



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

Tower Chimes

Week of May 30, 2021

Issue 819

135 Years of Ministry

Dear First Pres Family:

As we are aware, the Centers for Disease Control's most recent directive on COVID-19 states that:

If you've been fully vaccinated:

- * You can resume activities that you did prior to the pandemic.
- * You can resume activities without wearing a mask or staying 6 feet apart, except where required by federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial laws, rules, and regulations, including local business and workplace
- * If you've been around someone who has COVID-19, you do not need to stay away from others or get tested unless you have symptoms.

Health officials have also advised non-vaccinated people to consider their risks of possible COVID-19 infection in their choice of wearing or not wearing a face covering.

"The Session of our church has decided, effective immediately, to make the wearing of face coverings optional for all church activities for fully vaccinated persons. And while we encourage non-vaccinated persons to wear face coverings at church events, we acknowledge that the choice to wear or not wear a face covering is a personal decision based on an acceptance of possible infection risk."

We look forward to seeing you soon!

In Christ, Steve Negley

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! Register your child today!



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

Opportunities This Week

Sunday, May 30

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

Monday, May 31 MEMORIAL DAY

Office Closed

Tuesday, June 1

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

Wednesday, June 2

- 8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CE)
10:00 am Adult Bible Study (MH/Zoom)
5:00 pm Confirmation Class (GC/737)
6:00 pm Chancel Bells (MS)
6:00 pm Confirmation Dinner
7:00 pm Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)

Thursday, June 3

- 1:15 pm Chapel Bells (MS)

Friday, June 4

- 8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CE)
6:00 pm Confirmation Retreat

Saturday, June 5

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

MILITARY

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



Remember in Prayer

MEMBERS

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

Relatives & Friends

Carl Barrett	Don & Norma Martin's friend
Bryce Beckham	MaryBess Thompson's friend
Erin Cherry	Jonathan Owen'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
Wayne Emerick	Don & Norma Martin's brother-in-law
Susie Fisher	Becky Everhart & Rob Donaldy's cousin
Lynda Giles	Polly Wilson's niece
Ryan Hampton	Bill Lockhart's friend
Marilyn Harris	Mike Harris' mother
Nonie Hicks	Bob & Cindy Steele's friend
Verona Jones	Lynn Oakley's friend
Margaret Katros	Lisa Endres' mother
Cheri Katz	Don & Norma Martin's daughter
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
Diane Secord	Gail Van Allen's friend
Chet Spires	Mary Ellen Rowker's friend
Jim Steele	Bob Steele's brother
Nicole Upson	Amy McKee's friend
Sam Vac	Marcie Dershimer's friend
Carol Wilhelm	Greg & Mary MARRS' friend
Julie Williams	Steve Negley's friend
Bud Willson	Mary MARRS' brother
John Willson	Mary MARRS' brother

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.



UPDATE ON OUR STEPHEN MINISTER TRAINING CLASS COMMISSIONING, SUNDAY, JUNE 13, 11 AM WORSHIP SERVICE



The Caregiver's Compass The Caregiver's Compass is a common thread in the training and service of our Stephen Ministers. The symbol in the center of the compass is a Chi-Rho, an ancient symbol for Christ. It reminds Stephen Ministers of the Christ-centered nature of their caring ministry. The four points of the compass guide Stephen Ministers to be compassionate, full of faith, skilled, and trustworthy.

Please continue to pray for our Stephen Ministers and Stephen Leaders as they use this compass as a guide for their ministry, always striving to provide Christ-like care on behalf of our congregation.

TEXT TO GIVE THROUGH SECUREGIVE

To donate, you will text a **keyword**, (those options are below and special events will be added as they come.), then a **space**, and an **amount** to **863-243-6880**. Example: Text keyword **3cents 5** for gifting \$5 to *3 Cents-a-Meal*. An auto-response will confirm your gift offering. Respond **Y** to confirm and send. Save this number as a contact for future giving.

