



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

Tower Chimes

Week of February 28, 2016

Issue 574

130 Years of Ministry

THE 10 TO 2 LUNCH BUNCH...

will be heading out this Monday, February 29 to Hollerbach's Willow Tree Café in Sanford.

*With a little farther to travel, and the possibility of a little longer wait - we will have a special time. We will leave the church at **9:00 a.m.** and return at **3:30 p.m.***



While there, we will enjoy table fellowship with your Christian friends and fabulous German food (various versions of schnitzel, bratwurst, weisswurst, hungarian goulash, potato pancakes, riesen brazen, sweet red cabbage, salads ,and more.) All you need to pay for is your lunch. Call (294-3121) or email the church at office@firstpreswh.org to reserve your seat on the church bus or van.



ALL CHURCH RETREAT REGISTRATION

*The All Church Retreat will be **May 14 and 15** at Cedarkirk Camp and Conference Center. This weekend is for all members and friends of First Presbyterian Church. You are welcome to join us on Saturday and Sunday or just one of those days. The theme this year is, **"The Same Power Lives in Us"** and we will focus on Romans Chapter 8 during the weekend.*

All ages are welcome to join in fellowship, fun, delicious food, and outdoor adventures. Brochures will be available in the Narthex and around the church within the next two weeks. Please contact Amy McKee at 294-3121 for more information.

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Dr. C. Alan Harvey
Associate Pastor
Dr. Raymond M. Larson
Minister of Visitation
Dr. James G. Manor
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Amy L. McKee
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Dana H. Parrish
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Student Ministries
Lynn M. McCoy
Director of
Music Ministries
Ronda A. Lacy
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Administrative Assistant
Rose Flynn
Office Assistant
Sammy D. Bryant
Director of Maintenance
Ann M. Quessenberry
Custodian



*The Same Power
Lives in Us*



Church calendar

Sunday, February 28 3rd Sunday in Lent

- 8:50 a.m. Gathering Worship
- 9:45 a.m. OJ Fellowship (MH)
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School-Children & Youth
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School-Adults
- 10:30 a.m. Receive New Members (ER)
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 12:00 p.m. New Member Reception (MH)
- 4:30 p.m. HSYG Music Rehearsal (GC)
- 5:30 p.m. HSYG (GC)

Monday, February 29

- 8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)
- 9:00 a.m. 10-2 Lunch Bunch (MH Then Sanford)
- 12:00 p.m. Busy Moms of Faith (GR)

Tuesday, March 1

- 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (MCR)
- 12:00 p.m. Men's Lunch (MH)
- 6:30 p.m. Session (GR)

Wednesday, March 2

- 8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)
- 3:00 p.m. Christ Kids (CE)
- 5:00 p.m. Confirmation Class (GC)
- 5:30 p.m. Christ Kids Ringers (CE)
- 5:30 p.m. MSYG (GC)
- 6:00 p.m. Chancel Bells (MS)
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir (MS)

Thursday, March 3

- 9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study (UR)
- 5:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training (FFR)
- 7:00 p.m. Chapel Bells (MS)

Friday, March 4

- 8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)

Saturday, March 5

- 1:00 p.m. MHSYG Leave for Strawberry Fest (GC)
- 2:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen Prep (Kitchen)

Remember in Prayer

members

Roger & Marie Able
Win Betrus
Anne Burch
Millie Carrier
Helen Champlain
Jerry Dugger
Jana & Mike Easterling
Jeanne Estes
Bill & Becky Everhart
Lois Frakes
Marge Goodman
Frances Heath

Doris Hill
Camille Howe
Jim Huff
Dorothy Johnson
Joey Johnston
Dena Lancashire
Spike Lucia
Lynn Mincey
Joan Murphy
Joe Oriani
Earle Roberts
Dorothy Ryan

Bob Sheffield
Barbara A. Smith
Barbara H. Smith
Pam Tallent-Blackburn
Carolyn Thompson
Ed Threadgill
Shirley Turner
Mike Vibrat
Nat West
Lee Wilkinson
Marie Williams

IN THE HOSPITAL: Mary Dukes, Joyce Hayman & Carole Marotti
Family and friends

Antonello family
Shelly Appleton
John & Judy Cameron
Donna Campbell
Jerry Cooley
Mike Copeland
Keith Damkjer
Al Ellis
Raymond Fenstermaker
Morgan Griffith
Jean Hehn
Julia Hildebrand
Chris & Tracey Johnston
Misty Jones
Pete Kent
Lindey Kneubuler
Nan Mason
Sharon & Hoyt Maulden
Amity McGee
Wanda Morrison
Durb Pearson
Anna Robinson
Linda Rowland
Cash Sheaffer
Bonnie Spires
Marshall Wood

Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friends
John & Marcia Eycleshimer's friend
Ben Tucker's sister & brother-in-law
Sarah Rennie's friend
Susan Singleton's friend
Jackie Pinkney's cousin
Ron Damkjer's brother
Jim Threlkel's friend
Gale & Gwen Waters' grandson
Everhart-Donaldy's friend
Ellie Threlkel's friend
Rick & Pat Reass' friend
Jeremiah & Jaleean Johnston's family
Lynn Oakley's friend
Charley & Nancy Chilton's nephew
John & Marcia Eycleshimer's niece
Harvey & Mary Ann Snively's daughter
Judy Winfree's sister & brother-in-law
Bethany Owen's friend
Connie Shipley's friend
Tom & Jeri Oldt's friend
Punkin Smith's friend
Rick & Pat Reass' friend
Zan Dismuke's grandson
Saturday Nite Live helper
Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend



Robert Ferguson
Stephanie Gillie
Eddie Gray
David Knowles
Drew Stapor

THIS IS WHAT OUR STEPHEN MINISTER TRAINEES ARE LEARNING

Our Stephen Minister training class has begun. We ask you to keep our Stephen Minister trainees in your prayers as they nurture their gifts and acquire new skills so that they can bring Christ's love and care to hurting people on behalf of our congregation. Also pray for our Stephen Leaders who will guide them through their training.

Here is what our Stephen Ministers are learning currently:

Maintaining Boundaries in Caregiving: Our Stephen Ministers are learning the importance of establishing boundaries both to protect themselves from manipulation and also to guard against their own controlling impulses.



AND REMEMBER, IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW NEEDS HELP...

connect with one of our Stephen Ministers, by calling **Pat Reass at 206-9914**, or talk with one of our other Stephen Minister Leaders: **Alan Harvey, Ray Larson, Mary Marrs, Steve Negley, Les O'Neal, Barbara Perkins, or Jean Strang**. You can also use one of the three Request Form Boxes located in the Centennial Room, narthex, and balcony hallway.

Our Stephen Ministers are there to care!

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT IS FEBRUARY 28

On **February 14**, First Pres marked the First Sunday in the season of Lent. This forty day period of penitent self-examination leads up to the celebration of Easter.

During Lent, Holy Week, and Easter, Dr. Harvey and Dr. Negley will focus their preaching on stories from the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, as they are reflected in the beautiful stained glass windows of our church.

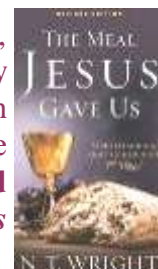
We hope you will join us throughout Lent as we follow our Lord Jesus to the cross, the empty tomb, and beyond.



ODD MONTH, ODD (3RD) MONDAY BOOK DISCUSSION CLUB



Because a number of us enjoyed the Downton Abbey Farewell Tea on January 24, 2016, we did not have a January meeting. We will resume meeting on the 3rd Monday of March, which is **March 21 at 3 p.m. in the back of McLeod Hall**. The March meeting will be a “two-fer,” making up for January and observing Holy Week. We will examine and review two books: **Jan Karon’s newest release in the Mitford series: *Come Rain or Come Shine*** and **N. T. Wright’s *The Meal Jesus Gave Us* (revised edition)**.

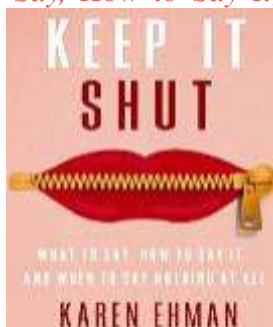


Please call the church at 294-3121 to let us know if you plan to attend.

WOMEN BIBLE STUDIES

NEW WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY

The Thursday women’s Bible study group is at 9 a.m. in the Upper Room. The study is titled *Keep It Shut: What to Say, How to Say It, and When to Say Nothing at All* by



Karen Ehman. Come for discussion, Bible study, and amazing fellowship with the women of First Presbyterian.

Friends and neighbors are always welcome as well. Books can be purchased for around \$10. Please contact Lia Gray for more information at 318-1541 or uncpair@gmail.com.

The up-coming meeting dates are:

March 3, March 17, 31, April 14, and possibly April 28.

COME TO THE WATERS...

the Presbyterian Women’s Bible Study for 2015-2016, is a rich exploration of water stories in both testaments.

“Just as water nourishes our bodies, so the scriptures on water nourish our souls.” Join one of the Circles for interesting lessons and Christian fellowship.



