



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

## Tower Chimes

Week of April 5, 2015

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129 Years of Ministry

### EASTER SUNDAY (April 5)

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Custodian

\* The Community Sunrise Service will be held in Martin Luther King Jr. Park on Lake Silver beginning at 630 a.m. This annual service is jointly conducted by the members of the Winter Haven Ministerial Association and the Winter Haven Interfaith Ministerial Alliance. This year, Dr. Negley will be delivering the Easter Sunrise Sermon, "But for a Footnote", based on Mark 16:1-8, and First Pres. church member Sarah Claire Smith will be singing!



\* The Gathering (our 8:50 a.m. worship service) will give us an opportunity to rejoice that "Jesus is Risen" as we focus on the scripture found in John chapter 21. Our Chancel Choir will join us at The Gathering on Easter so that we can conclude the service with The Hallelujah Chorus.

\* The Men of the Church will be serving our Easter Breakfast in McLeod Hall, beginning at 9:45 a.m. The menu will be: scrambled eggs with ham & cheese, "Georgia Ice Cream" grits (buttered or with cheese), doughnuts, biscuits, orange juice, milk, and coffee; for children, cereal & mini donuts. Don't miss this opportunity to share great food and table fellowship with your church friends and family.

\* Please bring your children to the Easter egg hunt on the playground at 10:25 a.m.

\* At 11:00 a.m. the sanctuary will be filled with people praising God for the glorious proclamation of Christ's rising from the dead. The Easter anthem by our choir, the handbells, hymns, the message from John's gospel, and the triumphant Hallelujah Chorus will help us to join the world in proclaiming our Lord's victory over the grave, on this Easter Sunday.

### 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!"



# Church calendar

**Sunday, April 5**

**Easter**

6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service (MLK Park)  
 8:50 a.m. Worship  
 9:45 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt (Playground)  
 11:00 a.m. Worship

**Monday, April 6**

8:45 a.m. MOM

**Tuesday, April 7**

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (MCR)  
 12:00 p.m. Men's Lunch (MH)  
 6:00 p.m. SNL Planning (MH)  
 7:00 p.m. Session (GR)

**Wednesday, April 8**

8:45 a.m. MOM  
 12:00 p.m. Buildings & Grounds (MH)  
 3:00 p.m. Christ Kids  
 5:15 p.m. Confirmation (GSH)  
 5:30 p.m. MSYG (GSH)  
 6:00 p.m. Director of Music Search (MCR)  
 6:00 p.m. Chancel Bells  
 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

**Thursday, April 9**

7:00 p.m. Chapel Bells

**Friday, April 10**

8:45 a.m. MOM  
 6:00 p.m. Confirmation Retreat (GSH)

**Saturday, April 11**

5:55 p.m. Confirmation Retreat Ends  
 2:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen Prep by Confirmation Group (Kitchen)  
 4:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen (737)



*Our sincerest sympathy goes to Kathy Garner in the death of her mother, Pat Smith, who died Tuesday, February 24, 2015.*

*Our Christian sympathy goes to Judith Shull, Mary Ann Koon, & Dean Shull, III Upon the death of their husband/father, Dean Shull, who died on Thursday, March 26, 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  
 Ben Tucker  
 Meg Tucker  
 Penn Tucker  
 Shirley Turner  
 Betty von Hahmann  
 Anne Windham

## 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  
 Lynniss 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.**

# 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.**

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## 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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## 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 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](mailto:uncpair@gmail.com) or call her at 318-1541.

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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](mailto: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.**



# CALLING ALL PRIMETIMERS

(friends and member of First Pres in the 55 and up age group.)



Our next PrimeTimers is **Monday, April 27 at 11:30 a.m.** in McLeod Hall for food, Christian fellowship, and a conversation with Dana Parrish, our Director of Student Ministries. Dana will tell (and show) about our church's youth ministry program. After lunch, the group will also take a tour of our newly renovated Student Center. Joyce Snively will be catering. Call the church office at 294-3121 or e-mail to [office@firstpreswh.org](mailto:office@firstpreswh.org) to reserve a seat at the table.

