

Hope-Line

The Newsletter for Hope Presbyterian Church of Winter Haven, Florida 33884-1556
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We are just a few weeks from Palm Sunday and Easter—the Sundays that tell the story surrounding the central affirmation of our faith. These next weeks in our journey to Easter lead us to reflect and draw near to the God who gave it all for us. Through the saving work of Christ we receive a gift beyond measure. That gift is not only eternal life but also the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives supporting us and granting to us faith. Redeemed by the cross, we gather as a community of faith to spread God’s word in our community and world. In our congregation, a lot of this work is done through our committees and the annual budget. Over the next few weeks in worship you will have the opportunity to learn about several of the committees and their work in the life of our church. We also hope to interpret our annual budget in a way that helps you understand how our monetary gifts build up the community of faith. Our initial pledge campaign in December fell short of our goal. As a session, we decided that we will hold another pledge Sunday on Palm Sunday, April 9. Our prayer is that you will consider what you can give to the church and if you have already pledged, we hope you will consider raising your pledge. As strong Reformed Christians, we give in response to the love, faith, and grace that God has given to us. This is best illustrated by what God accomplished through the cross. We need the gifts of each person to be successful in what we do as a church and we hope you will consider pledging. However, what is most important to us is that you attend and participate in the worship and programs of the church no matter what.

As we gather to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord, I hope each of you will be blessed and strengthened for the journey ahead.
Peace.

Rev. Owen Carriker

Feeling the Spirit!

It is so very amazing and mysterious how God works in our lives! I chose to do the Beth Moore Series... “Living Beyond Yourself Exploring the Fruit of the Spirit” for our **Women’s Series** this year. This study by far, has been one of the most motivational and innovative journeys with Christ. This week we continue our study on faithfulness....not so much about our faithfulness to God....but how God has been faithful to our lives.

Just as the women have studied the Beth Moore Series, Fruit of the Spirit, our **Kid’s Rock** Program has enjoyed a series from Bibleman. Bibleman is a cartoon that is biblically based. Guess what Bibleman uses to fight and combat evil? The Fruit of the Spirit!

Our **Youth Group** has been studying some Bible Fun Facts and information as to how to use the Bible. This study has a Catechism Connection....

“Question 46: Isn’t Holy Scripture also the Word of God?”

Yes, Holy Scripture is also God’s Word because of its focus, its function and its founder. Its central focus is Jesus Christ, the living Word. Its basic function is to deepen our love, knowledge, and service of Him as our Savior and Lord. And its dependable founder is the HOLY SPIRIT, who spoke through the prophets and apostles, and who inspires us with eager desire the truths the Scripture contains.” (The Study Catechism: Confirmation Version)

No doubt about this... the Holy Spirit is working among us at Hope and deepening our love, knowledge and service of our Lord, Jesus Christ!
—Julie Carriker, Director of Christian Education

2017



Messiah College
*Concert Choir
 and Chamber Singers*
 Linda L. Tedford, Conductor

WEDNESDAY
 MARCH 15
 7 p.m.
 Hope Presbyterian Church
 Winter Haven, Florida

MESSIAH COLLEGE
 DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC

**Wednesday Fellowship Dinner
 March 15 — 6 p.m. — Friendship Hall**

Menu: Salad Bar, Baked Chicken,
 Potato Casserole, Dinner Rolls,
 Dessert, Coffee and Tea

Cost: Adults \$10, Kids 12 and under — Free!
Tickets available Sunday, March 12 and must be
 purchased in advance to facilitate food purchases.

**The Messiah College Concert Choir
 March 15 — 7 p.m. — Hope Sanctuary**

will bless us in song
following the Fellowship Dinner.
 A freewill offering will be taken.



WE WELCOME into the fellowship of our church the following new members:
 Debbie Castro, Ron and Janet Fisher, Jan and Cindy Smith, Chuck and Mary Lois
 Teyssier, Richard and Valla Treuman, and Everett and Dottie Wade.

