



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

Tower Chimes

Weeks of April 7, 2019

Issue 708

133 Years of Ministry

FIRST SUNDAY FIRST PRES GATHERING This Sunday, April 7



At the **Single 10:00 am Worship Service** you will be able to catch up with all your First Pres friends. The service will feature a unique order of worship with elements from our other services such as: opening songs with our Praise Band, Rooted, a traditional anthem, Sermon, Time with Younger Disciples, and closing music by one of our hand bell groups or ensembles.

At **11:15 am**, we hope you continue fellowship with our First Pres family and friends, with a **Congregation-wide Fellowship Luncheon in McLeod Hall** hosted by our Joy and Lydia Circles.

No reservations requested or required. There will be plenty of food. Any leftovers will be used by our Saturday Soup Kitchen and youth groups.

Please join us for this great day of faith, friendship, and fellowship.

JOIN US IN WORSHIP FOR A LENTEN SERMON SERIES

Who Do You Say That I Am?

A Lenten Journey Through the Names of Our Savior

As we move toward the empty tomb of Easter, we will be considering the names used by Jesus and others in revealing for us who He is as God in human flesh.

Join us on:

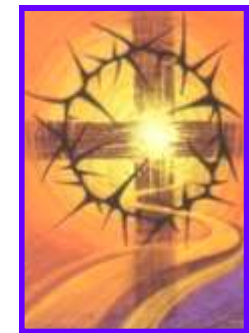
April 7 Son of God
April 14 Lamb of God

Let's let the presence and identity of Jesus to take us deeper each week into fellowship with "God with us."



LENTEN CHAPEL CHATS

Please join Dr. Steve Negley for the last
Lenten Bible tour in our first Chapel Chats.



We meet in the chapel (first floor of the sanctuary building) on Mondays during the season of Lent to look at *One Week in the Life of Our Lord*. The group will be exploring how Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John each tell their unique version of the story of the final week in the life of Jesus.

Bring your Bible and a bag lunch and meet with us over the lunch hour, **11:30 am-12:30 pm**, on the following **Monday, April 8** (John).

We hope to see you here.

Dr. Steven R. Negley
Senior Pastor

Dr. C. Alan Harvey
Associate Pastor

Rev. Sarah A. Bishop
Associate Pastor for
Christian Education and
Family Ministries

Lynn M. McCoy
Director of
Music Ministries

Robin D. Miller
Director of Finance &
Administration

Connie J. Shipley
Administrative Assistant

Rose S. Flynn
Office Assistant

Sammy D. Bryant
Director of Maintenance

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 7 FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT FIRST SUNDAY

- 9:00 am Sunday School (CE)
- 10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:15 am Fellowship Luncheon (MH)
- 4:00 pm Praise Band (Sanctuary)
- 4:00 pm Session/Deacon Retreat (MH)
- 5:30 pm High School Youth Group (GC)

Monday, April 8

- 8:45 am MOM (CE)
- 10:00 am Lydia Circle (MH)
- 11:30 am Chapel Chat (Chapel)
- 5:30 pm Nomination (GR)
- 6:15 pm Youth Director Search (GC)
- 6:30 pm Christian Education (GR)

Tuesday, April 9

- 9:00 am Staff Meeting (MCR)
- 12:00 pm Men's Lunch (MH)
- 6:00 pm Personnel (MCR)

Wednesday, April 10

- 8:45 am MOM (CE)
- 12:00 pm Buildings & Grounds (MH)
- 3:00 pm Christ Kids (CE)
- 4:30 pm MSYG Music (Sanctuary)
- 5:00 pm Confirmation (ER)
- 5:30 pm MSYG (GC)
- 6:00 pm Chancel Bells (MS)
- 7:00 pm Choir (MS)

Thursday, April 11

- 1:15 pm Chapel Bells (MS)

Friday, April 12

- 8:45 am MOM (CE)

Saturday, April 13

- 2:00 pm Soup Kitchen Prep (Kitchen)
- 4:00 pm Soup Kitchen (737)

OUR PASTORS ARE EAGER TO VISIT OUR HOSPITALIZED MEMBERS, BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP



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 our pastors know.

Thank you for helping us stay in touch with the congregation!

