



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

## Tower Chimes

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### FIRST SUNDAY FIRST PRES GATHERING THIS SUNDAY, MARCH 1

At the **Single 10:00 am Worship Service** you will be able to catch up with all your First Pres friends. The service will feature a unique order of worship with elements from our other services such as: several opening songs with our Praise Band, a traditional anthem, Sermon, Time with Younger Disciples, and closing music by one of our hand bell groups or ensembles.



At **11:15 am**, we hope you continue fellowship with our First Pres family and friends, with a **Congregation-wide Fellowship Luncheon in McLeod Hall.**

No reservations requested or required. There will be plenty of food. Any leftovers will be used by our Saturday Soup Kitchen.

**We hope you will join us for this great day of faith, friendship, and fellowship next Sunday.**

*The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated at our First Sunday single worship service Sunday, March 1. Prepare your heart to come to the Lord's Table.*

### FUNTIMERS - MARCH EVENT



*The Wonderful World of Harmony*, is a Barbershop Harmony Show on **Sunday, March 8 at 2:30 pm** at Polk State College Theatre, Winter Haven.

Tickets are on sale at a group rate of \$20 each. Sign up in McLeod Hall at the FunTimers display. Dick Shaw will deliver your tickets. Any questions – call Dick at 863-258-9233. Plan to meet us there.

# OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

## Sunday, March 1 1ST SUNDAY IN LENT COMMUNION FIRST SUNDAY

9:15 am Connection (MH)  
10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)  
5:30 pm HSYG (GC)

## Monday, March 2

8:45 am MOM (CE)  
6:00 pm Financial Peach (GSH)

## Tuesday, March 3

9:00 am Staff Meeting (MCR)  
12:00 pm Men's Lunch (MH)  
4:00 pm Music Director Search (MCR)  
6:30 pm Session (GR)

## Wednesday, March 4

8:45 am MOM (CE)  
3:00 pm Christ Kids (CE)  
5:00 pm Confirmation (GC)  
5:30 pm Middle School Youth Group (GC)  
6:00 pm Chancel Bells (MS)  
7:00 pm Choir (MS)

## Thursday, March 5

12:00 pm Chapel Bells (MS)

## Friday, March 6

8:45 am MOM (CE)  
6:30 pm Praise Band (Sanctuary)

## Saturday, March 7

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

## OUR PASTORS ARE EAGER TO VISIT OUR HOSPITALIZED MEMBERS, BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP

The tightening of HIPAA regulations has meant that we have missed visiting some of our members during their hospital stay. If you are a member or a friend of this congregation, or you have a family member admitted to *any* hospital, please call the church office and let our pastors know.



**Thank you for helping us stay in touch  
with the congregation!**

# Remember in Prayer

## MEMBERS

Melvin & Debbie Anderson	Kay Hedden	John Schleifer
Kathy Andrews	Doris Hill	Zane 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
Yolanda Dyer	Bill Johnston	Barbara H. 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 Hayman	Bob McClew	Ellie Threlkel
Joyce Hayman	Edna Mitchell	Mike Vibral
Frances Heath	Nancy Neale	Joe Volpe
	Jackie Pinckney	Gwen Waters
	Barbara Roberts	Sug Zowarka

## Relatives & Friends

Bruce Bachman	Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend
Jose Cruz & family	George Butz' friends
Steve Dobler	Rich Dobler's brother
Jean Ann & Blake Doyle	Ben & Judy Tucker's friend
Susan Ott-Driggers	Sharon Ott's sister
Susie Fisher	Rob Donaldy and Becky Everhart's cousin
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
Laura Lawson	Steve & Debbie Sowards' friend
Rick Marshall	Candy Marshall's brother-in-law
Carol Moore	Roger & Marie Able's friend
Marlys Regan	Roger & Marie Able's friend
Dianne Remus	Sandy Hoffman's friend
Sydney Alexis Rich	Bill & Becky Everhart's friend
Toni Shaw	Candy Marshall's friend
Deborah Strother	Sandy Hoffman's friend
Jordyne Taylor	Candy Marshall's friend
Ben & Cheryl Tillman	Loretta Smith's friend
Patricia Timmerman	Orrin & Helen Champlain's friend
Penni Tinsley	Tom & Jeri Oldt's friend
Marcia Vander Veen	Roger & Marie Able'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

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN BIBLE STUDY

The Lydia and Joy circles current Bible Study is:  
“Love Carved in Stone” – A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments.

**The Lydia Circle** meets on the **2nd Monday** of each month and will meet on **March 9 at 10 am** in the back of McLeod Hall.

