

CALLING ALL KNITTERS AND CROCHETERS!

NEXT MEETING IS MAY 27



The prayer shawl group needs you! We meet the **4th Monday** of the month at **10:30 am** in McLeod Hall to knit/crochet together. We would love to have you come to our meetings. But... you don't need to be able to meet with us to participate.

You can knit or crochet at home. There is lots of yarn in the closet at the church. So please help us bring comfort to others with the lap robes and prayer shawls that we create. Any pattern you would like to use would be fine, but we usually keep things

pretty simple.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE YOUTH FLAMINGO FUNDRAISER

We have had a great time delivering flamingos. This money will be a help for our summer youth trips to Montreat and the Great Escape. If you missed your opportunity to send a flock to your favorite people, you can still call the church office and place an order through the end of May. We will deliver them as soon as possible. And, of course, we can always accept your donations to our youth program to help ease the



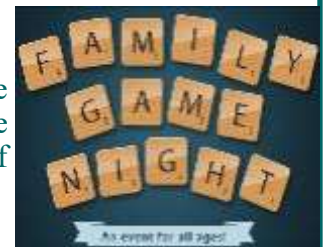
THANK YOU CHRIST KIDS VOLUNTEERS...



for sharing your time, talent, and love of Jesus Christ with our youngest disciples - Becca Alexander, Carol Carter, Elaine Dustin, Dr. Alan Harvey, Lindsey Ivey, Mary Marrs, Lynn McCoy, Mary Ellen Rowker, Punkin Smith, and Debbie Sowards.

“PINT-SIZE FUNTIMERS” FAMILY GAME NIGHT

Please join us beginning **June 21 at 6:30 pm** in McLeod Hall. All ages are welcome for a fun night of board games, pizza, and fellowship. When you can't join the Funtimers during the week, join the “pint-sizers” and their fun on the third Friday of every month!



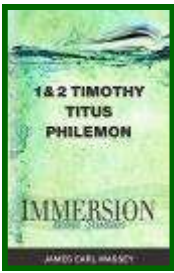
INTERGENERATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday, June 23 and Sunday, July 21 at 10:30 am in McLeod Hall.

Join your church family for an immersive *Intergenerational Sunday School*

WE HAVE AN EXTRA WAY OF GIVING!

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



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.

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.



FLAT JESUS – JESUS SAID “I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS.”



This summer, *Flat Jesus* is packed and ready to go on your Summer adventures! Whether you are just napping in your backyard or wandering the streets of Paris, Flat Jesus would love for you to be with him. And don't forget to take a picture or two, #firstpreswhflatjesus, and share on social media! Want to know where Jesus has been a part of our church family this summer? Search #firstpreswhflatjesus and enjoy! Packets will be available in the Narthex, McLeod Hall, and download from our website. Rev Sarah is also emailing a copy

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- First time users will click on sign-up
- Complete all fields and click the blue sign-up box ** password must be a minimum of 8 characters, including numbers and uppercase and lowercase letters.
- Click donate
- Choose your donation option, under special offering you will enter your special request, i.e. pastor fund, butterfly etc.
- Choose one time or reoccurring
- Enter card information (if you choose to save your information the next time you login the information will be there and make giving much easier)
- Submit (this is where you will add your additional message if needed)
- You will receive an email confirmation of your giving for your records



There's also an APP for that!

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SUMMER WORSHIP PLANS

We hope that you join us for worship on the summer Sundays that you are in town. Our plans for the summer include:

- + Observing our summer worship schedule from Memorial Day thru Labor Day with Heart of Worship and one traditional service on most Sundays.
- + Continuing our First Sunday Single Worship Service and Luncheon on the first Sundays throughout the summer.

