



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

# Tower Chimes

*Week of April 1, 2018*

*Issue 665*

*132 Years of Ministry*

## PLEASE JOIN US FOR EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 1 WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Dr. Steven R. Negley  
Senior Pastor

Dr. C. Alan Harvey  
Associate Pastor

Dr. James G. Manor  
Parish Associate

Lynn M. McCoy  
Director of  
Music Ministries

Robin D. Miller  
Director of Finance &  
Administration

Leonard A. Mosiah  
Director of Student  
Ministries

Connie J. Shipley  
Administrative Assistant

Rose S. Flynn  
Office Assistant

Sammy D. Bryant  
Director of Maintenance

Kathy L. Jackson  
Custodian

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:** buttered or cheese grits, assorted doughnuts, fruit bowl, cereal, coffee, orange juice, & milk.

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 **10:30 a.m.**

## 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!



# OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

## Sunday, April 1

6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service  
8:15 a.m. Chapel Worship (Chapel)  
9:15 a.m. Easter Breakfast (MH)  
9:30 a.m. Heart of Worship (Sanctuary)  
10:30 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt (CE)  
11:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)

## Monday, April 2

8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)  
6:00 p.m. Nominating (GR)

## Tuesday, April 3

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (MCR)  
12:00 p.m. Men's Lunch (MH)  
12:00 p.m. Sewing for Honduras (GSH)  
5:30 p.m. All Church Retreat (MCR)  
6:00 p.m. Saturday Night Live Planning (MH)  
6:30 p.m. Session (GR)  
7:00 p.m. Praise & Worship Band (Sanctuary)

## Wednesday, April 4

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

## Thursday, April 5

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

## Friday, April 6

8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)

## Saturday, April 7

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

Roger Able  
Maxie Adams  
Becca Alexander  
Kathleen Avinger  
Bill Brack  
Tom Brackett  
Henry Braun  
Nancy Brooks  
Helen Butz  
Helen Champlain  
Nancy Chilton  
Tom Coffman  
Yolanda Dyer  
Mike & Jana Easterling  
Bill Everhart  
Rossanne Gorsky  
Lynn Grady  
Clyde Greene  
Jimmy Hankin  
Susan Hankin  
Jane Hayman  
Joyce Hayman  
Frances Heath  
Kay Hedden

Patti Herndon  
Doris Hill  
Ranell Hillman  
Bryan Howard  
Camille Howe  
Jim Huff  
Scott & Becky Irvin  
Shea & Lacey Irvin  
Martha Johnson  
Joey Johnston  
Peggy Kennedy  
John Kissel  
Toni Krieger  
Dena Lancashire  
Kathy Lockhart  
Spike Lucia  
Carole Marotti  
Gregg Marrs  
Larry Marshall  
Lynn Mincey  
Bev Morris  
Nancy Neale  
Randall Palmer  
Keith & Jane Ray

Barbara Roberts  
Earle Roberts  
Elsie Savant  
Joyce Shirah  
Mary Alice, Emma, &  
John Skipper  
Barbara H. Smith  
Ed Smith  
Mary Ann Snively  
Pete Snively  
Jeff Snyder  
Meg Strang  
Scott Strey  
Jay Tackett  
Pam Tallent-Blackburn  
Carolyn Thompson  
Suzie Threadgill  
John Van Allen  
Jennifer Vibral  
Lee Wilkinson  
Judy Winfree  
Retha Wright

# Remember in Prayer

## MEMBERS

## Relatives & Friends

Reese Burdette  
Helen Cote  
Al Ellis  
Julie Fleps  
Debbie Hunt  
Pete Kent  
John McKibben  
Michael Oriani  
David Satterfield  
Kristy Turner  
Kevin Tobin  
Jerry Williams  
Marshall Wood

Dana Cole's cousin  
Norm & Bonnie Patrick's friend  
Jim Threlkel's friend  
Lisa Endres' friend  
Lisa Endres' friend  
Charley & Nancy Chilton's nephew  
Jane Whitney's brother  
Joe Oriani's brother  
Heather Whitney's friend  
Rick & Pat Reass' daughter  
Gale Johnston's friend  
Steve Negley's friend  
Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend

## WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP DELIVER EASTER LILIES?

Come to McLeod Hall **Monday, April 2** after 10 a.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.**



## We could use your help...

as a substitute care-giver in our church nursery. Do you like spending time with God's smallest children? We have a wonderful staff who regularly provide child-care in our church nursery on Sunday mornings, but occasionally those folks need some time away.

If you would be willing to serve as a substitute (we would arrange with you well in advance) please call (294-3121) or email ([rmiller@firstpreswh.org](mailto:rmiller@firstpreswh.org)) Robin Miller, our Director of Finance and Administration to get your name on our nursery substitute list. Thanks.