Lydia Circle is the **second Monday of the month.**

The next meeting will be March 14 2016.

Joy Circle is the **third Tuesday.**

The next meeting will be March 15, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. at Carol Carter’s.

MAUNDY THURSDAY, MARCH 24, DINNER 5:30 P.M.



Family Style Menu: Baked Ham, Macaroni and Cheese, Green Beans, Baked Beans, Cornbread Muffins, Assorted Cookies, Coffee, Tea, or Lemonade.

Cost: \$8.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children ages 5 – 10. Children 4 and under eat for free.

Reservations required by Monday, **March 21**. Call the church office at 294-3121 or complete reservation form in bulletin and Tower Chimes.

MAUNDY THURSDAY RESERVATIONS

Name: _____ # of Adults: _____ # of Children: _____

2016 EASTER LILY ORDER FORM

It is time to order your Easter lily for **Easter Sunday, March 27**. Easter lilies are a yearly tradition to decorate the church on Easter Sunday.

To purchase a lily "in honor of" or "in memory of" a loved one or friend, please fill out this order form. The cost is \$12.00 per plant. Checks should be made payable to First Presbyterian Church and marked "Easter Lily Fund".

Place the order form and check in the offering plate, mail, or take to the church office by **Monday, March 21**. A complete listing will be available Easter Sunday. The Sanctuary Committee will again remove the yellow stamen from each lily so it will not bother your allergies.



Donor(s): _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Number of plants ordered: _____ I will pick up my lily after the 11:00 a.m. service Easter Sunday.

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____ I would like my lily delivered to a shut-in.

SANCTUARY FLOWER CALENDAR

**Our 2016 Flower Calendar has the following open dates:
April 17; May 8, 15, 22, & 29; June 5, 12, & 26; July 17 & 31; August 14 & 28;
September 25; October 2, 9, 16, & 23; November 27; and December 4 & 11.**

There is space to sign up for placing flowers in the narthex on a given Sunday, when the sanctuary flowers for your desired date have already been selected by someone else.

Never given sanctuary or narthex flowers before and wonder what to do?

Follow these simple instructions:

1. Sign your name on the calendar for the date you wish to give flowers. If the sanctuary spot has already been selected, then you can choose to have your floral arrangement in the narthex for the same date.
2. Complete this step by giving your phone number and identifying your florist.
3. If giving sanctuary flowers and you would like to use the church's brass urn, please ask Ann or Sam for the glass liner and deliver it to your florist or ask the florist to pick it up at the church.
4. Place an order for flowers from your preferred florist.
5. Call Connie at the church office (294-3121) no later than Wednesday prior to your chosen date and inform her as to how you wish for the acknowledgment of flowers to read in the bulletin.
6. Request that the florist deliver the flowers to the church by noon on Saturday and have them include a name on the arrangement so that we know by whom they are given and where they are to be placed.

Any other questions, please call Alan or Connie. Thank you!



SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Children ages three through fifth grade will meet in the children's music room, Room 103 of the Education Building from 9:45 - 10 a.m. with Ms. Lynn.

Preschool Children will meet in Room 108 for a morning of crafts, snacks, Bible stories, and playtime with their preschool friends.

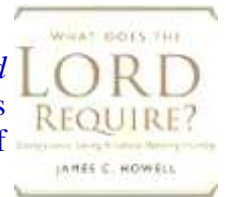
Elementary aged children Workshop Rotation will focus on Symbols of Holy Week with Storytelling, Cooking, Science, Art, Games, and Library over the next six weeks.



Middle school and High school youth meet every Sunday morning in The Golden Center for Sunday School from 9:45-10:45. During this time we meet and have fun and eat good food while learning about and growing in our faith in Christ. Come join us.

Adults Class Options (10-10:45 a.m.)

The Perspectives Class will continue their discussion on the book - *What Does the Lord Require? Doing Justice, Loving Kindness, Walking Humbly*, by James C. Howell. This class is led by Dr. Jim Threlkel and Mr. Glenn Thomas and meets in the Geneva Room, Room 106 of the CE Building.



Jesus > Religion: Life isn't about us. It's about Him. No more white-knuckling, teeth-gritting effort and comparison. We can never earn salvation, deserve God's blessing, or climb our way to heaven. Jesus is greater than trying harder, doing more, and being good enough.

Full of grace and hope, this Bible study points beyond the exhausting cycle of performance and routine to the freedom of following Christ and living as part of His church. Jefferson Bethke creatively moves us from things that can never satisfy our souls to the joy of being truly known and deeply loved. Join Lia Gray as she facilitates this study in Room 207 of the Christian Education Building beginning on Sunday, February 21 through April 3.