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## 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.

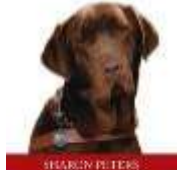
A donation of \$170 covers the cost of the program with a \$50 "reserve my spot" donation due at time of registration. **Registration closes on May 1.** If we do not have 20 children registered, we will not be able to have the program this year. For more information, please contact Amy McKee at 294-3121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

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## SAVE THE DATE: OM, OM BOOK DISCUSSION CLUB



Our Odd Month, Odd (3<sup>rd</sup>) Monday **Book Discussion Club** will meet again on **May 18 at 3:00 p.m.** We will have some light refreshments and will discuss Sharon Peter's book, *Trusting Calvin, How a Dog Helped Heal a Holocaust Survivor's Heart*. If you were at the January or March book review and indicated your intention to attend, there is no need to call the office.



Please call the church office at 294-3121 if you plan to attend. Copies of this title are now available for checkout in the library. You may contact Jonathan Owen about ordering a personal copy.

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## VBS WILL BE HERE BEFORE YOU KNOW IT



Vacation Bible School – Everest will be held June 14-18 from 6:15-8:30 p.m.

Please mark your calendars for this exciting week!



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## LETTER FROM HONDURAN SCHOLARSHIP RECEIVER

I thank God for giving me the opportunity to address you with love and respect. The reason for this letter serves the purpose of thanking you for the support you have given me these past years.

Your help has been very important in order for me to advance in my studies and for that I ask God to keep on blessing you abundantly so that you can keep on blessing us.

Again, thank you for each and every one of the blessing we have received from you. I close sending my love and my wishes for you of health and blessings.

Respectfully, Bryhan Pineda



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## "PULL YOURSELF TOGETHER!"



You've heard it a million times. Others may have said it to you or you may have said it to yourself. But things just aren't coming together. You're still hurting. You still feel like things are falling apart. Our Stephen Ministers are trained caregivers who will walk with you, listen to you, and provide confidential one-to-one care, as you search through the pieces and find what is truly in your heart.

To learn more about Stephen Ministry, 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.

# 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.

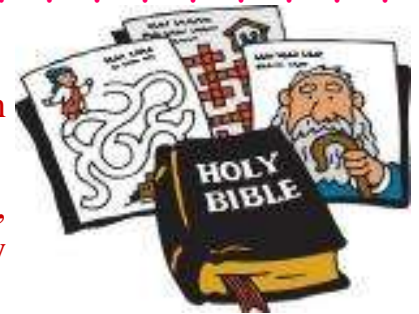
**We hope you will join us in worship, study, and fellowship!**

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## CONNECT WITH US AT SUNDAY SCHOOL!!!

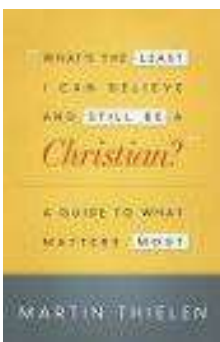
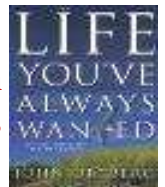
Children ages three and four gather in Room 108 for their own Sunday School time of crafts, snack, Bible lesson, and fun.

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.



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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.*

*Adopted by Session, 2003*

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### Bag Lunch Ministry

We gave out 257 bag lunches the week of 3/23/15.

### Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 95 people on 3/28/15.

**Return Service Requested**

## BRIGHT SUNDAY

Can you believe we are only a week away from Bright Sunday 2015? It's true!

Three ideas surfaced this year and the third one was selected.

We trust it will be the charm!

The theme is: *This Is Your Life ... Jesus Christ*. The presentation will employ many youth as characters and will feature some rousing songs.

Come wearing your brightest clothes! We love to see ladies wearing hats, so why not don one for Bright Sunday?

Please bring a flower or two to place on the wooden cross in the narthex.

Invite friends to come and join you for worship and the butterfly release at The Gathering or at the 11 o'clock service.

Come ready to laugh ... to giggle ... to smile ... and to sing as we celebrate

Easter again on this special day at this unique worship service of the year!

