



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

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FIRST SUNDAY FIRST PRES GATHERING

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Please join us **this Sunday, May 5** for our **10:00 am Single Worship Service** where 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.

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

Please plan to join us for worship on **Sunday, May 5**, as we celebrate **THEIR FAITH, OUR FAITH, MY FAITH**, and the completion of Confirmation for several sixth, seventh, and eighth grade followers of Jesus in our congregation. For the past three months, **Audrey Bolin, McKenzie Cinquanti, Mia Cinquanti, Sarah Dugger, Calen Nowroozi, Carley Rabern, Lucy Schwartz, & Sawyer Speer** have met weekly (and for a 24 hour retreat) with **Connie Shipley, Susan Singleton, and Dr. Negley** to explore the Christian faith.



These young people are now ready to join as full participants in the life our church. We will be focusing in our worship service on **May 5** on the faith that we share. Come and greet our Confirmands at worship and before the fellowship, and wish them well in their continued walk of discipleship.

*Please
join us
for these
activities!*

Family-Style Dinner

Let First Pres take care of dinner for your family **May 10 at 6:15 pm!**

An invitation for First Pres children, youth, their families, and those interested in building community within our church are invited to dinner. There will be conversation and reflection on how First Pres can build deeper faith and stronger community with new ideas and programs for you, your family, and church community.

Let Rev. Sarah (294-3121) or sbishop@firstpreswh.org know of your interest, so we can have a close to accurate number for food.

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 5

FIRST SUNDAY

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

- 9:00 am Sunday School (CE)
- 10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:15 am Fellowship Luncheon (MH)
- 4:00 pm Praise Band (Sanctuary)
- 5:30 pm High School Youth Group (GC)

Monday, May 6

- 8:45 am MOM (CE)

Tuesday, May 7

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

Wednesday, May 8

- 8:45 am MOM (CE)
- 12:00 pm Buildings & Grounds (MH)
- 3:00 pm Christ Kids (CE)
- 4:30 pm MSYG Music (Sanctuary)
- 5:30 pm MSYG (GC)
- 6:00 pm Adult Bible Study (MCR)
- 6:00 pm Chancel Bells (MS)
- 7:00 pm Choir (MS)

Thursday, May 9

- 1:15 pm Chapel Bells (MS)
- 2:00 pm Membership (MCR)

Friday, May 10

- 8:45 am MOM (CE)
- 6:15 pm Family Dinner (MH)

Saturday, May 11

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



MILITARY

Zach Anaya	Daniel Harp
Brenden Anderson	Sean Harp
Christian Anderson	David Knowles
Samuel Crockett	John Marotti
Zach Drum	Mathew Massam
Til Fellows	KaitLin Marotti-Pitts
Robert Ferguson	Ashton Pitts
Stephanie Gillie	Shad Skinner
Eddie Gray	Drew Stapor

Our Christian sympathy goes to Bo Palo upon the death of her father, Jim Berry who died Monday, April 22, 2019



Remember in Prayer

MEMBERS

Kathy Andrews	Joyce Hayman	Nancy Neale
Bill Brack	Frances Heath	Randall Palmer
Tom Brackett	Kay Hedden	Bo Palo
Helen Butz	Doris Hill	Barbara Roberts
Helen Champlain	Bryan Howard	Earle Roberts
Carl Cheatham	Bob & Isobel	Dave Ryan
Tom Coffman	Hubbard	Cash Sheaffer
Charlie Darte	Jim Huff	Joyce Shirah
Patricia Dexter	Martha Johnson	Barbara H. Smith
Yolanda Dyer	Joey Johnston	Mary Ann Snively
Mike & Jana	John Kissel	Christine Stevens
Easterling	Toni Krieger	Scott Strey
Dana Elmore	Dena Lancashire	Barbara Tackett
Bill Everhart	Spike Lucia	Jay Tackett
Scott & Kathy	Bob McClew	Pam Tallent-Blackburn
Girouard	Joan McCollough	Carolyn Thompson
John Gray	Matt McGaffigan	Mike & Jennifer Vibral
Bob Hancock	Edna Mitchell	Pat Vobornik
Jane Hayman	Bev Morris	Gwen Waters

