



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

# Tower Chimes

Week of April 12, 2015

Issue 538

129 Years of Ministry

## BRIGHT SUNDAY

Can you believe we are a matter of days 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!

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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.**

Dr. Steven R. Negley  
Senior Pastor  
Dr. C. Alan Harvey  
Associate Pastor  
Dr. Raymond M. Larson  
Minister of Visitation  
Dr. James G. Manor  
Parish Associate  
Amy L. McKee  
Director of  
Christian Education  
Dana H. Parrish  
Director of  
Student Ministries  
Cheryce D. Harris  
Interim Choir Director  
Lynn McCoy  
Interim Organist  
Ronda A. Lacy  
Director of Finance &  
Administration  
Connie J. Shipley  
Administrative Assistant  
Rose Flynn  
Office Assistant  
Sammy D. Bryant  
Director of Maintenance  
Ann M. Quessenberry  
Custodian



# Church calendar

Sunday, April 12

Bright 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 (SC)

Monday, April 13

- 8:45 a.m. MOM
- 10:00 a.m. Lydia Circle (MH)
- 6:30 p.m. Christian Education (GR)

Tuesday, April 14

- 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (MCR)
- 12:00 p.m. Men's Lunch (MH)
- 6:00 p.m. Personnel (MCR)

Wednesday, April 15

- 8:45 a.m. MOM
- 3:00 a.m. Safari Expedition (Behind CE Bldg.)
- 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 16

- 9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study (UR)
- 7:00 p.m. Chapel Bells

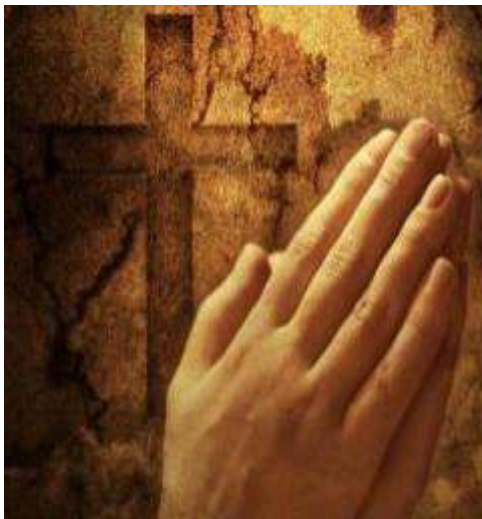
Friday, April 17

- 8:45 a.m. MOM

Saturday, April 18

- 2:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen Prep (Kitchen)
- 4:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen (737)
- 7:00 p.m. SNL (MH)

# Lord hear Our prayers.



# 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  
Mary Ann Koon  
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  
Judith 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

Edwin Alexander  
Stephanie Blanchard  
Margaret Boylston  
Jane Cain  
Teresa Camp  
Margaret Carswell  
Katheryn Christie & family  
Sue Conterno  
Kelly Coolidge  
Mary Francis Nettles-Covey  
Kay Cunningham  
Marilyn Dorsey  
Al Ellis  
Cecily Faenza  
Raymond Fenstermaker  
Jean Hehn  
Abigail Ising  
Weston Jackson  
Erika Johnson  
Pete Kent  
Bill & Amy Lewis  
Lynda & Rick Lewis  
Sandy Lewis & family  
Nan Mason  
Blain & Cynthia Thompson-McCaleb  
Ruth Norton  
LaDonna Owen  
Cal Quessenberry  
Peggy Seigler  
Rita Tice

David Alexander's father  
Gale & Gwen 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  
Gene & Carole Marotti's friend  
Gale Waters' aunt  
Carol Carter's sister  
Jim Threlkel's friend  
Helen Champlain's niece  
Gale & Gwen Waters' grandson  
Ellie Threlkel's friend  
Rick & Pat Reass' great-niece  
Lori Roe's friend  
Lynn Oakley's friend  
Charley & Nancy Chilton's nephew  
Bob & Judy Winfree's friend  
Jonathan Owen's friends  
David & Erin Emry's friends  
Harvey & Mary Ann Snivley's daughter  
Carolyn Thompson's daughter  
Margorie Porter's friend  
Jonathan Owen's aunt  
Ann Quessenberry's husband  
Ellie Threlkel's friend  
Orrin & Helen Champlain's friend



