



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
WINTER HAVEN

# Tower Chimes

*Week of March 12, 2017*

*Issue 618*

*131 Years of Ministry*

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## SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT and THIS YEAR'S LENTEN SERMON SERIES

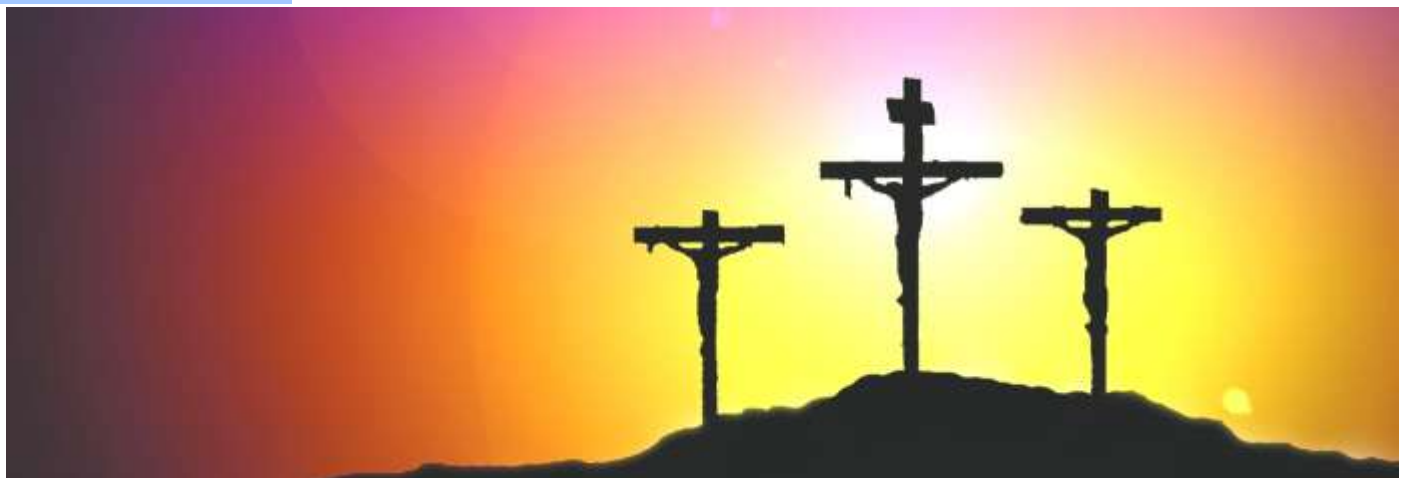
*You know that after two days the Passover is coming,  
and the Son of Man will be handed over to be crucified.*

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.



# OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

## Sunday, March 12 2nd Sunday in Lent

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 (GC)  
5:30 p.m. HSYG (GC)

## Monday, March 13

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

## Tuesday, March 14

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

## Wednesday, March 15

8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)  
10:45 a.m. Preschool Music (CE 103)  
11:15 a.m. Preschool Music (CE 103)  
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 16

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

## Friday, March 17

8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)

## Saturday, March 18

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

# Remember in Prayer

## members

Roger Able	Joey Johnston	Dave Ryan
Maxie Adams	Kelly Kennedy	Marilyn Schleifer
Bob Beale	Peggy 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	John Maltese	Amy Speer
Jana & Mike Easterling	Larry Marshall	Meg Strang
Jeanne Estes	Dick McCauley	Scott Strey
Bill Everhart	Gladys Meier	Pam Tallent-Blackburn
Lois Frakes	Lynn Mincey	Carolyn Thompson
Jim Francis	Bev Morris	MaryBess Thompson & family
Margaret Goodman	Joan Murphy	Shirley Turner
Patti Herndon	Nancy Neale	Mike Vibral
Marilyn Hearn	Ed Partridge	Lee Wilkinson
Frances Heath	Anthony Premuto	Marie Williams
Kay Hedden	Doug Purnell	Nancy Williamson
Doris Hill	Robert Ramseyer	Judy Winfree
Camille Howe	Keith Ray	Retha Wright
Jim Huff	Barbara Roberts	Earle Roberts