SUNDAY LENTEN SOUP LUNCHESES — March 12, 19 and April 2 — Delicious soup
 and good fellowship after Sunday Worship in Friendship Hall. Suggested donation only \$5.
 Our special thanks to Joyce Snively and the Fellowship Committee. All are welcome!



ORDER FORM



Easter lilies will again be used to decorate the Sanctuary on **Easter Sunday, April 16**. The cost is \$10 each.
 If you would like to order a lily either *In Memory Of, In Honor Of, or In Gratitude For*, please return the
 completed order form with your check (*made payable to Hope Presbyterian Church*) to the Church Office
 or place it in the offering plate before **Monday, April 10**. A complete listing of donors and the persons in
 memory of, in honor of, or in gratitude for will be printed in the Easter Sunday bulletin. After worship on
 Easter Sunday, lilies will be taken to our members and friends of the congregation who are homebound or
 residing in Health and Rehabilitation facilities.

Name _____ Phone Number _____

Number Ordered _____ Amount Enclosed _____

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

In Gratitude for _____

Upcoming Events and Opportunities



CHILI COOK-OFF FUNDRAISER!

Saturday, March 25 — 5 to 7 p.m. — Friendship Hall

Looking for all you great Chili Cooks! Enter your favorite chili recipe!

This is a fundraiser for a new kitchen freezer.

For details and rule sheet, please call Joyce Snively (863) 412-7128.

Please enter by Monday, March 20th.

Admission is only \$5 per person to taste all the Chili entries.

Bring one dollar bills to vote for your favorite chili!

YOUTH OF HOPE meets Sundays at 4 p.m. in the Youth Room.

KID'S ROCK (for children grades 1-5) — Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m. in the Youth Room

This is a special time for us to share Christ connection through Bible study, music, recreation and fun!

So come and invite your friends!

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE — Join us on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. in Friendship Hall.

FAMILY SOCCER FUN — Children ages 6 to 15 and their parents are invited to

“Family Soccer Fun” on Saturdays — 9 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. on the front lawn of Hope Church.

Led by David and Delight Carmichael. Questions? Please call Julie: (863) 324-6382 or e-mail: Julie@hopepreswh.org

BIBLE STUDY — A Bible Study on the Book of Romans will begin Monday, March 13 at 6:30 p.m. and Thursday, March 16 at 10:30 a.m. in the Sunset Room. This class is led by Reverend Carrier.

A promotional poster for a concert. On the left is a photograph of Eirinn Abú, a man with long blonde hair and a goatee, wearing a white shirt and playing a saxophone. The background of the poster is a sheet of music with lyrics. The text on the poster reads: "Eirinn Abú In Concert HYMNS" in large, blue, serif font. Below that, it says "Sunday, April 2, 3:00 pm" and "Hope Presbyterian Church 2110 Cypress Gardens Blvd, Winter Haven".

Eirinn Abú
In Concert
HYMNS

Sunday, April 2, 3:00 pm
Hope Presbyterian Church
2110 Cypress Gardens Blvd, Winter Haven

A Freewill offering will be taken.

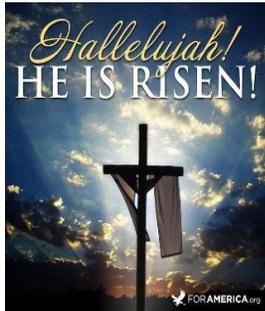
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HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

**April 9 — Passion/Palm Sunday—Holy Week Begins
Worship — 8:15 and 10:30 a.m.**

**April 13 — Maundy Thursday Worship — Friendship Hall — 7 p.m.
Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper**

APRIL 16 — EASTER SUNDAY — HE IS RISEN!

Sunrise Worship — Gardens of Hope — 7 a.m.

Easter Breakfast — Friendship Hall — 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Children’s Easter Egg Hunt — Gardens of Hope — 9 a.m.

Worship — 10:30 a.m.

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering