



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

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134 Years of Ministry

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“PINT-SIZE” FUNTIMERS AT GROVE ROOTS FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 6:30 PM

The “Pint-size” Funtimers will be relaxing on the lawn at *Grove Roots Brewing Company* for their February event! Enjoy a meal at the food truck and challenge a friend to a game of cornhole.

Any and all are welcome to stop by for our February Third Friday event! Questions? Contact Rev. Sarah at 294-3121 or sbishop@firstpreswh.org.



WE HAVE A SPECIAL VISITOR COMING!!!

First Pres is honored to welcome the **Rev. Cindy Kohlmann**, Co-Moderator of the 223rd General Assembly (2018) of the Presbyterian Church (USA) to our church on **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23**.

Rev. Kohlmann serves as the resource presbyter for the Presbyteries of Boston and northern New England. In her service to the church as Co-Moderator, she also travels the country connecting the Presbyterian Church and encouraging congregations and God’s children in following our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Rev. Kohlmann is speaking at the stated meeting of the Presbytery of Tampa Bay on Thursday, February 20, helping commission our own **Hadley Owen** and the other commissioners to the 224th General Assembly (2020, Baltimore). She will be visiting in our area later in the week, and then preaching here in Winter Haven on Sunday. Her text will be from Matthew, chapter 25, and Rev. Kohlmann will help us explore the PCUSA’s new Matthew 25 Initiative.

We will hold a **SINGLE WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10:30 AM**. Please plan to join us for this special day of worship and service!



OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, February 23

- 9:15 am Connection (MH)
- 9:30 am Sunday School-Children/Adults (CE)
- 10:30 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:30 am Reception (MH)
- 5:30 pm HSYG (GC)

Monday, February 24

- 8:45 am MOM (CE)
- 10:30 am Prayer Shawl (MH)
- 6:00 pm Financial Peace (ER)

Tuesday, February 25 SHROVE TUESDAY

- 9:00 am Staff Meeting (MCR)
- 12:00 pm Men's Lunch (MH)
- 4:00 pm Music Director Search (MCR)
- 5:00 pm Stephen Minister Leaders (ER)
- 5:30 pm Pancake Supper (MH)
- 6:00 pm Stephen Ministers (ER)
- 7:00 pm Worship & Music (UR)

Wednesday, February 26 ASH WEDNESDAY

- 8:45 am MOM (CE)
- 3:00 pm Christ Kids (CE)
- 5:00 pm Confirmation (GC)
- 5:30 pm Middle School Youth Group (GC)
- 6:00 pm Chancel Bells (MS)
- 6:30 pm Worship (Sanctuary)
- 7:00 pm Choir (MS)

Thursday, February 27

- 12:00 pm Chapel Bells (MS)

Friday, February 28

- 8:45 am MOM (CE)
- 6:30 pm Praise Band (Sanctuary)

Saturday, February 29

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

Remember in Prayer

MEMBERS

Melvin & Debbie Anderson	Kay Hedden	John Schleifer
Kathy Andrews	Doris Hill	Zane Schwenk
Orrin & Helen Champlain	Bryan Howard	George Seagreaves
Carl Cheatham	Isobel Hubbard	Cash Sheaffer
Charlie Darte	Jim Huff	Bob Sheffield
Marjorie DiLorenzo	Martha Johnson	Joyce Shirah
Yolanda Dyer	Bill Johnston	Barbara H. Smith
Jana Easterling	John Kissel	Dale Smith
Dana Elmore	Dena Lancashire	Joel Smith
Bill Everhart	Eric Lindstrom	Christine Stevens
Jim Francis	Spike Lucia	Pam Tallent-Blackburn
John Gray	Pat McCarty	Carolyn Thompson
Jane Hayman	Bob McClew	Ellie Threlkel
Joyce Hayman	Edna Mitchell	Mike Vibral
Frances Heath	Nancy Neale	Joe Volpe
	Jackie Pinckney	Gwen Waters
	Barbara Roberts	Sug Zowarka