Keywords are:

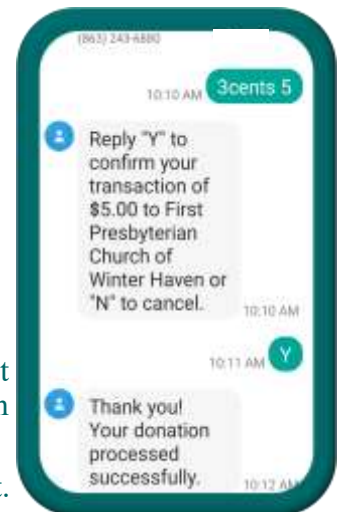
- Pledged (for your offering to be credited to your pledged amount for the current year)
- Offering (Non-pledge or undesignated gifts)
- Music (for Capital Music Campaign Organ/Music)
- 3cents (for 3 Cents-a-Meal)
- Memorial (for when donating in memory of someone)
- Special (for all other donations; example 1 time events)

If you are donating through Text To Give for the first time, you will receive a text containing a link to login or create your Secure Give account. Please save that login information.

You will then be asked to save your default payment information for giving by text. The system will confirm your donation and you will receive an email receipt.

The only time that you should have to enter your login or card information is the first time you donate through Text to Give. After your first transaction, your Secure Give account and card information will be recognized automatically and you will simply reply **Y**.

The next time you would like to give by text, simply type the keyword and amount to the number above and you will receive a request to confirm with **Y**.



ANGEL CARE CENTER OF ELOISE

Angels Care Center continues to give out special kits to their patients and families, e.g. toiletry kits, first aid kits, children's kits, and senior bags. This is not possible without the donation of items to fill these kits! We have made and given out over 31,000 in the last 9 years!

But... in the last few months they have come up short of what is needed to fill the kits. This is a year round project and the need is great. They are in particular need of deodorant, disposable razors, small combs, quart and snack size zip lock bags, Band-Aids, washcloths, sunscreen, small hand sanitizer, and small samples from hotel/motels. Also, any and all items for the senior bags, whatever will make their senior citizens' lives easier and brighter: laundry soap, Lysol cleaning wipes, paper towels, mugs or plastic plates, bowls, teabags, oatmeal packs, crossword puzzles/activity pads, seasonal item/décor, gift cards (Walmart, restaurants, etc.) You can put these items in the Angels Care collection box located in McLeod Hall.



Your help now and throughout the year is greatly appreciated.

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- Support your charitable organization by starting your shopping at **smile.amazon.com**.
- In the last quarter of 2020 alone, the church received **\$83.22**.

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.

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. 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.



MEN'S LUNCH IS HYBRID—TUESDAYS AT NOON

You can join us socially distant in McLeod Hall.

OR

Join us virtually on Zoom. If you are not already receiving the Zoom invite, please contact the office at 294-3121 or office@firstpreswh.org and ask to be added to the list.

WE HAVE AN EXTRA WAY OF GIVING!

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>.

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

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.)



REMEMBER ~ FIRST PRES IS LIVE ON FACEBOOK!



Heading out of town, but still desire to be part of this worshiping community on Sunday?
Heard something lovely said or played in worship and would like to hear it again?
Want to share with a friend a taste of worship with First Pres?

Then visit our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/FPCWinterHaven/>! Every Sunday, we will be live-streaming the **9:00 am Heart of Worship** and **11:00 am Traditional** worship services on our Facebook page. These services will be available as videos after worship as well.

The church website at www.firstpreswh.org will also continue to have recordings of Sunday's worship on the main page. Scroll down to "Latest Videos" at the bottom.

Either way, there are opportunities to worship with your church family when you cannot be present in person.

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE FOR LOAN



Over the years, church members have donated wheelchairs, walkers, shower chairs, potty chairs, and other medical equipment to the church. They are available to loan to people in the First Pres family who have a short-term need.

If you wish to borrow some useful equipment, contact the church office at 294-3121 and a staff member can help you go through available items.



