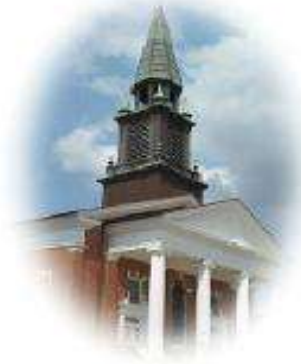


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First Presbyterian Church

of Winter Haven Florida



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Last Chance for FLAMINGOS!



March 21-27 is the LAST WEEK to order a friendly “hit” on someone’s yard! Please join us in this fundraiser as we help support the summer youth trips. You can pay to have a yard flocked with flamingos or make a donation to guarantee that no flamingos end up in your yard! Youth will have a signup sheet for “flockings” and insurance after Sunday services on March 21.

Also, you can sign up anytime by contacting Josh Peters at (863) 232-7337 or jpeters@firstpreswh.org.

Later in the year the Senior High Youth Group will be traveling to Montreat, NC and the Middle School Youth Group will go to Ocala, FL for week long youth conferences. Both of these are excellent opportunities for our youth to grow and celebrate their faith.

Thank you for all your support.



Bright Sunday is Coming! Bright Sunday is April 11!

The Worship and Music Committee has approved purchasing butterflies to be released in memory of church members who have died since Bright Sunday, April 19, 2009, 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 four years, if you would like to release a butterfly in memory of a loved one who died prior to April 19, 2009 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 call the church office at 294-3121 or mail the following information: your name, relationship of the deceased loved one, and the time you would like to release the butterfly – either following the 8:30 or 11:00 worship service on April 11.

Since the order for butterflies needs to be placed soon.,
please have your orders in by Palm Sunday, March 28. Thank you!

Walking in a Winter Wonderland at First Presbyterian Church on Sunday Mornings at 9:45 a.m.

Preschool Children will meet in CE108 for their fabulous Sunday school time filled with singing, crafts, and a Bible story.

Children in kindergarten through fifth grade will focus on *The Triumphal Entry* during the Workshop Rotation. During this six week lesson, children will be able to experience the Bible story through computers, art, science, storytelling, cooking, and movies.

Middle School and High School Youth will meet in the Student Center as they share in discussions that focus on the major events and teachings in Jesus' life. Both groups meet together for a time of prayer and fellowship and then break into two separate groups for sharing. These classes are taught by a rotation of volunteers from our congregation.

Adult Sunday School Classes

The Perspectives Class will continue their discussion on *Who is Jesus* by Marcus Borg with Dr. Jim Threlkel and Mr. Glenn Thomas as facilitators. Please feel free to drop in even if you didn't participate last year. The class meets in the Geneva Room.

Ancient Israel and Early Judaism - Join discussion leader Bob Hubbard in a study of the history, literature, and religion of ancient Israel and early Judaism as presented in the pages of the Old Testament. This will not be your typical Bible study class! It will center around a lecture series presented on DVD by Professor Amy-Jill Levine of Vanderbilt University Divinity School. Although this is a college level course, Dr. Levine has a delightful and very down-to-earth teaching style that anyone will be able to understand and learn from. The class will run for 24 weeks, through May 23, 2010. Each lecture lasts about 30 minutes and will be followed by class discussion or question time. Come enjoy this fascinating and eye-opening journey through the pages of Part One of the world's best-selling book.

Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World written by Joanna Weaver is the book study led by Lori Grode. The class will focus on finding intimacy with God in the busyness of life. Books are available for purchase. The class meets in CE Room 207.

Are you a woman looking for an in-depth Bible Study?

Then join us beginning March 18 for Beth Moore's study titled *Stepping Up: A Journey Through the Psalms of Ascent, Psalms 120-134*. Spoken by God's people in the Old Testament during specific events, such as journeying to Jerusalem or walking up the temple steps, these psalms hold great significance in revealing more about God and a personal relationship with Him. We will meet every other Thursday from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. in the Edinburgh Annex for seven sessions. If you are interested, please contact Lia Gray at 318-1541 or uncpair@aol.com for more information or to order a workbook.

Youth Schedule:

March 21	HSYG	5:30-7:30 p.m.	Student Center
March 24	HSYG	5:30-7:30 p.m.	Student Center
March 28	MSYG	SPRING BREAK	<u>No Youth Group</u>

If you have any questions, please call Josh Peters at: 2327337 or email at jpeters@firstpreswh.org.

