



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

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Week of February 26, 2017

Issue 616

131 Years of Ministry

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BE SURE TO RSVP-10 to 2 LUNCH BUNCH

Cheddar's Scratch Kitchen

Join other members and friends of First Pres
for a weekday lunch outing.

We will:

- meet at the church at **10 a.m. on Monday, February 27.**
- take the church bus (and van) to *Cheddar's Scratch Kitchen* in Lakeland.
- enjoy a leisurely meal and fellowship, and have you back to the church by 2 p.m.



All it costs is the price of your own lunch.

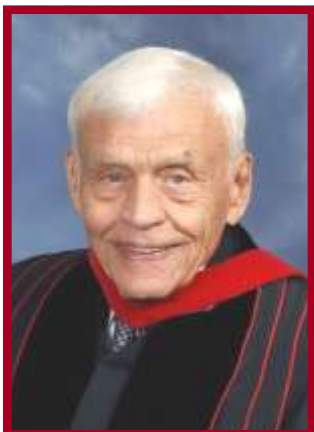
Call the church office (294-3121) or
email office@firstpreswh.org to get your name on the list.



JOIN US FOR RAY LARSON'S RETIREMENT RECEPTION

After 19 years on our staff as Minister of Visitation, Dr. Larson has informed the Session he feels it is time for him to retire. Please help us thank Ray for the wonderful way he has shown God's love to our congregation over the nearly past two decades.

We will hold "Ray's Retirement Reception" during the Connection on **Sunday, February 26**. You are invited to drop by McLeod Hall between 9:30 and 11:45 a.m. to share your thoughts and good wishes with Ray. There will be a basket at the reception for notes and gifts.



OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, February 26

- 8:15 a.m. Chapel Worship (Chapel)
- 9:15 a.m. The Connection (MH)
- 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School (CE)
- 9:30 a.m. Heart of Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:45 a.m. Children's Sunday School (CE)
- 11:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
- 4:30 p.m. HSYG Music Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. HSYG (GC)

Monday, February 27

- 8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)
- 10:00 a.m. 10 - 2 Lunch Bunch
(MH-then to Cheddar's Scratch Kitchen)
- 10:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl (MH)
- 2:00 p.m. Friendship Callers (MCR)

Tuesday, February 28 SHROVE TUESDAY

- 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (MCR)
- 12:00 p.m. Men's Lunch (MH)
- 5:30 p.m. Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper (MH)
- 7:00 p.m. Worship & Music (UR)

Wednesday, March 1 ASH WEDNESDAY

- 8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)
- 10:45 a.m. Preschool Music (CE 103)
- 11:15 a.m. Preschool Music (CE 103)
- 2:30 p.m. Presbytery Women Bible Study Leaders (MCR)
- 3:00 p.m. Christ Kids (CE)
- 5:00 p.m. Confirmation Class (GC)
- 5:30 p.m. Christ Kids Bell Ringers (MS)
- 5:30 p.m. MSYG (GC)
- 6:00 p.m. Chancel Bells (MS)
- 6:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship (Sanctuary)
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir (MS)

Thursday, March 2

- 1:15 p.m. Chapel Bells (MS)
- 6:30 p.m. Praise & Worship Band (Sanctuary)

Friday, March 3

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

Saturday, March 4

- 2:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen Prep (Kitchen)
- 4:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen (737)

PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS

Karolina Crockett	David Knowles
Samuel Crockett	John Marotti
Zach Drum	KaitLin Marotti-Pitts
Robert Ferguson	Ashton Pitts
Stephanie Gillie	Shad Skinner
Eddie Gray	Drew Stapor

