



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

Tower Chimes

Week of May 9, 2021

Issue 816

135 Years of Ministry

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LET'S PLANT!



Buildings and Grounds Committee is dedicated to the upkeep and appearance of our church facility.

We are putting together a planting day, **Wednesday, May 12 at 5:30 pm** to add some new shrubbery around First Pres.

Please call the church office at 863-294-3121 to put your name on the list.

ALL-CHURCH RETREAT AT CEDARKIRK MAY 15 FROM 9 AM TO 8 PM

Join your church family for a day at **Cedarkirk Camp and Conference Center** as we meet **God in the High Places, Mountain Top Moments**. Registration is now open and you can sign-up by grabbing a brochure from the narthex or visiting the church website.

For \$85 (per family) or \$30 (individual), we'll enjoy outside meals, faith-strengthening Biblical explorations, hike or swim, and even a group game together. Don't forget a meaningful worship under the pines, music, and communion. See the All-Church Retreat brochure for more information or contact Rev. Sarah, sbishop@firstpreswh.org.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 6-10 FROM 5:30 TO 8:00 PM

Save the date for this summer's Vacation Bible School where fearless kids shine God's light at Crocodile Dock! Each night we'll gather dock-side for music, crafts, snacks, games, and of course, engaging, fearless Bible stories! Register your child today!

We'll be needing YOUR help to prepare from supplies drives, volunteering to decorate, and joining us that week as a volunteer. Registration (is live on our website.) Questions? Contact Rev. Sarah, sbishop@firstpreswh.org or (863)294-3121.



Remember in Prayer

Opportunities This Week

Sunday, May 9—Mother's Day

- 9:00 am Heart of Worship (Sanctuary/Facebook Live)
- 9:25 am Children's Sunday School (CE)
- 10:20 am Adult Bible Study (MH/Zoom)
- 11:00 am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary/Facebook Live)

Monday, May 10

- 8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CE)
- 6:00 pm Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (MH/Zoom)

Tuesday, May 11

- 9:00 am Staff Meeting (MH)
- 12:00 pm Men's Lunch (MH/Zoom)
- 5:15 pm Community Outreach & Engagement (MH)

Wednesday, May 12

- 8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CE)
- 10:00 am Adult Bible Study (MH/Zoom)
- 12:00 pm Buildings & Grounds (MH/Zoom)
- 2:00 pm Membership (MH)
- 4:00 pm Christ Kids (CE)
- 5:00 pm Confirmation Class (GC/737)
- 5:30 pm Middle School Youth Group (GC)
- 6:00 pm Chancel Bells (MS)
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)

Thursday, May 13

- 1:15 pm Chapel Bells (MS)

Friday, May 14

- 8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CE)

Saturday, May 15

ALL CHURCH RETREAT

- 9:00 am Stephen Ministries Training (UR)
- 2:00 pm Soup Kitchen Prep (Kitchen)
- 4:00 pm Soup Kitchen (Kitchen)



Our Christian sympathy goes to Larry Davis upon the death of his mother, Louise Schutt who died on Wednesday, April 28, 2021.

MEMBERS

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| Marie & Roger Able | Jane Hayman | Bob McClew |
| Melvin & Debbie Anderson | Frances Heath | Pat Miller |
| Kathy Andrews | Kay Hedden | Edna Mitchell |
| Pat Berrell | Doris Hill | Richard Moots |
| Orrin & Helen Champlain | Bryan Howard | Arletta Oriani |
| Charlie Darte | Isobel Hubbard | Kline Roberts |
| Larry Davis | Jim Huff | John Schleifer |
| Marjorie DiLorenzo | Scott & Becky Irvin | Joyce Shirah |
| Zan Dismuke | Martha Johnson | Dale Smith |
| Dana Elmore | Dena Lancashire | Pam Tallent-Blackburn |
| Bill Everhart | Eric Lindstrom | Gwen Waters |
| John Gray | Spike & Jane Lucia | Sug Zowarka |
| | Pat McCarty | |
| | Dick McCauley | |