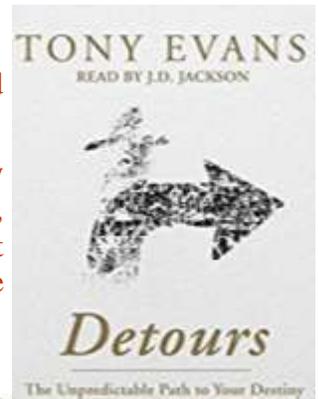
Zach Anaya  
Brenden Anderson  
Christian Anderson  
Karolina Crockett  
Samuel Crockett  
Zach Drum  
Robert Ferguson  
Stephanie Gillie  
Eddie Gray  
Daniel Harp

Sean Harp  
David Knowles  
John Marotti  
Mathew Massam  
Ryan Peardon  
KaitLin Marotti-Pitts  
Ashton Pitts  
Shad Skinner  
Drew Stapor

## LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Detours, by Dr. Tony Evans, is a study of the life of Joseph, through whom God demonstrates how He is at work even when life seems to be going wrong.

By studying how God worked His sovereign plan through Joseph, we will learn to rely on God as He helps us navigate our detours in life that may take us through trials, injustice, and even betrayal. We will be comforted and encouraged as we learn to rest in God's redemptive plan and the hope found in God's sovereign will. Meetings will be **9-11 a.m.** in the Golden Center **Thursdays, March 29 and April 12.**



If you're interested please contact Lia Gray at 863-318-1541 or [uncpair@gmail.com](mailto:uncpair@gmail.com).



## WHO ARE YOU? WHOSE ARE YOU?

Mark your calendars and plan to join friends from First Presbyterian Church at our **annual church-wide retreat, Saturday, April 21 - Sunday, April 22.** We will be spending two wonderful days (and a great night) at the Cedarkirk Camp and Conference Center south of Tampa.

We will play, relax, eat, fellowship, study, and worship together as we explore what it means to be the wonderful child of God that God has made you. *WHO ARE YOU?* (Come and share the unique you with others.) *WHOSE ARE YOU?* (Come and celebrate what it means to be loved and claimed by God.)



**Brochures are available in the narthex, Sanctuary, balcony, McLeod Hall, & office.**

## CLASS OF 2021

The Nominating Committee has the responsibility of suggesting men and women to serve on the Session and the Diaconate. Your responsibility is to provide the names of those whom you feel meet the high standards of character required for these offices. These persons must have the time available to SERVE, the commitment to Jesus Christ to SERVE, and the ability to LEAD this congregation and its spiritual and physical growth for our Lord's sake.

Please prayerfully consider your recommendations (which may include yourself.) Your signature is not required.

These recommendations will be considered by the Nominating Committee which will present a slate for election. We are to elect five Elders and five Deacons to three-year terms to replace those retiring this year. We are also to elect five at-large members to serve on next year's Nominating Committee.

**Names(s) for consideration as:**

**ELDER**

**DEACON**

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3.	3.
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## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

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**Please place in the offering plate or mail to the church office.**

# IT'S FLAMINGO TIME!!!

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.
- Step 2:** Order flamingos to put in the yard of your choice.
- Step 3:** Relax and enjoy the show!



One flocking costs \$25.00, or you can send TWO 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 Leonard Mosiah (294-3121) if you are interested in donating to the trips or sponsoring a student! **Flocking begins April 8 through April 29!**

You can also order your flock by filling out this form and dropping in offering plate on Sunday or bringing to the office along with you check.

Donor: \_\_\_\_\_ Best Contact Info: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Recipient: \_\_\_\_\_ Address of Recipient: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Flocking: \_\_\_\_\_ Special Instructions: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

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## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY



Calling volunteers to pick up bread and desserts from Winter Haven Square Publix (across from Legoland) for Saturday Soup Kitchen. If you are currently picking up on Saturday mornings, delivering them to the church, and are willing to continue this service, then you need not notify us unless we do not have your best contact information. If you are interested in this volunteer opportunity and need more information, please call Alan at 294-3121. If you no longer wish to help, please let Alan know. A new list goes out soon as the present schedule ends on May 5. Thank you.

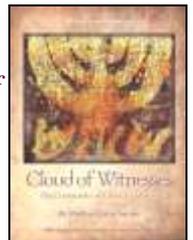
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## CIRCLE MEETINGS

Lydia Circle - **Second Monday each month at 10 a.m.** in McLeod Hall.

Joy Circle - **Third Tuesday each month at 9:30 a.m.** at the home of Carol Carter.

We are using the PW Horizons Bible study titled: "*Cloud of Witnesses - The Community of Christ Hebrew*" written by Melissa Bane Sevier. In nine lessons, the author invites us to explore major themes found in Hebrews, relate these themes to other parts of our faith tradition, and tie them together with the overarching motif of community. The study books are available for \$10. Contact either Carol Carter at 299-4253 or Sue McClew at 875-6176 for your copy.



