



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
WINTER HAVEN

Tower Chimes

Week of April 20, 2014

Issue 496

128 Years of Ministry

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EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 20

6:30 am { **Sunrise service at MLK Park...**
will be coordinated by the members
of the Winter Haven Interfaith
Ministerial Alliance and the Winter
Haven Ministerial Association.

8:50 am { **Worship in the sanctuary with
Chancel Choir**

9:45-
10:25 am { **Easter Breakfast in McLeod Hall**
Menu: Cheese and ham strata, grits,
hot cross buns, & fruit for adults;
and cereal & donuts for kids.

10:25 am { **Easter Egg Hunt on the
Playground**

11:00 am { **Worship in the sanctuary with
Chancel Choir**

*Acts 1:3... After his suffering, he presented
himself to them and gave many convincing
proofs that he was alive. He appeared to
them over a period of forty days and
spoke about the kingdom of God.*



Church calendar

Sunday, April 20
EASTER SUNDAY

3 Cent-a-Meal

6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service
(Martin Luther King Park)

8:50 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. Easter Breakfast (MH)

10:25 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt (Playground)

11:00 a.m. Worship

Monday, April 21

8:45 a.m. MOM

10:00 a.m. Easter Delivery to Shut-Ins

6:30 p.m. Christian Education (GR)

6:30 p.m. Worship & Music (UR)

Tuesday, April 22

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (MCR)

12:00 p.m. Men's Lunch (MH)

5:30 p.m. Stephen Minister Leaders (MH)

6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministers (MH)

Wednesday, April 23

8:45 a.m. MOM

3:00 p.m. Christ Kids

5:15 p.m. Confirmation (SC)

5:30 p.m. MSYG (SC)

5:30 p.m. Evangelism (MCR)

6:00 p.m. Chancel Bells

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, April 23

7:00 p.m. Chapel Bells

Friday, April 24

8:45 a.m. MOM

6:00 p.m. Confirmation Retreat (SC)

Saturday, April 25

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

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

5:30 p.m. Confirmation Retreat Ends (SC)

3 CENTS-A-MEAL EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 20

We will collect the 3 Cents-a-Meal hunger offering during worship services **THIS SUNDAY, APRIL 20.**

This offering is divided between our Soup Kitchen/Bag Lunch Ministry, Beth-El Farmworkers Ministry, and Honduras.



FIRST FACT

Brian Boyce has been appointed to serve on Polk County Early Learning Coalition by Governor Rick Scott. Brian is the vice president and senior relationship manager of commercial banking at TD Bank. His term on the board continues through April 2016. **Congratulations Brian!**



Remember in prayer

members

Anna Marie Barton

Maggie Beeland

Michele & Neil Berger

Win Betrus

R. Otis Bice, Jr.

Lois Burrell

Millie Carrier

George & Sylvia Chambers

Tom Coffman

Norma Conner

Jane Dickey

Don Dinger

Rich & Nancy Dobler

Jerry Dugger

Jeanne Estes

Dawn & David Fellows

Lois Frakes

Phyllis Gilbert

Marge Goodman

Pete & Jean Harman

Audrey Hawk

Frances Heath

Doris Hill

Ranell Hillman

Ed Houston

Camille Howe

Scott Irvin

Dorothy Johnson

Toni Krieger

Dena Lancashire

Jackie Lawn

Anne LeMacks

Dot Lenfestey

Pete & Judy Lindsay

Spike & Jane Lucia

Rita Marcacci

Matt McGaffigan

Joan Murphy

Nancy Neale

Randall Palmer

Judy Partain

Liz Purnell

Barbara Roberts

Mary Ellen Rowker

Dave Ryan

Dorothy Ryan

Harvey Snively, Jr.

Jeff & Lisa Snyder

Myrtice Stolz

Jean Tannahill

Lucy Jackson Teeter

Hazel Thomas

Gene & Carolyn Thompson

Ed Threadgill

Shirley Turner

Jennifer Vibral

Betty von Hahmann

Karl von Hahmann

Randy von Hahmann

Anne Windham

In the hospital : Eunice Dishman, Marilyn Hearn, & Pete Lindsay

Friends and family



Military service

Aaron Ashley

James E. Baker

Ben Clark

Deborah Clark

Tim Davis

Leah (Doty) Fuscina

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

Andrew Stapor

Keaton Thompson

Jacob van Zandt

Linda Allen

Doris Arrington

Charlotte Baker

Jerry Cooley

Steve Crisman

Tamee Dark

Norma Downs

Thomas Francis

Bryan Howard

John Katros

Bailee Kent

Geoff Lewis

Ruth Little

Steven Moats

Sandy Neitsch

LaDonna Owen

Cliff Peeno

Bob Santos

Peggy Seigler

David Smith & family

Robert "Ned" Snively, Jr.

