



Tower Chimes

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120 Years of Ministry

Our Lenten Wednesday Night Study Series is Underway

Come and join us for
This Is My Father's World :
Nature and Creation in
Scripture and Sacred Song

Keith Rasmussen, Alan Harvey, and Steve Negley, will be leading us in a multi-sensory experience.

Supper is served from 5:30-6:00 p.m., and the programs begin around 6:25 on Wednesday nights, March 8, 15, and 22.

Saturday Nite Live

Our Saturday Nite Live program will be holding their monthly meeting on Saturday, March 18, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. in McLeod Hall. This month we will have "Movie Night." This wonderful ministry provides a monthly Christian gathering for developmentally and physically disabled older youth and adults. If you know someone who would like to join the students at Saturday Nite Live, or if you would like to volunteer to help in this great ministry, come and join us!

Welcome New Interim Church Educator

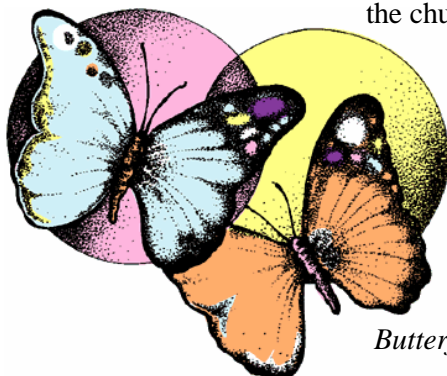
The Session is pleased to announce that Mr. Bill Lockhart has been called to serve as our new Interim Church Educator. Bill is an ordained Deacon, and along with wife Kathy, and sons Josh and Jared is a member of our congregation. "Mr. Lockhart" is known to many in our church as an educator, having taught Social Studies and the Gifted Program at Jewett Academy for seven years. Once Bill completed his Masters Degree in Educational Leadership, he became the Dean at Mulberry Middle School. Bill is taking a leave of absence from the Polk County School System, to join our staff and give leadership to our church educational program during the interim period. We are excited that Bill has chosen to bring his love for God, his passion for education, and his commitment to Jesus Christ together as our Interim Church Educator. Bill will be in his new office here by the end of March, drop in and say hello.



Soup Kitchen Recipe for Success

Take one person or one couple to plan a menu, check available stock, purchase other foods, and oversee the meal preparation and service. Add three to five more people to assist with preparation, transporting, service and clean-up. Allow two hours for the folks to do stirring, slicing, spreading, and stacking. Then unlock the gate, lift up the door and watch hungry people come in to taste what you have made. Liberally sprinkle on a blessing for final seasoning and words of encouragement, for all food tastes better when accompanied by God's grace, smiles and good conversation. Watch the food disappear and hear rave reviews for what you have done to satisfy the hunger of someone.

Remember, you can be a Head Cook! Sign up in McLeod Hall to help with the Soup Kitchen. A manual with take-home instruction sheets is located in the church office.



Butterflies! (See page 3)

Church Calendar

Week of March 12, 2006

Sunday, March 12

Second Sunday in Lent

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service
- 9:30 a.m. O J Fellowship, McLeod H.
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Called Session, E. Annex
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 12:00 p.m. New Member Reception, MH
- 12:00 p.m. Playground Picnic
- 6:00 p.m. Sr. High Youth, S. Center
- 7:00 p.m. Bach Festival Mtg., GR

Monday, March 13

- 8:30 a.m. M.O.M.
- 1:15 p.m. Esther Circle, Upper Room
- 1:30 p.m. Sarah Circle, McLeod Hall
- 4:30 p.m. Girl Scouts #158, GSH
- 6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts #152, GSH
- 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts #121, MH
- 7:00 p.m. Webelos, CE108

Tuesday, March 14

- 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, MCR
- 10:00 a.m. Hospice, CE103
- 12:00 p.m. Men's Lunch, MH
- 12:00 p.m. Finance Com., Upper Room
- 1:00 p.m. Al-Anon Family Group, GR
- 4:15 p.m. Brownie Troop #19, GSH
- 6:00 p.m. Children's Com., MCR
- 6:00 p.m. Young Adult Fellowship, SC
- 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts #75, GSH
- 6:45 p.m. Stephen Min. Tng., CE103

