



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

Tower Chimes

Week of May 2, 2021

Issue 815

135 Years of Ministry

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LET'S PLANT!



Buildings and Grounds Committee is dedicated to the upkeep and appearance of our church facility.

We are putting together a planting day, **Wednesday, May 12**, to add some new shrubbery around First Pres.

Please call the church office at 863-294-3121 to put your name on the list.

ALL-CHURCH RETREAT AT CEDARKIRK MAY 15 FROM 9 AM TO 8 PM

Join your church family for a day at **Cedarkirk Camp and Conference Center** as we meet **God in the High Places, Mountain Top Moments**. Registration is now open and you can sign-up by grabbing a brochure from the narthex or visiting the church website.

For \$85 (a family) or \$30 (individual), we'll enjoy outside meals, faith-strengthening Biblical explorations, hike or swim, and even a group game together. Don't forget a meaningful worship under the pines, music, and communion. See the All-Church Retreat brochure for more information or contact Rev. Sarah, sbishop@firstpreswh.org.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 6-10 FROM 5:30 TO 8:00 PM

Save the date for this summer's Vacation Bible School where fearless kids shine God's light at Crocodile Dock! Each night we'll gather dock-side for music, crafts, snacks, games, and of course, engaging, fearless Bible stories!

We'll be needing YOUR help to prepare from supplies drives, volunteering to decorate, and joining us that week as a volunteer. Registration will be opening soon! Questions? Contact Rev. Sarah, sbishop@firstpreswh.org or (863)294-3121.



Opportunities This Week

Remember in Prayer

Sunday, May 2

- 9:00 am Heart of Worship (Sanctuary/Facebook Live)
- 9:25 am Children's Sunday School (CE)
- 10:20 am Adult Bible Study (MH/Zoom)
- 11:00 am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary/Facebook Live)
- 5:30 pm High School Youth Group (GC)

Monday, May 3

- 8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CE)
- 6:00 pm Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (MH/Zoom)

Tuesday, May 4

- 9:00 am Staff Meeting (MH)
- 12:00 pm Men's Lunch (MH/Zoom)
- 5:30 pm SM Training (UR)
- 6:30 pm Session (MH/Zoom)

Wednesday, May 5

- 8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CE)
- 10:00 am Adult Bible Study (MH/Zoom)
- 4:00 pm Christ Kids (CE)
- 5:00 pm Confirmation Class (GC/737)
- 5:30 pm Middle School Youth Group (GC)
- 6:00 pm Chancel Bells (MS)
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)

Thursday, May 6

PRESBYTERY MEETING

- 1:15 pm Chapel Bells (MS)

Friday, May 7

- 8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CE)

Saturday, May 8

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

COME JOIN OUR MUSIC MINISTRY

Rehearsals for Chancel Choir, Chancel Bells, and Chapel Bells are in full swing here at First Pres! We would love to have you join us at our socially distanced rehearsals! If you are new to our church, the music program, or have taken a break for awhile, there is a spot for you!

Join Chancel Bells on **Wednesdays** in the Music Suite at **6 pm** and Chancel Choir in the Sanctuary at **7 pm**. Chapel Bells practice on **Thursdays**, at **1:15 pm** in the Music Suite. All rehearsals maintain face coverings and social distancing. Chancel Choir is working on a virtual choir piece to share in worship. All ensembles will begin sharing their gifts in worship in May.

Please contact Jeremy at 863-294-3121 or email to jrath@firstpreswh.org with questions.

MEMBERS

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|--------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Marie & Roger Able | John Gray | Bob McClew |
| Melvin & Debbie Anderson | Jane Hayman | Pat Miller |
| Kathy Andrews | Frances Heath | Edna Mitchell |
| Pat Berrell | Kay Hedden | Richard Moots |
| Orrin & Helen Champlain | Doris Hill | Kline Roberts |
| Kathy & Casey Cheatham | Bryan Howard | Arletta Oriani |
| Charlie Darte | Isobel Hubbard | John Schleifer |
| Marjorie DiLorenzo | Jim Huff | Joyce Shirah |
| Zan Dismuke | Scott & Becky Irvin | Dale Smith |
| Jana Easterling | Martha Johnson | Joel Smith |
| Dana Elmore | Dena Lancashire | Pam Tallent-Blackburn |
| Bill Everhart | Eric Lindstrom | Lorraine Todd |
| | Spike & Jane Lucia | Gwen Waters |
| | Pat McCarty | Sug Zowarka |
| | Dick McCauley | |