Summer Worship dates and time

May 26	Heart of Worship 9:15 am (Memorial Day Weekend)	Traditional Worship 11:00 am
June 2	First Pres. First Sunday Gathering	Worship 10:00 am Luncheon 11:15 am
June 9	Heart of Worship 9:15 am	Traditional Worship 11:00 am
June 16	Heart of Worship 9:15 am	Traditional Worship 11:00 am
June 23	Heart of Worship 9:15 am	Traditional Worship 11:00 am
June 30	Heart of Worship 9:15 am	Traditional Worship 11:00 am
July 7	First Pres. First Sunday Gathering	Worship 10:00 am Luncheon 11:15 am
July 14	Heart of Worship 9:15 am	Traditional Worship 11:00 am
July 21	Heart of Worship 9:15 am	Traditional Worship 11:00 am
July 28	Heart of Worship 9:15 am	Traditional Worship 11:00 am
August 4	First Pres. First Sunday Gathering	Worship 10:00 am Luncheon 11:15 am
August 11	Heart of Worship 9:15 am	Traditional Worship 11:00 am
August 18	Heart of Worship 9:15 am	Traditional Worship 11:00 am
August 25	Heart of Worship 9:15 am	Traditional Worship 11:00 am
September 1	First Pres. First Sunday Gathering (Labor Day Weekend)	Worship 10:00 am Luncheon 11:15 am

Dr. Steven R. Negley
Senior Pastor

Dr. C. Alan Harvey
Associate Pastor

Rev. Sarah A. Bishop
Associate Pastor for
Christian Education and
Family Ministries

Lynn M. McCoy
Director of
Music Ministries

Robin D. Miller
Director of Finance &
Administration

Connie J. Shipley
Administrative Assistant

Rose S. Flynn
Office Assistant

Sammy D. Bryant
Director of Maintenance

THE SESSION HAS CALLED FOR A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING FOR SUNDAY

Please join us **June 2 at 9:55 am** in the sanctuary, immediately preceding the single First Sunday Worship Service, to hear the report of the Nominating Committee and elect Deacons and Elders to the Class of 2022, and Members-at-large to the Nominating Committee Class of 2020.

The following slate will be presented by the Nominating Committee for discussion and action:



Class of 2022 Deacon

Sean Ivey
Sharon Mann
Erin Miller
Melissa Rowker
Katie Sparr

Class of 2022 Elder

Paul Montgomery
Bethany Owen
Ed Smith
Kit Threlkel
Carson Weeks

Class of 2020 Nominating Committee At-Large

Mike Harris
Jonathan Owen
Jane Ray
Nell Speer
Ellen Zeller



OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 26

- 9:15 am Heart of Worship (Sanctuary)
- 10:15 am Connection (MH)
- 11:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)

Monday, May 27 MEMORIAL DAY Office Closed

Tuesday, May 28

- 9:00 am Staff Meeting (MCR)
- 12:00 pm Men's Lunch (MH)
- 5:00 pm Stephen Minister Leaders
- 6:00 pm Stephen Ministers (MH)
- 6:15 pm Worship & Music (UR)

Wednesday, May 29

- 8:45 am MOM (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)

Thursday, May 30

Friday, May 31

- 8:45 am MOM (CE)

Saturday, June 1

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



MILITARY

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

Remember in Prayer

MEMBERS

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| Kathy Andrews | 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 & Bonnie Ryan |
| Tom Coffman | Hubbard | George Seagreaves |
| Charlie Darte | Jim Huff | Cash Sheaffer |
| Patricia Dexter | Martha Johnson | Joyce Shirah |
| Yolanda Dyer | Joey Johnston | Barbara H. Smith |
| Mike & Jana | John Kissel | Mary Ann Snively |
| Easterling | Toni Krieger | Christine Stevens |
| Dana Elmore | Dena Lancashire | Scott Strey |
| Bill Everhart | Spike Lucia | Barbara Tackett |
| Scott & Kathy | Bob McClew | Jay Tackett |
| Girouard | Joan McCollough | Pam Tallent-Blackburn |
| John Gray | Matt McGaffigan | Carolyn Thompson |
| Bob Hancock | Edna Mitchell | Pat Vobornik |
| Jane Hayman | Bev Morris | Gwen Waters |
| Joyce Hayman | Nancy Neale | |

