



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

Tower Chimes

Week of April 9, 2017

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131 Years of Ministry

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PALM SUNDAY IS APRIL 9

As we continue our Lenten preaching theme “The Life of our Messiah,” we will follow Jesus to Jerusalem for a festive parade and then set our sights on the Passover sacrifice (Maundy Thursday.) We hope you will join us for the last of our journey toward Easter.



HOLY WEEK & EASTER

Palm Sunday	April 9	8:15, 9:30, & 11 am	{ Worship Services
Maundy Thursday	April 13	5:30 pm	{ Supper
		6:30 pm	{ Worship with Communion & Tenebrae in the Sanctuary
Good Friday	April 14	12-3 pm	{ Chapel open for Prayers
Easter Sunday	April 16	6:30 am	{ Sunrise service at MLK Park
		8:15 am	{ Worship
		9:15-10:45 am	{ Easter Breakfast in McLeod Hall
		10:35 am	{ Easter Egg Hunt on the Playground
		11:00 am	{ Worship



CEDARKIRK COMES TO US!!!



Did you know that Cedarkirk Camp & Conference Center is our partner in growing disciples for Jesus Christ? On **Sunday, April 9**, Cedarkirk Executive Director, Rev. John Reiter, will share a “Good News from Cedarkirk” story at each service.

Between services, come to The Connection in McLeod Hall to pick up summer camp material and visit with John. Kids in grades 3 through Middle School will have their own “Cedarkirk time” in McLeod Hall from 10:00 – 10:30.

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 9 Palm Sunday

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)
9:45 a.m. Children's Sunday School (CE)
11:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
4:30 p.m. HSYG Music Rehearsal (GC)
5:30 p.m. HSYG (GC)

Monday, April 10

8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)
10:00 a.m. Lydia Circle (MH)
6:30 p.m. Christian Education (GR)

Tuesday, April 11

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (MCR)
12:00 p.m. Men's Lunch (MH)
5:30 p.m. Personnel (MCR)
6:30 p.m. Session (GR)

Wednesday, April 12

8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)
10:45 a.m. Preschool Music (CE 103)
11:15 a.m. Preschool Music (CE 103)
3:00 p.m. Christ Kids (CE)
5:00 p.m. Confirmation Class (GC)
5:30 p.m. MSYG (GC)
6:00 p.m. Chancel Bells (MS)
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir (MS)

Thursday, April 13 Maundy Thursday

1:15 p.m. Chapel Bells (MS)
5:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Dinner (MH)
6:30 p.m. Worship
7:30 p.m. Praise & Worship Band (Sanctuary)

Friday, April 14

8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)
12:00 p.m. Chapel Open Until 3 p.m.

Saturday, April 15

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

PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS

Karolina Crockett	David Knowles
Samuel Crockett	John Marotti
Zach Drum	KaitLin Marotti-Pitts
Robert Ferguson	Ashton Pitts
Stephanie Gillie	Shad Skinner
Eddie Gray	Drew Stapor



Our Christian sympathy goes to MaryBess Thompson on the death of her mother, Ann Miller Roberts, who died Tuesday, March 17, 2017.

Remember in Prayer

MEMBERS

Roger Able	Jim Huff	Keith Ray
Maxie Adams	Joey Johnston	Barbara Roberts
Kathy Andrews	Kelly Kennedy	Earle Roberts
Bob Beale	Peggy Kennedy	Ed Rounsley
Henry Braun	Toni Krieger	Marilyn Schleifer
Tom Brackett	Dena Lancashire	Mary Alice, Jaron, Emma, & John Skipper
Millie Carrier	Jackie Lawn	Barbara A. Smith
Helen Champplain	Spike Lucia	Barbara H. Smith
Tom Coffman	John Maltese	Scott Strey
Charlie Darte	Larry Marshall	Pam Tallent-Blackburn
Jana & Mike Easterling	Gladys Meier	Carolyn Thompson
Jeanne Estes	Lynnis Mincey	MaryBess Thompson & family
Bill Everhart	Bev Morris	Shirley Turner
Margaret Goodman	Joan Murphy	Lee Wilkinson
Matthew Gray	Nancy Neale	Marie Williams
Marilyn Hearn	Ed Partridge	Nancy Williamson
Frances Heath	Elizabeth Peters	Judy Winfree
Kay Hedden	Jackie Pinckney	Retha Wright
Doris Hill	Al Porter	
Camille Howe	Doug Purnell	