Relatives & Friends

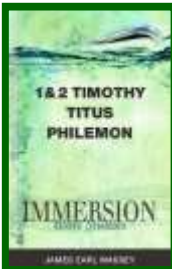
Sheryl Bachelder	Kit Threlkel's friend
Michael Branch	Jeff Bowen's friend
Reese Burdette	Dana Cole's cousin
Jacqueline Dewdney	Kit Threlkel's friend
Al Ellis	Jim Threlkel's friend
Fred Hallmark	Jim Francis' friend
Jay & Gail Jones	Mary Marrs' friends
Pete Kent	Charley & Nancy Chilton's nephew
Lettie Lane North	Jean Strang's sister
Bill & Judy Overlock	Kit Threlkel's friends
Hugh and Joyce Pemberton	Rick & Pat Reass' friends
Jack Phares	Nell Speer's friend
Tom Polak	Wade & Sandy Hoffman's friend
Sandy Schwenk	Zane Schwenk's mother
Kristy Turner	Rick & Pat Reass' daughter

Our Christian sympathy goes to Scott, Kathy, Alexander, & Warren Girouard upon the death of their mother & grandmother, Evelyn Girouard who died Saturday, April 27, 2019

The Flamingos Are Returning To First Pres!

It's that time of year again when flocks of flamingos begin mysteriously arriving in the yards of unsuspecting church members. Please join in on the fun and take part in this fundraiser which helps support the youth summer trips. Participants of this event can pay \$20 to have someone else's yard "flocked" with flamingos. The flock will stay in the yard for 24 hours and then move on to a new location. Flamingo insurance may be purchased for \$40 to insure that NO flamingos end up in your yard. Or 'triple flock' a friend you really love for \$50. Members of our youth ministry programs will be selling both flockings and insurance after Sunday services.

By fundraising for our summer trips, we are able to help lower the cost (typically between \$400-\$450 per youth) for the youth who are going. Thank you for ALL that you do to support our youth ministry programs! Thank you especially for supporting the Flamingo



WEDNESDAY NIGHTS IMMERSION BIBLE STUDY

We are diving deep into scripture with Paul's letters - 1 & 2 Timothy, Titus, and Philemon meeting in McCleod Hall at **6:00 pm**.

Contact Rev. Sarah to join us at 294-3121 or sbishop@firstpreswh.org. Books are just \$10.00!

CAN YOU SPARE JUST A LITTLE TIME?

Opportunity is knocking for an individual or a couple to pick up bread and desserts for our soup kitchen at the Winter Haven Square Publix, across from Legoland, on Saturday mornings.

This is on a rotation basis with other volunteers and a commitment of only three to four times a year. To volunteer or get more information, please call Alan at the church office 294-3121.



SUNDAY SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES!

The last day for Sunday School before the summer worship schedule begins is **May 26**.

Be on the look-out for NEW educational opportunities this summer.



Children's Sunday School for PreSchoolers through 5th grade happening in the CE Building, **9:30 am (9 am on the First Sunday)**. Our children will activate faith with *Spark Lectionary* curriculum. Each class will engage the Biblical story of the day through creative, hands-on activities, interactive games, and crafts. Sunday School for preschoolers and kindergartners will meet in Room 101. Our elementary students will meet after music in Room 206. Sunday School ends at 10:30 am

First Sundays – Sunday School at **9 am**.

PERSPECTIVES SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDY HAS BEGUN

This class is studying *Man's Search For Meaning*, a book by Dr. Viktor Frankl to guide discussion. Dr. Frankl and his family were sent to a Nazi concentration camp in 1942. There he would experience the death of his pregnant wife, both parents and brother. From that experience, he, as a psychiatrist, focused on human suffering. He reminds us that while we cannot avoid suffering, we can choose how to cope with suffering and even find meaning in the midst of our suffering, while we move forward with renewed purpose.

Our own faith will also guide this discussion-oriented class whose shared leadership welcomes you to join us at **9:30 am** in the Geneva Room.



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 217 bag lunches
the week of 4/22/19.

Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 94 people on 4/27/19.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS MONDAY, MAY 6 FOR THE *ALL-CHURCH RETREAT*

Living Well: Practicing Christian Ways of Life



Register now for our *All-Church Retreat* at CedarKirk, **Saturday, May 18 & Sunday, May 19**. Join your church community for a weekend away as we have conversation, practices and fun practicing Christian ways of living.

Overnight rates start at \$80. There are also day rates available. Please see a brochure for more information and register today! The deadline for registration is **May 6**.

Contact Rev. Sarah with questions at sbishop@firstpreswh.org or 294-3121. You can also download a brochure from our website.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

...is zooming in this summer!

Sunday, June 9 through Thursday, June 13 from 5:30 until 8 pm

At *To Mars and Beyond VBS*, children, and their youth and adult leaders will enjoy interactive, energizing, and Bible-based good times as they explore where God's power can take them! Our voyagers will discover how to serve God and God's mission for their lives. **Registration for children, youth, and adult volunteers is on our website!**

Can't join us? Donations for supplies, decorations and snacks will be out soon! Questions? Contact Rev. Sarah at sbishop@firstpreswh.org or 294-3121.