**The Joy Circle** meets on the **3rd Tuesday** of each month and will meet on **March 17 at 9:30 am** at the home of Carol Carter.

The study books are available at a cost of \$10. See either Sue McClew or Carol Carter, or come by the church office to purchase your copy. Our group is open to any and all women of the church interested in fellowship and Bible study.



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## SEWING FOR HONDURAS

Sewing for Honduras ladies are busy sewing dresses and backpacks. The next sewing day will be **Wednesday, March 11 at 10 am** in the Girl Scout House.



**They are in need of donations of the following items you might have at home:**

- Dritz 1/2” Non-roll elastic
- White and beige thread
- 32 ply Macramé cord (black preferred) to be used as drawstrings for the backpacks
- Double –fold bias tape of any color

All of these items are also available at JoAnn Fabrics and have online coupons to save more. Donations are being accepted at the church office.

In the meantime, if you are curious or slightly interested and would like to see the patterns, materials, have a suggestion, or want to get started, please contact Sharon Mitchell 419-332-5268.

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## 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.

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 as many photos as possible in our 2020 First Pres Pictorial Directory.**

## WE HAVE AN EXTRA WAY OF GIVING!

Go to our Church website at [www.firstpreswh.org](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:rflynn@firstpreswh.org).

## YOUTH FELLOWSHIP GATHERINGS

**Middle School Youth** meets on **Wednesday evenings, from 5:30 – 7:30 pm**. Join our leaders and sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students as we enjoy time of food (we always have a meal), fun, and faith. Feel free to invite your friends to come along too.

**High School Youth**, our ninth, tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grade young people along with leaders gather on **Sunday evenings (5:30 – 7:30 pm)** to share food, Christian fellowship, and service. Come check us out and watch your walk with Jesus deepen.

Both groups meet in the Golden Student Center (711 Sixth Street, NW).



## DAVE RAMSEY'S FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY



Take control of your money with *Financial Peace University* (FPU)! This nine-lesson course uses biblical wisdom and common sense to help you tackle budgeting, pay off debt, and make your money work for you! FPU includes your member workbook and a year of free online resources through Financial Peace Membership. You can register now at [fpu.com/1106335/](http://fpu.com/1106335/). Join us **Mondays at 6 pm** in the Edinbough Room.

## CHRIST KIDS

Christ Kids – our faith-filled and safe after-school program for children 4 years through 5<sup>th</sup> grade meets **Wednesdays at 3 pm**. Permission slips for families are on the church website, so spread the word and don't forget to join us as an Adult Volunteer! Questions? Contact Rev. Sarah via calling the church office at 294-3121 or emailing [sbishop@firstpreswh.org](mailto:sbishop@firstpreswh.org).



# NAME TAG ORDER FORM

“My Go By” First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address/City/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Can we text you? Yes [ ] No [ ]

We are requesting your address, phone and e-mail in order to update church files.

**OPTIONAL:** “Conversation Starters”-The space on the name tag has room for three additional items. Please fill in the appropriate information by one or more items below:

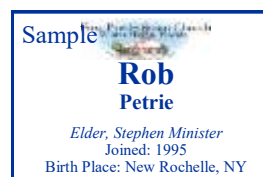
Birthday-Month/day: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthplace/Hometown: \_\_\_\_\_

Year joined First Pres: \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday School teacher (class): \_\_\_\_\_

Deacon? [ ] Elder? [ ] Choir? [ ] Stephen Minister? [ ]

Member of \_\_\_\_\_ Circle. Member of \_\_\_\_\_ Committee

Other: \_\_\_\_\_



## SPRING AND SUMMER EVENTS MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!

### Donations for Easter Egg Hunt now being collected

Our celebration of Christ's resurrection with a children's Easter Egg Hunt will be happening on **Easter Sunday, April 12 at 10:30 am**. But we need your help! Please drop individually wrapped candy in the marked bins around the church. Unfortunately, we cannot accept chocolate with this FL heat. Look for the baskets in McLeod Hall to drop off your donations.



And don't forget your Easter basket and camera for a wonderful morning when we hide and hunt for the eggs.

### All-Church Retreat May 2-3 at CedarKirk

Registration and this year's theme to be announced soon. But plan on joining us for a relaxing weekend away in the pines. All types of families and individuals are invited to join us.

### 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<sup>th</sup>. 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 just around the corner.

### Cedarkirk Summer Camp Registration is Open

Registration for Cedarkirk's 2020 Summer Camps is open! Whether you are in first grade or high school, a family with young children or a grandparent seeking time with your grandchild, Cedarkirk's summer programs have something for you.