Remember in Prayer

members

Roger Able	Joey Johnston	Marilyn Schleifer
Maxie Adams	Kelly Kennedy	Mary Alice, Jaron, Emma, & John Skipper
Tom Brackett	Toni Krieger	Barbara A. Smith
Millie Carrier	Dena Lancashire	Barbara H. Smith
Helen Champlain	Jackie Lawn	Harvey & Mary Ann Snively
Tom & Anamarie Coffman	Spike Lucia	Pete Snively
Charlie Darte	Larry Marshall	Amy Speer
Jana & Mike Easterling	Dick McCauley	Meg Strang
Jeanne Estes	Lynnis Mincey	Scott Strey
Bill Everhart	Bev Morris	Pam Tallent-Blackburn
Lois Frakes	Joan Murphy	Carolyn Thompson
Jim Francis	Nancy Neale	MaryBess Thompson & family
Bill Garrett	Ed Partridge	Shirley Turner
Evelyn Girouard	Anthony Premuto	Mike Vibral
Margaret Goodman	Doug Purnell	Lee Wilkinson
Patti Herndon	Robert Ramseyer	Marie Williams
Marilyn Hearn	Keith Ray	Nancy Williamson
Frances Heath	Barbara Roberts	Judy Winfree
Kay Hedden	Earle Roberts	Retha Wright
Doris Hill	Ed Rounsley	
Camille Howe	Dave Ryan	
Jim Huff		

IN THE HOSPITAL: Bob Beale, Elaine Maltese, & John Skipper

Relatives & Friends

Arlin Arbeiter	Sherie Ray's father
Reese Burdette	Dana Cole's cousin
Raymond DiNunzio	Kit Threlkel's friend
Dubinsky family	Andy & Linda Stavres' friends
Al Ellis	Jim Threlkel's friend
Raymond Fenstermaker	Gale & Gwen Waters' grandson
Pam Heath	Lynn Oakley's friend
Bryan Howard	Bob & Janet Howard's son
Pete Kent	Charley & Nancy Chilton's nephew
Marianne Lehman	Tom & Jerri Oldt's friend
Amanda Martin	John & Marilyn Schleifer's granddaughter
Sharon & Hoyt Maulden	Judy Winfree's sister & brother-in-law
Cynthia McCaleb	Carolyn Thompson's daughter
Carmen Mourfield	T. Michael & Charlie Stavres' friend
Howard & Sandy Neitsch	Roger Able's friends
Emily Noble	Beverly Seagreaves' granddaughter
Cindy Price	T. Michael & Charlie Stavres' friend
Anna Robinson	Squire & Punkin Smith's friend
Sean, Nick, & Robbie	Beth Luxford's family/friends
Ashish Shaw	Orin & Helen Champlain's friend
Glen Shelby	Kelly Butz' friend
Lance Smith	Ann Quessenberry's friend
Marcia Sodko & Marilyn Hertz	John Schleifer's daughters
Tim	Carole Marotti's friend
Kristy Turner	Rick & Pat Reass' daughter
Tony Ward	Sharon Ott's friend
Eleanor & Patsy Warmack	T. Michael & Charlie Stavres' friends
Pat Wike	Kathy Jackson's friend
Laura Williamson	Nancy Williamson's daughter
Marshall Wood	Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend

DR. HARVEY WILL RETURN MARCH 1...

after being away the month of February on a two week vacation and two week sabbatical.



*In all your ways acknowledge Him,
and He will make your paths straight.*

Proverbs 3:6

JOIN US ON THE SUNDAYS IN FEBRUARY AS WE FOCUS ON BIBLICAL “Lists for Living.”

Each Sunday, the sermon will explore one of the lists that we find in the Bible

- **Exodus 20:1-17:** The Ten Commandments
- **Micah 6:6-8:** What the Lord Requires
- **Galatians 5:22-23:** The Fruit of the Spirit
- **Matthew 22:34-40:** The Greatest Commandment.



Let's join to worship God, and see how following these lists can help us live a greater and more contented 2017.



CHURCH CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES



It has come to our attention that several church families did not receive their 2017 offering envelopes that were mailed out the last week of December.

If your box either did not arrive or was missing envelopes, please contact the church office at 294-3121 or office@firstpreswh.org and we will help you secure your 2017 envelopes. Thanks.



SOUP KITCHEN BOOT CAMP COMING

Remember those recruiting posters featuring a picture of Uncle Sam pointing his finger with the caption reading, “Uncle Sam needs you!”?