Relatives & Friends

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| Bachman Family | Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friends |
| Bryce Beckham | MaryBess Thompson's friend |
| Tommy Cooper | Jane Hammette's brother-in-law |
| Jaidyn Craft | MaryBess Thompson's friend |
| Connie Craig | Lynn Oakley's friend |
| Lynn Dangundy | Janis Barry's cousin |
| Susie Fisher | Becky Everhart & Rob Donaldy's cousin |
| Lynda Giles | Polly Wilson's niece |
| Ryan Hampton | Bill Lockhart's friend |
| Nonie Hicks | Bob & Cindy Steele's friend |
| Verona Jones | Lynn Oakley's friend |
| Margaret Katros | Lisa Endres' mother |
| Mary Lenari | Bill & Becky Everhart's friend |
| John Linn | Sharon Mann's brother |
| Pat Lynch | Roger & Marie Able's friend |
| Susan Marsh | Roger & Marie Able's friend |
| Sue Miller | Lynn Oakley's friend |
| Leon & Barb Murphy | Bruce & Kate Eelman's friends |
| Joyce Nunnallee | Nancy Dobler's cousin |
| Anne Ogburn | Janis Barry's cousin |
| Sandy Payne | Lynn Oakley's family member |
| Cindy Partlow | Marilyn Sheffield's cousin |
| Eddy Ruperti | Lynn Oakley's friend |
| Louise C. Schutt | Larry Davis' mother |
| Diane Secord | Gail Van Allen's friend |
| Chet Spires | Mary Ellen Rowker's friend |
| Jim Steele | Bob Steele's brother |
| Sarah Summers | Lisa Endres' daughter-in-law |
| Nicole Upton | Amy McKee's friend |
| Sam Vac | Marcie Dershimer's friend |
| Carol Wilhelm | Greg & Mary Marrs' friend |
| Julie Williams | Steve Negley's friend |
| John Willson | Mary Marrs' brother |

MILITARY

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

UPDATE ON OUR STEPHEN MINISTER TRAINING CLASS

Here is what our Stephen Ministers are studying this week. Continue to pray for our Stephen Leaders and Stephen Ministers as Stephen Minister training nears completion.

Session Sixteen (May 4) *Bringing the Caring Relationship to a Close.* Stephen Ministry relationships go on until the crisis is past, the need for care is diminished (not necessarily completely over), or the care receiver is able to cope on his or her own. In this session our Stephen Ministers explore how to know when it is time to bring closure to a caring relationship—and how to do so in a healthy way.



THE 2021 SANCTUARY FLOWER CALENDAR IS UP SIGN UP FOR YOUR IMPORTANT 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**
- * Call the office the week before to give bulletin information (294-3121.)

CHRIST KIDS - WEDNESDAYS AT 4 PM

Christ Kids – our faith-filled and safe, after-school program for children 4 years through 5th grade is on-going. The fun happens **Wednesdays at 4:00 pm** with a majority of out-door activities and Bible study.

Permission slips for children and our closing Train Day, **May 19**, are going out soon.

Questions? Contact Rev. Sarah via email sbishop@firstpreswh.org or call the church office 294-3121.



MAY CHILDREN'S VIRTUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSROOM

Visit our Children's Sunday School virtual classroom in May, where we will meet more great examples of people with strong faith. There will be snacks, music, and some fun activities too. Check out the link on the website today and see what Rev. Sarah is up to in our classroom.



CALLING ALL YOUTH!

Youth groups are meeting at the youth house. We are so excited to be socially distanced & safe in-person!

MSYG meets Wednesdays from 5:30 until 7:30 pm

HSYG meets Sundays from 5:30 until 7:30 pm

Come join us for food, fellowship, and faith building. It is an awesome year with our youth!

If you have any questions or would like to sign up to provide a meal for our students, please contact Emily Snyder at 224-4403 or esnyder@firstpreswh.org.



MAY

BIRTHDAYS

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|------|---|------|--|------|--|
| 5/1 | Sara Hanks
James Koon
Sean Lawlor
Grace McKee
Punkin Smith
Margorie Porter
Bo Snively | 5/12 | Jeffrey Powell | 5/22 | Bonnie Walter
Callie Weeks |
| 5/2 | Lydia Badnell
Alexander Wales | 5/13 | Yolanda Dyer
Cheryce Harris
Ryan Irvin
Karen Premuto | 5/24 | Tony Premuto
Jim Vobornik |
| 5/3 | John Schleifer | 5/14 | Taylor Anderson
Cindy Chilton
Pat Lincoski | 5/25 | Alison Batista
AJ Brescia |
| 5/4 | Tristan Barthel | 5/15 | Linda Dinger
Kelli Ivey
Brad Salomon
Martha Seney | 5/26 | CarLee Marchetti
Ashley Premuto
Randy von Hahmann |
| 5/5 | Nicholas Elmore
Ray Larson
Joseph Lawlor
Jeri Stewart-Oldt
Barbara Tackett | 5/17 | Kial Irvin
Jacob Linn | 5/27 | Lynda Coppini |
| 5/6 | Don Martin | 5/18 | Cathy Bentley
Shea Irvin
Paul Montgomery | 5/28 | Ryder Diplacido
Garren Olmert |
| 5/7 | Mark Bostick
Lilly Duce | 5/19 | Courtney Massam | 5/29 | Jason Bentley
Mia McCann
Rick Montney, Jr. |
| 5/8 | Laura Anne Fitzgerald
Carly Stine | 5/21 | Dorothy Placenic
Porter Summers
Brett Swango | 5/30 | Joey Endres
Michael Lawlor
Dillon Powell |
| 5/9 | Ellen Zeller | 5/22 | Bill Allen
Ethan Endres
Chalsey Lockhart
Laura Powell | 5/31 | Kris Dunham
Ann Meadows
Clark Porter
Andy Ray
Nancy Shaw |
| 5/10 | David Davidson
Jan Wales | | | | |
| 5/11 | Laura Sparr | | | | |