Home Mission

During this past year, as people around the world and close to home have been experiencing financial hardships, our church has been helping. Gifts from our members to "The Pastor's Fund" have assisted several church families with special needs due to loss of work and income. If you would like to anonymously assist people in need right here in our church when a need arises, simply talk to one of our pastors or make your contribution to First Presbyterian Church (memo Pastor's Assistance Fund).



Hippity, Hoppity, Easter's on its way

It's that time of year for members and friends of
First Presbyterian

to donate plastic Easter eggs filled with individually wrapped candy
(no chocolate please) or small toys
for the children to enjoy.

Our Easter Egg Hunt will be held on
Sunday, April 4 at 10:30 a.m.

We are collecting Easter eggs now through
Thursday, April 1.

Please bring filled eggs to the church office
or drop them in the box in McLeod Hall.

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Our Purpose

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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Recently the youth of our church, guided by some very special volunteers, served the Soup Kitchen. The youth picked, prepared and served greens from Gilbert Bowen's property along with smoked sausage & ham, cole slaw, sweet potatoes, and corn bread. Thank you to Mr. Gilbert Bowen for letting us come to his property and pick the greens.

The "very special volunteers" mentioned above are: Steve and Debbie Sowards, Bob and Judy Winfree, Mike and Cheryce Harris, Kieth Ray, and Pam Gray. The youth worked

extremely hard to prepare and serve this special meal and we are VERY proud of them all. Thank you to everyone who helped share the love of Christ in this way!



Come and see what God is doing

Through Time and Talent

"A Should-Do Discipline" and Time & Talent Surveys

On Sunday, March 7, Dr. Negley's sermon was entitled "A Should-Do Discipline," as part of the Lenten sermon series on Spiritual Disciplines. The sermon was based on John 13:1-17. The focus of this sermon was on the discipline of "service" and emphasized the importance of serving within the body of Christ, the church. We are grateful for many within our congregation who are actively involved in volunteering at different places within our community and providing numerous services. ***But the church also needs your time and talents!***

Time was given in worship on Sunday for all present to complete a Time and Talent Survey. This year the survey is being conducted by the Evangelism Committee. If you were not present on Sunday, March 7 or if you did not complete a survey, then please complete the one enclosed in this issue of Tower Chimes. Please mail the completed forms to the church office or drop in the marked boxes in the north and south stairwells, in the narthex or in the central hallway leading to the balcony on Sunday. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated and this information will be utilized as together we serve our church.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: (Home) _____ (Cell) _____

Email: _____ Profession/Trade: _____

Visitors and regular attendees, you are most welcome to participate in many activities of the church. Would you be interested in joining the church? _____ yes

If you would be interested in serving as Deacon, Elder or on the Nominating Committee of the church, please check on the appropriate line. These positions are available to those who have regular church attendance, who have given of their time and talents in church activities, and who financially support the work of the church.

Elder _____ Deacon _____ Nominating Committee _____

Have you been previously ordained as a Deacon? _____ An Elder? _____

If you would be interested in serving on any of the 10 standing church committees, please place a check beside the bold entries under each heading.

Sharing Time & Talent: FACILITIES

- | | |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 100 Serve on Building & Grounds Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> 104 Door Attendant (after hours) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 101 Help on work days | <input type="checkbox"/> 105 Carpentry/Painting Skills |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 102 Help with parking for special events | <input type="checkbox"/> 106 Landscaping/Irrigation Skills |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 103 Help with grounds security for special events | <input type="checkbox"/> 107 Review Insurance Policies |

Sharing Time & Talent: CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 200 Serve on Christian Education Committee | I have skills/talents/training (circle) in: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 201 Teach Sunday School-Adults, Youth, Children (circle) | <input type="checkbox"/> 210A Music |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 202 Nursery Volunteer | <input type="checkbox"/> 210B Woodworking |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 203 Staff the Teacher Resource Center during
Sunday School | <input type="checkbox"/> 210C Arts & Crafts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 204 Be a leader with Sunday Enrichment (age 3-K) | <input type="checkbox"/> 210D Drama/Set Design |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 205 Be a leader with Children's Worship Time (K-3) | <input type="checkbox"/> 210E Cooking |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 206 Design/Maintain Bulletin boards | <input type="checkbox"/> 210F Audio/Visual Equipment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 207 Substitute Teacher-Adults, Youth, Children (circle) | <input type="checkbox"/> 210G Computer Games |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 208 Teach Wednesday afternoon Christ Kids | <input type="checkbox"/> 210H Science Projects |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 209 Summer Vacation Bible School Volunteer | <input type="checkbox"/> 210I Puppetry |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> 210J Serve on Planning Committee:
Children or adult Sunday school, |

