



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

Tower Chimes

Week of March 25, 2018

Issue 664

132 Years of Ministry

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PALM SUNDAY IS MARCH 25

As we continue our Lenten preaching theme, *A Night to Remember*, we will follow Jesus to Jerusalem for a festive parade and then set our sights on the Passover sacrifice (Maundy Thursday.) We hope you will join us in our journey toward Easter.



HOLY WEEK & EASTER

Palm Sunday	March 25	8:15, 9:30, & 11 am	Worship Services
		5:30 pm	Supper
Maundy Thursday	March 29	6:30 pm	Worship with Communion & Tenebrae in the Sanctuary
Good Friday	March 30	Noon-3:00 pm	Chapel open for Prayers
Easter Sunday	April 1	6:30 am	Sunrise service at MLK Park
		8:15 am	Chapel Worship
		9:15-10:45 am	Easter Breakfast in McLeod Hall
		9:30 am	Heart of Worship
		10:35 am	Easter Egg Hunt on the Playground
		11:00 am	Sanctuary Worship



EASTER IS ALMOST HERE

We now have enough plastic Easter eggs for our Easter Egg hunt, but we are still in need of candy. Please bring **individually-wrapped** candy (**no chocolate please**) or small prizes to fill our eggs.

Please have them delivered by **Monday, March 26**. Little ones through fifth graders are invited to attend the hunt which will be held on **Sunday, April 1 at 10:30 a.m.**



OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 25

Palm Sunday

- 8:15 a.m. Chapel Worship (Chapel)
- 9:15 a.m. The Connection (MH)
- 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School (CE)
- 9:30 a.m. Heart of Worship (Sanctuary)
- 10:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School (CE)
- 11:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)

Monday, March 26

- 10:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl (MH)

Tuesday, March 27

- 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (MCR)
- 12:00 p.m. Men's Lunch (MH)
- 12:00 p.m. Sewing for Honduras (GSH)
- 5:15 p.m. Stephen Minister Leaders (MH)
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministers (MH)
- 7:00 p.m. Praise & Worship Band (Sanctuary)

Wednesday, March 28

- 6:00 p.m. Chancel Bells (MS)
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir (MS)

Thursday, March 29

Maundy Thursday

- 9:00 a.m. Ladies' Bible Study (GC)
- 1:15 p.m. Chapel Bells (MS)
- 5:30 p.m. Supper (MH)
- 6:30 p.m. Worship (Sanctuary)

Friday, March 30

Good Friday

- 12:00 p.m. Chapel Open Until 3 p.m.

Saturday, March 31

- 2:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen Prep (Kitchen)
- 4:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen (737)

ANGELS CARE CENTER OF ELOISE Angel Collection Box Needs

There is an ongoing need for the following items to give out at the Angels Care Center. Please leave items in the Angel Collection Box in McLeod Hall. Thank YOU, and God Bless!!!



First Aid Kits: washcloths, band-aids, wet wipes, small soaps, small antibacterial soap, Q-tips, small packets of antibiotic ointment, etc.

Children's "Jesus Kits": coloring sheets with Biblical themes, crayons, scripture/song cards (simple and short for children), small books, stickers, etc.

Toiletry Kits: shampoo, soap, deodorant, razors, feminine products, combs, washcloths, hand gel, lotion, toothbrush and toothpaste, small samples from hotel/motels, etc.

Miscellaneous: zip lock bags (gallon, quart and snack size).