IN THE HOSPITAL: John Skipper

Relatives & Friends

Carlotta & Larry Bennett	Bethany Owen's Friend
Tom Brett	Bill & Beck Everhart's friend
Jewel Bondurant	Gale & Gwen Waters' friend
Reese Burdette	Dana Cole's cousin
Suzie Cole	Augie Andrews' friend
DiNunzio family	Kit Threlkel's friends
Al Ellis	Jim Threlkel's friend
Raymond Fenstermaker	Gale & Gwen Waters' grandson
Jim Greenwood	Lynn Oakley's friend
Pam Heath	Lynn Oakley's friend
Pete Kent	Charley & Nancy Chilton's nephew
Matthew Knowles	Amy Speer's cousin
Mike Lane & family	Jonathan Owen's brother-in-law
Shelia Maskowitz	Nell Speer's friend
Sharon Maulden	Judy Winfree's sister
Julien McCall	Lynn Oakley's friend
Larry McCullough	Helen Champplain's friend
Anna Robinson	Punkin Smith's friend
Amish Shah	Lynn Oakley's friend
Kristy Turner	Rick & Pat Reass' daughter
Gary Webb	Mathew Gray's father
Marshall Wood	Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend



Congratulations to Marjorie & Keith Putnum on the birth of their daughter, Addison Briana Putnam, born March 26, 2017. The proud grandmother is Ellen Roe Miller.

EASTER IS ALL MOST HERE!!!

We are collecting plastic Easter Eggs for our Easter Egg hunt which will be held on **Sunday, April 16 at 10:35 a.m.** Please bring in your **plastic eggs already filled with individually-wrapped candy or small prizes (no chocolate please)**.

You may drop off the eggs in the church office or in the basket in McLeod Hall. Please have them delivered by **Monday, April 10**. Little ones through fifth graders are invited to attend the hunt.



ALL CHURCH RETREAT REGISTRATION



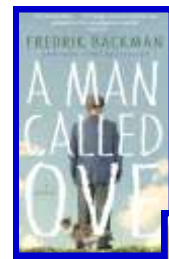
The All Church Retreat will be **May 6 & 7** at Cedarkirk Camp and Conference Center. This weekend is for all members and friends of First Presbyterian Church. You are welcome to join us on Saturday and Sunday or just one of those days.

The theme this year is, **"*Stones and Stories*"** and we will focus on Joshua 4 during the weekend. All ages are welcome to join in fellowship, fun, delicious food, and outdoor adventures. Please register by **Monday, April 24**. Brochures are NOW available.

Please contact Evelyn McMullen at 294-3121 for more information.

START READING FOR OUR NEXT ODD MONTH, ODD MONDAY BOOK DISCUSSION

The next meeting of the OM, OM Book Club is **Monday, July 17 at 3 pm** in the back of McLeod Hall. We will enjoy light refreshments and discuss the book *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman.



TITLES FOR THE REST OF 2017:

September 18 *A Cool and Lonely Courage* by Susan Ottaway.
November 20 *The Santa Claus Man* by Alex Parker.

A copy or copies of the titles should soon be available for check out in the library. Should you wish to order a copy you may contact Jonathan or Bethany Owen in the library. Meetings are at 3 p.m. in the back of McLeod Hall.

Reservations are requested to ensure adequate refreshments. These may be made through the Church Office at 294-3121. You are invited to join us in January.



A BIG THANK YOU...

...goes out to Cheryl Beckert, Larry Davis, John Marchetti, & our Buildings & Grounds committee for painting the nursery while Morning Out Mom was on Spring break.

APRIL 30, MAY 21, JUNE 4 & 25
ARE AVAILABLE DATES TO SIGN UP FOR SANCTUARY FLOWERS



There is also space to sign up for placing flowers in the narthex if 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 at the church by **Friday, 1:30 p.m.**
4. Call the office the week before to give bulletin information (294-3121.)

MAUNDY THURSDAY DINNER ~ APRIL 13, 5:30 P.M.

Family Style Menu: shepherd's pie, caesar salad, dinner roll, apple cobbler, coffee, tea, or lemonade.

Cost: \$10.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children ages 5 – 10. Children 4 and under eat for free. We will collect at the door.

Reservations required by **Monday, April 10**. Please contact the church office at 294-3121, cshipley@firstpreswh.org, or complete this reservation form in bulletin and Tower Chimes.