Relatives & Friends

Bruce Bachman	Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend
Jose Cruz & family	George Butz' friends
Steve Dobler	Rich Dobler's brother
Jean Ann & Blake Doyle	Ben & Judy Tucker
Susan Ott-Driggers	Sharon Ott's sister
Susie Fisher	Rob Donaldy and Becky Everhart's cousin
Christy Hemenway	Bob & Lisa Endres' friend
Kate Hurd & family	Kathy Cheatham's friend
John Kluberg	Nancy Dobler's brother
Rick Marshall	Candy Marshall's brother-in-law
Carol Moore	Roger & Marie Able's friend
Marlys Regan	Roger & Marie Able's friend
Dianne Remus	Sandy Hoffman's friend
Sydney Alexis Rich	Bill & Becky Everhart's friend
Toni Shaw	Candy Marshall's friend
Deborah Strother	Sandy Hoffman's friend
Jordyne Taylor	Candy Marshall's friend
Ben & Cheryl Tillman	Loretta Smith's friend
Patricia Timmerman	Orrin & Helen Champlain's friend
Penni Tinsley	Tom & Jeri Oldt's friend
Marcia Vander Veen	Roger & Marie Able's friend

MILITARY



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

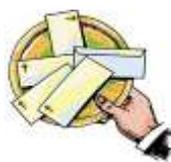
OUR PASTORS ARE EAGER TO VISIT OUR HOSPITALIZED MEMBERS, BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP

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!**

HOW MANY OFFERING ENVELOPES WOULD YOU LIKE?



We are custom printing our offering envelopes this year. If you would like to have envelopes and have not received them yet, please contact Rose in the church office at 294-3121 or rflynn@firstpreswh.org.

NEXT PRAYER SHAWL MEETING IS FEBRUARY 24

A big thank you is being given to all of you who have been busy knitting and crocheting items for our prayer shawl ministry. Your time and talents have given comfort to many people. The scarves that have been created during the services have disappeared during our recent cold spells and we could really use some more. If you take a project home after the service, please don't forget to return the crochet hooks and knitting needles so that more kits can be put out.

The prayer shawl closet has been organized and there are shelves full of yarn for new projects. We could really use some lap robes as they are especially nice for male recipients. Please come and join us on the 4th Monday of each month at **10 am** in McLeod Hall to knit/crochet together and make new friends. We would love to have you.

Call the church office at 294-3121 if you have questions.



FUNTIMERS - MARCH EVENT

The Wonderful World of Harmony, is a Barbershop Harmony Show on **Sunday, March 8 at 2:30 pm** at Polk State College Theatre, Winter Haven.

Tickets are on sale at a group rate of \$20 each. Sign up in McLeod Hall at the FunTimers display. Dick Shaw will deliver your tickets. Any questions – call Dick at 863-258-9233. Plan to meet us there.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN BIBLE STUDY

The Lydia and Joy circles current Bible Study is:
“Love Carved in Stone” – A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments.

The Lydia Circle meets on the **2nd Monday** of each month and will meet on **March 9 at 10 am** in the back of McLeod Hall.

The Joy Circle meets on the **3rd Tuesday** of each month and will meet on **March 17 at 9:30 am** at the home of Carol Carter.

The study books are available at a cost of \$10. See either Sue McClew or Carol Carter, or come by the church office to purchase your copy. Our group is open to any and all women of the church interested in fellowship and Bible study.



SEWING FOR HONDURAS

Sewing for Honduras ladies are busy sewing dresses and backpacks. The next sewing day will be **Wednesday, March 11 at 10 am** in the Girl Scout House.



They are in need of donations of the following items you might have at home:

- Dritz 1/2” Non-roll elastic
- White and beige thread
- 32 ply Macramé cord (black preferred) to be used as drawstrings for the backpacks
- Double –fold bias tape of any color

All of these items are also available at JoAnn Fabrics and have online coupons to help save money. Donations are being accepted at the church office.

In the meantime, if you are curious or slightly interested and would like to see the patterns, materials, have a suggestion, or want to get started, please contact Sharon Mitchell 419-332-5268.

2020 CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE

Did you miss getting your picture taken for the 2020 First Pres Pictorial Directory?