Now imagine posters scattered around the church featuring a picture of Jesus with open arms and the caption reading, “Jesus invites you to feed His sheep!”

To this end, the Deacons are sponsoring two **Soup Kitchen Boot Camps** on Saturdays **March 4 and April 1**. People who have been interested in the Soup Kitchen but may have been a little skittish about helping, will have the opportunity to work alongside your Deacons as they prepare and serve the meal, set up the 737 Building for dining, and clean up afterwards. For those who have considered serving in the role as Head Cook but are still unsure about what that entails, additional training will also be offered on the same dates. This is a non-intimidating and non-threatening way to experience working in the Soup Kitchen and responding to Jesus’ invitation to feed His sheep.

If you are interested in participating, please sign up on the Deacons board in McLeod Hall. Please consider the invitation and join us as we minister to some of the least of Jesus’ brothers and sisters in our own community.



DON'T FORGET TO READ FOR THE NEXT ODD MONTH, ODD MONDAY BOOK DISCUSSION

The next meeting is **Monday, March 20 at 3 pm**
in the back of McLeod Hall.

We will enjoy light refreshments and discuss the book,
The Dinner Party, Brenda Janowitz.



A copy of this title should soon be available for check out in the library. Should you wish to order your own copy, you may contact Jonathan or Bethany Owen in the library. Reservations are requested to ensure adequate refreshments. These may be made through the Church Office at 294-3121.

THE 2017 SANCTUARY FLOWER CALENDAR IS WIDE OPEN



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. We have **March 26 and April 30** available in the near future.

Please remember these important points:

1. Include your best contact number.
2. Include the name of your florist.
3. Tell your florist that the arrangement *must* be here by **Friday, 1:30 p.m.**
4. Call the office the week before to give bulletin information (294-3121.)



WE STILL HAVE MANY DIRECTORIES...



to be claimed. You can pick up your directory in the Edinburgh Room. They are in stacks labeled with the family name in

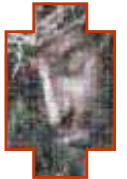


LADIES, JOIN ONE OF OUR CIRCLE MEETINGS

We are using the PW Horizons Bible study titled: "*Who Is Jesus? What a Difference a Lens Makes.*" Study books are available for \$8.00. Contact either Carol Carter at 299-4253 or Sue McClew at 875-6176 for book or with any questions.

Lydia Circle meets the **2nd Monday** of each month at **10:00 a.m.** in McLeod Hall. **The next meeting is March 13.**

Joy Circle meets the **3rd Tuesday** of each month at **9:30 a.m.** The next meeting is **March 21** at the home of Carol Carter.



DEPOSITS ARE DUE FOR THE GREAT ESCAPE
Middle School Youth are encouraged to save **July 30 – August 4, 2017**
for our annual trip to *THE GREAT ESCAPE*.

This week-long conference is one of the highlights of our summer youth schedule. We will discuss details on Wednesday night at middle school youth fellowship. Trip deposits are due now.

If you have any questions, contact Dr. Negley at 294-3121 or snegley@firstpreswh.org.



COMMUNION TO THE FURTHEST PEW IS...

an organized program, conceived by the Community Outreach Committee and the Deacons and approved by the Session, to schedule and implement serving the Lord's Supper to those who are homebound or confined to long term health care facilities.

COMMUNION TO THE FURTHEST PEW SIGN-UP

Yes, I/we would like to receive Holy Communion at our home sometime the week of **March 6 - 10.**

Name(s): _____ Phone # for Contact: _____



Please indicate the best time for you:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10-12	X	10-12	10-12	10-12
2-5	2-5	2-5	2-5	2-5



Please call the office at 294-3121 and ask for Alan, Ray, or Steve so that a time for this service may be arranged and coordinated with a church officer. Thank you!

YOUR OLD CANS OF PAINT NEEDED FOR PRISON TOY SHOP

Many of the inmates at the Polk Correctional Institution spend the year crafting wood toys to be donated to Toys for Tots at Christmas. This project is made possible through material donations to the prison's wood-working shop.

