



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
WINTER HAVEN

Tower Chimes

Week of March 29, 2015

Issue 536

129 Years of Ministry

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PALM SUNDAY

On the Christian calendar, Palm Sunday is the Sunday before Easter. The name comes from the triumphal entry of Jesus into the holy city of Jerusalem and how the people waved branches taken from the palm trees to celebrate Jesus' arrival. Palm Sunday is often marked in churches with songs of praise and the joyful shouts of God's children.



Join us at 8:50 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. on Sunday morning to add your voice to the chorus of praise



HOLY WEEK & EASTER

Palm Sunday	March 29	8:50 & 11 am	Worship Services
Maundy Thursday	April 2	5:30 pm	Supper
		6:30 pm	Worship with Communion & Tenebrae in the Sanctuary
Good Friday	April 3	12-3 pm	Chapel open for Prayers
Easter Sunday	April 5	6:30 am	Sunrise service at MLK Park
		8:50 am	Worship
		9:45-10:25 am	Easter Breakfast in McLeod Hall
		10:25 am	Easter Egg Hunt on the Playground
		11:00 am	Worship



Church calendar Holy Week

**Sunday, March 29
Palm Sunday**

8:50 a.m. Worship
9:30 a.m. OJ Fellowship (MH)
9:45 a.m. Sunday School-Children & Youth
10:00 a.m. Sunday School-Adults
11:00 a.m. Worship
5:30 p.m. HSYG (GSH)

Monday, March 30

Tuesday, March 31

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (MCR)
12:00 p.m. Men's Lunch (MH)

Wednesday, April 1

6:00 p.m. Chancel Bells
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, April 2

Maundy Thursday

9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study (UR)
5:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Dinner (MH)
6:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship
7:00 p.m. Chapel Bells
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Friday, April 3

Good Friday

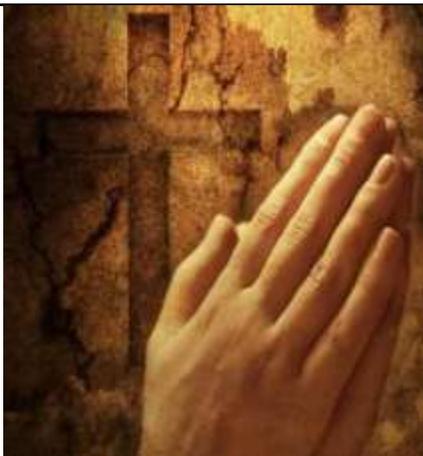
12:00 p.m. Chapel Open until 3:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 4

9:00 a.m. Lilies Delivered/Set-up (Sanctuary)
2:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen Prep (Kitchen)
4:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen (737)



Our Christian sympathy goes to Dale Keplinger & family upon the death of his mother, Marcia Keplinger, who died on Saturday, March 21, 2015.



Remember in Prayer

members

Win Betrus
R. Otis Bice, Jr.
Guy Bostick
Lois Burrell
Millie Carrier
George & Sylvia Chambers
Norma Conner
Don Dinger
Jerry Dugger
Jana Easterling
Jeanne Estes
Bill & Becky Everhart
Kathy Girouard
Marge Goodman
Pam Gray
Pete & Jean Harman
Frances Heath
Doris Hill

Ed Houston
Camille Howe
Dorothy Johnson
Dale Keplinger & family
Toni Krieger
Dena Lancashire
Steve Luxford
Elaine Maltese
Rita Marcacci
Gene Marotti
Bob McClew
Gladys Meier
Heidi Van Allen-Munoz
Joan Murphy
Nancy Neale
Joe Oriani
Dee Palmore
Al & Marjorie Porter

Liz Purnell
Howard Rambeau
Earle Roberts
Dave Ryan
Dorothy Ryan
Helene Schulz
Dean Shull
Barbara A. Smith
Alee Swango
Barbara Sweeney
Carol Switalski
Carolyn Thompson
Ed Threadgill
Meg Tucker
Penn Tucker
Shirley Turner
Betty von Hahmann
Anne Windham

