



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
WINTER HAVEN

Tower Chimes

Week of April 26, 2015

Issue 540

129 Years of Ministry

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Associate Pastor

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Custodian

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.

The cost for lunch is \$8 and catered by Joyce Snively .

Call the church office at 294-3121 or e-mail to office@firstpreswh.org to reserve a seat at the table.

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GET YOUR RAYS TICKET BEFORE THEY SELL OUT FOR...

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.** The church bus will be full at 15 ballers.



The tickets are Lower Reserved Seats.

Price for ticket is \$25 (up to \$50.00 value)

Deadline to purchase is April 26.



Church calendar

Sunday, April 26

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 27

8:45 a.m. MOM
 10:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl (MH)
 11:30 a.m. PrimeTimers (MH)
 1:30 p.m. Friendship Callers (MCR)

Tuesday, April 28

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 29

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

Thursday, April 30

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

Friday, May 1

8:45 a.m. MOM

Saturday, May 2

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

Remember in Prayer

members

David Alexander	Ed Houston	Earle Roberts
Win Betrus	Camille Howe	Dave Ryan
Guy Bostick	Dorothy Johnson	Dorothy Ryan
Lois Burrell	Dale Keplinger & family	Helene Schulz
Millie Carrier	Mary Ann Koon	Judith Shull
George & Sylvia Chambers	Toni Krieger	Barbara A. Smith
Norma Conner	Dena Lancashire	Alee Swango
Don Dinger	Steve Luxford	Carol Switalski
Jerry Dugger	Elaine Maltese	Chuck Tate
Jana Easterling	Rita Marcacci	Carolyn Thompson
Jeanne Estes	Greg Marrs	Ed Threadgill
Bill & Becky Everhart	Gladys Meier	Ben Tucker
Kathy Girouard	Heidi Van Allen-Munoz	Meg Tucker
Marge Goodman	Joan Murphy	Penn Tucker
Pam Gray	Nancy Neale	Shirley Turner
Pete & Jean Harman	Dee Palmore	Betty von Hahmann
Frances Heath	Liz Purnell	Roy Williamson
Doris Hill	Howard Rambeau	Anne Windham

In the hospital: Jen Perry & John Walter

Family and friends

Stephanie Blanchard	Gale & Gwen Waters' friend
Margaret Boylston	Barbara & John Puckett's friend
Jane Cain	Pam Gray's friend
Teresa Camp	Brian & Jennifer Boyce's friend
Margaret Carswell	Barbara & John Puckett's friend
Katheryn Christie & family	Penn Tucker's friends
Sue Conterno	Marcia Smith's cousin
Jerry Cooley	Susan Singleton, friend
Kelly Coolidge	Marcia Smith's friend
Mary Francis Nettles-Covey	Gene & Carole Marotti's friend
Kay Cunningham	Gale Waters' aunt
Marilyn Dorsey	Carol Carter's sister
Al Ellis	Jim Threlkel's friend
Cecily Faenza	Helen Champlain's niece
Raymond Fenstermaker	Gale & Gwen Waters' grandson
Cailyn Graves	Andrea Cardona, friend
Wayne Harrison	Penn Tuckers friend
Jean Hehn	Ellie Threlkel's friend
Abigail Ining	Rick & Pat Reass' great-niece
Weston Jackson	Lori Roe's friend
Pete Kent	Charley & Nancy Chilton's nephew
Bill & Amy Lewis	Bob & Judy Winfree's friend
Josh Lewis	Lynn Oakley's friend
Lynda & Rick Lewis	Jonathan Owen's friends
Sandy Lewis & family	David & Erin Emry's friends
Nan Mason	Harvey & Mary Ann Snively's daughter
Blain & Cynthia Thompson-McCaleb	Carolyn Thompson's daughter
LaDonna Owen	Jonathan Owen's aunt
Sharon Pettit	Lorretta Traviss' friend
Cal Quessenberry	Ann Quessenberry's husband
Elouise & Ken Seaman	Becky Everhart, friends
Peggy Seigler	Ellie Threlkel's friend
David Smith	Penn Tucker's friend
Rita Tice	Orrin & Helen Champlain's friend



Our Christian sympathy goes to David & Karen Alexander & family upon the death of David's father, Edwin Alexander who died on Thursday, April 17, 2015.



