



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
WINTER HAVEN

Tower Chimes

Week of April 16, 2017

Issue 623

131 Years of Ministry

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PLEASE JOIN US FOR EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 16

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunrise Service at MLK Park: 6:30 a.m.

Chapel Worship: 8:15 a.m.

Heart of Worship: 9:30 a.m.

Worship: 11:00 a.m.



EASTER BREAKFAST

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.



EASTER EGG HUNT

Be sure to bring your child/children to our hunt that begins promptly at **10:35 a.m.**



OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 16 EASTER

8:15 a.m. Chapel Worship (Chapel)
9:15 a.m. Easter Break fast/The Connection (MH)
9:30 a.m. Heart of Worship (Sanctuary)
10:45 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt (CE)
11:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)

Monday, April 17

8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)

Tuesday, April 18

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (MCR)
9:30 a.m. Joy Circle (Off-site)
12:00 p.m. Men's Lunch (MH)
12:00 p.m. Finance (UR)
6:30 p.m. Deacons (GR)

Wednesday, April 19

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)
3:45 p.m. Christ Kids Bell Ringers (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 20

1:15 p.m. Chapel Bells (MS)

Friday, April 21

8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)

Saturday, April 22

2:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen Prep (Kitchen)
4:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen (737)

Do You Know Someone Going through a Difficult Time?

Do you have a friend, neighbor, co-worker, or relative who has been struggling with the loss of a loved one, loneliness, cancer, a layoff, relocation, divorce, a spiritual crisis, recuperation, single parenthood, or any of countless other life challenges? Our Stephen Ministers can provide them with the focused care, encouragement, and support they need to make it through the crisis.



If you know of someone who is hurting, 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**. They can talk with you about how we can connect the person you know with one of our Stephen Ministers. It's a great way for you to show how much you care!

Remember in Prayer

MEMBER

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 Champlain	Spike Lucia	Barbara H. Smith
Tom Coffman	John Maltese	Scott Strey
Bruce Connor	Larry Marshall	Pam Tallent-Blackburn
Charlie Darte	Gladys Meier	Carolyn Thompson
Jana & Mike Easterling	Lynnis Mincey	MaryBess Thompson & family
Jeanne Estes	Bev Morris	Shirley Turner
Bill Everhart	Joan Murphy	Lee Wilkinson
Margaret Goodman	Nancy Neale	Marie Williams
Matthew Gray	Ed Partridge	Nancy Williamson
Marilyn Hearn	Elizabeth Peters	Judy Winfree
Frances Heath	Jackie Pinckney	Retha Wright
Kay Hedden	Al Porter	
Doris Hill	Doug Purnell	
Camille Howe		

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
Florence Curtis	Staphany Alexander's mother
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
Cooper Hicks	Mary Ellen Rowker'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 Champlain's friend
Marilyn Pierson	John & Marilyn Schleifer's daughter
Anna Robinson	Punkin Smith's friend
Madison Ruhl	Mary Ellen Rowker'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

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

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.

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.

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

The next meeting is **May 8**.



MAY 21, JUNE 4 & 25, JULY 9, 16, 23, & 30

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.)

WE STILL HAVE 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.



DON'T MISS OUR *SPRING RING*

First Presbyterian Church is hosting the second annual "Spring Ring" on **Sunday, April 30th at 4:00 p.m.** Our Chancel Bells, Chapel Bells, and Christ Kids Ringers will be joined by ringers from Beymer United Methodist, Haines City Presbyterian, Hope Presbyterian, and Good Shepherd Church. Each of the bell choirs will perform one or two of their favorite songs. We will finish the program with a mass ring using sixty-five ringers, organ, and trumpet performing a beautiful arrangement of "When in Our Music God Is Glorified"



Following the program the Chancel Choir is hosting a reception in McLeod Hall.

Please join us for a wonderful afternoon of music!

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.

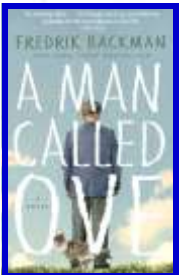
The theme this year is, "*Stones and Stories*" and we will focus on Joshua 4 during the weekend. All ages are welcome to join in fellowship, fun, delicious food, and outdoor adventures. Please register by **Monday, April 24**. Brochures are NOW available.

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

CAN YOU SPARE MONDAY MORNINGS?

Our MOM program needs a substitute caregiver for the months of May and June. Do you love children? Are you available **on Mondays from 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.?**

Please contact Carol Roe for details: croe@wgroe.com



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

The next meeting of the OM, OM Book Club is **May 15 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.

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR VBS, JUNE 18 - 22!!!

Join us for VBS at *Avalanche Ranch*!

Mary Marrs and Katie Sparr are VBS directors this year and they need YOU to join us for our Wild Ride Through God's Word!

Please contact Mary at mmarrs001@tampabay.rr.com and let her know how you can help.



KIDZ SUMMER ESCAPE WILL BE HERE BEFORE YOU KNOW IT!!!



Kidz Summer Escape 2017: Fun Summer Activities for ages 3 - 6 on **Tuesday** and **Thursday** mornings for four weeks this summer.

Registration has begun. Dates are **June 27 & 29; July 11 & 13; July 18 & 20; July 25 & 27**. Questions: e-mail Evelyn McMullen dce@firstpreswh.org

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.



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**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.

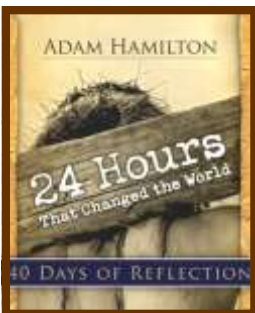
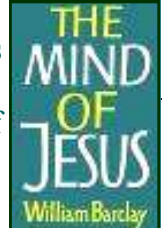
## 11:00 a.m. ~ Sanctuary Worship

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.

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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 4/3/17.

Return Service Requested

Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 120 people on 4/8/17.

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 and 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 **this Easter Sunday 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. ☐