In the hospital: Ben Tucker

Family and friends

Stephanie Blanchard
Margaret Boylston
Jane Cain
Teresa Camp
Margaret Carswell
Kathryn Christie & family
Sue Conterno
Kelly Coolidge
Stacy Crawley
Kay Cunningham
Marilyn Dorsey
Al Ellis
Cecily Faenza
Raymond Fenstermaker
Wayne Harrison
Jean Hehn
Gladys Howard
Abigail Ising
Weston Jackson
Erika Johnson
Pete Kent
Bill & Amy Lewis
Josh Lewis & family
Lynda & Rick Lewis
Sandy Lewis & family
Nan Mason
Blain & Cynthia Thompson-McCaleb
Lynn Mincey
LaDonna Owen
Sue Peters
Cal Quessenberry
Peggy Seigler
David Smith
Rita Tice

Gale & Swen Waters' friend
Barbara & John Puckett's friend
Pam Gray's friend
Brian & Jennifer Boyce's friend
Barbara & John Puckett's friend
Pen Tucker's friends
Marcia Smith's cousin
Marcia Smith's friend
Sue McClew's daughter
Gale Waters' aunt
Carol Carter's sister
Jim Threlkel's friend
Helen Champlain's niece
Gale & Gwen Waters' grandson
Penn Tucker's friend
Ellie Threlkel's friend
Bob Howard's aunt
Rick & Pat Reass' great-niece
Lori Roe's friend
Lynn Oakley's friend
Charley & Nancy Chilton's nephew
Bob & Judy Winfree's friend
Lynn Oakley's friend
Jonathan Owen's friends
David & Erin Emry's friends
Harvey & Mary Ann Snivley's daughter
Carolyn Thompson's daughter
Judy Winfree's friend
Jonathan Owen's aunt
Kit Threlkel's friend
Ann Quessenberry's husband
Ellie Threlkel's friend
Penn Tucker's friend
Orrin & Helen Champlain's friend



Military service

Aaron Ashley
James E. Baker
Ben Clark
Deborah Clark
Nathan Connor
Tim Davis
Zach Drum
Leah (Doty) Fuscia
Eddie Gray
Beau Gresham
Chris Hagen
Daniel Harp
Sean Harp
Coree Jones
Terry Jones, Jr.
Jackie Jung
David Knowles
Timothy Lee
John Marotti
Kaitlin Marotti
Adam McPhail
Bradley Mudd
Andrew Stapor
Keaton Thompson
Jacob van Zandt

Please help us visit our hospitalized members!

The tightening of HIPAA regulations has meant that we have missed visiting some of our members during their hospital stay. If you are a member or a friend of this congregation, or you have a family member admitted to any hospital, please call the church office and let the pastors know.

Thank you for helping us stay in touch with the congregation.



PALM SUNDAY IS THIS SUNDAY

All children of the church are invited to wave palms on **Sunday, March 29** at both services.

Please meet Mrs. Amy in the back of the sanctuary for the processional right before the services begin.

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EASTER BEAKFAST RESERVATIONS DUE BY THIS MONDAY

Sunday, April 5, 2014 9:45 a.m.

Menu: Scrambled eggs with ham & cheese, "Georgia Ice Cream" grits (battered or with cheese), doughnuts, biscuits, orange juice, milk, and coffee. For children, cereal & mini donuts.



A suggested donation of \$4 per adult and \$2 per child is thankfully accepted.

Please reserve Easter Breakfast by **Monday, March 30.**

Name: _____ # of Adults: _____ # of Children: _____

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EASTER IS COMING!!!



We are collecting plastic Easter Eggs for our Easter Egg hunt which will be held on Sunday, April 5 at 10:25 a.m. Please bring in your **plastic eggs already filled with candy or small prizes (no chocolate please).**

You may drop off the eggs in the main office or in the basket in McLeod Hall. Please have them delivered by **this Monday, March 30.** Little ones through fifth grade are invited to attend the hunt.



