



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

Tower Chimes

Week of April 23, 2017

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131 Years of Ministry

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BRIGHT SUNDAY, APRIL 23, BUTTERFLY RELEASE

This year's Bright Sunday Service could be described as "Vintage." As in the past, we invite all to dress in their most colorful attire. Ladies, we encourage you to wear your most beautiful hats. This year's service will be liberally sprinkled with jokes and numerous stories. We hope to have a surprise or two. Lynn, Anamarie, and the Chancel Choir will provide special musical selections requested by Alan

Come ready to have your funny bones tickled ~ to smile ~ to giggle ~ to chuckle ~ and to laugh as we celebrate Easter again in this distinctive way.



Here's a new idea..... F unT imers: Fellowship, Food, Faith

You are invited to McLeod Hall on Wednesday, April 26th at 11am to enjoy fellowship, food, faith with the F unT imers of FPC.

We'll gather for a time of fellowship and appetizers and then travel to the **Polk County Courthouse Museum in Bartow** for a tour of the museum and the genealogy library. Following the tour, we'll travel to a restaurant for lunch and then return to the church. The tour is free. Transportation is provided. You will need money for lunch.

Please RSVP to First Presbyterian Church at
office@firstpreswh.org or 294-3121 no later than Monday, April 24th.



OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 23 BRIGHT SUNDAY

8:15 a.m. Chapel Worship (Chapel)
9:15 a.m. The Connection (MH)
9:30 a.m. Heart of Worship (Sanctuary)
9:30 a.m. Adult 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 24

8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)
10:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl (MH)

Tuesday, April 25

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (MCR)
11:00 a.m. FunTimers (MH then off-site)
12:00 p.m. Men's Lunch (MH)
5:15 p.m. Stephen Minister Leaders (MH)
6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministers (MH)

Wednesday, April 26

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)
5:15 p.m. Confirmation Class (GC)
6:30 p.m. Confirmation Class Dinner with Session (MH)
5:30 p.m. MSYG (GC)
5:30 p.m. Community Out Reach (MCR)
6:00 p.m. Chancel Bells (MS)
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir (MS)

Thursday, April 27

1:15 p.m. Chapel Bells (MS)
6:30 p.m. Praise & Worship Band (Sanctuary)

Friday, April 28

8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)

Saturday, April 29

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

Remember in Prayer

MEMBERS

Roger Able	Jim Huff	Barbara Roberts
Maxie Adams	Joey Johnston	Earle Roberts
Kathy Andrews	Kelly Kennedy	Ed Rounsley
Bob Beale	Peggy Kennedy	Marilyn Schleifer
Henry Braun	Toni Krieger	Mary Alice, Jaron, Emma, & John Skipper
Tom Brackett	Dena Lancashire	Barbara A. Smith
Millie Carrier	Jackie Lawn	Barbara H. Smith
Helen Champlain	Spike Lucia	Scott Strey
Tom Coffman	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
Marion Hearn	Elizabeth Peters	Judy Winfree
Frances Heath	Jackie Pinckney	Retha Wright
Kay Hedden	Al Porter	
Doris Hill	Doug Purnell	
Camille Howe	Keith Ray	

Relatives & Friends

Carlotta & Larry Bennett	Bethany Owen's friend
Tom Brett	Bill & Becky Everhart's friend
Jewel Bondurant	Gale & Gwen Waters' friend
Reese Burdette	Dana Cole's cousin
Suzie Cole	Augie Andrews' friend
Bruce Connor	Jane Hayman's 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
Tia Tasso Litz	Bob & Lisa Endres' niece
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
Marilyn Morris	Barbara Puckett's cousin
Anna Robinson	Punkin Smith's friend
Madison Ruhl	Mary Ellen Rowker's friend
Amish Shah	Lynn Oakley's friend
Lisa Tocci	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

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



*Our Christian
sympathy goes to
Marion Hearn,
on the death of his
wife, Marilyn Hearn
who died on Sunday,
April 16, 2017.*

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!

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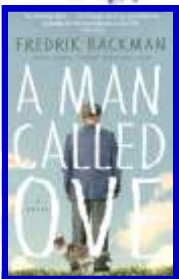
CAN YOU SPARE MONDAY MORNINGS?

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 May.

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

Tuesdays & Thursdays 8:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

4 weeks of fun activities for ages 3 - 6.

June 27 & 29; July 11 & 13; July 18 & 20; July 25 & 27.

Donation: \$130 for the 4-week session.

Registration from April 17 - May 17; \$50 due at registration.

We must have at least 20 children registered to offer this program.

Questions? Please e-mail Evelyn McMullen: dce@firstpreswh.org.



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 May 8.

Joy Circle meets the **3rd Tuesday of each month at 9:30 a.m.**
The next meeting is **May 15** at the home of Carol Carter.



STILL COLLECTION ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING



Remember Easter is when we participate with other congregations around the world in the **One Great Hour of Sharing Offering**. Our gifts provide relief to those affected by natural disasters (through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance), provide food to the hungry, and assist in helping to empower the poor and oppressed. Envelopes are available in the pew pockets. Please place your money in these specially provided envelopes or your check payable to First Presbyterian Church, duly noted for **OGHS**; in the offering plate. Thank you!

Sometimes It's Hard to Ask for Help

We're brought up to be strong, self-sufficient, independent people. We tend to think that if we ask for help, it is a sign of weakness. So we try to keep our struggles hidden, stuffed deep inside. However, that's not God's plan. Galatians 6:2 says "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." God wants us to care for others--and allow others to care for us in our time of need.



If you're sad or struggling inside, don't suffer alone. Ask for help. We've got a team of Stephen Ministers who are ready to listen, care, encourage, pray, and help you through a tough time. (It's confidential too!) Find out more about Stephen Ministry by **calling 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.**

Our Stephen Ministers are there to care!

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.

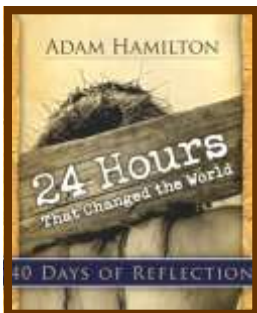
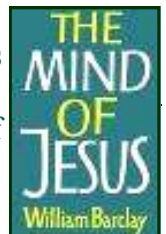
## 11:00 a.m. ~ Sanctuary Worship

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.

# 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 264 bag lunches the week of 4/10/17.

#### Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 68 people on 4/15/17.

**Return Service Requested**

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