



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

Tower Chimes

Week of May 13, 2018

Issue 672

132 Years of Ministry

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MOTHER'S DAY IS THIS SUNDAY

We hope you will join us for worship on *Mother's Day, Sunday, May 13* as our congregation celebrates the marvelous gift that God has given us in the world through the loving women in our lives. Help us add your praise to God that day for this blessing.



CAN YOU HELP US SPRUCE UP THE FLOWER BEDS?

The Buildings and Grounds Committee needs help in sprucing up the church grounds. We want to thank the Middle School Youth for helping spread a small mountain of mulch in the playground and many of our sanctuary area flower beds.



We are planning to **WORK EVENINGS** – to refresh to the two flower beds that border the main entrance driveway off Sixth Street. We are seeking volunteers on **TUESDAY, MAY 15, 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.** and **THURSDAY, MAY 17, 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.** We plan to work one flower bed at a time, removing old plants and groundcover and then planting new bushes and spreading mulch.

Please join us for one or both of our work-evenings as we beautiful God's house.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR VBS!!!

June 10 - 14

Shipwrecked

Registration forms will be available soon.

Katie Sparr is VBS director this year and she needs **YOUR** help. To volunteer for this special time for our young disciples, please contact Katie at 407-361-1412 or katiesparr15@gmail.com.

Get ready for an adventure to an uncharted island where kids are rescued by Jesus!



OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 13

MOTHER'S DAY

- 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)
- 5:30 p.m. HSYG (GC)

Monday, May 14

- 8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)
- 6:30 p.m. Christian Education (GR)

Tuesday, May 15

- 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (MCR)
- 12:00 p.m. Men's Lunch (MH)
- 12:00 p.m. Sewing for Honduras (GSH)
- 5:30 p.m. Flower Bed Work-eve
- 6:30 p.m. Deacons (GR)
- 7:00 p.m. Praise & Worship Band (Sanctuary)

Wednesday, May 16

- 8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)
- 10:45 a.m. Preschool Music (CE 103)
- 1:00 p.m. Memorial Garden (MCR)
- 5:30 p.m. MSYG (GC)
- 6:00 p.m. Chancel Bells (MS)
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir (MS)

Thursday, May 17

- 1:15 p.m. Chapel Bells (MS)
- 5:30 p.m. Flower Bed Work-eve

Friday, May 18

- 8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)
- 4:00 p.m. HS Girls Bible Study (Off-site)

Saturday, May 19

- 2:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen Prep (Kitchen)
- 4:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen (737)
- 7:00 p.m. Saturday Nite Live (MH)

Remember in Prayer

MEMBERS

Roger Able	Kay Hedden	Nancy Neale
Maxie Adams	Doris Hill	Randall Palmer
Becca Alexander	Ranell Hillman	Keith & Jane Ray
Joyce Anderson	Bryan Howard	Barbara Roberts
Kathleen Avinger	Camille Howe	Earle Roberts
Bill Brack	Jim Huff	Elsie Savant
Tom Brackett	Scott & Becky Irvin	Beverly Seagreaves
Henry Braun	Shea & Lacey Irvin	Joyce Shirah
Nancy Brooks	Martha Johnson	Mary Alice, Emma, & John Skipper
Helen Butz	Joey Johnston	Barbara H. Smith
Helen Champlain	Peggy Kennedy	Amy Speer
Tom Coffman	Sherry Kennedy	Scott Strey
Yolanda Dyer	John Kissel	Jay Tackett
Jana Easterling	Toni Krieger	Pam Tallent-Blackburn
Mike Easterling	Dena Lancashire	Carolyn Thompson
Bill Everhart	Kathy Lockhart	John Van Allen
Rossanne Gorsky	Spike Lucia	Jennifer Vibral
Clyde Greene	Gregg Marrs	Lee Wilkinson
Jane Hayman	Larry Marshall	Judy Winfree
Joyce Hayman	Lynnis Mincey	Retha Wright
Frances Heath	Bev Morris	

