship, does not have a Chancel Choir. Musical ensembles offer special music on many Sundays. A Time with Younger Disciples is included when we have children in attendance.

9:30 - 10:25 a.m. Heart of Worship

A Praise and Worship service is held in our sanctuary. Along with scripture, sermon, and prayers, a praise band helps the congregation in adoring and showing reverence to God. Following the Time with Younger Disciples, children are invited to join Ms. Lynn in music and then to join in their own Children's Sunday School Classes.

11:00 a.m. Sanctuary Worship

A traditional worship service is held in our sanctuary. The service follows the same order as the 8:15 a.m. Chapel Service, and includes music from the Chancel Choir and the organ, as well as other instruments and groups.

DON'T MISS THE CONNECTION

9:15—10:45 A.M.

Fellowship time in McLeod Hall offers a coffee bar type selection with different flavored creamers, pastries, etc. It is a gathering place before (or after) worship, and between worship and Sunday School for some.

Hosts circulate in McLeod Hall and the CE Building to greet and assist people in making connections with others in one of the worship or Christian Education options.



SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES

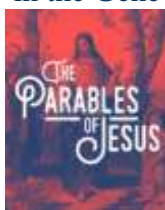


For Kids: We'll be getting to learn more about Jesus - His life and ministry and leaders in the early church. Short videos, music, art, and Bible activities will keep the kids coming back for more!

If your family attends the 9:30 a.m. service, kids age 4 and older worship with their families for the first part of the service. After the "Time with Younger Disciples," age 4 through grade 5 may be dismissed to the Christian Education building for music and classes until 10:45 a.m.

If your family attends the 11:00 a.m. service, come to the CE Building for music and classes from 10:00 until 10:45 a.m.

For Adults: Who is the real Jesus? How can we experience the mystery, complexity, and richness of his spirituality and teachings in our lives today? *Living Jesus: Learning the Heart of the Gospel* by Luke Timothy Johnson elucidates the mystery of Jesus' resurrection and its central role in the Christian experience. It explores the diversity and fullness of the New Testament views of Christ, revealing how each book's perspective can deepen our understanding of Jesus. Profoundly insightful, *Living Jesus* offers valuable lessons on how we can accept the Gospels' powerful invitation to an authentic Christian spirituality. Join us in the Geneva Room from **9:30 until 10:30 a.m.**



Also For Adults: We are watching a video series by New Testament scholar Dr. Kenneth Bailey, as he uses his vast experiences in the Middle Eastern world (where Jesus first walked and talked) to help us unlock the wonderful meaning of some of the parables of Jesus. The group will listen to Dr. Bailey's insights, and discuss how each story told by our Lord touches our lives today. Join us at **9:30 a.m.** in Room 207 of the Christian Education building.

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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 164 bag lunches
the week of 3/26/18.

Return Service Requested

Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 75 people on 3/31/18.

CLASS OF 2021

The Nominating Committee has the responsibility of suggesting men and women to serve on the Session and the Diaconate. Your responsibility is to provide the names of those whom you feel meet the high standards of character required for these offices. These persons must have the time available to SERVE, the commitment to Jesus Christ to SERVE, and the ability to LEAD this congregation and its spiritual and physical growth for our Lord's sake.

Please prayerfully consider your recommendations (which may include yourself.) Your signature is not required.

These recommendations will be considered by the Nominating Committee which will present a slate for election. We are to elect five Elders and five Deacons to three-year terms to replace those retiring this year. We are also to elect five at-large members to serve on next year's Nominating Committee.

Names(s) for consideration as:

ELDER

DEACON

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE

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Please place in the offering plate or mail to the church office.