Sharing Time & Talent: STUDENT MINISTRIES

- _____ 300 Serve on Youth Sub-Committee
- _____ 301 Help staff Sr. Hi Youth Events
- _____ 302 Help staff Middle School Youth Events
- _____ 303 Vacation Home youth could borrow
- _____ 304 Fund Raisers
- _____ 305 Provide Meals for Youth Events

Sharing Time & Talent: ADMINISTRATION & STEWARDSHIP

- _____ 400 Serve on Finance Committee
- _____ 401 Serve on Personnel & Administration Committee
- _____ 402 Monday Morning Counter
- _____ 403 Review Financial Records
- _____ 404 General Office Help (during office hrs)
- _____ 405 Computer Technician

Sharing Time & Talents: WORSHIP & MUSIC

- _____ 500 Serve on Worship & Music Committee
- _____ 501 Greeter
- _____ 502 Usher
- _____ 503 Decorate Sanctuary
- _____ 504 Help with floral arrangements
- _____ 505 Acolyte (grades 1-5)
- _____ 506 Help with communion set up/clean up
- _____ 507 Be a Reader for Service of Lessons and Carols at Christmas
- _____ 508 Chancel Choir
- _____ 509 Bells-Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced (circle)
- _____ 510 Pianist for Sunday School or Sunday worship
- _____ 511 Help with music at Sunday School (Preschool –5th grade)
- _____ 512 Play other instruments (brass, string....)
Instrument: _____
- _____ 513 Assist with children's choir
- _____ 514 Sing/Play with Gathering Music
- _____ 515 Soloist - (circle voice) S A T B
- _____ 516 Do Advent Wreath Litany/Candle Lighting

Sharing Time & Talent: CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

- _____ 600 Serve on Congregational Care Committee
- _____ 601 Serve on Hospitality & Fellowship Com.
- _____ 602 Serve on Membership Development Com.
- _____ 603 Stephen Ministry (50 hrs training required)
- _____ 604 Prayer chain
- _____ 605 Host Sunday OJ Fellowship
- _____ 606 Help with special /seasonal fellowship events (Ice Cream Social, July Cookout, Fall Festival, Madrigal Dinner, Easter Breakfast, etc.)
- _____ 607 Participate in Prime Timers (age 55+)
- _____ 608 Tower Chimes—Bulk Mailings
- _____ 609 Join Friendship Callers
- _____ 610 Parish Nurse Program (RN required)
- _____ 611 Help with new member receptions
- _____ 612 Help with funeral receptions
- _____ 613 Assist with comfort food preparation
- _____ 614 Angel Van Driver (provide transportation for elderly non driving members on Sunday)
- _____ 615 Help in Libraries
- _____ 616 Special event Transportation (drive van)
- _____ 617 Photographing Church Events
- _____ 618 Deliver poinsettias/Easter Lilies to shut-ins
- _____ 619 Deliver prepared comfort food
- _____ 620 Participate in Prayer Shawl crafting group

Presbyterian Women

- _____ 621A Circle Leader
- _____ 621B Circle Member
- _____ 621C Bible Study Leader
- _____ 621D Visitation/Card Ministry

Sharing Time & Talent: OUT REACH & MISSION

- _____ 700 Serve on Evangelism Committee
- _____ 701 Serve on Global & Local Mission Com.
- _____ 702 Deliver bread to first time visitors
- _____ 703 Provide housing for : guest speakers, choral groups, etc.
- _____ 704 Assemble bag lunches for the poor / hungry
- _____ 705 Pickup breads/desserts from Publix for Saturday Soup Kitchen (Saturday am)
- _____ 706 Pick up supplies for bag lunches from Sam's
- _____ 707 Volunteer for "Saturday Nite Live"
- _____ 708 Volunteer for Scouting Programs
- _____ 709 Volunteer for Habitat for Humanity
- _____ 710 Volunteer for Church Soup Kitchen
- _____ 711 Mission Trips (Honduras)
- _____ 712 Volunteer for Living Nativity Scene

Recreation/Hobbies

- _____ Softball
- _____ Basketball
- _____ Football
- _____ Soccer
- _____ Golf
- _____ Tennis
- _____ Fishing
- _____ Hunting
- _____ Travel
- _____ Flying
- _____ Cooking
- _____ Reading
- _____ Crafts (describe)
- _____ Bridge
- _____ Dancing
- _____ Sewing/knitting/needlework
- _____ Theater
- _____ Attend musical events
- _____ Gardening
- _____ Scrapbooking