Relatives & Friends

Reese Burdette	Dana Cole's cousin
Al Ellis	Jim Threlkel's friend
Pete Kent	Charley & Nancy Chilton's nephew
John McKibben	Jane Whitney's brother
Mike & Marilyn Melody	Lisa Endres' friend
Amy & John Miles	Bethany Owen's friend
Michael Oriani	Joe Oriani's brother
Mike Parker	Julia Parker, son
Betty Sanders	Jane Whitney's sister
David Satterfield	Heather Whitney's friend
Kristy Turner	Rick & Pat Reass' daughter
Kevin Tobin	Gale Johnston's friend
Rick Tucker	Ben & Judy Tucker's son
Jeannie Weeks	Marile Weeks sister-in-law
Jerry Williams	Steve Negley's friend
Marshall Wood	Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend



Our Christian sympathy goes to Susan Smith on the death of her husband, Al Smith, who died on Tuesday, April 24, 2018.

Our deepest sympathy goes to Sharon Bogey on the death of her mother, Betty LeVeille, who died on Wednesday, April 25, 2018.

Our sincerest sympathy goes to Jeff Bowen, on the death of his step-father, Don Howell, who died on Thursday, May 3, 2018.



Zach Anaya
Brenden Anderson
Christian Anderson
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



FIRST FACT

The Wesleyan College Alumnae Association has honored our very own **Beth Koon** with the 2018 Alumnae Award Recipient for Distinguished Service to the Community.

Congratulations Beth and thank you for all that you do!

The Angels Care Center of Eloise wishes to express its gratitude for First Pres' support and donations. What we do truly makes a difference.



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.

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: Sew either at church or in your own home.

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

For details please contact Lydia Circle member Sharon Mitchell 419-332-5268.



Attention, First Pres members!

Save the Date



Our next gathering will be on Monday, **June 11 at 11:00 a.m.** at the church. We will travel to Port Hatchineha for lunch at the Port Steak and Seafood Restaurant.

The restaurant has both good food and good views of Lake Hatchineha. Signup now so we can reserve a place for you.

Please RSVP for by **Wednesday, June 6**, 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: _____

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.

THE 2018 SANCTUARY FLOWER CALENDAR IS POSTED IN THE NARTHEX.

**Available dates for the near future are:
May 20, June 3, and all of July.**

There is space to sign up for placing flowers in the narthex on a given Sunday, when the sanctuary flowers for your desired date have already been selected by someone else.

Please remember these important points:

1. Include your best contact number.
2. Include the name of your florist.
3. Tell your florist that the arrangement *must* be here by **Friday, 1:30 p.m.**
4. Call the office the week before to give bulletin information (294-3121.)



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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).



Join Us on the Lord's Day

Worship



8:15 a.m. Chapel Worship

This 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

This 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

This 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



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 are learning more about Jesus - His life and ministry and leaders in the early church. Short videos, music, art, and Bible activities 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 listens to Dr. Bailey's insights and discusses 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 175 bag lunches
the week of 4/30/18.

We gave out 941 bag lunches
in April, 2018.

Return Service Requested

Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 85 people on 5/5/18.

We fed 405 in April, 2018.

**ARE YOU READING FOR OUR NEXT
Odd Month, Odd Monday Book Club?**



May 21: *Driving Miss Norma* by Tim Bauerschmidt and Ramie Liddle.

We will meet in the back of McLeod Hall at **3 p.m.**
for discussion and light refreshments.

Please RSVP by calling 294-3121 or emailing office@firstpreswh.org.

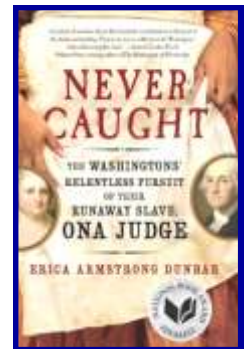
AND FOR THE REST OF 2018...

July 18: *Never Caught* by Erica Armstrong Dunbar

September 17: *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles

November 19: *The 13th Gift* by Joanne Huist Smith

52 Little Lessons from A Christmas Carol by Bob Welch



Copies will soon be available in the Price Library or you may contact Jonathan or Bethany Owen about ordering a copy for you.