What began as a series of 'talks' on the radio by the devout Christian layman and brilliant college professor C. S. Lewis, has become a foundational book for many millions of Christ's followers over the years. "Ever since I became a Christian I have thought that the best, perhaps the only, service I could do for my unbelieving neighbors was to explain and defend the belief that has been common to nearly all Christians at all times." So Lewis begins this literary journey. Our class will read (five to ten pages a week) and reflect on Lewis' **Mere Christianity (What One Must Believe to be a Christian)**. If you have read this work before, come and share what elements in our faith has touched your heart and soul. If you have not had the opportunity, join with us for the first time as we explore topics such as The Three Parts of Morality, Christian Marriage, Forgiveness, Faith, Hope, Charity, Obstinate Toy Soldiers, Nice People or New Men, from the fertile and faithful perspective of C.S. Lewis. Dr. Negley will lead the class which meets in the back section of McLeod Hall.



Join us for Sunday School!

MARCH

Birthdays

3/1	Margaret Goodman Madelaine Scamehorn	3/14	Richard Elmore Sally Kenner	3/21	Karen Siegel Carolyn Thompson
3/2	Gus Badnell Rob Frost Joey Johnston Diane Repass	3/16	John Kissel Thomas Brackett Madison Britt Ted Threadgill	3/22	Richard Jones
3/3	Fred Deloach Robin Turley Richard Wales	3/17	Mark Wilson Jay Dugger Tucker Gray	3/23	Stewart Negley Ed Rounsley
3/5	Judy Moots Shelly Prather Sarah Ryan John Strang	3/18	Bryce Snively Mary Strang Nancy Brooks Nicholas Glenn	3/25	Sam Bryant William Colgrove Jim Gray III Amy Powell
3/6	Joanna Gray Polly Wilson	3/19	Marion Hearn Meaghan McDowell Miller Thompson Ardyn Wales	3/26	Peyten Palo Adam Weeks Carson Weeks
3/8	Jared Lockhart Tom Oldt	3/20	Richard Chilton Marcie Dersheimer Paul Palo Joseph Volpe	3/27	Ellen Marie Adams Jacob Cardona Mary Ellen Porter Cheryl Price John A. Strang Joyce Wander
3/9	Lynn Boland Suzanne Brantley Riley Rowker Emma Skipper Drew Stapor Aaron Thibodaux	3/21	Rebecca Alexander Bonnie Ryan Delanie Stavres Nancy Chilton Anamarie Coffman Agnes Harland	3/28	Rhea Oakley Joe Tackett
3/10	David J. Alexander Gayle Johnston Teri Reineke Mary Ellen Rowker	3/22	Ross Kosmensky Rebecca Alexander Bonnie Ryan Delanie Stavres	3/30	Karl Duce Laura Keplinger Courtney Marshall Pat Nepute Debbie Shinn Andrew Stavres
3/12	Joel Price	3/23	Nancy Chilton Anamarie Coffman Agnes Harland	3/31	Courtney Gray Heidi Hook Lindsay Larson
3/13	Larry Lincoski Hamp Plowden	3/24	Marilyn Jones Ann Marie Kinsey		

Anniversary

3/1	Randy & Tina Summerlin Michael & Jennifer Vibrat	3/17	Dale & Marcia Smith
3/4	Warren & Charlene Glenn	3/18	Joel & Cheryl Price
3/9	Rick & Julie Dantzler	3/21	Jerry & Teresa Renney
3/10	Tim & Jane Tillman	3/22	Deane & Jonye Briggs Bill & Carol Roe
3/13	Henry & Margaret Braun David & Erin Emry	3/23	Bill & Kathy Lockhart
3/14	James & Debbie Shinn	3/24	Dru & Nichole Gainey
3/15	Bill & Becky Everhart	3/25	John & Teri Reineke
3/16	Jesse & Pam Blackburn	3/27	Daniel & Erin Miller
		3/29	April & Kyle Porter

COME WORSHIP WITH US

At **8:50 a.m.**, members and friends of First Presbyterian Church are invited to attend The Gathering. This service is held in the sanctuary. The piano is the primary instrument for leading in congregational music with a variety of instruments adding special touches from week to week. The prayers in worship and the flow of the service help the congregation gather in God's love. The Gathering ordinarily lasts 50 minutes and will conclude with the Benediction at 9:40 a.m.

