



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
WINTER HAVEN

# Tower Chimes

Week of March 19, 2017

Issue 619

131 Years of Ministry

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## THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

**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 this season of Lent, we are focusing 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.

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 19**

**3 Cents-a-Meal**

**3rd 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)

**Monday, March 20**

3:00 p.m. OM, OM Book Club (MH)

**Tuesday, March 21**

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 22**

5:30 p.m. Community Outreach (MCR)  
6:00 p.m. Chancel Bells (MS)  
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir (MS)

**Thursday, March 23**

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

**Friday, March 24**

**Saturday, March 25**

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	Ed Rounsley
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	Scott Strey
Tom Coffman	Spike Lucia	Pam Tallent-Blackburn
Charlie Dart	John Maltese	Carolyn Thompson
Jana & Mike Easterling	Larry Marshall	MaryBess Thompson & family
Jeanne Estes	Gladys Meier	Shirley Turner
Bill Everhart	Lynniss Mincey	Lee Wilkinson
Margaret Goodman	Bev Morris	Marie Williams
Matthew Gray	Joan Murphy	Nancy Williamson
Marilyn Hearn	Nancy Neale	Judy Winfree
Frances Heath	Ed Partridge	Retha Wright
Kay Hedden	Doug Purnell	
Doris Hill	Keith Ray	
Camille Howe	Barbara Roberts	
Jim Huff	Earle Roberts	

IN THE HOSPITAL: John Skipper

## Relatives & Friends

Reese Burdette	Dana Cole's cousin
Florence Curtis	Stephany Alexander's mother
DiNunzio family	Kit Threlkel's friend
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
Mike Lane & family	Jonathan Owen's brother-in-law
Cynthia McCaleb	Carolyn Thompson's daughter
Madison Ruhl	Mary Ann Rowker's former student
Kristy Turner	Rick & Pat Reass' daughter
Gary Webb	Mathew Gray's father
Marshall Wood	Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend

## 3 CENTS-A-MEAL THIS SUNDAY

We will collect the **3 Cents-a-Meal Hunger Offering** during worship services **SUNDAY, MARCH 19**. This offering is divided between our Soup Kitchen/Bag Lunch Ministry, Beth-El Farm-workers Ministry, and Honduras.



## YOU CAN PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN OUR STEPHEN MINISTRY . . .

. . . Because you may know of a friend, neighbor, co-worker, or relative who is going through a difficult time and who could benefit from the focused care, encouragement, and support of a Stephen Minister.

If you know of someone who is hurting, call **Pat Reass at 206-9914**. Or you can talk with one of our other Stephen Leaders: **Alan Harvey, Mary Marrs, Steve Negley, Less O'Neal, Barbara Perkins, or Jean Strang**. They can talk with you about how we can connect the person you know with one of our Stephen Ministers. It's a great way for you to show how much you care!





## SOUP KITCHEN HEAD COOKS NEEDED FOR MARCH 18 & 25

Our Saturday Soup Kitchen needs Head Cooks. Please sign up on Deacons' board in McLeod Hall.



## SOUP KITCHEN BOOT CAMP COMING

The Deacons are sponsoring another **Soup Kitchen Boot Camp** on Saturday **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 date. 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.



## 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.



## 2017 EASTER LILY ORDER FORM

It is time to order your Easter lily for **Easter Sunday, April 16**. 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, April 10**. 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: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I will pick up my lily after the 11:00 a.m. service Easter Sunday.

I would like my lily delivered to a shut-in.

# JOIN ONE OF OUR YOUTH GROUPS

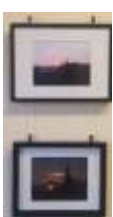
If you are a middle or high school student, we would love for you to join us for youth group each week in our youth house, The Golden Center. **Middle School** meets each **Wednesday night from 5:30-7:30** and **High School** meets each **Sunday night from 5:30-7:30**. During this time we spend time 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 planned are: a Chain of Lakes canoe cookout; a train ride & lunch 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!

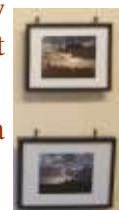
## DID YOU SEE?



Please stop and take a look at the gallery in the second floor North Hallway. The photography of Walter Ferguson displays the beauty of the First Presbyterian chime tower at different times of the day.

If you have a talent in visual art and would like to share in our gallery, please contact Lia Gray, Cheryce Harris or Lynn McCoy.

If you had a paper cut art on display in the gallery please pick it up from the Upper Room.



## 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.

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.

Lydia Circle meets the **2nd Monday** of each month at **10:00 a.m.** in McLeod Hall.

**The next meeting is April 10.**

## SO LONG TO ALL!

I say so long because I don't ever like to say good bye. Saying so long means we will see each other again. I thank God and Father of us all for all of you. Especially Steve, Alan, and the staff who served with me at First Pres. I remain always grateful to you, with God's love and grace.

Your fellow servant, *Ray Larson*



# 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.

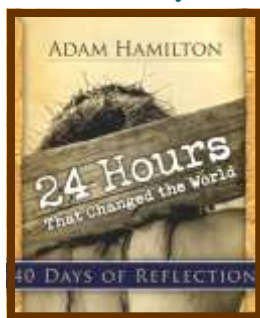
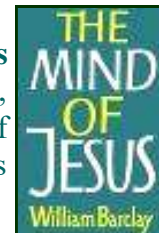
## 11:00 a.m. ~ Sanctuary Worship

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 a.m.** 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  
257 bag lunches the week of 3/6/17.

### Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 80 people on 3/11/17.

**Return Service Requested**

# *ODD MONTH, ODD MONDAY BOOK DISCUSSION IS HERE*

We will meet **Monday, March 20 at 3 p.m.** in the back of McLeod Hall.

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

Reservations are requested to ensure adequate refreshments.  
These may be made through the Church Office at 294-3121.