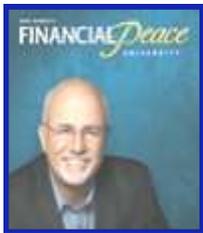
We have noticed several people missing who were pictured in the 2016 directory when compared with the roster of persons who were photographed in December 2019 and February 2020. Thus far, for the 2020 Directory we have had 135 photos taken compared to 240 for the 2016 Directory.

Would you still like to have your photo included in the new directory? If your answer is "Yes!" and if there is enough interest, we are trying to schedule a make up day.

Please call the church office at 294-3121 or Toni Barger at 914-715-1734 and let them know you would like another opportunity to be photographed. Also, please indicate what day works best for you: Tuesday, Saturday, or either one.



We really would like as many photos as possible in our 2020 First Pres Pictorial Directory.



DAVE RAMSEY'S FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

Take control of your money with *Financial Peace University* (FPU)! This nine-lesson course uses biblical wisdom and common sense to help you tackle budgeting, pay off debt, and make your money work for you! FPU includes your member workbook and a year of free online resources through Financial Peace Membership. You can register now at fpu.com/1106335/. Join us **Mondays at 6 pm** in the Edinbough Room.



CHRIST KIDS

Christ Kids – our faith-filled and safe after-school program for children 4 years through 5th grade meets **Wednesdays at 3 pm**. Permission slips for families are on the church website, so spread the word and don't forget to join us as an Adult Volunteer! Questions? Contact Rev. Sarah via calling the church office at 294-3121 or emailing sbishop@firstpreswh.org.



NAME TAG ORDER FORM

"My Go By" First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address/City/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Can we text you? Yes [] No []

We are requesting your address, phone and e-mail in order to update church files.

OPTIONAL: "Conversation Starters"-The space on the name tag has room for three additional items. Please fill in the appropriate information by one or more items below:

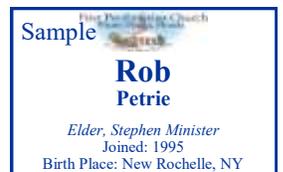
Birthday-Month/day: _____ Birthplace/Hometown: _____

Year joined First Pres: _____ Sunday School teacher (class): _____

Deacon? [] Elder? [] Choir? [] Stephen Minister? []

Member of _____ Circle. Member of _____ Committee

Other: _____



YOUTH FELLOWSHIP GATHERINGS

Middle School Youth meets on **Wednesday evenings, from 5:30 – 7:30 pm**. Join our leaders and sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students as we enjoy time of food (we always have a meal), fun, and faith. Feel free to invite your friends to come along too.

High School Youth, our ninth, tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grade young people along with leaders gather on **Sunday evenings (5:30 – 7:30 pm)** to share food, Christian fellowship, and service. Come check us out and watch your walk with Jesus deepen.

Both groups meet in the Golden Student Center (711 Sixth Street, NW).



A SUPER, SOUPER BOWL OF CARING SUNDAY

From the dollars dropped into the soup pots following worship, to the energetic fans and players at our annual Upstarts vs. Geezers flag football game, we had a super Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday.

Who won? The hundreds of people who will be fed as a result of a super day.

\$1,228 was collected in cash and 75 canned goods were donated. The entire collection will be used in the Feeding the Hungry Ministries here at First Pres. What was collected will fully fund the food for our Saturday Soup kitchen for an entire month AND buy the food for two week's worth of bag lunches for our daily Bag Lunch Ministry!

Thank you, youth and adults, for talking hunger in such a super way.



A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL AT OUR ANNUAL TALENT SHOW

On behalf of the church youth program we would like to express our gratitude for your support toward our talent show. Someone once said "it is better to give than to receive" and we believe this is true when we look at your willingness to contribute to the future of both our church and youth program. Through your generous donations we raised **\$1,023** at the talent show and this will be used in the most efficient ways to benefit the youth in our program. Thank you!



SPRING AND SUMMER EVENTS MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!

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 12 at 10:30 am**. But we need your help! Please drop individually wrapped candy in the marked bins around the church. Unfortunately, we cannot accept chocolate with this Florida heat. Look for the baskets in McLeod Hall to drop off your donations.



And don't forget your Easter basket and camera for a wonderful morning when we hide and hunt for the eggs.