At **11:00 a.m.**, you are invited to attend our later morning worship. This service is held in the sanctuary with music and responses regularly led by our chancel choir and accompanied by organ and piano. In the tradition of our church, cultivated over the last few decades, a full liturgy gives the congregation opportunities for spiritual enrichment and the sense of God's love and grace. This worship service ordinarily lasts one hour and concludes with the Benediction at 12:00 p.m.



We hope you will join us in worship, study, and fellowship!



Join the
Youth Group

If you are a middle or high school student we would love for you to join us for youth group each week in our new and improved youth house, The Golden Center. **Middle School Youth Group** meets each Wednesday night from 5:30-7:30 and **High School Youth Group** meets each Sunday night from 5:30-7:30. During this time we spend time together sharing meals, growing in Christ, playing games, and having LOTS of fun!

Once a month we will meet outside the Golden Center to be the hands and feet of Jesus to help people in our community. We have laid sod for Habitat for Humanity, worked in our soup kitchen feeding the homeless, and bagged countless bag lunches for our bag lunch ministry. These are just a few ways we are the hands and feet of Jesus.

Sometimes we get together simply to have fun. We have been to the corn maze in the dark, Fun Spot, pool parties, camp outs, paint balling and so much more. If you are looking to connect with young people your age while developing a deep relationship with Christ come and join us. We would love to have you!

DON'T FORGET TO SIGN UP FOR YOU PORTRAIT SITTING FOR OUR CHURCH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

Sign up online on the church website at firstpreswh.org, our Facebook page, or before and after church in the narthex. Please sign up ASAP to lock in your preferred date.

March photography sessions are: **March 10 & 11**, 1:00–8:00 pm and **March 12** 10:00 am–5:00 pm. Plan to be here for about an hour.



All families will receive a \$10 coupon the day of their scheduled photography, plus if you donate a food item, or cash for our food ministry the day of your photo session, you will receive another \$5.00 coupon (one per household) towards your portrait order. All individuals and families sitting for a portrait receive a free portrait. Regular attenders and winter residents are encouraged to have their photos taken.



Free Portrait Pick Up In The Office On Weekdays

You will need to sign that you received your portrait.

The following folks may pick up their free portrait in the church office on weekdays: Anderson, Aspy, Beckley, Bowen, H. Butz, Carter, Chas. Chilton, Dustin, Eycleshimer, Ferguson, J. Gray, Heyer-Singleton, Hines, Howard, Hubbard, Kenner, Kingham, W. Koon, McGee, McClew, Meier, Olmert, Owen, Patchen, Porter, Rounsley, Dennis Smith, H. Snively, Snyder, Stavres, Swart, Volpe, J. Whitney, Zowarka.

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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 271 bag lunches the week of 2/15/16.

Return Service Requested

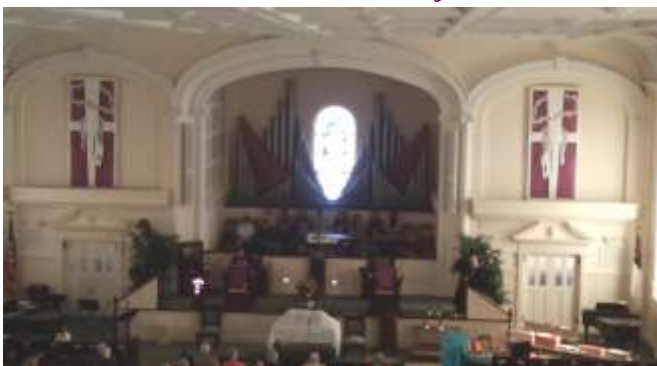
Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 96 people on 2/20/16

LENTEN SEASON PAPER CUT BANNERS

As we enter the church season known as Lent, new papercut banners have been placed in our sanctuary to help us focus our attention on Christ and each Christian's road to the cross.

Church member and artist Mary Ellen Porter designed these striking banners, which incorporate the cross, the shroud of Jesus, and the crown of thorns. The purple backdrop notes the seasonal color for Lent. After Mary Ellen drew her images on paper, a team of other church members and friends: Heather Whitney, Donna Pollard, Brenda Darte, Nancy Shaw, Beth Luxford, Linda Stavres, Sue Henry, Sharon Mitchell, Cheryl Price, Lyn Swart, Margaret Braun, Lynn McCoy, Lydia Rennie, and Sarah Rennie, joined her in carefully cutting and crafting these creations. Church



member Ross Kosmensky and our church's Director of Facilities Maintenance, Sam Bryant, devoted countless hours to engineering and installing the mounting system.

Our thanks go out to all the talented people who have brought this dream to reality as we are aided in our Lenten journey.