



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

Tower Chimes

Weeks of April 21, 2019

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133 Years of Ministry

PLEASE JOIN US EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 21 WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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Office Assistant

Sammy D. Bryant
Director of Maintenance

Sunrise Service at MLK Park: 6:30 am
Chapel Worship: 8:00 am
Heart of Worship: 9:15 am
Worship: 11:00 am



EASTER BREAKFAST 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.

ATTENTION CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES Easter Egg Hunt at 10:30 am

Children and their families are encouraged to join Rev. Sarah on the Education Building front steps at **10:25 am** before dismissal for the Easter Egg Hunt. There will be separated areas so our youngest hunters are safe! Be sure to wear your Sunday best and bring a basket for a great time. Families are welcome to bring their cameras!



DONATIONS FOR EASTER EGG HUNT ARE STILL BEING COLLECTED

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 Florida heat.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Remember Easter is when we participate with other congregations around the world in the **One Great Hour of Sharing Offering**. Our gifts provide relief to those affected by natural disasters (through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance), provide food to the hungry, and assist in helping to empower the poor and oppressed. Envelopes are available in the pew pockets.



OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

**Sunday, April 21
EASTER**

3 Cents-a-Meal

- 8:00 am Chapel Worship
- 9:15 am Breakfast (MH)
- 9:15 am Heart of Worship (Sanctuary)
- 10:25 am Easter Egg Hunt (Playground)
- 11:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 5:30 pm High School Youth Group (GC)

Monday, April 22

- 8:45 am MOM (CE)
- 10:00 am Prayer Shawl (MH)
- 6:15 pm Youth Director Search (GC)

Tuesday, April 23

- 9:00 am Staff Meeting (MCR)
- 12:00 pm Men's Lunch (MH)
- 12:00 pm Finance (UR)
- 5:15 pm Stephen Minister Leaders (MH)
- 6:15 pm Worship & Music (UR)
- 6:30 pm Stephen Ministers (MH)

Wednesday, April 24

- 8:45 am MOM (CE)
- 3:00 pm Christ Kids (CE)
- 4:30 pm MSYG Music (Sanctuary)
- 5:00 pm Confirmation (ER)
- 5:30 pm MSYG (GC)
- 5:30 pm Community Outreach (MCR)
- 6:00 pm Confirmation Supper (MH)
- 6:00 pm Adult Bible Study (MCR)
- 6:00 pm Chancel Bells (MS)
- 7:00 pm Choir (MS)

Thursday, April 25

- 1:15 pm Chapel Bells (MS)

Friday, April 26

- 8:45 am MOM (CE)

Saturday, April 27

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



Our Christian sympathy goes to Kathy, Scott, Alexander, & Warren Girouard upon the death of their mother & grandmother, Elsie Savant who died Tuesday, April 2, 2019

Remember in Prayer

MEMBERS

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

Relatives & Friends

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| Jim Berry | Bo Palo's father |
| Michael Branch | Jeff Bowen's friend |
| Reese Burdette | Dana Cole's cousin |
| Katie Carter | Carol & Bob Carter's daughter-in-law |
| 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 |
| Jay & Gail Jones | Mary Marrs' 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 |
| Tom Polak | Wade & Sandy Hoffman's friend |
| Sandy Schwenk | Zane Schwenk's mother |
| Marcia Sodko | John & Marilyn Schleifer's daughter |
| Kim Thompson | Marile Weeks' friend |
| Kristy Turner | Rick & Pat Reass' daughter |
| Cayce Whitlock | Lynn Oakley's friend |

MILITARY

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| 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 |



FunTimers - APRIL MEMO:

WHAT: WH Library- guided tour and lunch at Richard's Fine Coffees
WHEN: Monday, April 22
TIME: 10:00 am at FPC to ride the bus/van OR 10:15 am at the library if you choose to self-drive.



We will have a personally guided tour of the library and a Q&A session to get answers to your questions about all the services provided by the library. Lunch will follow at Richard's, the adjacent restaurant.

A sign-up sheet for the trip and a menu for the restaurant will be in McLeod Hall.
Or you can sign-up using the form below-

Name _____ # attending: _____

Will you be riding the church bus/van? _____ OR Will you meet us at the library? _____



3 CENTS-A-MEAL

We will collect the 3 Cents-a-Meal Hunger Offering during our three worship services **Sunday, April 21**. This offering is divided between our Soup Kitchen/Bag Lunch Ministry, Beth-El Farm-workers Ministry, and Honduras.



WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP DELIVER EASTER LILIES?

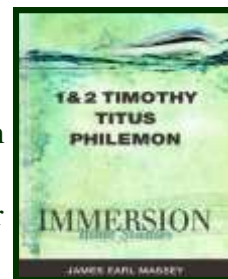


Come to McLeod Hall **Monday, April 22** after 10 am to pick up the plants and names of shut-ins receiving them.
You may deliver as many as you would like. **Your help is appreciated.**

RETURNING WEDNESDAY NIGHTS IMMERSION BIBLE STUDY

We'll be diving deep into scripture with Paul's letters - 1 & 2 Timothy, Titus, and Philemon starting **Wednesday, April 24**. Meeting in McCleod Hall at **6:00 pm**.