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2015 EASTER LILY ORDER FORM DUE THIS MONDAY

It is time to order your Easter lily for Easter Sunday, April 5.



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 the order form below.

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, March 30.** 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.

EASTER LILY ORDER FORM

Donor(s): _____ Number of plants ordered: _____ Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

In Memory of: _____ In Honor of: _____

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.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP DELIVER EASTER LILIES?

Come to McLeod Hall the **Monday after Easter, April 6**, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. to pick up the plants and names of shut-ins receiving them.

You may deliver as many as you would like. **Your help is appreciated.**



PLEASE JOIN THE CHANCEL CHOIR ON EASTER!!!

The Chancel Choir is inviting anyone who has ever sung the Hallelujah Chorus to join us up on the chancel on Easter Sunday to sing this favorite anthem to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord. We will have plenty of music for anyone who needs it. During the last hymn of the service, come up to the choir loft, and we will find a place for you.



Wouldn't it be great if we ran out of room and spilled over onto the chancel? Let us join all our voices and declare that Jesus is "King of Kings! And Lord of Lords! Hallelujah!"

BRIGHT SUNDAY 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 27, 2014, and for those who have sustained the loss of a **child, parent, sibling, or spouse since that date.**



As we have done for a number of years, if you would like to release a butterfly in memory of a loved one who died prior to, April 27, 2014, 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 this Sunday, Palm Sunday, March 29.*

Your name: _____

Deceased loved one: _____ Relationship to you: _____

Which worship service April 12: 8:50 a.m. 11:00 a.m.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

What good is your Faith? James forces us to face the implications of faith. Be inspired to put your faith into action in practical ways as you get to know both the man and the Book of James. Join Beth Moore as she explores such concepts as joy, hardship, faith, wisdom, single-mindedness, the tongue, humility, prayer, and more.



This interactive study features seven sessions of personal, daily assignments and eight group sessions with video. There are multiple levels of participation available. The dates for this study are **April 2, 16, and 30 at 9 - 11 a.m.** in the Edinburgh Annex. For more information and to request a workbook, please email Lia Gray at uncpair@gmail.com or call her at 318-1541

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

At **8:50 a.m.**, members and friends of First Presbyterian Church are invited to attend The Gathering. This service is held in the sanctuary. The piano is the primary instrument for leading in congregational music with a variety of instruments adding special touches from week to week. The prayers in worship and the flow of the service help the congregation gather in God's love. The Gathering ordinarily lasts 50 minutes and will conclude with the Benediction at 9:40 a.m.



At **11:00 a.m.**, you are invited to attend our later morning worship. This service is held in the sanctuary with music and responses regularly led by our chancel choir and accompanied by organ and piano. In the tradition of our church, cultivated over the last few decades, a full liturgy gives the congregation opportunities for spiritual enrichment and the sense of God's love and grace. This worship service ordinarily lasts one hour and concludes with the Benediction at 12:00 p.m.

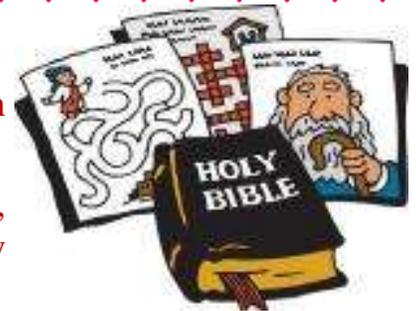
We hope you will join us in worship, study, and fellowship!

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CONNECT WITH US AT SUNDAY SCHOOL!!!

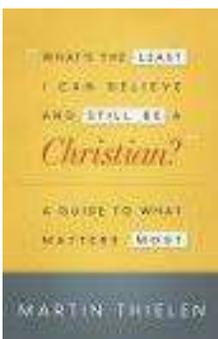
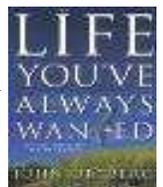
Children ages three and four gather in Room 108 for their own Sunday School time of crafts, snack, Bible lesson, and fun.

