

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

Tower Chimes

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134 Years of Ministry

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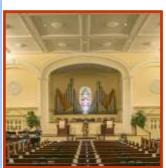
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BEING A CHURCH WHILE FACING A VIRUS



We want to be the faithful body of Christ in this time of uncertainty. To address the spread of the Coronavirus, the Session has determined that the church continues to be VIRTUAL WORSHIP until further notice. Since public health officials have requested churches to refrain from holding public worship services, we have our Sunday services STREAMED ON FACEBOOK LIVE at https://www.facebook.com/FPCWinterHaven/

at 9:15 am (Heart of Worship) and 11:00 am (Traditional). You do not need a Facebook account to join us. Simply use the link above. Videos of weekly worship are also posted on our website by Sunday afternoon.

PLEASE HELP US STAY IN TOUCH WITH YOU. Email Connie at the church office at cshipley@firstpreswh.org so that we can add Administration you to our system for email updates. Also check our Facebook page for meeting and activity updates.

And remember

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in times of trouble. Psalm 46:1

LOCAL MINISTRIES NEED OUR HELP

The ministries supported by our church can use our help now more Custodian than ever. The Deacons have been in contact with those ministries to inquire about their current needs. If you wish to help, please consider the needs of these valuable partners in our community.

Project Love:

Donations of gift cards to grocery stores (Publix, Aldi, or Walmart). Since many of the people they serve take public transit, Walmart gift cards are preferred due to the bus stop proximity. Their number is 280-6947.





The Mission:

In need of premade meals for them to serve for lunch. They need large trays of food (chef pans) to serve about 100 people. Call them at 299-2348 for more information.

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 17 3 CENTS-A-MEAL

9:15 am Heart of Worship (Facebook Live)

11:00 am Worship (Facebook Live)

4:00 pm Christ Kids (Zoom)

7:00 pm High School Youth Groom (Zoom)

Monday, May 18

Tuesday, May 19

9:00 am Staff Meeting (MH)

11:30 am Men's Lunch (Zoom)

12:00 pm Finance (Zoom)

4:00 pm Music Director Search (Zoom)

6:30 pm Deacons (Zoom)

Wednesday, May 20

5:00 pm Confirmation (Zoom)

7:00 pm Middle School Youth Group (Zoom)

Thursday, May 21

Friday, May 22

Saturday, May 23

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

3 CENTS-A-MEAL IS THIS SUNDAY, MAY 17

You can give to 3 Cents-a-Meal Hunger Offering

online (see below) or by text (see next page.)

This offering is divided between our Soup Kitchen/Bag Lunch Ministry, Beth-El Farm-workers Ministry, and Honduras.

FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE **ONLINE GIVING** IS AVAILABLE THROUGH **SECUREGIVE**

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.

Remember in Prayer

MEMBERS

Marie Able Melvin & Debbie Anderson Kathy Andrews Pat Berrell Orrin & Helen Champlain Carl Cheatham Charlie Darte Marjorie DiLorenzo Yolanda Dyer Jana Easterling Dana Elmore Bill Everhart Jim Francis John Gray Jane Hammette Jane Hayman Joyce Hayman

Frances Heath Kay Hedden **Doris Hill Shirley Hines** Bryan Howard Isobel Hubbard Jim Huff Martha Johnson Bill Johnston John Kissel Dena Lancashire Joel Smith Eric Lindstrom Spike Lucia Pat McCarty Bob McClew Edna Mitchell Nancy Neale Lynn Oakley Arletta Oriani

Barbara Roberts John Schleifer Lauren Schwenk George Seagreaves Cash Sheaffer **Bob Sheffield** Jovce Shirah Barbara H. Smith **Ed Smith** Dale Smith **Christine Stevens** Pam Tallent-Blackburn Carolyn Thompson Ellie Threlkel Mike Vibral Gwen Waters Sug Zowarka

Relatives & Friends

Belle Barris Lauren Schwenk's friend Jessica Benton Nikki Hoagland's cousin Steve Dobler Rich Dobler's brother Ben & Judy Tucker's friend Jean Ann & Blake Doyle Bob Hines' sister Dottie Fairchild Rob Donaldy and Becky Everhart's cousin Susie Fisher Tom Francis Jim Francis' brother Allison Futch Lynn Oakley's friend Debbie Futch Lynn Oakley's friend Lvnda Giles Polly Wilson's niece Christy Hemenway Bob & Lisa Endres' friend Kate Hurd & family Kathy Cheatham's friend Cherri Jordan Ed Smith's sister John Kluberg Nancy Dobler's brother Jim Marrs Greg Marrs' brother Roger & Marie Able's friend Carol Moore Jackie Murphy Lynn Oakley's friend Paula Penna Steven Lockhart's friend Sydney Alexis Rich Bill & Becky Everhart's friend Joan Richter Lynn Oakley's friend Kristy Russ Tom & Jerri Oldt's friend Toni Shaw Candy Marshall's friend Deborah Strother Sandy Hoffman's friend Jeanie Williamson Jackie Pinckney's friend