Books are \$10.00 and will be available soon! Contact Rev. Sarah to join us at 294-3121 or sbishop@firstpreswh.org



LAST CALL ~ 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.



SPRING RING

Hand Bell ringers from four area churches will be in concert on **Sunday, April 28 at 4 pm** here at First Presbyterian Church Winter Haven. The FPC/WH Chapel and Chancel Bell Choirs will perform "I Will Arise and Go To Jesus" played by 20 ringers. In addition, three hand bell choirs from other churches: Beymer Methodist, the Church of the Good Shepherd Episcopal and First Presbyterian Church Haines City will perform individually. The concert finale will feature the combined group of about 50 musicians on bells and chimes in a performance of "Guide Me Thou Great Jehovah" arranged by Michael Helman. The program is free and the public is invited.



Following the concert a reception will be held in the church's Memorial Garden. The reception will include the playing of FPC's almost century-old Deagan Tower Chimes which were installed in the Bell Tower in 1926. The chimes have been silent for many years and have just recently been restored. This will be their first concert since the rehab was completed.

Family-Style Dinner

May 10th
6:15pm

Let **First Pres.** take care of dinner for your family!

An invitation for First Pres. children, youth, their families and those interested in building community within our church, are invited to dinner. There will be conversation and reflection on how First Pres. can build deeper faith and stronger community with new ideas and programs for you, your family and church community.

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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!!**

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!



JOIN US ON SUNDAYS!!!

8:00 am Chapel Worship

A traditional worship service held in our chapel. The service follows the same order as the 11:00 am worship, but does not have a Chancel Choir. Musical ensembles will offer special music on many Sundays. *A Time with Younger Disciples* will be included when we have children in attendance.

9:15 - 10:15 am Heart of Worship

A Praise and Worship service held in our sanctuary. Along with scripture, sermon, and prayers, a praise band will help the congregation in adoring and showing reverence to God. Following the *Time with Younger Disciples*, children will be invited to join Ms. Lynn in music and then to join in their own Children's Sunday School Classes.



11:00 am Sanctuary Worship

A traditional worship service held in our sanctuary. The service follows the same order as the 8:00 am Chapel Service, and includes music from the Chancel Choir and the organ, as well as other instruments and groups.



DON'T MISS THE CONNECTION 9:15-10:45 AM

This fellowship time in McLeod Hall offers a coffee bar type selection with different flavored creamers, pastries, etc. It is a gathering place before or between worship and Sunday School for some folks.

SUNDAY SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES!

Easter Sunday – April 21st – NO Sunday School

There will be no Sunday School on **Easter Sunday, April 21**. Please join your First Pres family at the community breakfast in McCleod Hall or join us in one of our three worship services that Sunday.

Bright Sunday – April 28 – Sunday School at 9am

Children and Adult Sunday School will be at **9 am** on Bright Sunday with one worship service at **10 am**.

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**.

NEW PERSPECTIVES SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDY HAS BEGUN



This class is 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 us at **9:30 am** in the Geneva Room.

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 201 bag lunches
the week of 4/8/19.

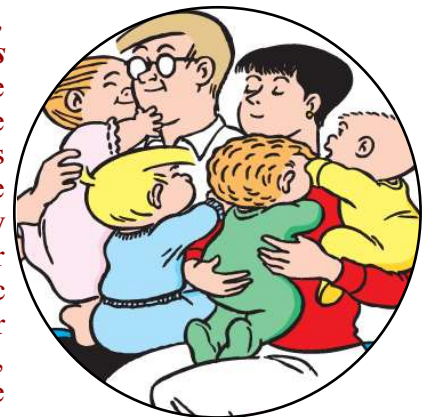
Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 107 people on 4/13/19.

Return Service Requested

ANNOUNCING THE THEME OF BRIGHT SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2019!

Having received permission from Jeff Keane, cartoonist of *The Family Circus*, the theme of this year's Bright Sunday celebration is: ***Comics Alive! Saints Alive!*** Bil Keane began the single panel comic strip in February 1960. Some years before Bil's death in 2011, his son Jeff began assisting his father with the strip. The strip is known for its gentle humor and emphasizes on family values and religious faith. So, on our 21st anniversary of Bright Sunday we give thanks Bil and Jeff Keane and *The Family Circus* for the entertainment they have brought us for fifty-nine years! We hope you will come and join us for this year's Bright Sunday service at **10 am on April 28** as we bring the comic strip to life. Wear your most colorful clothes! Got clothes that date back to or reminiscent of the 1960s, then wear them. Come prepared to chuckle, giggle, laugh, and smile! Please bring a flower or two to adorn our wood cross in the narthex. Come and see the release of the butterflies at the close of the service!



Bright Sunday Budding Cartoonists Contest for Adults and Youth

Those who have followed Bil and Jeff Keane's *The Family Circus* know that Billy gives his dad Father's Day off and he fills in for him that week. You are asked to color the panels using crayons or colored pencils and write captions for them as well. This contest is open for Youth age kindergarten through 5th grade, 6th through 12th grade, and adults (age 19 and up). Entry forms are available in the narthex outside the library and on the table in the hallway on the first floor of the Christian Education building. Entries must be turned into the office by **Monday, April 22 at 5 pm**. Prizes will be awarded in all age groups on Bright Sunday.