



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

Tower Chimes

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JOIN US IN WORSHIP DURING LENT FOR A SERMON SERIES *Forty Days for Spiritual Practices.*



As we move from Ash Wednesday toward the empty tomb of Easter, we will be investing our lives in prayer, confession, simplicity, solitude, and fasting.

Join us each Sunday as we practice living as disciples of our Lord and Savior, Jesus.

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.



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!



OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 8 2nd SUNDAY IN LENT

- 8:00 am Chapel Worship (Chapel)
- 9:15 am Connection (MH)
- 9:15 am Heart of Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 am Sunday School (CE)
- 11:00 am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
- 2:00 pm FunTimers (Offsite)
- 5:30 pm HSYG (GC)

Monday, March 9

- 8:45 am MOM (CE)
- 10:00 am Lydia Circle (MH)
- 6:00 pm Financial Peace (ER)
- 6:30 pm Christian Education (GR)

Tuesday, March 10

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

Wednesday, March 11

- 8:45 am MOM (CE)
- 10:00 am Sewing for Honduras (GSH)
- 12:00 pm Buildings and Grounds (MH-Back)
- 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 12

- 12:00 pm Chapel Bells (MS)
- 2:00 pm Membership (MCR)

Friday, March 13

- 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

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| Melvin & Debbie Anderson | Doris Hill | Zane Schwenk |
| Kathy Andrews | Bryan Howard | George Seagreaves |
| Orrin & Helen Champlain | Isobel Hubbard | Cash Sheaffer |
| Carl Cheatham | Jim Huff | Bob Sheffield |
| Charlie Darte | Martha Johnson | Joyce Shirah |
| Marjorie DiLorenzo | 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 | Pat McCarty | Carolyn Thompson |
| John Gray | Bob McClew | Ellie Threlkel |
| Jane Hayman | Edna Mitchell | Mike Vibral |
| Joyce Hayman | Nancy Neale | Joe Volpe |
| Frances Heath | Arletta Oriani | Gwen Waters |
| Kay Hedden | Jackie Pinckney | Sug Zowarka |
| | Barbara Roberts | |
| | John Schleifer | |

Relatives & Friends

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| 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 |
| Tom Francis | Jim Francis' brother |
| 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



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| 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.*



SEWING FOR HONDURAS

Sewing for Honduras ladies are busy sewing dresses and backpacks. The next sewing day will be **Wednesday, March 11 at 1 pm** 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.

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 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.

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).



HAVE YOU LOST GLASSES...

Prescription, reading, or sunglasses?

Maybe it was last week, last month, or even last year. If so, we could have them. We have a collection that has been found over time and would like to find their rightful homes.

Please check the desk next to the maintenance office.



CHRIST KIDS

Christ Kids – our faith-filled and safe after-school program for children 4 years through 5th 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.



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:

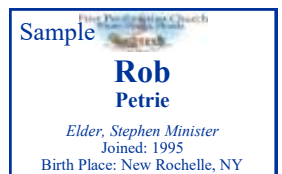
Birthday-Month/day: _____ Birthplace/Hometown: _____

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 18th. 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 today. If you have any questions, please contact the camp office at camps@cedarkirk.org or 813-685-4224x2





DEAGAN CHIMES UPDATE

We were delighted to have the combination of the Deagan chimes and the luminaries at our Christmas Eve services this year. You might have noticed that the Chimes have been a bit silent for the past few weeks. The chimes are pushing 100 years old so they have been a bit cranky as we have put them to work! We have had two visits from the “Chime Guys” out of Tennessee. They have made several adjustments up in the tower and to the wiring all the way up to the music suite. The manual keyboard for the chimes is now in good shape. And the scroll player is back!

If you are able to pick out a hymn tune with one finger, you are a good prospect as a chime player! We would like the chimes to play before and after each Sunday morning service. Please see Lynn or give the office a call if you are interested in finding out more about playing the Deagan chimes. A big thank you to Rich Dobler, Diane Repass, Nanette Rodgers, Tom Oldt, Cheryce Harris, Pat Nepute, and Anamarie Coffman who are some of our regular players.



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.**

JOIN US ON SUNDAYS!!!

8:00 am Chapel Worship

A traditional worship service held in our chapel. The service follows the same order as the 11:00 am worship, but does not have a Chancel Choir. Musical ensembles will offer special music on many Sundays. *A Time with Younger Disciples* will be included when we have children in attendance.



9:15 am Heart of Worship

A Praise and Worship service held in our sanctuary. Along with scripture, sermon, and prayers, a praise band will help the congregation in adoring and showing reverence to God. Following the *Time with Younger Disciples*, children will be invited to join Ms. Lynn in music and then to join in their own Children's Sunday School Classes.



11:00 am Sanctuary Worship

A traditional worship service held in our sanctuary. The service follows the same order as the 8:00 am 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 AM

This fellowship time in McLeod Hall offers a coffee bar type selection with different flavored creamers, pastries, etc. It is a gathering place before or between worship and Sunday School for some folks.



SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES CHILDREN & ADULTS: 9:30 - 10:30 AM

FOR THE CHILDREN



SPARK Sunday School will begin for our children (PreK-5th grade) and will be sparking faith after the *Time With Younger Disciples* in the Heart of Worship service. PreK-K will be meeting in Room 101 and 1st through 5th grades in Room 206. Don't forget they will also be doing music with Ms. Lynn before their respective classes and ART on the third Sunday. Sunday School ends at 10:30 am.

Can't make it to church? Your family can activate faith with God's Word by connecting with the stories at home with our Spark home sheets and buying a copy of the Story Bible at www.weareSparkhouse.org.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

PERSPECTIVES

The Adult Perspectives Class is studying a DVD/discussion series titled *Honoring Creation* where we interact with seven acclaimed scholars, theologians and authors exploring what is next for Christianity. We ponder what our response to God's creation might look like for ourselves and others in the 21st century. The focus of this session is: *Restoring Our Relationship With the Divine*. This class meets at **9:30 am** in the Geneva Room.



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

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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 199 bag lunches
the week of 2/24/20.

Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 88 people on 2/29/20.

Return Service Requested

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!