Children in kindergarten through fifth grade will rotate through Art, Science, Cooking, Storytelling, Computer, and Movies on Sunday mornings. The current theme is "Easter People".



The Youth of the church, those in Middle School and High School, are invited to come hang out in the Girl Scout House from 9:45 - 10:45 a.m. We have a variety of volunteers who will lead this engaging class filled with faith-building, friendship, fun, food, and great times.

Connect - Grow - Thrive meets in Room 207. The class has been studying the book, *The Life You've Always Wanted: Spiritual Disciplines for Ordinary People* by John Ortberg. All are invited to join in this discussion filled class. Members of the class take part in leading the discussion each week.



The Perspectives Class meets in the Geneva Room and is facilitated by Dr. Jim Threlkel and Glenn Thomas. They are focusing on Martin Thielen's book, *What's the Least I Can Believe and Still Be A Christian?* Everyone is invited to join in this thought-provoking discussion time. Pastor and author, Martin Thielen, has compiled a list of ten things people need to believe and ten things they don't, in order to be a Christian. This lively and engaging book will be a help to seekers as well as a comfort to believers who may find themselves questioning some of the assumptions they grew up with.

Dr. Steve Negley's class meets in the back of McLeod Hall. The new topic is *Unlocking the Parables from a First Century Middle-Eastern Perspective*. Bring your bible and be prepared to explore how the stories Jesus told can speak to us today.



Generosity Shows Through One Great Hour of Sharing

First Presbyterian Church of Winter Haven is involved in regularly meeting the needs of people. Our daily Bag Lunch and Saturday Soup Kitchen ministries fill hundreds of hungry bellies each week here in downtown Winter Haven. Our Saturday Nite Live program fills the hearts and souls of dozens of special needs adults with a wonderful monthly program. The things that we do together for people in our area are inspiring. The tithes and offerings that we place in the collection plate on Sundays help ministry happen.

There are also two special offerings that our church collects that are directed at the support of ministry far away. One of those special offerings is called ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING.



Since 1949, Presbyterians have joined with millions of other Christians through One Great Hour of Sharing to share God's love with those in need. The gifts "shared" by our church and others at the Easter season assist those affected by natural disasters, provide food to the hungry, and assist in helping to empower the poor and oppressed.

A gift to One Great Hour of Sharing supports:
Presbyterian Disaster Assistance,
the Presbyterian Hunger Program,
and the Self-Development of People Fund.

When tornadoes or hurricanes hit communities here in the US, **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA)** hits the ground almost immediately to offer aid thanks to OGHS. Our Presbytery experienced this outpouring of love and support in 2004. This special offering is taken annually and provides seed money so that the Presbyterian response to natural disasters doesn't have to wait for weeks after a crisis for an initial response.

In a world where hunger is prevalent, **The Presbyterian Hunger Program (PHP)** is a ministry of the PC(USA) working with congregations and partners around the globe to alleviate hunger and eliminate its causes. Nationally and internationally, the Presbyterian Hunger Program seeks to help challenge the causes of hunger and promote programs so that all people might one day have sufficient and healthy food.

Self-Development of People (SDPF) is a ministry that affirms God's concern for all of humankind. In our nation, and around the globe, our mission partners participate in the empowerment of economically poor, oppressed, and disadvantaged people, seeking to change the structures that perpetuate poverty, oppression, and injustice.

Last year, the members and friends of First Pres. gave \$5,036.17 to the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering. As Easter is here, please prayerfully consider if God is calling you to share in these ministries beyond Winter Haven.



IT'S EVERYONE'S FAVORITE TIME OF YEAR...

Are you wondering how you can support the youth group AND put a smile on your neighbor's face?

Well, wonder no more because the answer is here – participate in our Flamingo FUNdraiser!

It is as easy as 1, 2, 3:

Step 1: Look for the sign up table as you leave the Sanctuary after either Sunday Service starting **April 12**.

Step 2: Order flamingos to the yard of your choice.