ANNIVERSARIES

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|------|--|------|---------------------------|
| 5/3 | Dale & Melody Johnson | 5/22 | Patrick & Steffen Bentley |
| 5/7 | Robert & Chelle Doyel | 5/23 | Chuck & Ellen Tate |
| 5/12 | David & Stephany Alexander | 5/24 | Paul & Bo Palo |
| | Brad & Kim Salomon | 5/25 | Weegie & Cathy Bentley |
| 5/14 | John & Karen Clarke | 5/25 | Charles & Brenda Darte |
| 5/17 | Lee & Pam Wilkinson | | Aaron & Lindsay Thibodaux |
| 5/20 | Peter & Lynda Coppini | 5/27 | Justin & Nicki Hoagland |
| 5/20 | Shawn & Cori Swango | 5/31 | David & Amanda Nicholson |
| 5/21 | Jon & Amy Powell
Bob & Cindy Steele | | Bob & Julie Wilson |

SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE CARD

Couples may use one form, please include both names.

Heart of Worship at 9:00 am; Traditional Worship at 11:00 am

For the safety of all entering the church facilities for in-person worship, please complete this brief survey. (If you answer yes to any of the questions, please return home and join us for virtual worship on Facebook Live.)

Individual #1 Individual #2

- Yes No Yes No Have you had a fever, dry cough, or shortness of breath in the last 14 days?
- Yes No Yes No Have you been in close contact with someone who has a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the past 14 days?
- Yes No Yes No Have you traveled to a COVID-19 hotspot in the past 14 days?

Name (Please print): _____

Phone Number: _____ Date: _____

First Time Visitor Address: _____

Thank you for helping us provide for the safety of the entire church family.

2021 ADULT BIBLE STUDY ~ THE YEAR OF THE BIBLE

Join your pastors and church family as we take this year to read the Bible. Each month we alternate between chapters in the Old and New as well as the Psalms. Download the reading plan for the whole year from our church website, or follow the plan below. We invite you to join a class for deeper discussion! Classes are **Sundays at 10:20 am** as well as **Wednesdays at 10 am**. If you can't join us in person, you can join us virtually for each class by following the steps below.

SUNDAY CLASS

1. go to <https://zoom.us/join>
2. enter Meeting ID **959 6689 0482**
3. click **Join**
4. click **Open Zoom Meeting**
5. enter your name and Meeting Passcode **637**
6. click **Join Meeting** and wait to join
7. see your church family and wave "hi"

WEDNESDAY CLASS

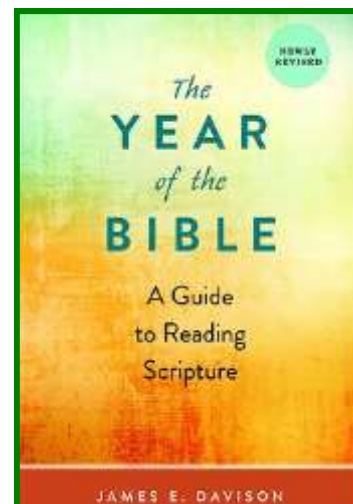
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Reading Plan For Week 17

Below is a breakdown list of readings to prepare for this week's class. Class will be loosely structured as gathering, prayer, sharing your questions, and discussion on that week's reading led by a pastor.

WEEK 17

DAY	OLD Testament	NEW Testament Psalms
1	1 Samuel 1-3	Mark 9
2	1 Samuel 4-6	Mark 10
3	1 Samuel 7-9	Mark 11
4	1 Samuel 10, 11	Psalm 46, 47
5	1 Samuel 12, 13	Mark 12
6	1 Samuel 14, 15	Mark 13
7	1 Samuel 16, 17	Psalm 48



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 102 bag lunches
the week of 4/19/21.

Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 108 people on 4/24/21.

Return Service Requested

LOCAL MINISTRIES NEED OUR HELP

The ministries supported by our church can use our help now more than ever. The Deacons have been in contact with those ministries to inquire about their current needs. If you wish to help, please consider the needs of these valuable partners in our community and reach out to them directly.

Meals on Wheels (299-1616)

Volunteer for Meal Delivery, Kitchen Prep & Packing, Thrift Store.

Polk Training (956-1620)

Call to see how you can help this program for adults with developmental disabilities.

Project Love (280-6947)

Donations of gift cards to Publix, Aldi, or Walmart.

The Mission (299-2348)

Donations of premade meals in large chef pans to serve about 100 people for lunch.

Habitat for Humanity (292-2256)

Receiving donations 9-10 am and 2-4 pm Tuesday through Friday.