Wednesday, March 15

- 8:30 a.m. M.O.M.
- 11:30 a.m. Building & Grounds, UR
- 3:15 p.m. Christ Kids
- 4:15 p.m. Confirmation, Student Center
- 5:15 p.m. Personnel Committee, MCR
- 5:30 p.m. Fellowship Dinner, MH
- 5:30 p.m. Middle School Youth, SC
- 6:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop #387, GSH
- 6:15 p.m. Chancel Bells, Music Suite
- 6:25 p.m. Program – Lenten Study
- 6:30 p.m. CE Committee, MCR
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir, Music Suite
- 7:30 p.m. Boy Scouts #121, GSH
- 8:00 p.m. Abby Group, CE103

Thursday, March 16

- 5:15 p.m. Youth Committee, S. Center
- 6:00 p.m. Overeaters Anon., CE103
- 7:00 p.m. Webelos #121, GSH
- 7:30 p.m. Magic Club, CE207

Friday, March 17

- 8:30 a.m. M.O.M.
- 4:00 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal
- 8:00 p.m. Abby Group, GR

Saturday, March 18

- 2:00 p.m. Wedding, Sanctuary
- 4:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen, 737 Building
- 7:00 p.m. Saturday Nite Live, MH



Playground Picnic – March 12

Our next playground picnic is this Sunday, March 12, following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Join us for a time of food and fellowship. The Children's Committee will provide drinks and eating ware. Bring your picnic lunch and a blanket or chair for relaxing as children enjoy our new playground and adults share some fellowship time together

Wednesday Fellowship Supper March 15 – 5:30 p.m.

Chicken Marsalla, Seasoned Parsley Buttered Potatoes, Carrots, Salad, Rolls, Cookies and Vanilla Ice Cream

For reservations: Sign up on the list in McLeod Hall, use the tear-out on the announcement page in the bulletin or call the church office before noon on Monday (294-3121).



Chandler Jacob Cone was born March 2, 2006, to Carol Jane & Charles Cone. His proud big brother is Charlie Cone.

ATTENTION!

We are missing a plastic liner from one of the church's vases. Would you please look around your house, and if you have it, please return it to the church.

Thanks,
Sanctuary Committee

Remember in Prayer

(as of March 7)

Winter Haven Hospital:

Doris Hill

Blair Ray

In Need of Your Prayers:

Ruth Booth	Charles Chilton
Jud & Suzy Cole	Rich Daniel
Jacob Dantzler	Tom & Dot Davy
John Doty	Helen Dunaway
Mike Easterling	Merry Garrett
Anna Gibson	Helen Gross
Pat Hart	Marilyn Hearn
Doris Hill	Ranell Hillman
Harold Hosier	Josephine Hughes
Mildred Kuhl	Paul Legg
Florence Livingston	Randy McCann
Henrietta Metzgar	Gladys Meier
Richard Murphy	Charlotte Nagel
Corrine O'Donnel	Jeane Parks
Judy Partain	Pete Perdue
Russell Perkins	Blair Ray
Deke & Dot Sailor	Dean Shull
Marguerite Sowards	Donna Specht
Carol Steadman	Myrtice Stolz
Bill Swart	Lori Temple
Edna Thomas	Carolyn Thompson
Charles & Ruby Tosch	Henry Veit
Cornelia Wallace	Lynn Weeks
Ann Wilford	

Friends & Relatives:

Layne Davidson	(Carol Anne Golden's student)
Shelli Wargo Elder	(Cheryl Wargo's daughter)
Debbie Harrison	(Jana Easterling's sister)
Larry & Jeanne Icenhour	(Mary Ellen Porter's friends)
Robert Lammer	(Jim Lammer's brother)
Becky Massey	(Roy Williamson's sister)
Rod Newton	(Elizabeth Newton's son)
Lois Parker	(Charlie Dart's mother)



The congregation of First Presbyterian Church extends its Christian sympathy to the family and friends of **Shirley Grieger** upon her death March 5, 2006.