Remember in Prayer

MEMBERS

Roger Able	Patti Herndon	Barbara Roberts
Maxie Adams	Doris Hill	Earle Roberts
Becca Alexander	Ranell Hillman	Elsie Savant
Kathleen Avinger	Bryan Howard	Joyce Shirah
Bill Brack	Camille Howe	Mary Alice, Emma, & John Skipper
Tom Brackett	Jim Huff	Barbara H. Smith
Henry Braun	Scott & Becky Irvin	Ed Smith
Nancy Brooks	Shea & Lacey Irvin	Mary Ann Snively
Helen Butz	Martha Johnson	Pete Snively
Helen Champlain	Joey Johnston	Jeff Snyder
Nancy Chilton	Peggy Kennedy	Meg Strang
Tom Coffman	John Kissel	Scott Strey
Yolanda Dyer	Toni Krieger	Jay Tackett
Mike & Jana Easterling	Dena Lancashire	Pam Tallent-Blackburn
Bill Everhart	Spike Lucia	Carolyn Thompson
Rossanne Gorsky	Carole Marotti	Suzie Threadgill
Lynn Grady	Gregg Marrs	John Van Allen
Clyde Greene	Larry Marshall	Jennifer Vibral
Jimmy Hankin	Lynn Mincey	Lee Wilkinson
Susan Hankin	Bev Morris	Judy Winfree
Jane Hayman	Nancy Neale	Retha Wright
Joyce Hayman	Randall Palmer	
Frances Heath	Keith & Jane Ray	
Kay Hedden		

Relatives & Friends

Reese Burdette	Dana Cole's cousin
Helen Cote	Norm & Bonnie Patrick's friend
Al Ellis	Jim Threlkel's friend
Julie Fleps	Lisa Endres' friend
Debbie Hunt	Lisa Endres' friend
Pete Kent	Charley & Nancy Chilton's nephew
John McKibben	Jane Whitney's brother
Michael Oriani	Joe Oriani's brother
David Satterfield	Heather Whitney's friend
Kristy Turner	Rick & Pat Reass' daughter
Kevin Tobin	Gale Johnston's friend
Jerry Williams	Steve Negley's friend
Marshall Wood	Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend



Zach Anaya
Brenden Anderson
Christian Anderson
Karolina Crockett
Samuel Crockett
Zach Drum
Robert Ferguson
Stephanie Gillie
Eddie Gray
Daniel Harp

Sean Harp
David Knowles
John Marotti
Mathew Massam
Ryan Peardon
KaitLin Marotti-Pitts
Ashton Pitts
Shad Skinner
Drew Stapor

CLASS OF 2021

The Nominating Committee has the responsibility of suggesting men and women to serve on the Session and the Diaconate. Your responsibility is to provide the names of those whom you feel meet the high standards of character required for these offices. These persons must have the time available to SERVE, the commitment to Jesus Christ to SERVE, and the ability to LEAD this congregation and its spiritual and physical growth for our Lord's sake.

Please prayerfully consider your recommendations (which may include yourself.) Your signature is not required.

These recommendations will be considered by the Nominating Committee which will present a slate for election. We are to elect five Elders and five Deacons to three-year terms to replace those retiring this year. We are also to elect five at-large members to serve on next year's Nominating Committee.

Names(s) for consideration as:

ELDER

DEACON

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE

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Please place in the offering plate or mail to the church office.



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: Sewers either at church or in your own home, fancy pillow cases, men's cotton blend shirts, bias tape, ribbon for draw strings - 2 1/2 yards and 5/8" wide, cotton blend material in 3/4 yard or 1 yard pieces.

Drop by, pick up some material, cut a pattern, cut material, sew or just say "Hi"; any or all work for us.

For details, a ride, or a pick up of material, supplies or a sewing machine please contact Lydia Circle member Sharon Mitchell 419-332-5268.

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!!**



BRIGHT SUNDAY, APRIL 8, BUTTERFLY RELEASE

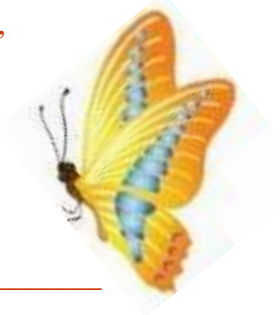
As we do every year, we will release butterflies (no charge, but please fill out this form) in memory of church members who have died since Bright Sunday, April 23, 2016, and for those who have sustained the loss of a **child, parent, sibling, or spouse since that date.**

If you would like to release a butterfly in memory of a loved one who died outside of the parameters mentioned above (for example, before last year's Bright Sunday and/or grandparent, aunt, cousin, son-in-law, etc.), you may purchase a butterfly for \$5.00.