Relatives & Friends

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| Carl Barrett | Don & Norma Martin's friend |
| Bryce Beckham | MaryBess Thompson's friend |
| Erin Cherry | Jonathan Owen's friend |
| Tommy Cooper | Jane Hammette's brother-in-law |
| Jaidyn Craft | MaryBess Thompson's friend |
| Connie Craig | Lynn Oakley's friend |
| Lynn Dangundy | Janis Barry's cousin |
| Wayne Emerick | Don & Norma Martin's brother-in-law |
| Susie Fisher | Becky Everhart & Rob Donaldy's cousin |
| Lynda Giles | Polly Wilson's niece |
| Ryan Hampton | Bill Lockhart's friend |
| Nonie Hicks | Bob & Cindy Steele's friend |
| Verona Jones | Lynn Oakley's friend |
| Margaret Katros | Lisa Endres' mother |
| Mary Lenari | Bill & Becky Everhart's friend |
| John Linn | Sharon Mann's brother |
| Pat Lynch | Roger & Marie Able's friend |
| Susan Marsh | Roger & Marie Able's friend |
| Sue Miller | Lynn Oakley's friend |
| Leon & Barb Murphy | Bruce & Kate Eelman's friends |
| Joyce Nunnallee | Nancy Dobler's cousin |
| Anne Ogburn | Janis Barry's cousin |
| Sandy Payne | Lynn Oakley's family member |
| Cindy Partlow | Marilyn Sheffield's cousin |
| Eddy Ruperti | Lynn Oakley's friend |
| Diane Secord | Gail Van Allen's friend |
| Chet Spires | Mary Ellen Rowker's friend |
| Jim Steele | Bob Steele's brother |
| Nicole Upson | Amy McKee's friend |
| Sam Vac | Marcie Dershimer's friend |
| Carol Wilhelm | Greg & Mary Marrs' friend |
| Julie Williams | Steve Negley's friend |
| Bud Willson | Mary Marrs' brother |
| John Willson | Mary Marrs' brother |

MILITARY

- | | | |
|--------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Zach Anaya | Stephanie Gillie | KaitLin Marotti |
| Brenden Anderson | Eddie Gray | Mathew Massam |
| Christian Anderson | Daniel Harp | Shad Skinner |
| Zach Drum | Sean Harp | Drew Stapor |
| Robert Ferguson | David Knowles | |
| Ernie French | John Marotti | |

CALLING ALL YOUTH!

Youth groups are meeting at the youth house. We are so excited to be socially distanced & safe in-person!

MSYG meets Wednesdays from 5:30 until 7:30 pm
HSYG meets Sundays from 5:30 until 7:30 pm

Come join us for food, fellowship, and faith building. It is an awesome year with our youth!

If you have any questions or would like to sign up to provide a meal for our students, please contact Emily Snyder at 224-4403 or esnyder@firstpreswh.org.



UPDATE ON OUR STEPHEN MINISTER TRAINING CLASS



Keep our Stephen Leaders and our Stephen Minister trainees in your prayers as they near the end of the 50 hours of initial training. Here is the training topic for this week.

Session Seventeen & Eighteen (May 15) *Supervision: A Key to Quality Christian Care*. Stephen Ministers receive monthly supervision once they begin providing care. Supervision ensures that Stephen Ministers provide the best care possible, yet is done in a way that keeps the identity of the care receiver and details of his or her situation confidential.

THE 2021 SANCTUARY FLOWER CALENDAR IS UP SIGN UP FOR YOUR IMPORTANT DATES

Please remember these important points:

- * Include your best contact number.
- * Include the name of your florist.
- * Tell your florist that the arrangement **must** be here by **Friday, 12 pm**
- * Call the office the week before to give bulletin information (294-3121.)



WORSHIP MASK POLICY

Everyone who wishes to attend in-person worship is required to wear a face covering and maintain social distancing while entering, moving throughout, and exiting the building.

For the 9 am Service

Once seated and socially distanced from all people except those in their chosen seating group, you may remove your face mask, if you choose, for that portion of the worship service.

If any person wishes to sing hymns or responses, we ask that the face covering is replaced.

For the 11 am Service

Face coverings are required to be worn at all times while seated for worship.

Worshippers are invited to sing while wearing face coverings.

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE FOR LOAN



Over the years, church members have donated wheelchairs, walkers, shower chairs, potty chairs, and other medical equipment to the church. They are available to loan to people in the First Pres family who have a short-term need.

If you wish to borrow some useful equipment, contact the church office at 294-3121 and a staff member can help you go through available items.



COME JOIN OUR MUSIC MINISTRY

Rehearsals for Chancel Choir, Chancel Bells, and Chapel Bells are in full swing here at First Pres! We would love to have you join us at our socially distanced rehearsals! If you are new to our church, the music program, or have taken a break for awhile, there is a spot for you!

Join Chancel Bells on **Wednesdays** in the Music Suite at **6 pm** and Chancel Choir in the Sanctuary at **7 pm**. Chapel Bells practice on **Thursdays**, at **1:15 pm** in the Music Suite. All rehearsals maintain face coverings and social distancing. Chancel Choir is working on a virtual choir piece to share in worship. All ensembles will begin sharing their gifts in worship in May.