Remember in Prayer

MEMBERS

Kathy Andrews	Kay Hedden	Earle Roberts
Bill Brack	Doris Hill	Dave Ryan
Tom Brackett	Bryan Howard	Elsie Savant
Helen Butz	Bob & Isobel	Cash Sheaffer
Helen Champlain	Hubbard	Joyce Shirah
Carl Cheatham	Jim Huff	Barbara H. Smith
Tom Coffman	Martha Johnson	Mary Ann Snively
Charlie Darte	Joey Johnston	Christine Stevens
Yolanda Dyer	John Kissel	Scott Strey
Mike & Jana	Toni Krieger	Jay Tackett
Easterling	Dena Lancashire	Pam Tallent-Blackburn
Dana Elmore	Spike Lucia	Carolyn Thompson
Bill Everhart	Bob McClew	Mike & Jennifer Vibral
John Gray	Joan McCollough	Pat Vobornik
Bob Hancock	Edna Mitchell	Gwen Waters
Jane Hayman	Bev Morris	Retha Wright
Joyce Hayman	Nancy Neale	
Frances Heath	Randall Palmer	

IN THE HOSPITAL: Randall Palmer

Relatives & Friends

Michael Branch	Jeff Bowen's friend
Reese Burdette	Dana Cole's cousin
Katie Carter	Carol & Bob Carter's daughter-in-law
Marge Dorman	Brenda Darte's mother
Al Ellis	Jim Threlkel's friend
Carole & Bob Erikson	Nicole Roe's parents
Ruth Galloway	Kate Eelman's cousin
Mary Gamgeri	Lynn Oakley's friend
Linda Giles	Polly Wilson, Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend
Fred Hallmark	Jim Francis' friend
Pat Harmon	Marile Weeks' friend
Keith Kasunic	Kit Threlkel's friend
Pete Kent	Charley & Nancy Chilton's nephew
Paul Mastronardi	Amy Speer's brother-in-law
Carol Moore	Roger & Marie Able's friend
Bonnie Motts	Marjorie DiLorenzo's friend
Jinny Nguyen	Ruth Dunham's friend
Lettie Lane North	Jean Strang's sister
Bill & Judy Overlock	Kit Threlkel's friends
Jack Phares	Nell Speer's friend
Marcia Sodko	John & Marilyn Schleifer's daughter
Kim Thompson	Marile Weeks' friend
Kristy Turner	Rick & Pat Reass' daughter



MILITARY

Zach Anaya	Daniel Harp
Brenden Anderson	Sean Harp
Christian Anderson	David Knowles
Samuel Crockett	John Marotti
Zach Drum	Mathew Massam
Til Fellows	KaitLin Marotti-Pitts
Robert Ferguson	Ashton Pitts
Stephanie Gillie	Shad Skinner
Eddie Gray	Drew Stapor

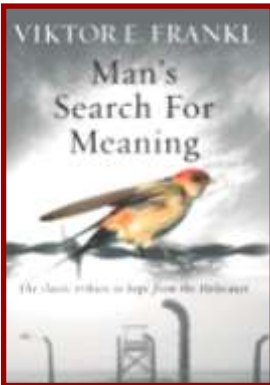
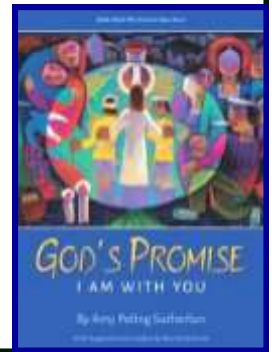
PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN BIBLE STUDY

The Lydia and Joy circles current Bible study: *God's Promise – "I Am with You."*

The Lydia Circle meets on the **2nd Monday** of each month and will meet on **April 8 at 10 a.m.** in the back of McLeod Hall.

The Joy Circle meets on the **3rd Tuesday** of each month and will meet on **April 16 at 9:30 a.m.** at the home of Carol Carter.

The study books are available at a cost of \$10.00. See or call either Sue McClew (875-6176) or Carol Carter (299-4253) to purchase your copy. Both groups are open to any and all women of the church interested in fellowship and Bible study.



NEW PERSPECTIVES SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDY BEGINS APRIL 14

This class will be studying *Man's Search For Meaning*, a book by Dr. Viktor Frankl to guide discussion. Dr. Frankl and his family were sent to a Nazi concentration camp in 1942. There he would experience the death of his pregnant wife, both parents and brother. From that experience, he, as a psychiatrist, focused on human suffering. He reminds us that while we cannot avoid suffering, we can choose how to cope with suffering and even find meaning in the midst of our suffering, while we move forward with renewed purpose. Our own faith will also guide this discussion-oriented class whose shared leadership welcomes you to join them at **9:30 am** in the Geneva Room.

THE LADIES ARE SEWING DRESSES FOR HONDURAS AGAIN

Come join us in the Girl Scout House
the **Second Tuesday** of each month at **noon**.



ALL-CHURCH RETREAT

Living Well: Practicing Christian Ways of Life



Registration is now available for our *All-Church Retreat* at CedarKirk, **Saturday & Sunday, May 18 & 19**. Join your church community for a weekend away as we have conversation, practices and fun practicing Christian ways of living.

Overnight rates start at \$80. There are also day rates available. Please see a brochure for more information and register today! Contact Rev. Sarah with questions or need a brochure at sbishop@firstpreswh.org or 294-3121. You can also download a brochure from our website.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

...is zooming in this summer!