## IN THE HOSPITAL: John Skipper Relatives & Friends

Reese Burdette	Dana Cole's cousin
Florence Curtis	Stephany Alexander's mother
Al Ellis	Jim Threlkel's friend
Raymond Fenstermaker	Gale & Gwen Waters' grandson
Cooper Hicks	Mary Ann Rowker's former student
Pete Kent	Charley & Nancy Chilton's nephew
Cynthia McCaleb	Carolyn Thompson's daughter
Madison Ruhl	Mary Ann Rowker's former student
Kristy Turner	Rick & Pat Reass' daughter
Marshall Wood	Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend

## 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 Maltese on the death of his wife, Elaine Maltese, who died on Thursday, March 2, 2017.*

## OUR STEPHEN MINISTERS ARE READY TO CARE FOR YOU!



We all go through times in our life when we could benefit from a little extra care and attention. That's what Stephen Ministers are for. Stephen Ministers are members of *First Presbyterian Church* who have been trained to provide confidential, one-to-one, Christian care to people who are going through a difficult time. They will listen, care, encourage, pray with and for you, and provide weekly support for you as long as your need persists.

If you would like to find out more about Stephen Ministry for yourself or someone you know (possibly a friend, neighbor, coworker, or relative) talk with or call **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 (pictured right) located in the Centennial Room, narthex, and balcony hallway.

**Our Stephen Ministers are ready to bring God's love and care into your life.**

# JOIN ONE OF OUR YOUTH GROUPS



If you are a middle or high school student, we would love for you to join us for youth group each week in our youth house, The Golden Center. **Middle School** meets each **Wednesday night from 5:30-7:30** and **High School** 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 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 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. Upcoming events being are: a Chain of Lakes canoe cookout; a train ride & hotdogs in Dundee; and Ice Skating. 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!

## 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](mailto:office@firstpreswh.org) and we will help you secure your 2017 envelopes. Thanks.

## CHRIST KIDS!

From **3:15 until 5:30 each Wednesday** afternoon, kids from age 4 through grade 5 enjoy a well-balanced experience of Christian community. Some of the Christ Kids have grown up at First Pres; others are new to church.

Christ Kids have fun on the Playground, learn to praise God with Music, offer their prayer concerns during Circle Time, and experience Bible stories in ways that connect with their lives. During the weeks leading up to Easter, Christ Kids' circle time will explore the Lord's Prayer. A dedicated team of ten volunteers each week makes it possible for these children to grow in Christian faith.



## 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.**  
next meeting is **March 21** at the home of Carol Carter.



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## SAVE THE DATE! CALLING ALL 1<sup>ST</sup> THROUGH 5<sup>TH</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> through the 14<sup>th</sup>, 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 16<sup>th</sup>.

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.



## 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 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.

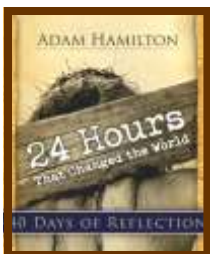
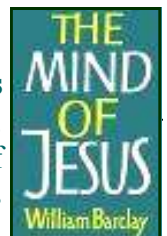
### 11:00 a.m. ~ Sanctuary Worship

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.



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 2/27/17.

We gave out 1,204 bag lunches  
in February, 2017.

**Return Service Requested**

### Soup Kitchen Ministry

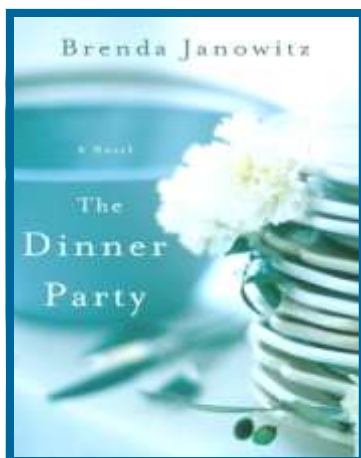
We fed 67 people on 3/4/17.

We fed 342 people in February, 2017.

## DON'T FORGET TO READ FOR THIS MONTH'S 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.