



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
WINTER HAVEN

Tower Chimes

Week of March 5, 2017

Issue 617

131 Years of Ministry

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DON'T MISS THIS YEAR'S LENTEN SERMON SERIES

*You know that after two days the Passover is coming,
and the Son of Man will be handed over to be crucified.*

Matthew 26:2

Throughout his earthly life, and along the dusty road to the cross, Jesus lived as a faithful follower of God Almighty. In the words from Matthew chapter 26, he tied His own crucifixion with the sacrifice of Passover.

During the season of Lent, we will focus our Sunday worship services on *“The Life of Our Messiah,”* celebrating how the earthly life of Jesus was influenced by Jewish traditions, festivals, and spirituality.

We will begin this Lenten journey at **communion on Sunday, March 5**, at each of our worship services. We will all be invited again to the Lord's Table at the end of Lent, **Maundy Thursday, April 13**. Please plan to have your faith deepened and stretched as we explore the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments in the life, death, and resurrection of our Lord.

“Repent and Believe in the Gospel”

LENT 2017

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 5 1st Sunday in Lent Communion

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, March 6

8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)

Tuesday, March 7

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

Wednesday, March 8

8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)
10:45 a.m. Preschool Music (CE 103)
11:15 a.m. Preschool Music (CE 103)
12:00 p.m. Buildings & Grounds (MH)
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)
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir (MS)

Thursday, March 9

1:15 p.m. Chapel Bells (MS)
3:00 p.m. Membership (MCR)
6:30 p.m. Praise & Worship Band (Sanctuary)

Friday, March 10

8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)

Saturday, March 11

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

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



Our Christian sympathy goes to John, Gail, Heidi & Jenny Van Allen on the death of their mother/grandmother Christine Smedema, who died on February 17, 2017.

Remember in Prayer

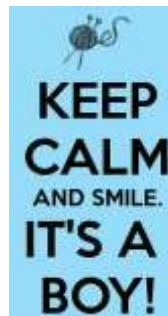
members

Roger Able	Jim Huff	Dave Ryan
Maxie Adams	Joey Johnston	Marilyn Schleifer
Bob Beale	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	Gladys Meier	Scott Strey
Bill Everhart	Lynnis Mincey	Pam Tallent-Blackburn
Lois Frakes	Bev Morris	Carolyn Thompson
Jim Francis	Joan Murphy	MaryBess Thompson & family
Bill Garrett	Nancy Neale	Shirley Turner
Evelyn Girouard	Ed Partridge	Mike Vibral
Margaret Goodman	Anthony Premuto	Lee Wilkinson
Patti Herndon	Doug Purnell	Marie Williams
Marilyn Hearn	Robert Ramseyer	Nancy Williamson
Frances Heath	Keith Ray	Judy Winfree
Kay Hedden	Barbara Roberts	Retha Wright
Doris Hill	Earle Roberts	
Camille Howe	Ed Rounsley	

IN THE HOSPITAL: Dena Lancashire, 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 & Marilynn 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



Congratulations to Erin & Adam Cranmer in the birth of their son, Winston Gray Cranmer, born February 22, 2017. The proud grandparents are Lia & Jay Gray.

SAVE THE DATE! CALLING ALL 1ST THROUGH 5TH GRADERS!

If you are starting to think about your summer schedule, we would love to have you join us for a week of First Pres Music Camp this summer. Music Camp will be from **July 10th through the 14th, 10 a.m. to 12 noon**. We'll do ukulele and recorder, some drumming and I think everyone has been looking at my singing puppets, so we will also work up a skit to share in worship service on the 16th.



There is a sign-up sheet in the church office with a limit of 10 spots. There is no charge for the camp but we do ask that you plan to come each day and participate in Sunday Worship on **July 16**. If you have questions, please see Lynn McCoy.

EASTER IS COMING!!!

We are collecting plastic Easter Eggs for our Easter Egg hunt which will be held on **Sunday, April 16 at 10:30 a.m.** Please bring in your **plastic eggs already filled with individually-wrapped candy or small prizes (no chocolate please)**. You may drop off the eggs in the main office or in the basket in McLeod Hall. Please have them delivered by **Monday, April 10**. Little ones through fifth graders are invited to attend the hunt.



FIRST FACT!!!

CONGRATULATIONS TO BOB MCCLEW

On Saturday, February 18th, 2017, at the Annual Gathering of Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Tampa Bay, Bob was recognized for his many years of service to Presbyterian Women by receiving an Honorary Life Membership pin and certificate. He served as registrar for the 1997 and 2000 Church-wide Gatherings of Presbyterian Women and assisted with registrations at the 1994 and 2003 gatherings and volunteered at the 2012 gathering, helping to stuff over 2,000 tote bags. Most recently he participated in the Synod of South Atlantic Gathering at Epworth by the Sea in St. Simons Island, GA where he helped with registration there. (Bob's wife, Sue, has been involved with Presbyterian Women for the past 30 years so he's supported her many leadership positions and travels.) He is a member of First Presbyterian Church, Winter Haven, participating in the Tuesday men's luncheon group, Prime Timers, 10 to 2 Lunch Bunch and an adult Sunday school class. He also volunteers during tax season, preparing federal returns through AARP. Bob will be 91 years old in July.



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 & 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.)



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 or Steve so that a time for this service may be arranged and coordinated with a church officer. Thank you!

WE STILL HAVE APPROXIMATELY 65 DIRECTORIES TO BE PICKED UP.



You can claim your directory in the Edinburgh Room. They are in stacks labeled with the family name in alphabetical order.

PLEASE NOTE: EVERY CHURCH MEMBER GETS A DIRECTORY, EVEN IF YOU DID NOT HAVE A PHOTO TAKEN.

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.

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*, by 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.

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.



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.

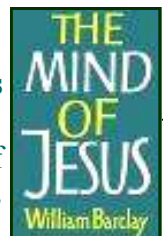
11:00 a.m. ~ Sanctuary Worship

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.

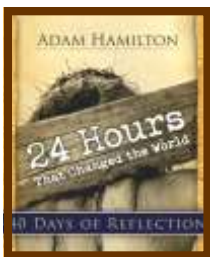
SUNDAY SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES

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
317 bag lunches the week of 2/20/17.

Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 85 people on 2/25/17.

Return Service Requested

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.