So that we may have an accurate count of how many butterflies to order, please fill out the tear off form at the bottom of this page and drop in the offering plate or drop off at the church office.

Or, you can call the office at 294-3121 with your information.

Since the order for butterflies needs to be placed soon, *please have your orders in by **Easter, April 1.***



Your name: _____ Deceased loved one: _____

Relationship to you: _____

ALL TO BE RELEASED AT OUR SINGLE SERVICE TIME OF 10 A.M.

IMPORTANT NOTICE!!!

On Bright Sunday, April 8, we will have a single worship service in the Sanctuary at 10 a.m.

Also, we will not have Sunday School.

WHO ARE YOU? WHOSE ARE YOU?

Mark your calendars and plan to join friends from First Presbyterian Church at our **annual church-wide retreat, Saturday, April 21 - Sunday, April 22.** We will be spending two wonderful days (and a great night) at the Cedarkirk Camp and Conference Center south of Tampa.

We will play, relax, eat, fellowship, study, and worship together as we explore what it means to be the wonderful child of God that God has made you. *WHO ARE YOU?* (Come and share the unique you with others.) *WHOSE ARE YOU?* (Come and celebrate what it means to be loved and claimed by God.)

Brochures are available in the narthex, Sanctuary, balcony, McLeod Hall, & office.



CIRCLE MEETINGS

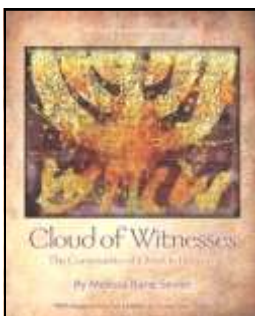
Lydia Circle - **Second Monday each month at 10 a.m.** in McLeod Hall.

Joy Circle - **Third Tuesday each month at 9:30 a.m.** at the home of Carol Carter.

We are using the PW Horizons Bible study titled: "*Cloud of Witnesses - The Community of Christ Hebrew*" written by Melissa Bane Sevier. In nine lessons, the author invites us to explore major themes found in Hebrews, relate these themes to other parts of our faith tradition, and tie them together with the overarching motif of community.

The study books are available for \$10.

Contact either Carol Carter at 299-4253 or Sue McClew at 875-6176 for your copy.



IT'S FLAMINGO TIME!!!

Are you wondering how you can support the youth group AND put a smile on your neighbor's face? Well, wonder no more because the answer is here – participate in our Flamingo FUNdraiser! It is as easy as 1, 2, 3:

- Step 1:** Look for the sign up table as you leave the Sanctuary after either Sunday Service.
- Step 2:** Order flamingos to put in the yard of your choice.
- Step 3:** Relax and enjoy the show!

One flocking costs \$25.00, or you can send TWO flocks for \$50.00. For those of you who want to ensure your house does NOT get flocked, you can purchase flamingo insurance for \$40.00.

We want to do everything we can to make our summer trips as affordable for our students as possible. Please consider how you can get involved and support our youth group's summer retreats. Also, please call Leonard Mosiah (294-3121) if you are interested in donating to the trips or sponsoring a student! **Flocking begins April 8 through April 29!**

You can also order your flock by filling out this form and dropping in offering plate on Sunday or bringing to the office along with you check.

Donor: _____ Best Contact Info: _____

Name of Recipient: _____

Address of Recipient: _____

Date of Flocking: _____ Special Instructions: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____





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.

