



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

Tower Chimes

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PLEASE JOIN US FOR THESE APRIL 29 EVENTS THIS SUNDAY!

Fifth Sunday First Pres Family Gathering

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 High School 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.



Annual Spring Ring

First Presbyterian bell ringers have been preparing for the *Spring Ring* on **Sunday, April 29 at 4:00 p.m.** in the sanctuary.

Each of our bell choirs will present one or two songs in addition to a beautiful arrangement of *How Great Thou Art* with *Majesty*, arranged by Joel Rainey and played by twenty ringers with piano accompaniment.

In addition to our Chapel, Chancel, and Christ Kids Ringers bell groups, we will have three guest bell choirs performing: Beymer Bronze, The Church of the Good Shepherd Episcopal, and First Presbyterian Church Haines City.

The program will finish with a magnificent arrangement of *All Praise and Glory* arranged by Sondra Tucker that uses bells, chimes, and organ with over fifty ringers! Come and join us for a wonderful concert!

After the program there will be a reception outdoors in the memorial garden where you will also be able to hear a sample demonstration of the Deagan Tower Chimes!

Dr. Steven R. Negley
Senior Pastor

Dr. C. Alan Harvey
Associate Pastor

Dr. James G. Manor
Parish Associate

Lynn M. McCoy
Director of
Music Ministries

Robin D. Miller
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Director of Maintenance

Kathy L. Jackson
Custodian



OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 29

FIFTH SUNDAY

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

- 10:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
11:15 a.m. Congregation-wide luncheon (MH)
4:00 p.m. Spring Ring (Sanctuary)
5:30 p.m. HSYG (GC)

Monday, April 30

- 8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)

Tuesday, May 1

- 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (MCR)
12:00 p.m. Men's Lunch (MH)
12:00 p.m. Sewing for Honduras (GSH)
6:00 p.m. Session (GR)
7:00 p.m. Praise & Worship Band (Sanctuary)

Wednesday, May 2

- 8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)
10:45 a.m. Preschool Music (CE 103)
3:00 p.m. Christ Kids (CE)
3:45 p.m. Christ Kids Bells (MS)
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, May 3

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

Friday, May 4

- 8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)
4:00 p.m. HS Girls Bible Study (Off-site)

Saturday, May 5

- 9:00 a.m. Presbytery Meeting (Off-site)
2:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen Prep (Kitchen)
4:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen (737)

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

Please plan to join us for worship (at **10 a.m.** for the Fifth Sunday Family First Pres Family Gathering) on **April 29**, where we will be celebrating the completion of the Confirmation experience with A.J. Brescia, Manderley Barthel, Riley Hicks, Landon Olmert, and Michael Premuto.

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.

Remember in Prayer

MEMBERS

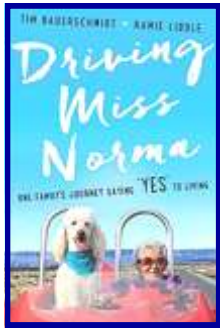
Roger Able	Kay Hedden	Randall Palmer
Maxie Adams	Doris Hill	Keith & Jane Ray
Becca Alexander	Ranell Hillman	Barbara Roberts
Joyce Anderson	Bryan Howard	Earle Roberts
Kathleen Avinger	Camille Howe	Elsie Savant
Bill Brack	Jim Huff	Beverly Seagreaves
Tom Brackett	Scott & Becky Irvin	Joyce Shirah
Henry Braun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

Relatives & Friends

Reese Burdette	Dana Cole's cousin
Helen Cote	Norm & Bonnie Patrick's friend
Al Ellis	Jim Threlkel's friend
Don Howell	Jeff Bowen's stepfather
Pete Kent	Charley & Nancy Chilton's nephew
John McKibben	Jane Whitney's brother
Mike & Marilyn Melody	Lisa Endres' friend
Amy & John Miles	Bethany Owen's friend
Michael Oriani	Joe Oriani's brother
Mike Parker	Julia Parker, son
David Satterfield	Heather Whitney's friend
Kristy Turner	Rick & Pat Reass' daughter
Kevin Tobin	Gale Johnston's friend
Jeannie Weeks	Marile Weeks sister-in-law
Jerry Williams	Steve Negley's friend
Marshall Wood	Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend



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



ARE YOU READING FOR OUR NEXT Odd Month, Odd Monday Book Club?

May 21: *Driving Miss Norma* by Tim Bauerschmidt and Ramie Liddle.

We will meet in the back of McLeod Hall at 3 p.m.
for discussion and light refreshments.

Please RSVP by calling 294-3121 or emailing office@firstpreswh.org.



A BIPARTISAN BRIGHT SUNDAY 2018 THANK YOU

Three cheers for the red, white and blue and for all of you who wore our nation's flag or colors to support this year's theme!

Thanks to our own Hoosier (Richard Dobler) for portraying Vice President Mike Pence to "Yours truly" President Donald Trump. We also thank Wes Ecker our winter resident Trumpeter Extraordinaire for playing, "Hail to the Chief!" to set the stage for the surprise entrance of President Trump.

We also applaud former Polk County Commissioner Ed Smith for giving voice to Democratic Presidents Roosevelt, Truman, Kennedy and Carter and to Merry Stewart Borowski, local educator and thespian, for sharing stories and quotes from Florence Harding, Eleanor Roosevelt, Bess Truman, Jacqueline Kennedy, Nancy Reagan, and Barbara Bush.

