



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

Tower Chimes

Week of April 15, 2018

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132 Years of Ministry

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Get ready for another

Fifth Sunday First Pres Family Gathering April 29!

At the **Single 10:00 a.m. Worship Service** you will be able to catch up with all your First Pres friends. The service that Sunday will feature a unique order of worship with elements from our other services such as: several opening songs with our Praise Band, the Children's Singers and Chimes, an anthem presented by our Chancel Choir, Sermon, Time with Younger Disciples, prayers by our pastors, and a closing hymn accompanied on our pipe organ.



At **11:15 a.m.**, we hope to continue fellowship with our First Pres family and friends, with a **Congregation-wide Fellowship Luncheon in McLeod Hall**. The Sunday meal will be served family style at our round tables.

No reservations requested or required. (There will be plenty of food. Any leftovers will be used by our Senior High Youth for their Sunday night meal, our Middle School Youth for their Wednesday night meal, or our Saturday Soup Kitchen.)

We hope you will join us for this great day of faith, friendship, and fellowship on April 29th.



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

Please mark your calendars for the Spring Ring on **Sunday, April 29 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.



OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 15 3 Cents-a-Meal

8:15 a.m. Chapel Worship (Chapel)
9:15 a.m. The Connection (MH)
9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School (CE)
9:30 a.m. Heart of Worship (Sanctuary)
10:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School (CE)
11:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
5:30 p.m. HSYG (GC)

Monday, April 16

8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)
6:30 p.m. Nominating (GR)

Tuesday, April 17

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (MCR)
9:30 a.m. Joy Circle (Off site)
12:00 p.m. Men's Lunch (MH)
12:00 p.m. Sewing for Honduras (GSH)
12:00 p.m. Finance (UR)
6:30 p.m. Deacons (GR)
7:00 p.m. Praise & Worship Band (Sanctuary)

Wednesday, April 18

8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)
10:45 a.m. Preschool Music (CE 103)
1:30 p.m. Congregational Care (MCR)
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 19

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

Friday, April 20

8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)

Saturday, April 21 All Church Retreat

12:00 p.m. SNL (Off site)
2:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen Prep (Kitchen)
4:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen (737)

Remember in Prayer

MEMBERS

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

IN THE HOSPITAL: Ranell Hillman

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
Don Howell	Jeff Bowen's stepfather
Debbie Hunt	Lisa Endres' friend
Pete Kent	Charley & Nancy Chilton's nephew
John McKibben	Jane Whitney's brother
Michael Oriani	Joe Oriani's brother
Mike Parker	Julia Parker's son
Amy & John Miles	Bethany Owen's friends
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

10 Ways to Pray When You Can't Pray

Pray Anyway
Choose to Listen
Just Say His Name
Have a Go-to Prayer
Say a Prayer of Praise
Pray for Someone Else
Pray for a Heart of Prayer
Have Someone Pray for You
Read Different Prayers in the Bible
Pray Different Bible Verses Over Your Life



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

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 cshIPLEY@firstpreswh.org.



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.)



Brochures are available in the Narthex, Sanctuary, Balcony, McLeod Hall, & office.



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.



Did You Know?

There is a 20-note J.C. Deagan Tower Chime System in our church steeple. It was given as a commemorative gift and installed in 1926, but has not played since 1970. During the 44 years that it rang, the chimes called Christians to Sunday services 2,288 times! During the 48 years since 1970, it has been silent for 2,458 Sundays!

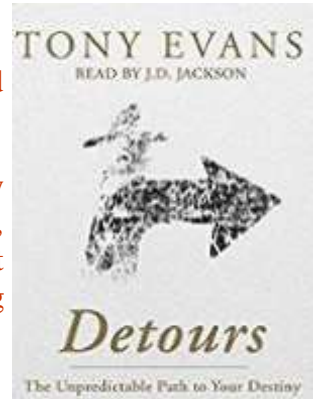
Wouldn't it be "music to our ears" to hear those chimes welcoming us on Sunday and also a beautiful way to invite others in our community to join us in worship?



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.

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: Sew either at church or in your own home.

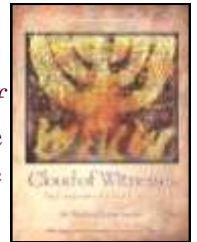
Drop by, pick up some material, cut a pattern, cut material, sew or just say "Hi"; any or all work for us.

For details, please contact Lydia Circle member Sharon Mitchell 419-332-5268.

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.



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.

DON'T FORGET TO SIGN UP!!!

**THE SANCTUARY FLOWER CALENDAR
IS POSTED IN THE NARTHEX.**

**The following dates are still available:
April 29, May 13, 20, & 27 and June 3 & 24.**



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

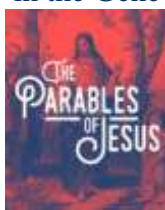


For Kids: We'll be getting to learn more about Jesus - His life and ministry and leaders in the early church. Short videos, music, art, and Bible activities will keep the kids coming back for more!

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 215 bag lunches
the week of 4/2/18.

Return Service Requested

Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 83 people on 4/7/18.

F unT imers are at it again!! April 23, 2018

April is here and it's time to announce our event for this month. We will meet in McLeod Hall at **11:30 a.m. on Monday, April 23** for lunch and a program. The lunch will be catered by a former Disney chef - "yummy" and Steve Negley will present a program on our church's history...and *it is an interesting one!*

There will be a brief mini-walk to learn more about a "hidden treasure" in our steeple and a few other points of interest. We'll enjoy dessert after our program.

Cost is \$12 and reservations are needed. We look forward to seeing you there. Bring your friends!

Please RSVP for this F unT imers by **Wednesday, April 18**, by calling the church office at 294-3121, emailing to office@firstpreswh.org, or filling out this attachment and putting in the offering plate.



Name: _____ Number attending: _____