Aaron Ashley	Coree Jones
James E. Baker	Terry Jones, Jr.
Ben Clark	Jackie Jung
Deborah Clark	David Knowles
Nathan Connor	Timothy Lee
Tim Davis	John Marotti
Zach Drum	Kaitlin Marotti
Leah (Doty) Fuscia	Adam McPhail
Eddie Gray	Bradley Mudd
Beau Gresham	Andrew Stapor
Chris Hagen	Keaton Thompson
Daniel Harp	Jacob van Zandt
Sean Harp	

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.

LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP FOR KIDS SUMMER ESCAPE



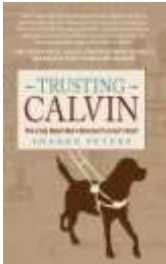
This is your LAST opportunity to register for Kidz Summer Escape!!! We need to know if your child/children will be joining us **BY MAY 1**.

This 6 week long program will meet June 9 – July 16 on Tuesdays and Thursdays from **8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.** All children ages four through kindergarten graduates are invited to attend fun-filled summer program.

The donation is \$170 for the 6 week program. As part of that \$170, we need a \$50 “reserve my spot” by **May 1**.

Please contact Amy McKee for more information at 294-3121 or amckee@firstpreswh.org.

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SAVE THE DATE: OM, OM BOOK DISCUSSION CLUB



Our Odd Month, Odd (3rd) 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 also contact Jonathan Owen by seeing him on Sunday, calling him at 318-994, or e-mailing him at jonathan.owen.cu2r@statefarm.com about ordering a personal copy.

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VBS WILL BE HERE BEFORE YOU KNOW IT

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

We are in need of volunteers for the event. If you’re interested please let Amy McKee know.

All children ages four through fifth grade graduates are invited to attend.

Registration forms are available in the Narthex as well as online at: <https://www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/fpcwh2015>.



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DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS HURTING?

If you know someone--perhaps a friend, neighbor, coworker, or relative--who is going through a difficult time, there's a wonderful way you can help them receive the care and support they need. Tell them about Stephen Ministry! Our Stephen Ministers have received 50 hours of training to provide high quality, confidential, one-to-one, Christian care to hurting people. Stephen Ministers meet weekly with their care receivers to listen, care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support. (Males are matched with males, and females are matched with females.) The caring relationship lasts for as long as the person needs care. It's free, and it's a powerful way you can help a hurting friend.



To learn how to connect someone you know with a Stephen Minister, 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!



Generosity Shows Through Summer Children's Programs at First Presbyterian Church

Just because summertime is quickly approaching doesn't mean our Christian Education programs for children takes a vacation, in fact, it's quite the opposite.

We offer several programs for our children as well as children from the community to participate in.

Kidz Summer Escape is a program which was established at least 12 years ago and includes children ages three through kindergarten graduates. They meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. and each week focus on a fun theme. They enjoy crafts, outdoor play, snacks, movies, and so much more. A donation of \$170 helps to cover the cost of this program, with a \$50 "reserve my spot" due by May 1. We have an amazing group of teachers who provide excellent loving care to the children. Please spread the word about our awesome program!

Our Morning Out Mom Program also meets during the summer, maintaining regular hours except for a few weeks "vacation" in late July and early August. This program is for children walking through age three. Various donation rates help to cover some of the cost of the program. Two amazing caretakers provide a loving and Christian environment for the little ones. New friends are welcome to join us anytime during the year.



**EVERYTHING
IS AWESOME!**

Our Vacation Bible School program is our big summertime fun program for the children of the church. This year the theme is *Everest - Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power*.

We will meet June 14-18 from 6:15-8:30 p.m. The children enjoy music, Bible story, crafts, snacks, games, and movie adventures. Over 60 volunteers are needed during the week to run the various stations and lead the groups. Snacks and craft supplies are donated from the congregation. We typically have around 80 children in attendance each night.

Our Summer Sunday School program also meets during the summer. We typically combine all of the children into one learning class, due to vacation schedules.



Thanks to members and friends of First Presbyterian Church we can provide these summer programs for children. Even with donations for some of the programs, your financial support helps to cover additional resources and items. We are so very blessed and thankful for your support!