PLEASE DO NOT PREPAY.

Name: _____ # Adults: _____ # Children: _____



EASTER BREAKFAST ~ APRIL 16, 9:15 - 10:45 A.M.



Menu: ham and cheese strata, "Georgia Ice Cream" grits (buttered or with cheese), pastries, orange juice, milk, and coffee. For children, cereal & mini donuts. A suggested donation of \$4 per adult and \$2 per child is thankfully accepted at the door.

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BRIGHT SUNDAY, APRIL 23, BUTTERFLY RELEASE

The Worship and Music Committee has approved purchasing butterflies to be released in memory of church members who have died since Bright Sunday, April 5, 2016, and for those who have sustained the loss of a **child, parent, sibling, or spouse since that date.**

As we have done for the past few years, if you would like to release a butterfly in memory of a loved one who died prior to, or after, April 5, 2016, or who is beyond the relationship guidelines mentioned above (for example, grandparent, aunt, cousin, son-in-law, etc.), you may purchase a butterfly for \$5.00.

So that we may have an accurate count of how many butterflies to order, please fill out the tear off form at the bottom of this page and drop in the offering plate or drop off at the church office.

Or, you can call the office at 294-3121 with your information.

Since the order for butterflies needs to be placed soon,
*please have your orders in by **Easter, April 16.***

Your name: _____ Deceased loved one: _____

Relationship to you: _____

Which worship service **April 23:** 8:15 a.m. ☐ 9:30 a.m. ☐ 11:00 a.m. ☐



JOIN ONE OF OUR YOUTH GROUPS

If you are a middle or high school student, we would love for you to join us for youth group each week in our youth house, The Golden Center. **Middle School** meets each **Wednesday night from 5:30-7:30** and **High School** meets each **Sunday night from 5:30-7:30**. During this time we spend time together sharing meals, growing in Christ, playing games, and having LOTS of fun!



Once a month we meet outside the Golden Center to be the hands and feet of Jesus to help people in our community. We have laid sod for Habitat for Humanity, worked in our soup kitchen feeding the homeless, and bagged countless lunches for our bag lunch ministry. These are just a few ways we are the hands and feet of Jesus.

Sometimes we get together simply to have fun. We have been to the corn maze in the dark, Fun Spot, pool parties, camp outs, paint balling, and so much more. Upcoming events being planned are: a Chain of Lakes canoe cookout and Ice Skating. If you are looking to connect with young people your age while developing a deep relationship with Christ, come and join us. We would love to have you!

CIRCLE MEETINGS

We are using the PW Horizons Bible study titled:
"Who Is Jesus? What a Difference a Lens Makes." Study books are available for \$8.00.
Contact either Carol Carter at 299-4253 or Sue McClew at 875-6176
for book or with any questions.

Lydia Circle meets the **2nd Monday** of each month at **10:00 a.m.** in McLeod Hall.
The next meeting is April 10.

Joy Circle meets the **3rd Tuesday** of each month at **9:30 a.m.**
The next meeting is **April 18** at the home of Carol Carter.



CHRIST KIDS!



From **3:15 until 5:30 p.m. each Wednesday**, kids from age 4 through grade 5 enjoy a well-balanced experience of Christian community. Some of the Christ Kids have grown up at First Pres; others are new to church.

Christ Kids have fun on the Playground, learn to praise God with Music, offer their prayer concerns during Circle Time, and experience Bible stories in ways that connect with their lives. During the weeks leading up to Easter, Christ Kids' circle time will explore the Lord's Prayer. A dedicated team of ten volunteers each week

WE STILL HAVE APPROXIMATELY 49 DIRECTORIES TO BE PICKED UP.



You can claim your directory in the Edinburgh Room. They are in stacks labeled with the family name in alphabetical order.

PLEASE NOTE:
**EVERY CHURCH FAMILY GETS A
DIRECTORY, EVEN IF YOU DID NOT
HAVE A PHOTO TAKEN.**

DON'T FORGET THE ANGEL VAN MINISTRY

The Angel Van is a service deacons provide for adults who have no means of transportation to and from our Sunday worship.

Those who would like to take advantage of this service need to call the office at 294-3121 by noon on Fridays. Your request will be relayed to the deacon driving on that Sunday and the deacon will contact you by telephone on Saturday to confirm your desire to be transported and to arrange the time of pick up for our Worship Service at 11 a.m. Please let us know if we can be of service to you.