MILITARY

Zach Anaya Brenden Anderson Christian Anderson David Knowles Samuel Crockett Zach Drum Robert Ferguson Stephanie Gillie Eddie Gray

Daniel Harp Sean Harp John Marotti KaitLin Marotti Mathew Massam **Shad Skinner Drew Stapor**

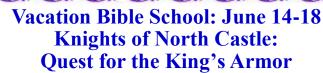
Congratulations to Joe & Amy McKee upon the birth of their daughter, Grace Lee born May 1, 2020. Proud grandparents are Dale & Marcia Smith.

CHRIST KIDS AND SUNDAY SCHOOL



While our programing for kids may not be meeting in person, our families do have the opportunity to grow in their faith at home! Families are being sent weekly a Bible lesson. Included are activities, games and creative projects all which are available when they need it. As families feel safe, we have kept our playground open on **Wednesdays**, **3-5pm** and **Sunday**, **May 17 at 4 pm** our kids will have the opportunity to check-in with one another via Zoom. This Zoom gathering is open to all kids of First Pres.

The Zoom invite and each week's lesson is being sent via email. So, please let Rev. Sarah (<u>sbishop@firstpreswh.org</u>) know if you would like to receive it as well.



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 18. 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! An import update is coming soon!

Registration for volunteers and kids is now open on our website at <u>firstpreswh.org</u>.







During this challenging time, our youth groups are meeting weekly by Zoom meetings. We are doing lessons and enjoying each other's company on video chats until we can start meeting in person again.

High School: Sunday at 7pm Middle School: Wednesday at 7pm

Emily Snyder has also created an Instagram account where she is posting devotionals every few days to keep your hearts filled with a little bit of Jesus during this crazy time! The account can be found on Instagram if you search **fpcwh_youth**. If you don't have an account, but still want to receive the devotions, here is the link: **instagram.com/fpcwh_youth**.

TEXT TO GIVE AT SECUREGIVE: 863-243-6880

- 1. Donor texts the keyword and amount (ex. Tithe 100 There must be a space between the keyword and amount, to the above number. Other keywords can be: three cents or other.)
- 2 First time text donors receive a text with a link to sign into their SecureGive account or create a new one. A quick video with Robin walking through these steps is on our website.
- 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 everytime they give.

- **We recommend that the donor save *First Presbyterian Church* 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.

Robin Miller is available to assist you during office hours at 294-3121 or email <u>rmiller@firstpreswh.org</u>.



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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.

Adopted by Session, 2003

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Return Service Requested

Bag Lunch Ministry

We gave out 138 bag lunches the week of 4/27/20.

Soup Kitchen Ministry We fed 42 people on 5/2/20.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION EXPOSE

THANK YOU

...to all the volunteers who made Christ Kids and Sunday School possible this year! Thank you to Erin Miller, Mary Ellen Rowker, Melissa Rowker, Mary Marrs, Kalen West, MaryBess Thompson, Peggy Threlkel, Amy Powell, Lindsey Ivey, Katie Sparr, Carson and Kay Weeks, Lauren and Zane Schwenk, Cindy Chilton, and Kathryn Thomas. Thank you from our Youngest Disciples who miss growing in their faith with you! Thank you from the Christian Education Committee and Rev. Sarah.

OUR PLAGROUND IS GETTING A REFRESH

We have mulch being delivered **May 19** and we NEED your help to spread it. Stop by for 20 minutes, or an hour or two and spread a little



mulch around the playground! We'll have the supplies, just dress to get dirty and wear gloves. Contact Rev. Sarah (574) 298-2295 or sbishop@gmail.com to sign up for a slot, May 19 or 20.

MOM AND NURSERY CE ROOMS 105 & 108 REFRESH

We've gotten to work a little early during this time with our Morning Out Mom's and Nursery rooms getting a refresh as well. Our CE rooms used for MOM's and Sunday Nursery have been freshly painted, unused toys removed and room 105 has gotten beautiful new carpet. A special thanks to our MOM staff who did most of the painting and **Sam Byrant** doing the prep work. Here a few photo's to see the transformation for yourself.