MAY

BIRTHDAYS

5/1	Sara Hanks James Koon Sean Lawlor Marjorie Porter Punkin Smith Bo Snively	5/10	Jamie Ann Doty Dean Jackson Jan Wales	5/22	Laura Powell Bonnie Walter Callie Weeks
5/2	Lydia Badnell Lois Frakes Warren Savant Alexander Wales	5/11	Derek Kelley Laura Sparr	5/24	Lil Byrd Larry Marshall Tony Premuto Jim Vobornik Kelly Wilder
5/3	Michele Berger	5/12	Eugene Marotti Jeffrey Powell	5/25	Alison Batista Stan Wagy
5/4	Nancy Ann Fox	5/13	Yolanda Dyer Cheryce Harris Ryan Irvin Les O'Neal	5/26	CarLee Marchetti Ashley Premuto Keith Ray Scott Turner Randy Von Hahmann, Jr.
5/5	Peggy Alloway Nicholas Elmore Maggie Hankin Audrey Kelley Ray Larson Joseph Lawlor Jeri Stewart-Oldt Barbara Tackett Eloise Virgara	5/14	Cindy Chilton Robert Chilton Meredith Lockwood	5/27	Lynda Coppini Tonya Thompson Joe Volpe
5/6	Lana Groetsch Patrick Lockwood Don Martin	5/15	Linda Dinger Kelli Ivey Brad Salomon Martha Seney Sally Upfield	5/28	Jennifer MacDonald Garren Olmert
5/7	Mary Ellen Beale Mark Bostick Hannah Dantzler Lilly Duce Hazel Thomas	5/16	Harry Denlinger	5/29	Jason Bentley Connor Keplinger Mia McCann Joan McCollough Richard Montney, Jr.
5/8	Laura Anne Fitzgerald Carly Stine	5/17	Steven Adams Jacob Linn Kial Irvin Devan Price	5/30	Frank Endres Michael Lawlor Nancy Neale Dillon Powell Anne Windham
5/9	George Butz Thomas Griffis Elizabeth Stewart Ellen Zeller	5/18	Cathy Bentley Shea Irvin	5/31	Kris Dunham Gabe Lastowski Andy Ray Nancy Shaw
5/10	Ann Burch	5/19	Courtney Massam		
		5/20	Ella Boyce Tatum Threadgill Erik Saterbo		
		5/21	Porter Summers Brett Swango		
		5/22	Bill Allen Ethan Endres Chalsey Lockhart		

ANNIVERSARIES

5/1	Bob & Maggie Helmick	5/14	John & Karen Clarke	5/25	Weegie & Cathy Bentley
5/3	Dale & Melody Johnson	5/17	Lee & Pam Wilkinson		Robert & Annette Chilton
	Keith & Jane Ray	5/20	Peter & Lynda Coppini		Charles & Brenda Darte
5/5	Hamp & Diane Plowden		Shawn & Cori Swango		Aaron & Lindsay Thibodaux
5/6	Christopher & Heidi Hook	5/21	Jon & Amy Powell	5/27	Justin & Nicki Hoagland
5/7	Robert & Chelle Doyel	5/22	Patrick & Steffen Bentley	5/30	Joe & Louise Volpe
	Jerry & Jackie Dugger	5/23	Chuck & Ellen Tate	5/31	Bob & Julie Wilson
5/12	David & Stephany Alexander	5/24	Ted & Agnes Harland		
	Brad & Kim Salomon		Paul & Bo Palo		

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.

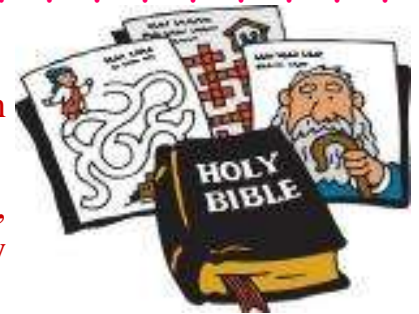
We hope you will join us in worship, study, and fellowship!



CONNECT WITH US AT SUNDAY SCHOOL!!!

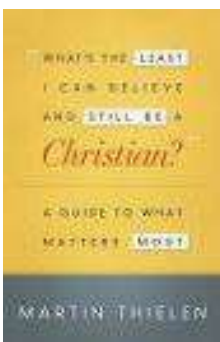
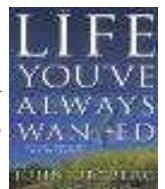
Children ages three and four gather in Room 108 for their own Sunday School time of crafts, snack, Bible lesson, and fun.

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.



Our Purpose Statement

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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 246 bag lunches the week of 4/13/15.

Return Service Requested

Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 95 people on 4/18/15.

FLAMINGOS ARE FLYING

SIGN UP TO FLOCK YOUR FAMILY, FRIENDS, & NEIGHBORS

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