Relatives & Friends

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| Jacob Andrews | Augie Andrews' grandson |
| Sheryl Bachelord | Kit Threlkel's friend |
| Michael Branch | Jeff Bowen's friend |
| Reese Burdette | Dana Cole's cousin |
| Debra Cain | Tom & Jeri Oldt's sister-in-law |
| Scott Davis | Larry & Peggy Davis' son |
| Jacqueline Dewdney | Kit Threlkel's friend |
| Al Ellis | Jim Threlkel's friend |
| Mary Sue Hallmark | Jim Francis' friend |
| Jay & Gail Jones | Mary Marrs' friends |
| Pete Kent | Charley & Nancy Chilton's nephew |
| Linda Harris Leeds | Debbie Sowards' friend |
| Sharon Maulden | Judy Winfree's sister |
| Carol Moore | Roger & Marie Able's friend |
| 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 |
| Rolland Waters | Gale & Gwen Waters' son |

When "Pull Yourself Together" Doesn't Work!



You've heard it time and time again: "Pull yourself together; Cheer up; Tough it out; It's not that bad." Perhaps people have said it to you. Or perhaps you keep saying it to yourself. But it hasn't helped. You are still hurting. Things are coming apart, not coming together.

Here's the good news: You don't have to go through your struggles alone. Help is available. Our Stephen Ministers are trained caregivers who will walk with you, listen to you, and provide confidential one-to-one care as you search through the pieces and find what is truly in your heart.

To learn more about Stephen Ministry for yourself or someone you know **call Susan Singleton at 318-9208. Or you can talk with one of our other Stephen Leaders: Alan Harvey, Mary Marrs, Steve Negley, Barbara Perkins, or Jean Strang.**

JOIN US ON SUNDAYS THIS SUMMER!!!

9:15 - 10:15 am Heart of Worship

A Praise and Worship service held in our sanctuary. Along with scripture, sermon, and prayers, a praise band will help the congregation in adoring and showing reverence to God. Following the *Time with Younger Disciples*, children will be invited to join Ms. Lynn in music and then to join in their own Children's Sunday School Classes.



11:00 am Sanctuary Worship

A traditional worship service held in our sanctuary. The service follows the same order as the 8:00 am Chapel Service, and includes music from the Chancel Choir and the organ, as well as other instruments and groups.



DON'T MISS THE CONNECTION 10:15-10:45 AM

This fellowship time in McLeod Hall offers a coffee bar type selection with different flavored creamers, pastries, etc. It is a gathering place before or between worship for some folks.

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.

SOUND BOARD OPERATORS WANTED

If technology is your thing, we have a place for you in our musical praise!! We are in need of people who would like to learn about our sound system and help during the worship services to make sure all our praise is heard! We will be holding a training session, so **contact Lynn at 701-570-1485** and let her know if you are willing to join the Sunday rotation in the sound booth. **PLEASE!!**



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 151 bag lunches
the week of 5/12/19.

Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 80 people on 5/18/19.

Return Service Requested

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«City», «State» «Zip»

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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 294-3121 or sbishop@firstpreswh.org.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED



Art: 4X6 canvas boards; children's watercolor kits; glitter glue pens; old maps, googly eyes, tacky-craft glue; strands of fairy lights; plastic color table cloths- black, green, red, purple, orange & yellow (rectangle. Or circles); anything space or NASA-themed to help with decorations. If you would like anything returned after VBS, please add your name on the item.

Snack supplies: popcorn, cheese-its, gummy snacks, pretzel sticks & twists, Gluten-free pretzels, graham crackers and brownie mix, marshmallow fluff and frosting (white & chocolate)