Sunday, June 9 through Thursday, June 13 from 5:30 until 8 pm

At *To Mars and Beyond VBS*, children, and their youth and adult leaders will enjoy interactive, energizing, and Bible-based good times as they explore where God's power can take them! Our voyagers will discover how to serve God and God's mission for their lives. Registration for children, youth, and adult volunteers is on our website!



SOUND BOARD OPERATORS NEEDED

If technology is your thing, we have a place for you in our musical praise!! We are in need of people who would like to learn about our sound system and help during the worship services to make sure all our praise is heard! We will be holding a training session so **contact Lynn at 701-570-1485** and let her know if you are willing to join the Sunday rotation in the sound booth. **PLEASE!!**

2019 EASTER LILY ORDER FORM

It is time to order your Easter lily for **Easter Sunday, April 21**. Easter lilies are a yearly tradition to decorate the church on Easter Sunday.

To purchase a lily “in honor of” or “in memory of” a loved one or friend, please fill out this order form. The cost is \$12 per plant. Checks should be made payable to First Presbyterian Church and marked “Easter Lily Fund”.

Place the order form and check in the offering plate, mail, or take to the church office by **Monday, April 15**. A complete listing will be available Easter Sunday.

The Sanctuary Committee will again remove the yellow stamen from each lily so it will not bother your allergies.

Donor(s): _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Number of plants ordered: _____ Amount Enclosed: \$ _____



I will pick up my lily after the 11:00 am service Easter Sunday.

I would like my lily delivered to a shut-in.

BRIGHT SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 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 8, 2018, 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 this form 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 21***.

Your name: _____ Deceased loved one: _____

Relationship to you: _____

Please join us for this special single service at 10:00 am.



DEAGAN CHIMES UPDATE

We are excited that the Deagan Chimes project is nearing completion! The necessary repairs to the tower including wiring, painting, and screening have been completed. We will soon organize a working crew to haul the 50 pound strikers back up to the tower. The original chimes keyboard has been beautifully restored and will be ready for live concerts. The restoration project includes a roll cabinet that will allow us to also program a set time, day, and song. **Stay tuned!**



KEYBOARD-BEFORE



AFTER



STRIKERS HOUSING



STRIKERS-BEFORE



STRIKERS-AFTER



ROLE CABINET



When "Pull Yourself Together" Doesn't Work!

You've heard it time and time again: "Pull yourself together; Cheer up; Tough it out; It's not that bad." Perhaps people have said it to you. Or perhaps you keep saying it to yourself. But it hasn't helped. You are still hurting. Things are coming apart, not coming together.

Here's the good news: You don't have to go through your struggles alone. Help is available. 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 for yourself or someone you know call **Susan Singleton at 318-9208**. Or you can talk with one of our other Stephen Leaders: **Alan Harvey, Mary Marrs, Steve Negley, Barbara Perkins, or Jean Strang**.

WE HAVE AN EXTRA WAY OF GIVING!

Here are a few ways to access this new option:

- Go to our Church website at www.firstpreswh.org and click on **give** (top right), you will be re-directed to <https://app.securegive.com/firstpreswh> or you can go directly to the SecureGive website, <https://app.securegive.com/firstpreswh>
- First time users will click on sign-up
- Complete all fields and click the blue sign-up box ** password must be a minimum of 8 characters, including numbers and uppercase and lowercase letters.
- Click donate
- Choose your donation option, under special offering you will enter your special request, i.e. pastor fund, butterfly etc
- Choose one time or recurring
- Enter card information (if you choose to save your information the next time you login the information will be there and make giving much easier)
- Submit (this is where you will add your additional message if needed)
- You will receive an email confirmation of your giving for your records



There's also an APP for that!

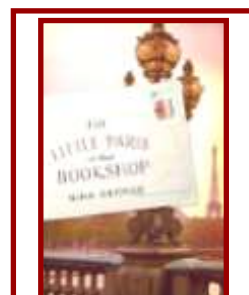
- Simply go to your App store and download the free **SecureGive Vision** (you must type in SecureGive Vision) app and follow the prompts on each screen. Once you login or create an account you will be prompted to search for First Presbyterian church by name, city and/or state, follow the steps and enter the amount you wish to donate and the designation, one-time or recurring and then enter your card information.

Robin Miller is available to assist you during office hours at 863-294-3121 or email rmiller@firstpreswh.org.