Penni Tinsley

Olaf Tonissoo

Julie Valk & Family

Rocky Waters

Jeanine Weeks

Peggy & Larry Davis' friend

Debbi Sowards' friend

Rachal Little's friend

Susan Singleton's friend

Brian & Jennifer Boyce's friend

Beth Luxford's friend

Donna Rounsley's mother

Jim Francis' brother

Bob & Janet Howard's son

Lisa Endres' father

Nancy Chilton's niece

Punkin & Squire Smith's friend

Rachal Little's mother

Edna Mitchell's son

Sherie Ray's friend

Jonathan Owen's aunt

Helen & Orin Champlain's friend

Marcia Keplinger's friend

Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend

Penn Tucker's friends

Jean Harman's son

Tom Oldt & Jeri Stewart's friend

Shirley & Bob Hines' friend

Penn Tucker's friends

Gale & Gwen Waters' son

Zan Dismuke's friend

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.

Our Christian sympathy goes to Lynn Fulton Aaron and JaLeeann Johnston upon the death of their father and grandfather, Werner Clay "Skeet" Fulton on Friday, April 4, 2014.



YOUTH MINISTRY

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- April 20: No HSYG-Happy Easter
- April 23: Confirmation Class 5:15 - 6:30 pm
MSYG 5:30 - 7:30 pm
- April 25 - 26: Confirmation Retreat 6:00 pm
Ending 6:00 pm Saturday
- April 27: HSYG 5:30 - 7:30 pm
- April 30: MSYG 5:30 - 7:30 pm
Confirmation exam w/session, 6:00 pm



Middle School Youth Group (MSYG) is for all students in grades 6-8.

We meet every **Wednesday from 5:30-7:30 pm** in the Student Center for dinner, games, fellowship, and a lesson about God's love and what it means to be a young believer.

High School Youth Group (HSYG) is for anyone in grades 9-12.

Our meetings are **Sunday nights from 5:30-7:30 pm** in the Student Center. We enjoy dinner, games, fellowship, and discuss God, our relationship with Him, and other relevant topics in the lives of high school age students.

For more information regarding our youth groups or to RSVP for any of these events, contact Rachal Little at 294-3121 or rlittle@firstpreswh.org.



PLEASE SIGN YOUR CHILD UP FOR 2014

Acolytes are needed at the 8:50 and 11 a.m. worship services on Sunday mornings. A sign-up sheet is located on the informational bulletin board in the CE Building. Please sign-up your child ahead of time so we can include his/her name in the bulletin. Any child who is in first through fifth grade can acolyte. Please call Amy McKee at 294-3121 or e-mail amckee@firstpreswh.org

2014 FLOWER CHART IS HERE

If you would like to provide flowers for the sanctuary on a given Sunday, choose the date and sign the Flower Calendar in the narthex. A week before the date, contact a florist regarding the arrangement, and inform the church office what you would like printed in the bulletin.



OUR STEPHEN MINISTERS ARE READY TO CARE FOR YOU!

Christ Caring for People through People



That's the motto of Stephen Ministry. The Stephen Minister's role is to bring God's love into the lives of people who are going through a difficult time or experiencing a crisis. What do Stephen Ministers do? They listen to you, care for you, support and encourage you, and pray with and for you. And in the midst of this confidential, one-to-one, caring relationship, God's healing love comes pouring through.

If you or someone you know is hurting, find out more about Stephen Ministry by calling Pat Reass today at 206-9914, or ask one of our Stephen Minister Leaders: *Alan Harvey, Ray Larson, Steve Negley, Barbara Perkins, or Jean Strang.*

Our Stephen Ministers are ready to bring God's love and care into your life.

FLAMINGO FLOCKING ON SALE NOW!!!

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 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 Rachal Little (294-3121) if you are interested in donating to the trips or sponsoring a student!