Help Wanted

The church is looking for a part-time custodian (eight hours per week - \$8.00 per hour) to clean the 737 Recreation and Community Service Center, the 711 Student Center and the Scout houses. Hours are flexible.

Please ask anyone interested to call the church office, 294-3121, for an appointment.



Daytona Beach Spring Break-Away is April 7-9. It is sun, surf and good times for Senior High students. This is a Presbytery-wide event to bring hundreds of students together to be encouraged in their faith and share some fellowship at a first-class beach resort. The El Caribe, the beach side resort that will host us, is located on the beach so you can literally walk outside your room and step on to the beach. Be sure to bring plenty of sun screen for hours of fun in the sun. Seulgi Byun, better know as "Squids" will be our speaker. He is a professor at Gordon College, with a heart for young people knowing and following Jesus Christ. Special musical guest and worship times will be a highlight. Great food, group events, friendly beach game competitions like volleyball, Frisbee and football will offer something for everyone. There is a special version of Saturday Night Live to entertain us. Strengthen your faith and friendships on this awesome weekend. We leave Friday, April 7, at 5:00 p.m. and will be back on Sunday, April 9, at 3:00 p.m. Cost is \$120 or \$95 for early birds who register by March 17.

The Butterflies Will Be Coming Again Bright Sunday



For several years now you will recall that our Bright Sunday service has concluded with a release of live butterflies by members of our congregation who have lost loved ones since the last observance of Bright Sunday. With each year this tradition has become dearer to folks and we are happy that it is a very meaningful and poignant part of that worship service. In anticipation of this year's observance, it seems prudent to advise you of a policy adopted last year by the Worship and Music Committee, which oversees this event. The policy is that we provide a butterfly for release for church members/friends **1)** who have lost a child, parent, sibling or spouse since the last observance of Bright Sunday and **2)** who would like to release one (some have chosen not to participate). The policy also allows members who have sustained a loss of a more distant relative or friend since the last Bright Sunday to purchase one for release in her or his memory. We will publicize the cost of this once prices have been negotiated with our butterfly provider. **FOR NOW: If you have lost a child, parent, sibling or spouse since the last bright Sunday and if you would like to release a butterfly on Bright Sunday, April 23, 2006, please notify the church office by March 23. Thank you!**



What's Happened!

Our Prime Timers group use to draw 60-80 at our meetings. It has dwindled down to 25-30 plus. We don't know if the name *Prime Timers* or *Seniors* turns off the 50 plus crowd – we just hope we can rejuvenate a special Christian fellowship of members to meet each other in an informal POT LUCK occasion with super “vittles” (better than Morrisons use to be), plus some good programs. Many of our members have had remarkable and interesting careers which could be shared with the group. We only meet seven times a year, on the third Mondays, October through April, from 5:30 – 7:15/7:30 p.m., only two hours MAX. Please consider attending. We don't call roll or penalize you for missing a meeting, but we would love to have you anytime you can join us. **Call 324-5966, Jean & Pete Harman so we know how many to expect.** Our super program Monday, March 20, will be Linda Van Hook on a jet tour of the Old Testament.

Presbyterian Circles Meet

Esther – Monday, March 13, 1:30 p.m. in the Upper Room with social time at 1:15 p.m., Leaders: Sue Anne Dixon and Gladys Larson, Bible Study Leader: Phyllis Gilbert.

Joy – Monday, March 20, 11:30 a.m., Leader: Carol Carter.

Lydia – Monday, March 13, 10:00 a.m. in the rear of McLeod Hall with social time at 9:45 a.m., Leaders: Norma Conner, Suzy Cole and Mary Ann Snively, Bible Study Leader: Liz Purnell.

Ruth – Monday, March 20, 7:30 p.m. in CE103 (Harriet Thompson Room), Leaders: Lyn Swart and Jane Whitney, Bible Study Leader: Jane Whitney.

Sarah – Monday, March 13, 1:30 p.m. in the rear of McLeod Hall, Leader and Bible Study Leader: Jana Easterling.

