



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

## Tower Chimes

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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 [cshiple@firstpreswh.org](mailto:cshiple@firstpreswh.org) so that we can add 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 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.



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# 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](http://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](mailto:rmiller@firstpreswh.org).



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

# Remember in Prayer

## MEMBERS

Marie Able	Frances Heath	Barbara Roberts
Melvin & Debbie Anderson	Kay Hedden	John Schleifer
Kathy Andrews	Doris Hill	Lauren Schwenk
Pat Berrell	Shirley Hines	George Seagreaves
Orrin & Helen Champlain	Bryan Howard	Cash Sheaffer
Carl Cheatham	Isobel Hubbard	Bob Sheffield
Charlie Darte	Jim Huff	Joyce Shirah
Marjorie DiLorenzo	Martha Johnson	Barbara H. Smith
Yolanda Dyer	Bill Johnston	Ed Smith
Jana Easterling	John Kissel	Dale Smith
Dana Elmore	Dena Lancashire	Joel Smith
Bill Everhart	Eric Lindstrom	Christine Stevens
Jim Francis	Spike Lucia	Pam Tallent-Blackburn
John Gray	Pat McCarty	Carolyn Thompson
Jane Hammette	Bob McClew	Ellie Threlkel
Jane Hayman	Edna Mitchell	Mike Vibral
Joyce Hayman	Nancy Neale	Gwen Waters
	Lynn Oakley	Sug Zowarka
	Arletta Oriani	

## Relatives & Friends

Belle Barris	Lauren Schwenk's friend
Jessica Benton	Nikki Hoagland's cousin
Steve Dobler	Rich Dobler's brother
Jean Ann & Blake Doyle	Ben & Judy Tucker's friend
Dottie Fairchild	Bob Hines' sister
Susie Fisher	Rob Donaldy and Becky Everhart's cousin
Tom Francis	Jim Francis' brother
Allison Futch	Lynn Oakley's friend
Debbie Futch	Lynn Oakley's friend
Lynda 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
Carol Moore	Roger & Marie Able's friend
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	Daniel Harp
Brenden Anderson	Sean Harp
Christian Anderson	David Knowles
Samuel Crockett	John Marotti
Zach Drum	KaitLin Marotti
Robert Ferguson	Mathew Massam
Stephanie Gillie	Shad Skinner
Eddie Gray	Drew Stapor



# CHRIST KIDS AND SUNDAY SCHOOL



While our programming 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 ([sbishop@firstpreswh.org](mailto:sbishop@firstpreswh.org)) know if you would like to receive it as well.

## Vacation Bible School: June 14-18 Knights of North Castle: Quest for the King's Armor



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 [firstpreswh.org](http://firstpreswh.org).

## YOUTH GROUP



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](https://www.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 [rmiller@firstpreswh.org](mailto:rmiller@firstpreswh.org).

### 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 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](mailto: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.