Stephen Ministers Are There to Care

Are you going through a difficult time--emotionally, spiritually, or relationally? Are you lonely, experiencing a crisis, or simply stressed by everyday life? You don't have to suffer alone. Our Stephen Ministers are trained caregivers, ready to listen, care for and encourage you, pray with and for you, and provide confidential one-to-one Christian care to help you through whatever it is that you are facing.

To find out more, call **Pat Reass at 206-9914**. Or you can talk with one of our other Stephen Leaders: **Alan Harvey, Mary Marrs, Steve Negley, Les O'Neal, Barbara Perkins, or Jean Strang.**



AND REMEMBER...

THE STEPHEN MINISTRY CONFIDENTIALITY

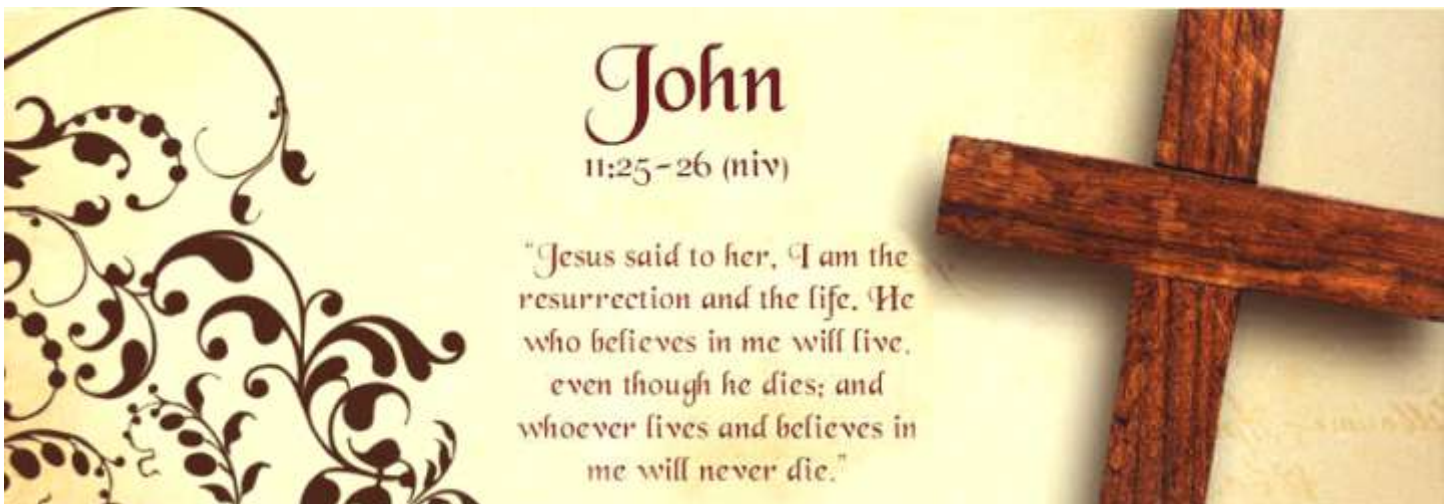


Confidentiality is the cornerstone of Stephen Ministry. It is absolutely essential for building safe, healing, and caring relationships. Stephen Ministers do not reveal what their care receivers have told them. Not to clergy, not to the Stephen Leaders, not to their spouses or friends and not to other Stephen Ministers. Why? Because trust is vital for a caring relationship to be effective. Care receivers are experiencing difficulties that leave them feeling very vulnerable. Discussing their innermost feelings is an important step in the healing process. But in order to open up and discuss that which is troubling them most, care receivers need complete trust in their Stephen Minister, and the assurance that what they say will not be circulated to others and become news for gossip.

This assurance builds trust and creates a safe place where care receivers can risk revealing their most painful issues and problems, ones that they might not even discuss with close friends or family. Confidentiality helps create a relationship that promotes healing and hope.

Another aspect of confidentiality is that nobody except the Stephen Minister, care receiver, clergy and referrals coordinator even know that a care receiver has been assigned a Stephen Minister. Care receivers, of course, are free to tell others about the relationship and who their Stephen Minister is, but the Stephen Minister never tells. This means a care receiver can choose to have complete anonymity. If he or she doesn't want people to know that they have a Stephen Minister, no one will ever know.