Cedarkirk offers camps for all ages and stages of life, emphasizing opportunities for fun, community-building, and spiritual growth in a beautiful, natural environment. To ensure your choice of programs, pick up a brochure in the church office or visit [www.cedarkirk.org](http://www.cedarkirk.org) today. If you have any questions, please contact the camp office at [camps@cedarkirk.org](mailto:camps@cedarkirk.org) or 813-685-4224x2

# MARCH

## *Birthdays*

3/1	Sarah Bishop Anne McBride Madelaine Scamehorn	3/13	Larry Lincoski	3/21	Karen Siegel Carolyn Thompson
3/2	Gus Badnell Rob Frost Diane Repass	3/14	Richard Elmore John Kissel Bonnie Patrick	3/23	Ed Rounsley
3/3	Fred Deloach Robin Turley Dick Wales	3/16	Thomas Brackett Madison Britt James Montgomery	3/25	Sam Bryant Jim Gray III Amy Powell
3/5	Judy Moots Shelly Prather Sarah Ryan John Strang Polly Wilson	3/17	Pat Davidson Jay Dugger Tucker Gray Bryce Snively Mary Strang	3/26	Peyten Palo Addison Putnam Adam Weeks Carson Weeks
3/8	Bill Jax Jared Lockhart Tom Oldt	3/18	Nancy Brooks Nicholas Glenn Marion Hearn Meaghan McDowell	3/27	Jacob Cardona Mary Ellen Porter Cheryl Price John A. Strang Joyce Wander
3/9	Lynn Boland Suzanne Brantley Allen Miller Riley Rowker Emma Skipper Erika Spence Drew Stapor Aaron Thibodaux	3/19	Richard Chilton Marcie Dershimer Paul Palo Joseph Volpe	3/28	Rhea Oakley Joe Tackett
3/10	David J. Alexander Gayle Johnston Teri Reineke Mary Ellen Rowker	3/20	Becca Alexander Ross Kosmensky Bonnie Ryan Delanie Stavres	3/29	Beverly Pace Nolan Roe
3/12	Alecia Kortgoede Joel Price	3/21	Nancy Chilton Anamarie Coffman Agnes Harland	3/30	Karl Duce Laura Keplinger Courtney Marshall Pat Nepute Debbie Shinn Andrew Stavres
				3/31	Courtney Croteau Heidi Hook David Matha Marilyn Schleifer

## *Anniversary*

3/1	Michael & Jennifer Vibral	3/18	Joel & Cheryl Price
3/2	Ben & Ellie Crowder	3/21	Jerry & Teresa Renney
3/4	Warren & Charlene Glenn	3/22	Deane & Jonye Briggs Bill & Carol Roe
3/9	Rick & Julie Dantzler	3/23	Bill & Kathy Lockhart
3/10	Tim & Jane Tillman	3/24	Dru & Nichole Gainey
3/13	Henry & Margaret Braun	3/25	John & Teri Reineke
3/14	James & Debbie Shinn	3/27	Daniel & Erin Miller
3/15	Bill & Becky Everhart	3/29	April & Kyle Porter
3/17	Dale & Marcia Smith		

## A SPECIAL NOTE FROM 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!

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



Lost a job?  
Living with depression?  
Lost a loved one?  
Going through a divorce?  
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. To find out more about Stephen Ministry for you or someone you know, call Susan Singleton at 318-9208. 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

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 242 bag lunches  
the week of 2/17/20.

#### Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 100 people on 2/22/20.

**Return Service Requested**

## ODD MONTH THIRD THURSDAY AT 3 BOOK CLUB Next Meeting, March 19, 3 pm in McLeod Hall

Once upon a time . . . The First Presbyterian Church Book Club has learned the history of foreign countries (*A Gentleman from Moscow*), the history of our own state (*Last Train to Paradise: Henry Flagler and the Spectacular Rise and Fall of the Railroad that Crossed an Ocean*), and stories of our country (*The Last Castle*), has been inspired by true life accounts (*Grandma Gatewood's Walk*), and even inspired to undertake secret projects (*The Thirteenth Gift*). Most of all, we have learned empathy by considering the viewpoints of the characters in the books and respecting the opinions of each other!



What is your favorite type of book to read? At the last meeting, our club voted to each bring one book that proved meaningful and present it to the club. From these, we will comprise our ongoing reading list. This is your chance to bring one of your favorites! If you have participated before, or have never participated, please come! We want to know what you think!