Retired Prison Chaplain, Al-Khatib, and Dr. Negley are asking our congregation to donate half-used cans of paint so that the inmates can paint and decorate their wooden toys. Please bring any partially-used cans of paint that are just cluttering up your home, shop, or closets with you to church. The members of our youth groups will help organize the cans, and fill out the detailed donation form that must be processed by the Department of Corrections. Once we have collected all of your partially filled paint cans, Dr. Negley and Chaplain Al-Khatib will deliver the paint to the prison.



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, 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!



CLASS OF 2020

The Nominating Committee has the responsibility of suggesting men and women to serve on the Session and the Diaconate. Your responsibility is to provide the names of those whom you feel meet the high standards of character required for these offices. These persons must have the time available to SERVE, the commitment to Jesus Christ to SERVE, and the ability to LEAD this congregation and its spiritual and physical growth for our Lord's sake.

Please prayerfully consider your recommendations (which may include yourself.) Your signature is not required.

These recommendations will be considered by the Nominating Committee which will present a slate for election. We are to elect five Elders and five Deacons to three-year terms to replace those retiring this year. We are also to elect five at-large members to serve on next year's Nominating Committee.

Names(s) for consideration as:

ELDER

DEACON

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE

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Please place in the offering plate or mail to the church office.

MARCH

Birthdays

3/1	Margaret Goodman Madelaine Scamehorn	3/13	Hamp Plowden	3/21	Carolyn Thompson
3/2	Gus Badnell Rob Frost Joey Johnston Diane Repass	3/14	Richard Elmore John Kissel	3/23	Stewart Negley Ed Rounsley
3/3	Fred Deloach Robin Turley Richard Wales	3/16	Thomas Brackett Madison Britt Ted Threadgill Mark Wilson	3/25	Sam Bryant William Colgrove Jim Gray III Amy Powell
3/5	Judy Moots Shelly Prather Sarah Ryan John Strang	3/17	Jay Dugger Tucker Gray Bryce Snively Mary Strang	3/26	Peyten Palo Adam Weeks Carson Weeks
3/6	Joanna Gray Polly Wilson	3/18	Nancy Brooks Nicholas Glenn Marion Hearn Miller Thompson	3/27	Ellen Marie Adams Jacob Cardona Mary Ellen Porter Cheryl Price John A. Strang Joyce Wander
3/8	Jared Lockhart Tom Oldt	3/19	Richard Chilton Marcie Dershimer Paul Palo Joseph Volpe	3/28	Rhea Oakley Joe Tackett
3/9	Lynn Boland Suzanne Brantley Riley Rowker Emma Skipper Drew Stapor Aaron Thibodaux	3/20	Becky Alexander Ross Kosmenschky Rebecca Alexander Bonnie Ryan Delanie Stavres	3/29	Beverly Pace
3/10	David J. Alexander Gayle Johnston Teri Reineke Mary Ellen Rowker	3/21	Nancy Chilton Anamarie Coffman Agnes Harland Karen Siegel	3/30	Karl Duce Laura Keplinger Courtney Marshall Pat Nepute Debbie Shinn Andrew Stavres
3/12	Joel Price			3/31	Courtney Gray Heidi Hook David Matha Marilyn Schleifer
3/13	Larry Lincoski				

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

DON'T MISS THE CONNECTION

9:15 – 10:45 a.m.

Fellowship time in McLeod Hall offers a coffee bar type selection with different flavors, creamers, pastries, etc. It is a gathering place before (or after) worship, and between worship and Sunday School for some. Videos of church activities play on a loop in McLeod Hall. Hosts circulate in McLeod Hall and the CE Building to greet and assist people in making connections with others in one of the worship or Christian Education options.



PLEASE JOIN US FOR ONE OF OUR THREE WORSHIP SERVICES

8:15 a.m. ~ Chapel Worship



A traditional worship service held in our chapel. The service follows the same order as the 11:00 a.m. worship service, but does not have a Chancel Choir. Musical ensembles offer special music on many Sundays. A Time with Younger Disciples is included if we have children in attendance.