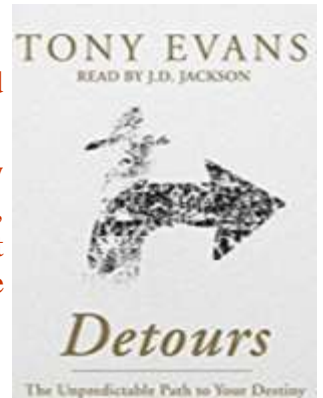
If you would be willing to serve as a substitute (we would arrange with you well in advance) please call (294-3121) or email (rmiller@firstpreswh.org) Robin Miller, our Director of Finance and Administration to get your name on our nursery substitute list. Thanks.



LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Detours, by Dr. Tony Evans, is a study of the life of Joseph, through whom God demonstrates how He is at work even when life seems to be going wrong.

By studying how God worked His sovereign plan through Joseph, we will learn to rely on God as He helps us navigate our detours in life that may take us through trials, injustice, and even betrayal. We will be comforted and encouraged as we learn to rest in God's redemptive plan and the hope found in God's sovereign will. Meetings will be **9-11 a.m.** in the Golden Center **Thursdays, March 29 and April 12.**



If you're interested please contact Lia Gray at 863-318-1541 or uncpair@gmail.com.



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING



Remember Easter is when we participate with other congregations around the world in the **One Great Hour of Sharing Offering**. Our gifts provide relief to those affected by natural disasters (through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance), provide food to the hungry, and assist in helping to empower the poor and oppressed. Envelopes are available in the pew pockets. Please place your money in these specially provided envelopes or your check payable to First Presbyterian Church duly noted for **OGHS** in the offering plate. Thank you!

2017 EASTER LILY ORDER FORM

It is time to order your Easter lily for **Easter Sunday, April 1**. Easter lilies are a yearly tradition to decorate the church on Easter Sunday.

To purchase a lily "in honor of" or "in memory of" a loved one or friend, please fill out this order form. The cost is \$12.00 per plant. Checks should be made payable to First Presbyterian Church and marked "Easter Lily Fund".

Place the order form and check in the offering plate, mail, or take to the church office by **Monday, March 26**. A complete listing will be available Easter Sunday. The Sanctuary Committee will again remove the yellow stamen from each lily so it will not bother your allergies.

Donor(s): _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Number of plants ordered: _____ Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

I will pick up my lily after the 11:00 a.m. service Easter Sunday.

I would like my lily delivered to a shut-in.



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

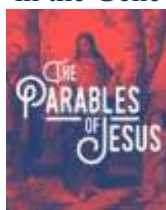


For Kids: We'll be getting to learn more about Jesus - His life and ministry and leaders in the early church. Short videos, music, art, and Bible activities will keep the kids coming back for more!

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 will listen to Dr. Bailey's insights, and discuss 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 183 bag lunches
the week of 3/12/18.

Return Service Requested

Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 90 people on 3/17/18.

MAUNDY THURSDAY DINNER IS MARCH 29 AT 5:30 P.M.

Family Style Menu: chicken, broccoli & cheese pot pie; or beef & onion pot pie; salad; desert; coffee, tea, & lemonade. And for kids: chicken nuggets; macaroni & cheese.

Cost: \$10.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children ages 5 – 10. Children 4 and under eat for free. Please do not prepay. We will collect at the door.

Please RSVP for Maundy Thursday by **Monday, March 26**, by calling the church office at 294-3121, emailing to office@firstpreswh.org, or filling out this attachment and putting in the offering plate.

Name: _____ # of Adults: _____ # of Children: _____



EASTER BREAKFAST

Sunday, April 1 at 9:15: - 10:45 a.m.



Menu: buttered or cheese grits; assorted doughnuts; fruit bowl; cereal; coffee, orange juice, & milk.

A suggested donation of \$4 per adult and \$2 per child is thankfully accepted at the door.

Please RSVP for Easter Breakfast by **Monday, March 26**, by calling the church office at 294-3121, emailing to office@firstpreswh.org, or filling out this attachment and putting in the offering plate.

Name: _____ # of Adults: _____ # of Children: _____