All-Church Retreat May 2-3 at CedarKirk

Registration and this year's theme to be announced soon. But plan on joining us for a relaxing weekend away in the pines. All types of families and individuals are invited to join us.

Vacation Bible School: June 14-18

Knights of North Castle: Quest for the King's Armor



This summer, our brave knights will grow in their strength of the Lord and His power at *Knights of North Castle: Quest for the King's Armor* Vacation Bible School starting **June 14 through the 18th**. So mark your calendar now to help kids take up the gauntlet and accept the challenge to "armor up" and be strong by remaining with God and sharing God's love to the world! Registration for volunteers and kids just around the corner.

Cedarkirk Summer Camp Registration is Open

Registration for Cedarkirk's 2020 Summer Camps is open! Whether you are in first grade or high school, a family with young children or a grandparent seeking time with your grandchild, Cedarkirk's summer programs have something for you.



Cedarkirk offers camps for all ages and stages of life, emphasizing opportunities for fun, community-building, and spiritual growth in a beautiful, natural environment. To ensure your choice of programs, pick up a brochure in the church office or visit www.cedarkirk.org today. If you have any questions, please contact the camp office at camps@cedarkirk.org or 813-685-4224x2

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 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.

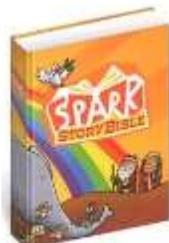
DON'T MISS THE CONNECTION 9:15-10:45 AM

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 FOR ALL AGES CHILDREN & ADULTS: 9:30 - 10:30 AM

FOR THE CHILDREN



SPARK Sunday School will begin for our children (PreK-5th grade) and will be sparking faith after the *Time With Younger Disciples* in the Heart of Worship service. PreK-K will be meeting in Room 101 and 1st through 5th grades in Room 206. Don't forget they will also be doing music with Ms. Lynn before their respective classes and ART on the third Sunday. Sunday School ends at 10:30 am.

Can't make it to church? Your family can activate faith with God's Word by connecting with the stories at home with our Spark home sheets and buying a copy of the Story Bible at www.weareSparkhouse.org.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

PERSPECTIVE

The Adult Perspectives Class will start a seven Sunday DVD/discussion series on **January 12** titled *Honoring Creation* where we will interact with seven acclaimed scholars, theologians and authors exploring what is next for Christianity. We will ponder what our response to God's creation might look like for ourselves and others in the 21st century. The focus of this session is: *Restoring Our Relationship With the Divine*. This class meets at **9:30 am** in the Geneva Room.



SOUND BOARD OPERATORS WANTED

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

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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.

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Bag Lunch Ministry

We gave out 172 bag lunches
the week of 2/10/20.

Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 92 people on 2/15/20.

Return Service Requested



SHROVE TUESDAY-PANCAKE SUPPER TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 5:30 PM

As we enter the Lenten season, we first need to use up all our syrup! I mean, First Pres must do a little celebrating and use up the eggs and sugar as we enter the 40 days of Lent with a Pancake supper. Kids, bring your best spatula and apron to try your hand at pancake flipping! Our special cooks invite YOU for a pancake, eggs, and sausage dinner starting at **5:30 pm** in McCleod Hall. Happy Mardi Gras!

JOIN US FOR ASH WEDNESDAY February 26 at 6:30 pm

In the service outlined for Ash Wednesday in the Book of Common worship, the pastor is invited to make this statement:

Friends in Christ, every year at the time of the Christian Passover (Easter) we celebrate our redemption through the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Lent is a time to prepare for this celebration and to renew our lives in this holy mystery. We begin this season by acknowledging our need for repentance, and for the mercy and forgiveness proclaimed in the gospel of Jesus Christ. We begin our journey to Easter with the sign of ashes. This ancient sign speaks of the frailty and uncertainty of human life, and mark the penitence of this community.



We hope you will join your friends in Christ at our Ash Wednesday service, on **February 26 at 6:30 pm** in the sanctuary. You will hear the Word proclaimed, and have the opportunity to be marked with ashes as you begin your own Lenten journey to the empty cross.