JUNE

BIRTHDAYS

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| 6/1 Carol Carter
Luci Glenn
Barbara Perkins | 6/9 Laura Frost
6/10 Alex Girouard
Hunter Stapor | 6/19 Steve Lockhart
Anna Munoz-Gutierrez |
| 6/2 Dusty Marshall | 6/11 Spike Thompson | 6/21 MaryBess Thompson
Jennifer Van Allen |
| 6/3 Bob Endres
Hadley Owen | 6/12 John Bader
Karen King
John Van Allen | 6/22 Rachel Dukes
6/23 Audrey Hawk
Camryn Swango |
| 6/4 Shannon Badnell
Isobel Hubbard
Lynn McCoy
Joe McKee
Sarah Rennie
Kylie Robinson | 6/13 Bill Garrett
6/14 Pam Blackburn
Kay Hedden
Sadie Owen | 6/24 Dana Elmore
Rhonda Garneau
MacKenzie Tackett |
| 6/5 Manderley Barthel
Arthur Harris
Janet Lawlor
Adam Smith | 6/15 Elizabeth Peters
Lyn Swart
Hamp Walker
Julie Wilson | 6/25 Joyce Anderson
Dicky Jeffcoat
Stella Schwenk
Jane Whitney |
| 6/7 Ann Adams
Sue Hankin
Adam Roe
Paul Stewart | 6/16 Til Fellows
Stuart Fitzgerald
Kathy Lockhart | 6/26 Sherry Kennedy
6/27 Emily Snyder
6/28 Rich Dobler
6/29 Clare McAdams
Brigitte Thompson |
| 6/8 Pat Miller | 6/18 Philip MacDonald
Justin Ryan
6/19 John Eycleshimer | 6/30 Ellie Threlkel |

Anniversaries

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| 6/1 Kevin & Lynne Grady | 6/12 George & Ruth Dunham |
| 6/2 Debora & Jay Pearson
Andy & Sherie Ray | 6/13 Bill & Gloria Allen |
| 6/4 Richard & Dana Elmore
Jim & Ellie Threlkel | 6/14 Tom & Pat Nepute
Craig & Betsy Wengler |
| 6/6 Mark & Patti Bostick | 6/19 Justin & Sarah Ryan |
| 6/8 Larry & Marie Adams
Steven & Jen Barthel
Spike & MaryBess Thompson | 6/21 Mike & Cheryce Harris
6/22 Len & Mary Ellen Porter
Adam & Leah Weeks |
| 6/9 Geoff & Nicole Roe
Jeff & Lisa Snyder | 6/24 Ron & Gail Damkjer
John & Gail Van Allen |
| 6/10 Rob & Laura Frost
Steve & Kim Lockhart
Lou & Glenda Parrott | 6/25 Dana & Denise Cole
Ed & Sharon Mitchell |
| 6/11 Dick & Nancy Shaw | 6/26 Dave & Penny Zwicker |
| 6/12 Rich & Nancy Dobler | 6/28 Charles & Nancy Chilton
Chuck & Pam Watson |

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

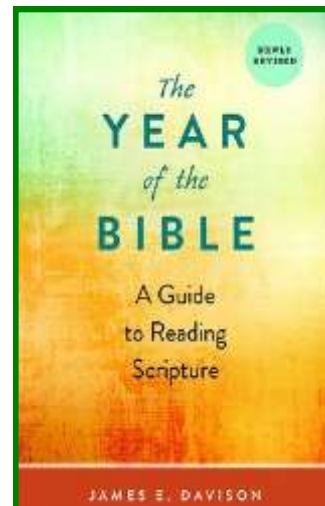
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6. click **Join Meeting** and wait to join
7. see your church family and wave "hi"

Reading Plan For Week 21

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 21

DAY	OLD Testament	NEW Testament Psalms
1	1 Kings 10, 11	1 Corinthians 13
2	1 Kings 12, 13	1 Corinthians 14
3	1 Kings 14, 15	1 Corinthians 15
4	1 Kings 16, 17	Psalms 58, 59
5	1 Kings 18, 19	1 Corinthians 16
6	1 Kings 20, 21	2 Corinthians 1
7	1 Kings 22	Psalms 60, 61



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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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Return Service Requested

Bag Lunch Ministry

We gave out 93 bag lunches
the week of 5/17/21.

Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 65 people on 5/22/21.

GET REWARDED WITH SMILES – VOLUNTEER! Meals on Wheels—Summer Drivers Needed

Volunteering for Meals on Wheels is a great way to make a huge impact in a short amount of time. By delivering meals you bring nutritious food and a friendly visit to seniors and people with disabilities in your community. Anyone can deliver meals, and it's a great volunteer opportunity for individuals or groups of friends. Most volunteer 1 day a week or month, and some substitute or help seasonally.



Call 863-299-1616, email susan@mealsonwheelspolk.com, fill out an online volunteer application at <https://mealsonwheelspolk.com> or visit our office at 620 6th ST NW, Winter Haven, FL 33881. Sign up today and find out how easy and rewarding it is to bring nutrition and independence to your neighbors!