



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

Tower Chimes

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BRIGHT SUNDAY, APRIL 19

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Do you remember the story of Peter Pan? When Peter unknowingly takes the poisoned drink to his lips, the fairy Tinker Bell rushes in, intervenes and drinks the poison, saving Peter. As Tinker Bell is dying, Peter calls on children everywhere to believe and applaud so that Tinker Bell might just live. A thunderous applause is heard and Tinker Bell survives, knowing children do believe.

This year's Bright Sunday celebration is going to require your laughter and applause so that I may hear it at 637 Sixth Street while you are elsewhere. The regular worshippers, the bears, don't chuckle or laugh, so it's up to you!

Our original plan was to reprise "Captain Noah and his Floating Zoo" a few weeks ago, we had to cancel that performance as the choir numbers more than 10 singers and social distancing of 6 feet or more makes blending voices more difficult, so much for the choral program. We will have to keep "Captain Noah" afloat for at least another year.

The theme for this year's Bright Sunday celebration is:
Ask the Rabbi, tell the Priest, and Pester the Pastor.

There will be humorous stories and jokes. There will be a modified butterfly release in memory of church members who have died since Bright Sunday 2019. This part of the service must be pre-recorded and done by staff members, so that we can carry forth the tradition, although quite different from previous years. Those who cannot release a butterfly in memory of a loved one this year will be given that opportunity to do so for Bright Sunday 2021.



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.

And remember

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in times of trouble.

Psalm 46:1



OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 19 3 CENTS-A-MEAL BIRGHT SUNDAY

- 9:15 am Heart of Worship (Facebook Live)
- 11:00 am Worship (Facebook Live)
- 7:00 pm High School Youth Groom (Zoom)

Monday, April 20

Tuesday, April 21

- 9:00 am Staff Meeting (MH)
- 12:00 pm Finance (Virtual)
- 4:00 pm Music Director Search (Virtual)
- 6:30 pm Deacons (Virtual)

Wednesday, April 22

- 7:00 pm Middle School Youth Group (Virtual)

Thursday, April 23

Friday, April 24

Saturday, April 25

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

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

THE CHURCH OFFICE REMAINS OPEN

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



*Our Christian sympathy goes to
Lynn Oakley and Lauren Schwenk
upon the death of their
mother/grandmother,
Jean Murphy, who died on
Friday, April 10, 2020*

Remember in Prayer

MEMBERS

Marie Able	Joyce Hayman	Arletta Oriani
Melvin & Debbie Anderson	Frances Heath	Barbara Roberts
Kathy Andrews	Kay Hedden	John Schleifer
Gene Aspy	Doris Hill	Lauren Schwenk
Orrin & Helen Champlain	Bryan Howard	George Seagreaves
Carl Cheatham	Isobel Hubbard	Cash Sheaffer
Charlie Darte	Jim Huff	Bob Sheffield
Marjorie DiLorenzo	Martha Johnson	Joyce Shirah
Rachel Harris Duke	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 Hammette	Bob McClew	Mike Vibral
Jane Hayman	Edna Mitchell	Gwen Waters
	Nancy Neale	Sug Zowarka
	Lynn Oakley	

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 Hines' 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
Paula Penna	Steven Lockhart's friend
Sydney Alexis Rich	Bill & Becky Everhart's friend
Joan Richter	Lynn Oakley's friend
Kristy Russ	Tom & Jerri Oldt'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

YOUTH GROUP

During this challenging time, our youth groups are meeting weekly by Zoom meetings. We are doing lessons and enjoying each other's company on video chats until we can start meeting in person again.

High School: Sunday at 7pm
Middle School: Wednesday at 7pm

Emily Snyder has also created an Instagram account where she is posting 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 **fpcwh_youth**. If you don't have an account, but still want to receive the devotions, here is the link: [instagram.com/fpcwh_youth](https://www.instagram.com/fpcwh_youth).



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. Rev. Sarah delivered Easter eggs a little early to celebrate Easter and soon they'll be exploring the early church. 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.

HOW ARE YOU DOING? Are you going through a difficult time?

Concerned about the COVID-19?

Lost a job?

Living with depression?

Lost a loved one?

Recently Retired?

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.



Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.

Galatians 6:2

To find out more about Stephen Ministry for you or someone you know, call **Connie Shipley at 221-2224**. Or you can talk with one of our other **Stephen Leaders: Alan Harvey, Mary Marrs, Steve Negley, Barbara Perkins, or Jean Strang.**

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!**



SOUND BOARD OPERATORS WANTED

If technology is your thing, we have a place for you in our musical praise!! We are in need of people who would like to learn about our sound system and help during the worship services to make sure all our praise is heard! We will be holding a training session, so **contact Lynn at 701-570-1485** and let her know if you are willing to join the Sunday rotation in the sound booth. **PLEASE!!**

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.

HOW MANY OFFERING ENVELOPES WOULD YOU LIKE?

We are custom printing our offering envelopes this year. If you would like to have envelopes and have not received them yet, please contact Rose in the church office at 294-3121 or rflynn@firstpreswh.org.



YOU CAN HELP SUPPORT FIRST PRES... just by shopping at this special Amazon link.



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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.

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.

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 182 bag lunches
the week of 4/6/20.

Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 60 people on 4/11/20.

2020 EASTER LILY DEDICATIONS

GIVEN BY...

Anonymous
Toni Barger
Jeff Bowen
Jeff Bowen
Gary & Joan Chilton
Bob & Shirley Hines
Don & Norma Martin
Matt & Sharon McGaffigan

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Barbara Puckett
Nanette Rodgers
Steve & Cynthia Saterbo
Bill & Karen Siegel
Kristen Siegel
Ed & Loretta Smith
Ed & Loretta Smith
Glenn Thomas
Kit Threlkel
Kit Threlkel
Kit Threlkel

IN MEMORY OF...

Loved Ones
Loved Ones
Neil Bowen
Billie Bowen
Loved Ones
Our Parents
Love Ones
Mac & Florine McGaffigan
Don & Margaret Reiss
Dr. John Puckett
Connel Rodgers
Our Loved Ones
Colby Siegel
Lucile McNabb
Barbara A. Smith
Jack Traviss
Loved Ones
Dr. & Mrs. James Manor
Libby T. Ray
Walker, Threlkel, &
Hays Families

GIVEN BY...

Bob & Shirley Hines

Steve & Teresa Negley

Nanette Rodgers
Nanette Rodgers
Steve & Cynthia Saterbo

IN HONOR OF...

Our Children &
Grandchildren
Stewart, Anna,
Thomas, Laura, & Noah
Jim & Ellie Threlkel
Kit & Peggy Threlkel
Our Grandchildren,
Sophia & Luke