Why all this talk about confidentiality? To build your trust in Stephen Ministry. It is a high-quality, care giving ministry that you can count on should you ever have the need. Confidentiality is the cornerstone of our Stephen Ministry program.



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. Videos of church activities play on a loop in McLeod Hall. 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.



PLEASE JOIN US FOR ONE OF OUR THREE WORSHIP SERVICES



8:15 a.m. ~ Chapel Worship

A **traditional worship service** held in our chapel: The service follows the same order as the 11:00 a.m. worship service, but does not have a Chancel Choir. Musical ensembles offer special music on many Sundays. A Time with Younger Disciples is included if we have children in attendance.

9:30 a.m. ~ Heart of Worship

A **Praise and Worship service** held in our sanctuary: Along with scripture, sermon, and prayers, the 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.

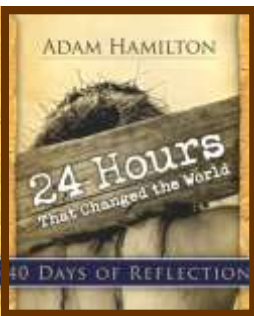
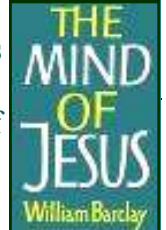
11:00 a.m. ~ Sanctuary Worship

A **traditional worship service** 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 and the organ, as well as other instruments and groups.

SUNDAY SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES

9:30 a.m. ~ Adult

Please join the Perspectives Class studies at **9:30 a.m.** in the Geneva Room for *The Mind of Jesus* by William Barclay. "Jesus suffered, doubted, hoped, feared, dreamed, wept, knew loneliness, planned, and built. William Barclay achieves in *The Mind of Jesus* his aim "to make the figure of Jesus more vividly alive, so that we may know him better and love him more." This class is facilitated by Dr. Jim Threlkel and Glenn Thomas.



You are invited to **24 Hours that Changed the World--** the Adam Hamilton study at **9:30 a.m.** in Room 207. Join **Gannon Olmert** for this 8-week video discussion leading us toward Easter. Hamilton's video highlights the perspective of the people in Jerusalem during Holy Week.

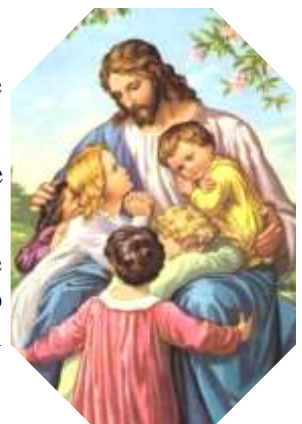
From the review: "We are Judas, Peter, John, Pilate, the Council, and others. We are asked to seriously consider our humanly weaknesses, our prejudices, and our plan to become even closer to God and move ourselves further along our faith walk."

9:30 a.m. ~ Children

On Sunday mornings all children age three through fifth grade have a special music time with Ms. Lynn from **9:45 – 10 a.m.**

At **10 a.m.** the **Preschool Children** (ages 3 and 4) meet in Room 101 for their own time of Bible lesson, craft, snack, and playtime.

The **Elementary children** (kindergarten through fifth grade) are invited to experience the Sunday School curriculum called **252 Basics**. This curriculum is designed to provoke discovery and invite kids into a new understanding of how to grow in relationship with Jesus.



We look forward to you all joining us on Sunday mornings!

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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
242 bag lunches the week of 3/27/17.

We gave out 1,184 bag lunches
in March, 2017.

Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 68 people on 4/1/17.

We fed 291 people in March, 2017.

Return Service Requested

2017 EASTER LILY ORDER FORM

It is time to order your Easter lily for **Easter Sunday, April 16**. Easter lilies are a yearly tradition to decorate the church on Easter Sunday.

To purchase a lily "in honor of" or "in memory of" a loved one or friend, please fill out this order form. The cost is \$12.00 per plant. Checks should be made payable to First Presbyterian Church and marked "Easter Lily Fund".

Place the order form and check in the offering plate, mail, or take to the church office by **Monday, April 10**. A complete listing will be available Easter Sunday. The Sanctuary Committee will again remove the yellow stamen from each lily so it will not bother your allergies.



Donor(s): _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Number of plants ordered: _____ Amount Enclosed: \$_____

☐ I will pick up my lily after the 11:00 a.m. service Easter Sunday.

☐ I would like my lily delivered to a shut-in.