



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

Tower Chimes

Week of March 13, 2016

Issue 575

130 Years of Ministry

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FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT IS MARCH 13

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.



HOLY WEEK & EASTER

Palm Sunday	March 20	8:50 & 11 am	Worship Services
Maundy Thursday	March 24	5:30 pm	Supper
		6:30 pm	Worship with Communion & Tenebrae in the Sanctuary
Good Friday	March 25	12-3 pm	Chapel open for Prayers
Easter Sunday	March 27	6:30 am	Sunrise service at MLK Park
		8:50 am	Worship
		9:30-10:15 am	Easter Breakfast in McLeod Hall
		10:15 am	Easter Egg Hunt on the Playground
		11:00 am	Worship



Church calendar

Sunday, March 13

5th 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
 11:00 a.m. Worship
 4:30 p.m. HSYG Music Rehearsal (GC)
 5:30 p.m. HSYG (GC)

Monday, March 14

8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)
 10:00 a.m. Lydia Circle (MH)
 6:30 p.m. Christian Education (GR)

Tuesday, March 15

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (MCR)
 9:30 a.m. Joy Circle (Off-site)
 12:00 p.m. Men's Lunch (MH)
 12:00 p.m. Finance (UR)
 6:30 p.m. Deacons (GR)

Wednesday, March 16

8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)
 11:15 a.m. Preschool Music (CE)
 3:00 p.m. Christ Kids (CE)
 5:00 p.m. Confirmation Class (GC)
 5:00 p.m. Memorial Garden (MCR)
 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 17

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

Friday, March 18

8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)

Saturday, March 19

2:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen Prep (Kitchen)
 4:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen (737)
 7:00 p.m. Saturday Nite Live (MH)

Remember in Prayer

members

Roger & Marie Able
 Millie Carrier
 Helen Champlain
 Jerry Dugger
 Jana & Mike Easterling
 Jeanne Estes
 Bill Everhart
 Lois Frakes
 Marge Goodman
 Joyce Hayman
 Frances Heath
 Doris Hill
 Camille Howe
 Jim Huff

Dorothy Johnson
 Joey Johnston
 Dena Lancashire
 Spike Lucia
 Carole Marotti
 Matthew McGaffigan
 Amy McKee
 Lynnis Mincey
 Joan Murphy
 Joe Oriani
 Norm Patrick
 Earle Roberts
 Dorothy Ryan
 Bob Sheffield

Barbara A. Smith
 Barbara H. Smith
 Dale Smith
 Pam Tallent-Blackburn
 Carolyn Thompson
 Suzann Threadgill
 Ted Threadgill
 Shirley Turner
 Mike Vibral
 Nat West
 Lee Wilkinson
 Marie Williams
 Retha Wright

IN THE HOSPITAL: John Maltese & Dannie Dougherty

Relatives & Friends

Antonello family
 Shelly Appleton
 Reese Burdette
 Donna Campbell
 Jerry Cooley
 Al Ellis
 Raymond Fenstermaker
 Kevin Gillooley
 Jean Hehn
 Julia Hildebrand
 Pete Kent
 Michelle Kirpach
 Lindsey Kneubler
 Nan Mason
 Durb Pearson
 Selenia Rodas
 Linda Rowland
 Bonnie Everhart Sawyer
 Tamara Sobczak
 Scarlett Turner
 Marshall Wood

Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friends
 John & Marcia Eycleshimer's friend
 Dana Cole's Cousin
 Sarah Rennie's friend
 Susan Singleton's friend
 Jim Threlkel's friend
 Gale & Gwen Waters' grandson
 Debbie Sowards' friend
 Ellie Threlkel's friend
 Rick & Pat Reass' friend
 Charley & Nancy Chilton's nephew
 Debbie Sowards' friend
 John & Marcia Eycleshimer's niece
 Harvey & Mary Ann Snively's daughter
 Tom & Jeri Oldt's friend
 Gene Aspy's friend
 Rick & Pat Reass' friend
 Bill Everhart's sister
 Rose Flynn's niece
 Rick & Pat Reass' granddaughter
 Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend

Military



Robert Ferguson
 Stephanie Gillie
 Eddie Gray
 David Knowles
 Drew Stapor



Our Christian sympathy goes to Suzann & Ted Threadgill & family in the death of their husband & father, Ed Threadgill, who died Tuesday, March 2, 2016.

Our deepest sympathy goes to Dale Smith, Amy McKee, & family in the death of their mother & grandmother, Winifred Betrus who died Tuesday, March 2, 2016.

Our sincerest sympathy goes to Gail & John Van Allen & family in the death of her mother, Anne Burch who died Sunday, March 6, 2016.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR EASTER EGG STUFFING

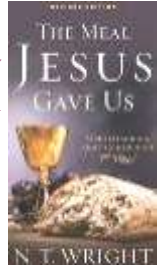


Over the past few months, we received a huge donation of individually wrapped candy. However, we still need plastic Easter Eggs (unstuffed). We will be stuffing plastic Easter Eggs and taping them closed on **Thursday, March 17 from 1-3 p.m.** Please RSVP to let me know if you will be joining us in McLeod Hall to stuff eggs (294-3121 or amckee@firstpreswh.org). Please bring your plastic Easter Eggs to McLeod Hall. Thank you!