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.**



## LADIES, JOIN ONE OF OUR BIBLE STUDY CIRCLES!!!

The two groups for our Presbyterian Women are the Lydia Circle and the Joy Circle. The Bible Study for this year is based on the Acts of the Apostles. Circle study leaders Jana and Carol will be using the Interpretation Bible Series as a resource for this look at the church in the power of the Holy Spirit. Bring your Bible and plan to join with other women of faith.

Jana Easterling leads the Lydia Circle on the **2nd Monday of the month at 10:00 a.m.** in the back of McLeod Hall. Join the next Bible study on **April 13. AND...**

The Joy Circle meets the **3rd Tuesday of the month at 9:30 a.m.** at Carol Carter's house. Call Carol at 299-4253 if you need directions. The next Bible study will be **April 21.**

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## CALLING ALL CHRIST KIDS AND FRIENDS!

We will have a special Safari Expedition on **Wednesday, April 15 beginning at 3:00 p.m.** for Christ kids. Confirmation & youth group will participate starting at **5:15 p.m.**

Call Amy McKee at 294-3121 for more information.



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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

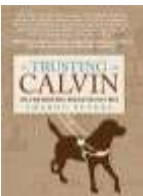


Kidz Summer Escape registration has started. If you have a child/children who would be interested in attending our six week summer long program on Tuesdays and Thursdays from **June 9 – July 16** from 8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m., please consider enrolling them in this fun summer program. Children ages three through 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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## 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 facing a crisis--large or small--and could benefit from the caring presence of 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 or someone you know!**

# 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.

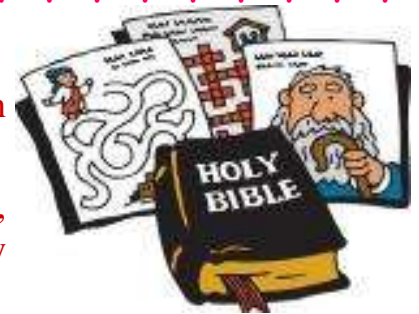
**We hope you will join us in worship, study, and fellowship!**

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## CONNECT WITH US AT SUNDAY SCHOOL!!!

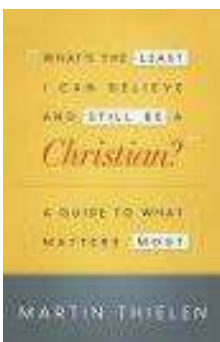
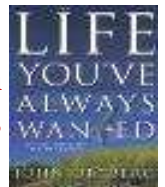
Children ages three and four gather in Room 108 for their own Sunday School time of crafts, snack, Bible lesson, and fun.

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



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 292 bag lunches the week of 3/30/15.

We gave out a total of 1,112 bag lunches in March.

### Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 53 people on 4/4/15.

We fed at total of 337 people

**Return Service Requested**

## GENEROSITY SHOWS THROUGH GIFTS AND SERVICE FOR OUR CELEBRATION OF MAUNDY THURSDAY THROUGH EASTER

100+ People attended our Maundy Thursday Dinner in McLeod Hall prepared by Elmo & Linda's Magical Catering and assisted by 6 Hospitality and Fellowship Committee Members.

Chancel Bell Choir and Chancel Choir led in worship on Maundy Thursday.

Communion was prepared and served by 9 people on Maundy Thursday.

16 Persons came to the chapel for prayer and reflection on Good Friday.

11 Ladies came to decorate our Sanctuary with the 120 Easter Lilies you donated.

5 Men came to prepare our Easter Breakfast assisted by 9 of our Hospitality and Fellowship Committee members.

700 Easter eggs were donated to be found by an estimated 35 of children.

\$2,672 was received for our One Great Hour of Sharing Offering.

**Thanks to your generous gifts and loyal service, we had a wonderful celebration of Holy Week and Easter!**