NEW STEPHEN MINISTER REQUEST FORM

Located in the balcony hallway is a safe and secure box for making a Confidential Request for a Stephen Minister. Forms and pens are also held by the box making it convenient for individuals to request a Stephen Minister. Just so you will know what you are looking for, a picture of the box is printed here. Other boxes are located in the Centennial Room and narthex. Look for these boxes! Your Stephen Ministers hope this system will make it easier to be assured that your request is kept confidential by being deposited in a locked box.



EASTER LILIES TO OUR SHUT-INS!

Please come out to help in this special ministry. For all the Easter Lilies that are not taken after worship by those who contributed to their purchase, we love to deliver them to our members and friends who would be pleased to be remembered. If you can come to church on Monday, April 21 any time after 10:00 am, you can load up your car to take as many flowers as you would like to all those who are not able to get out. We hope to have all the flowers delivered sometime during the week as necessary. Thank you.



PRIMETIMERS, MARK YOUR CALENDARS

This month we will have time with County Commissioner, Ed Smith. All church members and friends, 55 years old and up, are invited to join us for this informative gathering. Joyce Snively will be catering the meal. (\$8.00 per person)

When: **Monday, April 28, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

Where: McLeod Hall

What to Do: Call Carol Switalski at 845-5416 or the church office at 294-3121 to make your lunch reservation.



DON'T MISS RAYS VS INDIANS!!!

PRESBYTERY of TAMPA BAY night with the Rays.

The Rays will play The Indians, **Friday, May 9!** Game begins at 7:10 p.m. We will leave Winter Haven no later than **4:00 p.m.**, OR you can drive yourself. **Deadline to purchase is April 27.**

The tickets are Lower Reserved Seats. Price for ticket only is \$19.00 (up to \$25.00 value) or ticket and promotional ladies wristlet for \$23 (up to \$35 value).

To come root the Rays on! Call the church office or just come by to place your ticket order.



KIDZ SUMMER ESCAPE REGISTRATION HAS BEGUN!

Kidz Summer Escape registration has begun! All children ages three through kindergarten graduates are invited to join us for 6 weeks on **Tuesdays and Wednesdays** beginning **June 10-July 16.**

We meet from **8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.** Please contact Amy McKee at 294-3121 for more information.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR VBS, JUNE 22-26

Making your summer plans? Be sure to reserve **June 22-26 from 6:15-8:30 p.m.** for our VBS week. All children ages four through fifth grade graduates are invited to participate.

We also need lots of adult and youth volunteers to make *Weird Animals – Where Jesus' Love is One-of-a-Kind* VBS come to life.

You may register online at: <https://www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/firstpreswh2014>.



Celebrating Generosity through One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

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 need 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 helps 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.

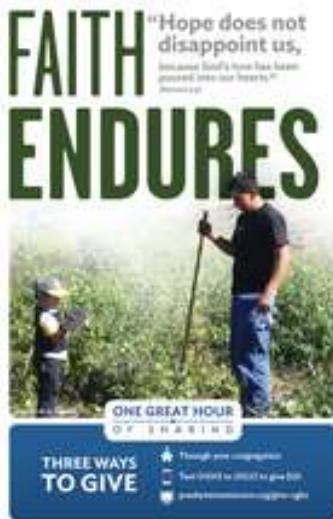
A gift to One Great Hour of Sharing supports:
Presbyterian Disaster Assistance,
the Presbyterian Hunger Program,
and the Self-Development of People Fund.

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 alleviate 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.



ALL CHURCH RETREAT 2014

What an awesome weekend we had at Cedarkirk Camp & Conference Center, April 5-6. We had a great group of 43 attendees with Dr. Barbara Kranendonk as our guest speaker, going over our Myers-Briggs Type personalities. The group enjoyed several discussions on their personality type and spiritual life. During our free time we participated in kayaking, sharks tooth hunting, pool time, campfire, a hayride, and so much more. We hope you all will be able to join us next year for this amazing Church Family retreat. Folks of all ages enjoy this special time away at Cedarkirk each year. Be sure to enjoy some of the photos from the weekend.