Step 3: Relax and enjoy the show!



One flocking costs \$20.00, or you can send THREE flocks for \$50.00. For those of you who want to ensure your house does NOT get flocked, you can purchase flamingo insurance for \$40.00.

We want to do everything we can to make our summer trips as affordable for our students as possible. Please consider how you can get involved and support our youth group's summer retreats. Also, please call Dana Parrish (294-3121) if you are interested in donating to the trips or sponsoring a student!

Sales start Sunday morning, April 12, and flocking will begin that week.

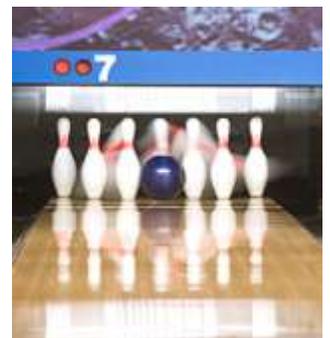
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FAMILY BOWLING NIGHT

On Friday evening, April 24 we will have a Family Bowling Night. Reservations are required. Please contact Amy McKee by Monday, April 20 if you plan on joining us (294-3121 or amckee@firstpreswh.org).

We will meet at Cypress Lanes on Dundee Road from 7-9 p.m.

The cost per person will be \$6 and includes shoe rental and 2 hours of bowling. We are looking forward to a fun evening out with our First Pres family!



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DON'T MISS RAYS VS RANGERS!!!



PRESBYTERY of TAMPA BAY night with the Rays. The Rays will play The Texas Rangers, **Friday, May 8!** Game begins 7:10 p.m.

We will leave Winter Haven no later than **4:00 p.m.** OR you can drive yourself if you prefer. **Deadline to purchase is April 26.**

The tickets are Lower Reserved Seats. Price for ticket is \$25 (up to \$50.00 value)



To come root the Rays on, call the church office or just come by to place your order.

KIDS SUMMER ESCAPE



Kidz Summer Escape registration has started. If you have a child/children who would be interested in attending our six week summer long program on Tuesdays and Thursdays from **June 9 – July 16** from 8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m., please consider enrolling them in this fun summer program. Children ages three through kindergarten graduates are invited to attend.

A donation of \$170 covers the cost of the program with a \$50 “reserve my spot” donation due at time of registration. **Registration closes on May 1.** If we do not have 20 children registered, we will not be able to have the program this year. For more information, please contact Amy McKee at 294-3121 or amckee@firstpreswh.org.

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A GREAT WAY YOU CAN HELP A HURTING FRIEND



Do you have a friend, neighbor, coworker, or relative who is going through a difficult time? Here's a great way you can help them--tell them about our Stephen Ministry! Stephen Ministers are members of *First Presbyterian Church* who have received special training to provide high quality, confidential, one-to-one, Christian care to people who are grieving the loss of a loved one, coping with a cancer diagnosis, going through a divorce or separation, battling a chronic illness (or caring for a spouse or parent who is chronically ill), experiencing a great deal of stress, facing the loss of a job -- or encountering any of countless other life challenges.

Stephen Ministers meet weekly with their care receivers to listen, care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support. (Males are matched with males, and females are matched with females.) The caring relationship lasts for as long as the person needs care. It's free, and it's a powerful way you can help a hurting friend.

To learn how to connect someone you know with a Stephen Minister, talk with or call **Pat Reass at 206-9914**. Or talk with one of our other Stephen Minister Leaders: **Alan Harvey, Ray Larson, Mary Marrs, Steve Negley, Barbara Perkins, or Jean Strang**. You can also use one of the three Request Form Boxes (pictured right) located in the Centennial Room, narthex, and balcony hallway.



Stephen Ministers are ready to care for you!

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DO YOU KNOW WHAT NEEDS TO HAPPEN BEFORE THE COMMUNION TRAYS ARE PASSED TO YOU? A LOT HAPPENS!!

