



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

## Tower Chimes

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### BEING A CHURCH WHILE FACING A VIRUS

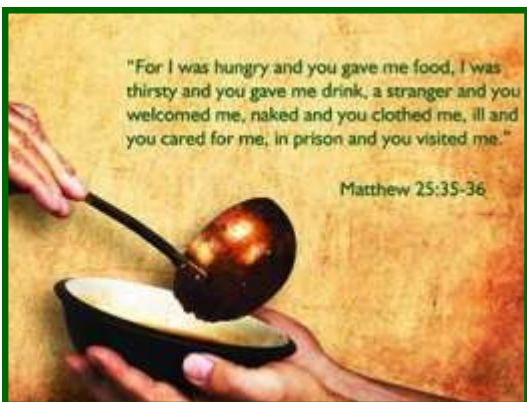
We want to be the faithful body of Christ in this time of uncertainty. To address the spread of the Coronavirus, the Session has determined that the church will be moving to VIRTUAL WORSHIP until further notice. Since public health officials have requested churches to refrain from holding public worship 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](mailto: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*

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### OUR FEEDING MINISTRIES

We are blessed to be able to continue serving the hungry of our community.

Since March 1 we have served 551 Saturday Soup Kitchen meals and 1,331 bagged lunches.

We currently have a need for soup kitchen volunteers. If you would like to serve the church in this compacity, please call the office at 294-3121.

# OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

## Sunday, April 26

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

## Monday, April 27

## Tuesday, April 28

- 9:00 am Staff Meeting (MH)
- 4:00 pm Music Director Search (Virtual)
- 6:15 pm Worship & Music (UR)

## Wednesday, April 29

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

## Thursday, April 30

## Friday, May 1

## Saturday, May 2

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

*In these uncertain times,  
our calendar reflects our regular  
programming 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.



# 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	Shirley Hines	George Seagreaves
Carl Cheatham	Bryan Howard	Cash Sheaffer
Charlie Darte	Isobel Hubbard	Bob Sheffield
Marjorie DiLorenzo	Jim Huff	Joyce Shirah
Rachel Harris Duke	Martha Johnson	Barbara H. Smith
Yolanda Dyer	Bill Johnston	Ed Smith
Jana Easterling	John Kissel	Dale Smith
Dana Elmore	Dena Lancashire	Joel Smith
Bill Everhart	Eric Lindstrom	Christine Stevens
Jim Francis	Spike Lucia	Pam Tallent-Blackburn
John Gray	Pat McCarty	Carolyn Thompson
Jane Hammette	Bob McClew	Ellie Threlkel
Jane Hayman	Edna Mitchell	Mike Vibrat
	Nancy Neale	Gwen Waters
	Lynn Oakley	Sug Zowarka

## 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
Cherri Jordan	Ed Smith's sister
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

# 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](http://firstpreswh.org).



### 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**.

### 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.**

**Robin Miller** is available to assist you during office hours at 294-3121 or email [rmiller@firstpreswh.org](mailto:rmiller@firstpreswh.org).

## 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.*

Adopted by Session, 2003

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### Bag Lunch Ministry

We gave out 155 bag lunches  
the week of 4/13/20.

### Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 70 people on 4/18/20.

## 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 Update April 20



While our programming for kids may not be meeting in person, our families do have the opportunity to grow in their faith at home! Families are being sent weekly a Bible lesson. Included are activities, games and creative projects all which are available when they need it. As families feel safe, we have kept our playground open on Wednesdays, 3-5pm and the week of April 29 our kids will have the opportunity to check-in with one another via Zoom.

Each week's lesson is being sent via email. So, please let Rev. Sarah ([sbishop@firstpreswh.org](mailto:sbishop@firstpreswh.org)) know if you would like to receive it as well.