THE PRESBYTERIAN HYMNAL

Over a period of three and a half years, the Presbyterian Committee on Congregational Song met regularly to sing, discuss, and consider thousands of hymns and songs to be included in the new Presbyterian hymnal. In 2012, the new hymnal was presented to the General Assembly and it was commended for use within the church. In late 2013, the hymnals were printed and began to be used in worship. After thorough discussion and consideration, the Session of First Presbyterian Church of Winter Haven has adopted the new Presbyterian Hymnal *Glory to God* for use in worship.

QUICK FACTS

- *Glory to God* contains 853 hymns, compared to 605 of the current Blue hymnal.
- 65% of the Blue hymnal is in *Glory to God*; which basically means, if there is a hymn you like in the Blue hymnal... it's in *Glory to God*.
- The 65% of the Blue hymnal only constitutes 50% of the new hymnal.
- This means there are over 400 new hymns in the *Glory to God*!

To raise the funds necessary for *Glory to God*, the Session has approved the selling of dedications for each hymnal. Each dedication will be attached to the inside cover of the hymnal and will cost \$20.

“What about the Blue hymnals?”

- If you or your family purchased a Blue hymnal dedication, you will be encouraged to take that hymnal home. The Worship and Music Committee has labeled the blue hymnals for pick-up.

It's not too late to purchase hymnals in honor or in memory of a loved one.

GLORY TO GOD HYMNAL DEDICATION

Your Name: _____ Amount: \$_____

Please circle in Memory of or in Honor of: _____



GLORY TO GOD HYMNAL DEDICATION

Your Name: _____ Amount: \$_____

Please circle in Memory of or in Honor of: _____



PLEASE JOIN US AT ONE OF OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

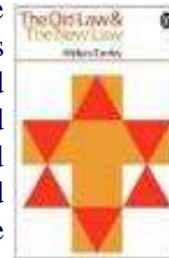
Preschool Children – Meet in Room 108 for their very own time of Bible stories, craft, and snack time.



All children in kindergarten through fifth grade are invited to attend *Route 52: A 52-Week Bible Journey* – just for kids! The children explore the Bible with hands-on crafts, food, Bible study, and lots of fun with their friends. Children are divided into two groups: kindergarten through second grade and third through fifth grade. We gather for music from 9:45-10 a.m. in Room 101 and depart from there.

Middle School & High School Youth – meet in the **Student Center** at **9:45 a.m.** for *Soul Pancake*. There is discussion, activity time, and of course **BREAKFAST**. Come hungry, come happy, and come hang out with Rachal Little and a variety of faithful volunteers on Sunday mornings.

The Perspectives Class – facilitated by Dr. Jim Threlkel and Mr. Glenn Thomas continues the second part of their study on *The Old Law, The New Law* by William Barclay. The class spends their time in The New Law. The words of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount have moved and challenged men and women since He first spoke them. Here they are explained, simply and clearly, showing how Jesus mixed honesty with compassion and helped people to inject good into life. This is the New Law. This study raises questions about war and peace, God and materialism, and about fostering essential relationships and values. This class meets in the Geneva Room in the CE Building.



Connect - Grow - Thrive will focus on the study *Courageous*, based on the movie, examines topics such as honor, integrity, guiding children and more. It is designed to help build family and group relationships. The class will begin watching the movie over the first few sessions, but each week's lessons will allow you to join in at any time whether you have viewed the movie or not. This class meets in Room 207.

Sundays with Steve, God Talk in the Family of Faith - As people of the Christian faith, we talk about our faith. Questions and answers abound. Dr. Steve Negley invites you to join in a class that will explore the biblical texts that help us to answer some of the questions we face in life:

- How can we find God?
- What are we doing here?
- Why doesn't God do something about evil?
- What does God want with us?
- Is God against us?
- ...to name a few.



Bring your Bible and your God-given curiosity to the back section of McLeod Hall on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. to join in this exploration of faith.

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 9:45 a.m. children & youth have Sunday School and **10:00 a.m.** there is adult Sunday School.

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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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 200 bag lunches in
the week of 4/7/14.

Return Service Requested

Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 72 people on 4/12/14.

COME AND JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE BRIGHT SUNDAY, 2014!

This year's theme is: A Funny Thing
Happened on the Way to Heaven.

This year we invite you to be bright or bold
by wearing bright whites or bold colors.

There will be toe tapping songs, hilarious jokes, and
some funny skits. You will hear bells ring,
the choir sing, and maybe even see
some angels get their wings!