- The table must be covered with the under tablecloth.
- The bread must be cubed and put into plastic bags
- The cups must be put in the holders of the trays and filled with grape juice
- The bread, bread trays, and filled cup trays must be transported to the sanctuary
- Once these are in place the table is veiled



After communion has been served for The Gathering Service at 8:50 a.m., there is tidying up and re-setting the table for the 11:00 a.m. service. Once communion has been served, the table must be cleared and everything is taken downstairs to be washed and returned to their storage places.

We have a skeleton crew of faithful volunteers who serve you in this way, but **we need more! Please consider this invitation to serve and if you feel that you are being called to assist in this important act of ministry, please call Alan at the church office at 294-3121. Thank you!**

APRIL

BIRTHDAYS

4/1	Shirley Ussery		Beverly Morris		Thomas Wales
4/2	Kenny Lasseter	4/14	Julia Parker	4/23	Kimberly Gaines
	Alexander Schulz		Mark Schreiber	4/24	Diany Blanton
	Phillip Tanner	4/15	Tracy Garcia		Kelly Butz
4/3	Glenn Thomas		Perry Oakley		Clara Nell Dantzler
4/5	Blake Bentley		Penny Zwicker		Lydia Rennie
	Richard Bogey	4/16	Steven Dunham	4/25	April Porter
	Kalen Rabern		Elise Levasseur		Roy Williamson
	Glynn Swango		Alice Sherman	4/26	Blair Dunham
	Betsy Wengler		Barbara H. Smith		Ryan Groetsch
4/7	Russell Aaron		McCree Stults		Camille Howe
	Brandy Gray	4/17	Howard Beckert		John Marchetti
	Kelly Kennedy		Scott Hart		Dave Tannahill
	Kenneth Welch		Billy Melvin	4/27	Barbara Puckett
4/8	Jacob Dantzler	4/19	Joni Gann		Lindsay Fitzgerald
	Elizabeth Walker		Jane West	4/28	Carolyn Greene
4/9	Mal Boland	4/20	Jay Gray		Kyle Seney
	Jennifer Boyce		Roxane McCann		Lucas Volpe
	Katie Solomon		Ansley Wales	4/29	Alice Colgrove
4/10	Norma Conner		David Wander		Matthew Gaines
	Julius Windham	4/21	James Bruce		Marilyn Sheffield
4/11	Quentin Roe		Christian Cornejo		Alexandra Turner
	Mike Speer		Kevin Grady	4/30	Deane Briggs
4/12	Charlene Glenn		Jean Harman		Judy Denlinger
	Meg Strang		Corbin Hart		Dale Johnson
4/13	Drew Baker		Marcia Strang		Ryan Seney
	Barrett Bostick		Dave Zwicker		Ellen Tate
	Debbie Sowards	4/22	Lyndsey Clarke		Nancy Williamson
4/14	Marcia Eycleshimer		Harper Roe		

Anniversaries

4/6	Stephen & Beth Luxford	4/22	Ted & Paula Threadgill
4/7	David & Marcie Dershimer	4/25	Joseph & Martha Burke
4/10	Carson & Kay Weeks	4/26	Shorter & Marcia Strang
4/12	Lauren & Zane Schwenk		John & Barbara Puckett
4/16	Ed & Joan Houston	4/27	Roy & Nancy Williamson
4/17	Richard & Susan Wales		

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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 263 bag lunches the week of 3/16/15.

Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 80 people on 3/21/15.

Return Service Requested

MAUNDY THURSDAY **APRIL 2, 2015 DINNER AT 5:30 P.M.**

Family Style Menu: Baked Ham, Macaroni and Cheese, Green Beans, Baked Beans, Cornbread Muffins, Assorted Cookies, and Coffee, Tea, or Lemonade

Cost: \$8.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children ages 5 – 10. Pre-K children and under eat for free.

Reservations required by Monday, **March 30, 2015**. Call the church office at 294-3121 or complete reservation form in bulletins and Tower Chimes.



MAUNDY THURSDAY RESERVATIONS

Name: _____ # of Adults: _____ # of Children: _____