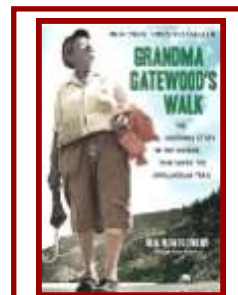
UP-COMING ODD MONTH THIRD THURSDAY AT 3 OMTT3 BOOK CLUB



May 16
The Last Castle
House
by Denise
Kiernan



July 18
*The Little Paris
Bookshop*
by Nina George



September 19
*Grandma
Gatewood's
Walk*
by Ben
Montgomery



November 21
*Christmas A
Biography*
By Judith
Flanders

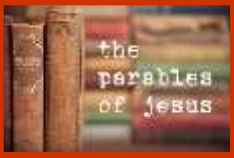
SUNDAY SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES!

Children's Sunday School for PreSchoolers through 5th grade happening in the CE Building, **9:30 am (9 am on the First Sunday.)** Our children will activate faith with *Spark Lectionary* curriculum. Each class will engage the Biblical story of the day through creative, hands-on activities, interactive games, and crafts. Sunday School for preschoolers and kindergartners will meet in Room 101. Our elementary students will meet after music in Room 206. Sunday School ends at 10:30 am



First Sundays – Sunday School at **9 am** and sharing musical talents in worship at **10 am**.

Adult Educational Opportunities – Sunday mornings and more!

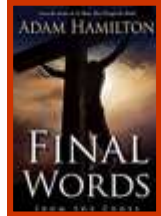


Perspectives Sunday School Class – 9:30am in the Geneva Room

This discussion-based class is guided by Dr. Kenneth Bailey's lectures on the Parables of Jesus. Join us for this engaging class at **9:30 am** in the Geneva Room.

Final Words From the Cross

This Sunday School Class is a book and video based study that explores the seven statements that Jesus spoke from the cross and the meaning of Jesus' dying words for our lives today. Study books are \$10 and available in the church office or classroom. Please join us **Sunday mornings at 9:30 am**, in CE 207.



THE 2019 SANCTUARY FLOWER CALENDARS UP IN THE NARTHEX

SIGN UP FOR YOUR IMPORTANTS DATES

Please remember these important points:

- * Include your best contact number.
- * Include the name of your florist.
- * Tell your florist that the arrangement **must** be here by **Friday, 12 pm**

TEXT TO GIVE

1. Donor texts the keyword and amount (ex. Tithe 100 –**There must be a space between the keyword and amount**) to the number that is assigned to your organization. (If only an amount is texted without a keyword, the funds will go to a default category- unless you are using the short code- there is no default category on the short code.)
2. First time text donors receive a text with a link to sign into their SecureGive account or create a new one.
3. Donor signs in or creates an account and saves a default payment method to be used for text giving.
4. When this is complete, donor receives a confirmation that their first text donation has been processed. They will also receive an email receipt.



The next time the donor would like to give by text, they simply type the keyword and amount and will receive a request to confirm with Y. After replying, they will receive a text confirmation that their donation was processed and will receive an email receipt.

****We recommend that the donor save your organization's text number as a contact in their phone for future use****

****Donors can text a question mark “?” to be sent helpful tips.**

****Donors can text STOP to de-activate text giving from their phone. If they have texted STOP at any point, they must text START to get re-started.**

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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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Return Service Requested

Bag Lunch Ministry

We gave out 274 bag lunches
the week of 3/25/19.

We gave out 878 bag lunches
in March 2019.

Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 90 people on 3/30/19.

We fed 426 in March 2019.

MAUNDY THURSDAY DINNER IS APRIL 18 AT 5:30 P.M.

**Family Style Menu: beef stew with vegetables, salad, dessert, coffee, tea, & lemonade.
And for kids: chicken nuggets and macaroni and cheese.**

Cost: \$10.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children ages 5 – 10. Children 4 and under eat for free. Please do not prepay. We will collect at the door.

Please RSVP for Maundy Thursday by **Monday, April 15**, by calling the church office at 294-3121, emailing to office@firstpreswh.org, or filling out this attachment and putting in the offering plate.

Name: _____ # of Adults: _____ # of Children: _____



DONATIONS FOR EASTER EGG HUNT NOW BEING COLLECTED

Our celebration of Christ's resurrection with a children's Easter Egg Hunt will be happening on **Easter Sunday, April 21 at 10:30 am**. But we need your help! Please drop eggs stuffed with individually wrapped candy and small prizes in the marked bins around the church. Unfortunately, we **cannot** accept chocolate with this FL heat. And don't forget your Easter basket and camera for a wonderful morning when we hide and hunt for the eggs.

EASTER BREAKFAST

Sunday, April 21 at 9:15: - 10:45 a.m.

Menu: Scrambled eggs, bacon, biscuits, sausage gravy, cereal, doughnuts, coffee, orange juice, and milk

A suggested donation of \$4 per adult and \$2 per child is, thankfully, accepted at the door.

Please RSVP for Easter Breakfast by **Monday, April 21**, by calling the church office at 294-3121, emailing to office@firstpreswh.org, or filling out this attachment and putting in the offering plate.

Name: _____ # of Adults: _____ # of Children: _____