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## DO YOU LIKE TO SEW? WE NEED YOU!



We are sewing SUNdresses for Honduras pre-school girls. We gather in the Girl Scout House on **Tuesdays from 12 to 2 p.m.** (Bring a sack lunch.)

**NEEDED:** Sewers either at church or in your own home, fancy pillow cases, men's cotton blend shirts, bias tape, ribbon for draw strings - 2 1/2 yards and 5/8" wide, cotton blend material in 3/4 yard or 1 yard pieces.

Drop by, pick up some material, cut a pattern, cut material, sew or just say "Hi"; any or all work for us.

For details, a ride, or a pick up of material, supplies or a sewing machine please contact Lydia Circle member Sharon Mitchell 419-332-5268.

# Join Us on the Lord's Day

## Worship



### 8:15 a.m. Chapel Worship

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

### 9:30 - 10:25 a.m. Heart of Worship

A Praise and Worship service is held in our sanctuary. Along with scripture, sermon, and prayers, a 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 is 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.

## 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.

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.



## SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES

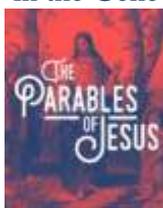
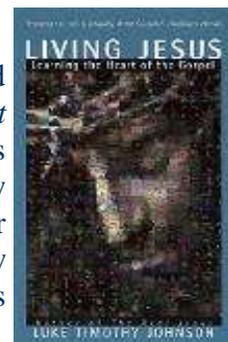


**For Kids:** We'll be getting to learn more about Jesus - His life and ministry and leaders in the early church. Short videos, music, art, and Bible activities will keep the kids coming back for more!

If your family attends the 9:30 a.m. service, kids age 4 and older worship with their families for the first part of the service. After the "Time with Younger Disciples," age 4 through grade 5 may be dismissed to the Christian Education building for music and classes until 10:45 a.m.

If your family attends the 11:00 a.m. service, come to the CE Building for music and classes from 10:00 until 10:45 a.m.

**For Adults:** Who is the real Jesus? How can we experience the mystery, complexity, and richness of his spirituality and teachings in our lives today? *Living Jesus: Learning the Heart of the Gospel* by Luke Timothy Johnson elucidates the mystery of Jesus' resurrection and its central role in the Christian experience. It explores the diversity and fullness of the New Testament views of Christ, revealing how each book's perspective can deepen our understanding of Jesus. Profoundly insightful, *Living Jesus* offers valuable lessons on how we can accept the Gospels' powerful invitation to an authentic Christian spirituality. Join us in the Geneva Room from **9:30 until 10:30 a.m.**



**Also For Adults:** We are watching a video series by New Testament scholar Dr. Kenneth Bailey, as he uses his vast experiences in the Middle Eastern world (where Jesus first walked and talked) to help us unlock the wonderful meaning of some of the parables of Jesus. The group will listen to Dr. Bailey's insights, and discuss how each story told by our Lord touches our lives today. Join us at **9:30 a.m.** in Room 207 of the Christian Education building.

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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 185 bag lunches  
the week of 3/19/18.

**Return Service Requested**

### Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 75 people on 3/24/18.

## BRIGHT SUNDAY, APRIL 8, 2018 IS COMING!

**Please note" this year there will be one worship service at 10 a.m.**



The theme for this year is: *Recalling Silent Cal and Other Witty Presidents*. The "sermon for the day" will be related to: Psalm 126:2-3, "Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then it was said among the nations, the Lord has done great things for them. The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced." The choir will sing a rousing campaign song of yesteryear. Can you guess what that song title is? You might also hear for the first time another election tune. Our trumpeter, Wes Ecker, will play a tune inviting us to get up on our feet.

Though the date is not Memorial Day or July the Fourth, you are invited to wear our nation's colors of red, white and blue or articles of clothing incorporating our flag in the design. A wooden cross will be on display in the narthex waiting for people to transform it with their gifts of flowers into a beautiful floral cross. As we have done for so many years, we will leave the sanctuary and go to the Memorial Garden for the butterfly release.

## BUTTERFLY RELEASE

As we do every year, we will release butterflies (no charge, but please fill out this form) in memory of church members who have died since Bright Sunday, April 23, 2016, and for those who have sustained the loss of a **child, parent, sibling, or spouse since that date.**

If you would like to release a butterfly in memory of a loved one who died outside of the parameters mentioned above (for example, before last year's Bright Sunday and/or 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 1.*

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_ Deceased loved one: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to you: \_\_\_\_\_

**ALL TO BE RELEASED AT OUR SINGLE SERVICE TIME OF 10 A.M.**