Please contact Jeremy at 863-294-3121 or email to jrath@firstpreswh.org with questions.

MEN'S LUNCH IS HYBRID—TUESDAYS AT NOON

You can join us socially distant in McLeod Hall.

OR

Join us virtually on Zoom. If you are not already receiving the Zoom invite, please contact the office at 294-3121 or office@firstpreswh.org and ask to be added to the list.



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- In the last quarter of 2020 alone, the church received **\$83.22**.

ANGEL CARE CENTER OF ELOISE

Angels Care Center continues to give out special kits to their patients and families, e.g. toiletry kits, first aid kits, children's kits, and senior bags. This is not possible without the donation 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 they have come up short of what is needed to fill the kits. This is a year round project and the need is great. They 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 the senior bags, whatever will make their 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.

SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE CARD

Couples may use one form, please include both names.

Heart of Worship at 9:00 am; Traditional Worship at 11:00 am

For the safety of all entering the church facilities for in-person worship, please complete this brief survey. (If you answer yes to any of the questions, please return home and join us for virtual worship on Facebook Live.)

Individual #1 Individual #2

Yes No Yes No Have you had a fever, dry cough, or shortness of breath in the last 14 days?

Yes No Yes No Have you been in close contact with someone who has a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the past 14 days?

Yes No Yes No Have you traveled to a COVID-19 hotspot in the past 14 days?

Name (Please print): _____

Phone Number: _____ Date: _____

First Time Visitor Address: _____

Thank you for helping us provide for the safety of the entire church family.

2021 ADULT BIBLE STUDY ~ THE YEAR OF THE BIBLE

Join your pastors and church family as we take this year to read the Bible. Each month we alternate between chapters in the Old and New as well as the Psalms. Download the reading plan for the whole year from our church website, or follow the plan below. We invite you to join a class for deeper discussion! Classes are **Sundays at 10:20 am** as well as **Wednesdays at 10 am**. If you can't join us in person, you can join us virtually for each class by following the steps below.

SUNDAY CLASS

1. go to <https://zoom.us/join>
2. enter Meeting ID **959 6689 0482**
3. click **Join**
4. click **Open Zoom Meeting**
5. enter your name and Meeting Passcode **637**
6. click **Join Meeting** and wait to join
7. see your church family and wave "hi"

WEDNESDAY CLASS

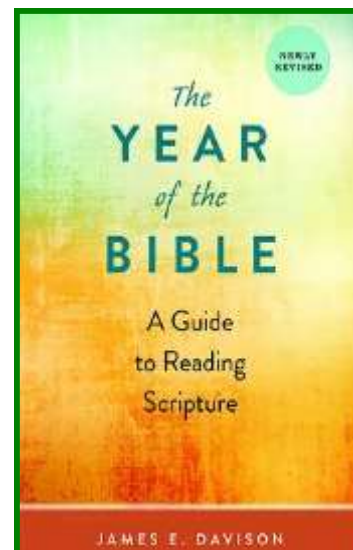
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Reading Plan For Week 18

Below is a breakdown list of readings to prepare for this week's class. Class will be loosely structured as gathering, prayer, sharing your questions, and discussion on that week's reading led by a pastor.

WEEK 18

DAY	OLD Testament	NEW Testament Psalms
1	1 Samuel 18, 19	Mark 14
2	1 Samuel 20, 22	Mark 15
3	1 Samuel 23, 24	Mark 16
4	1 Samuel 25, 26	Psalms 49
5	1 Samuel 27, 28	1 Corinthians 1
6	1 Samuel 29, 31	1 Corinthians 2
7	2 Samuel 1, 2	Psalms 50



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 89 bag lunches
the week of 4/26/21.

We gave out 383
bag lunches in April, 2021.

Return Service Requested

Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 98 people on 5/1/21.

We fed 283 in April, 2021.

MAY CHILDREN'S VIRTUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSROOM



Visit our Children's Sunday School virtual classroom in May, where we will meet more great examples of people with strong faith. There will be snacks, music, and some fun activities too.

Check out the link on the website today and see what Rev. Sarah is up to in our classroom.

CHRIST KIDS WEDNESDAYS AT 4 PM

Christ Kids – our faith-filled and safe, after-school program for children 4 years through 5th grade is on-going. The fun happens **Wednesdays at 4:00 pm** with a majority of outdoor activities and Bible study.

Permission slips for children for our closing Train Day, **May 19**, are going out soon.

Questions? Contact Rev. Sarah via email sbishop@firstpreswh.org or call the church office 294-3121.