9:30 a.m. ~ Heart of Worship

A Praise and Worship service held in our sanctuary. Along with scripture, sermon, and prayers, the praise band helps the congregation in adoring and showing reverence to God. Following the Time with Younger Disciples, children are invited to join Ms. Lynn in music and then to join in their own Children's Sunday School Classes.

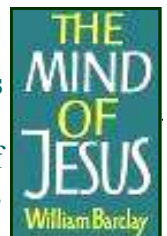
11:00 a.m. ~ Sanctuary Worship

A traditional worship service held in our sanctuary. The service follows the same order as the 8:15 a.m. Chapel Service, and includes music from the Chancel Choir and the organ, as well as other instruments and groups.

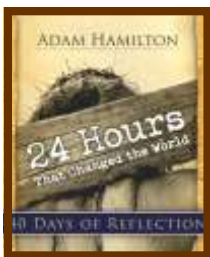
SUNDAY SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES

9:30 a.m. ~ Adult

Please join the Perspectives Class studies at **9:30 a.m.** in the Geneva Room for *The Mind of Jesus* by William Barclay. "Jesus suffered, doubted, hoped, feared, dreamed, wept, knew loneliness, planned, and built. William Barclay achieves in *The Mind of Jesus* his aim "to make the figure of Jesus more vividly alive, so that we may know him better and love him more." This class is facilitated by Dr. Jim Threlkel and Glenn Thomas.



A NEW ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL HAS STARTED



You are invited to "*24 Hours that Changed the World*"-- the Adam Hamilton study at **9:30** in Room 207. Join **Gannon Olmert** for this 8-week video discussion leading us toward Easter. Hamilton's video highlights the perspective of the people in Jerusalem during Holy Week.

From the review: "We are Judas, Peter, John, Pilate, the Council, and others. We are asked to seriously consider our humanly weaknesses, our prejudices, and our plan to become even closer to God and move ourselves further along our faith walk."

9:30 a.m. ~ Children

On Sunday mornings, all children age three through fifth grade have a special music time with Ms. Lynn from **9:45 – 10 a.m.**

At **10 a.m.** the **Preschool Children** (ages 3 and 4) meet in Room 101 for their own time of Bible lesson, craft, snack, and playtime.

The **Elementary children** (kindergarten through fifth grade) are invited to experience the Sunday School curriculum called *252 Basics*. This curriculum is designed to provoke discovery and invite kids into a new understanding of how to grow in relationship with Jesus.



We look forward to you all joining us on Sunday mornings!

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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
319 bag lunches the week of 2/13/17.

Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 90 people on 2/18/17.

Return Service Requested

PLEASE JOIN US FOR SHROVE TUESDAY

Reserve your spot now for Shrove **Tuesday, February 28 at 5:30 p.m.**
Sign-up for delicious pancakes, sausage, and bacon prepared by Parson Larson
and his dedicated crew of flapjack flippers.

New challenge this year: *SHROVE TUESDAY JEOPARDY!* So pick your table team
wisely and join us for a delightful feast before the fast! Reservations are due by
Monday, February 27 at noon. Please drop this tear off in the offering plate, call the
church office at 294-3121, or email the office@firstpreswh.org to RSVP.

Name _____ Number attending _____



ASH WEDNESDAY

In the service outlined for Ash Wednesday in the Book of Common worship, the pastor is invited to make this statement:



Friends in Christ, every year at the time of the Christian Passover (Easter) we celebrate our redemption through the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Lent is a time to prepare for this celebration and to renew our lives in this holy mystery. We begin this season by acknowledging our need for repentance, and for the mercy and forgiveness proclaimed in the gospel of Jesus Christ. We begin our journey to Easter with the sign of ashes. This ancient sign speaks of the frailty and uncertainty of human life, and mark the penitence of this community.

We hope you will join your friends in Christ at our Ash Wednesday service, on **March 1 at 6:30 p.m.** in the sanctuary. You will hear the Word proclaimed, and have the opportunity to be marked with ashes as you begin your own Lenten journey to the empty cross.