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.

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.



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:



Using Mental Health Professionals and Other Community Resources: What happens when a care receiver needs a different kind of care or a higher level of care than a Stephen Minister is qualified to provide? The Stephen Minister works with our Stephen Leaders to connect the person with a professional caregiver who is able to meet the person’s needs. In this week’s session, our Stephen Ministers take a look at what other types of caregiving are available and at the limits to their caregiving. This will prepare our Stephen Ministers to refer care receivers to the appropriate caregiver should the need arise.

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!





MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE UNTO THE LORD

We are excited to have our children and youth take a more active role in our worship through music. We will use the talents of our young people on the **second Sunday of the month** to lead us in song and to share their special music.

They will be sharing as part of the **11:00 a.m. service this Sunday, March 13.**

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.

BRIGHT SUNDAY, APRIL 3, BUTTERFLY RELEASE

The Worship and Music Committee has approved purchasing butterflies to be released in memory of church members who have died since Bright Sunday, April 12, 2015, and for those who have sustained the loss of a **child, parent, sibling, or spouse since that date.**

As we have done for the past few years, if you would like to release a butterfly in memory of a loved one who died prior to, or after, April 12, 2015, or who is beyond the relationship guidelines mentioned above (for example, grandparent, aunt, cousin, son-in-law, etc.), you may purchase a butterfly for \$5.00.

So that we may have an accurate count of how many butterflies to order, please fill out the tear off form at the bottom of this page and drop in the offering plate or drop off at the church office.

Or, you can call the office at 294-3121 with your information.

Since the order for butterflies needs to be placed soon, *please have your orders in by Palm Sunday, March 20.*

Your name: _____ Deceased loved one: _____

Relationship to you: _____

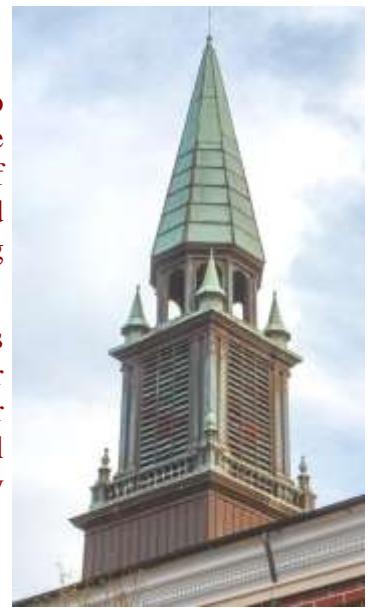
Which worship service April 3: 8:50 a.m. 11:00 a.m.



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

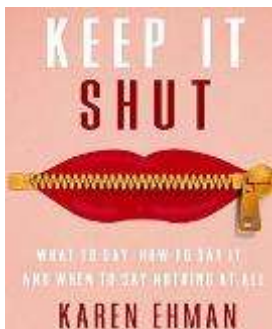
If you are a middle or high school student we would love for you to join us for youth group each week in our new and improved youth house, The Golden Center. **Middle School Youth Group** meets each Wednesday night from 5:30-7:30 and **High School Youth Group** meets each Sunday night from 5:30-7:30. 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!

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

NEW WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY



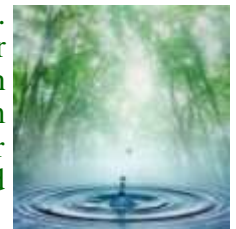
The Thursday women's Bible study group is at 9 a.m. in the Upper Room. The study is titled *Keep It Shut: What to Say, How to Say It, and When to Say Nothing at All* by Karen Ehman. Come for discussion, Bible study, and amazing fellowship with the women of First Presbyterian.

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 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.

Welcome to Our Newest Members



John Breuning
2222 W Central Ave.
Winter Haven, FL 33880
863-293-8215



Claude "Buddy" & Susan Kahley
1408 Grand Cayman Cir,
Winter Haven, FL 33884
570-574-9595



David & Mandy Matha
4203 Lake Marianna Dr.
Winter Haven, FL 33881
863-956-8595



Beverly Pace
35 Dale Dr.
Winter Haven, FL 33880
863-295-5303



Dorothy Plecenik
1700 6th St., NW Apt. A23
Winter Haven, FL 33881
863-326-3401

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.

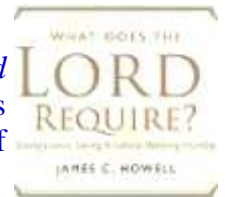
Elementary aged children Workshop Rotation will focus on Symbols of Holy Week with Storytelling, Cooking, Science, Art, Games, and Library over the next six weeks.



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!

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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 219 bag lunches the week of 2/29/16.

We gave out 1161 bag lunches in February.

Return Service Requested

Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 70 people on 3/5/16

We fed 363 people in February.

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: _____

EASTER BREAKFAST

Sunday, March 27 at 9:45 a.m.



Menu: Ham and cheese strata, "Georgia Ice Cream" grits (battered or with cheese), doughnuts, orange juice, milk, and coffee. For children, cereal & mini donuts.

A suggested donation of \$4 per adult and \$2 per child is thankfully accepted.

Please reserve Easter Breakfast by **Monday, March 21**.

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