Centennial Case Display

On display March 5 – June 4, 2006 in the Centennial Room are: Crosses of First Presbyterians – A Lenten – Easter Exhibit. Please take a pamphlet on the case and take a self-guided tour of the crosses on display. We thank all who contributed to this very interesting exhibit.

Our Purpose

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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Memorial Garden at First Presbyterian Church



The Memorial Garden at First Presbyterian Church is now under construction. Within the next few months we will witness the transformation of our courtyard between our two main buildings into a wonderful area for the celebration of life, earthly and eternal.

Brochures describing the Memorial Garden are available all around the church. The rules and regulations for the use of the garden, a list describing services available (single or companion niches for the interment of cremated remains, scattering or burial of cremated remains in the scattering areas of the garden, or memorial plaques for those scattered or buried elsewhere) and prices can also be obtained by calling or coming by the church office or from the literature rack in McLeod Hall. **There are special**

pre-construction discounted prices being offered for people who reserve services and make payment before March 31, 2006.

If you would like to schedule an appointment with a member of the Memorial Garden Committee to discuss the garden, please sign up in the narthex after worship, or call the church office (294-3121).



Come and See What God is Doing at First Pres.

Youth Retreats and Camps - Not Just a Week of Vacation...

"The best week of your life!" This means more than just a good time or a good option for now or a mediocre experience. It refers to a life changing segment of time that has long lasting, even eternal consequences. I like this description to the opportunities we offer middle school to adults through our summer camping and mission trips. It is not so much the program, speakers or location as much as it is the people with whom we experience these events. Ultimately it is God who orchestrates these "encounters" where we are challenged by interaction with God and the claims of Christ along with the support of a Christian community.

For young people especially, this can be an opportunity to change their environment and consider the abundant life Christ offers us in a relationship with him. Religious education?... maybe. I would call it an opportunity to discover a relationship with Christ beyond religion. Statistically, 90 percent of individuals come to know Christ before the age of 18. Often, retreat experiences are the source of these spiritual highlights. When we plan these events to make and impact for more than a week...they are for eternity!

Summer Camps 2006

Montreat, June 4-10, 2006 - Join over 1200 young people from all around the country for a great tradition. First Presbyterian Church youth stay in a private home and enjoy community meals along with "Life Stories." Hikes, recreation, snack-bar, new friends, town runs or just sitting around the house strummin' the guitar are some of the fun things to do together. The week is programmed with small group interaction and worship along with morning speakers and energizers. Start making your plans now... who knows we may have enough for two houses to share this summer. The weather is sunny and warm during the day and cool at night. The mountains are spectacular and the lake a wonderful, peaceful setting. It's going to be a great time to reflect and "fan the flame of faith" for the years to come. Cost is \$450; see Mike L.



Senior High Skipalooza! This year we traveled to Boone, North Carolina, for two days of skiing and a day of tubing. We created a theme of "Light of the World - He Is and You Are." While shooshing down the slopes we created a close community of young Christians seeking faith and deeper commitment to the Lordship of Christ. We are all looking forward to seeing snow again next year around our Christmas break.



Middle School Great Escape, July 14-17 - Middle schoolers - what a great week of adventure with a high ropes course, covered gym, beach volleyball, Frisbee, golf, canoeing and gigantic spiraling water slide right outside your dormitory room. The days are filled with non-stop fun and adventure like snorkeling Florida Springs, traveling to exciting water parks and an awesome game room of foosball, pool and ping-pong alongside a full service snack-bar and gift shop. The Great Escape will feature a great speaker, music and the best food any camp could provide. Our location is only an hour and a half away. Bring a friend and ignite a faith and friendship in Christ that will last lifetime. Cost is \$375; see Mike L.

Honduras is a mission trip experience that focuses on serving others and challenging our global understanding of following Christ. Recently we have had the opportunities to offer medical relief mission trips to poor and rural areas of Honduras where there are few to no opportunities to get medical attention. This trip in particular is a cross-cultural and intergenerational mission. We schedule this trip on alternate years.