It was fun doing the research required for this year's Bright Sunday, our twentieth celebration. It was a pleasure to welcome "Cabot Coolidge" grand, grand, grand nephew of the 30th President of the United States, "Calvin Coolidge" to salute Republican Presidents Lincoln, Coolidge, Reagan and George W. Bush in the program *Recalling Silent Cal and Other Witty Presidents*.

We appreciate the contributions of Gene Aspy, Sam Bryant, Peggy Davis, Kathy Jackson, Lynn McCoy, Dr. Negley, Andy, Sherie, and Jane Ray, Connie Shipley, and Squire Smith who assisted in decorating, audio and video technology, preparing the wooden cross with leather leaf fern as a green background for your beautiful and colorful flowers, for carrying out the red, white and blue theme in flowers in the Memorial Garden, and for distributing the butterflies in preparation for the Release. We express our gratitude for the Chancel Choir, Chancel Bells, and Kids Ringers and Singers for their musical selections. We also thank Rose Flynn for insuring delivery of one important prop and the "Presidential" gifts for the children. Thanks again to one and to all!

Alan



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.



MAY

BIRTHDAYS

5/1	Sara Hanks James Koon Sean Lawlor Marjorie Porter Punkin Smith Bo Snively	5/11	Laura Sparr	5/24	Larry Marshall Tony Premuto Jim Vobornik Kelly Wilder
5/2	Lydia Badnell Alexander Wales	5/12	Jeffrey Powell	5/25	Alison Batista Stan Wagy
5/3	John Schleifer	5/13	Yolanda Dyer Cheryce Harris Ryan Irvin Les O'Neal	5/26	CarLee Marchetti Ashley Premuto Keith Ray Scott Turner Randy von Hahmann
5/4	Tristan Barthel Nancy Ann Fox	5/14	Taylor Anderson Cindy Chilton Robert Chilton Pat Lincoski	5/27	Lynda Coppini Linda Mishael Tonya Thompson Joe Volpe
5/5	Peggy Alloway Nicholas Elmore Audrey Kelley Ray Larson Joseph Lawlor Donna Spivey Jeri Stewart-Oldt Barbara Tackett Eloise Virgara	5/15	Linda Dinger Kelli Ivey Brad Salomon Martha Seney	5/28	Ryder DiPlacido Garren Olmert
5/6	Don Martin	5/16	Harry Denlinger	5/29	Jason Bentley Connor Keplinger Mia McCann Joan McCollough Rick Montney, Jr.
5/7	Mary Ellen Beale Mark Bostick Hannah Dantzer Lilly Duce	5/17	Steven Adams Kial Irvin Jacob Linn	5/30	Joey Endres Michael Lawlor Nancy Neale Dillon Powell Austin Rowker
5/8	Laura Anne Fitzgerald Carly Stine	5/18	Cathy Bentley Shea Irvin Paul Montgomery	5/31	Kris Dunham Ann Meadows Clark Porter Andy Ray Nancy Shaw
5/9	George Butz Thomas Griffis Elizabeth Stewart Ellen Zeller	5/19	Courtney Massam		
5/10	Dean Jackson Jan Wales	5/20	Tatum Threadgill		
5/11	Derek Kelley	5/21	Dorothy Placenic Erik Saterbo Porter Summers Brett Swango		
		5/22	Bill Allen Ethan Endres		
		5/22	Chalsey Lockhart Laura Powell Bonnie Walter Callie Weeks		

ANNIVERSARIES

5/1	Bob & Maggie Helmick	5/14	John & Karen Clarke	5/25	Robert & Annette Chilton Charles & Brenda Darte Aaron & Lindsay Thibodaux
5/3	George & Krysti Rowker Dale & Melody Johnson Keith & Jane Ray	5/17	Lee & Pam Wilkinson	5/27	Justin & Nicki Hoagland
5/5	Hamp & Diane Plowden	5/20	Peter & Lynda Coppini Shawn & Cori Swango	5/30	Joe & Louise Volpe
5/6	Christopher & Heidi Hook	5/21	Jon & Amy Powell	5/31	David & Amanda Nicholson Bob & Julie Wilson
5/7	Robert & Chelle Doyel	5/22	Patrick & Steffen Bentley		
5/12	David & Stephany Alexander Brad & Kim Salomon	5/23	Chuck & Ellen Tate		
		5/24	Paul & Bo Palo		
		5/25	Weegie & Cathy Bentley		

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

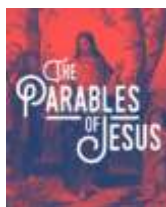


For Kids: We'll learning more about Jesus - His life and ministry and leaders in the early church. Short videos, music, art, and Bible activities keep the kids coming back for more!

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 listens to Dr. Bailey's insights and discusses 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 229 bag lunches
the week of 4/16/18.

Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 125 people on 4/21/18.

Return Service Requested

DID YOU KNOW?

Our bell room houses 132 hand bells which are played by 13 members of the Chancel Bell Choir, 9 members of our Chapel Bell Choir (some members are in both choirs) and 8 children in our Christ Kids Ringers. In addition there are 53 chimes that are used in place of bells or to supplement the bells. These instruments are used weekly for practices and frequently enhance the music at our worship services and other gatherings.



Bells, like other musical instruments, need maintenance and refurbishing. The bell choir members clean and repair their bells annually when they gather for pizza and “paste” (for the cleaning the bells), but our older set of 66 bells is beginning to need professional work to put them in top form.