



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

Tower Chimes

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132 Years of Ministry

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SOUPER BOWL OF CARING KICK OFF!



Since 1990, young people have been leading the charge and inspiring others to collect dollars and food the weeks leading up to the Big Game. Teaming up with local partners, these groups give 100% of donations to local charities, changing the nation's largest weekend of football into the largest weekend of caring. OUR YOUTH will once again be joining in the SOUPER BOWL OF CARING here in Winter Haven.

This **Sunday morning, February 4**, members of our youth groups will be at the doors with Soup Pots following our three worship services to collect dollars for our own Saturday Soup Kitchen. And – at **2 p.m.** that day, the annual Youth and Geezers flag football game will be played on the soccer fields at Polk State College. The cost of admission (to play or watch) is a non-perishable food item for our Soup Kitchen.

Please plan to join us.



PLEASE JOIN US FOR 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 **February 14 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.

SHROVE TUESDAY IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER

Reserve your spot now for Shrove Tuesday, **February 13 at 5:30 p.m.** Sign-up for delicious pancakes, sausage, and bacon. During the evening several challenges await you. So pick your table team wisely and join us for a delightful feast before the fast! Reservations are due by Monday, **February 12** at noon. Please drop this tear off in the offering plate or call the church office at 294-3121.

Name: _____ # Attending: _____



OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, February 4

Souper Bowl of Caring

- 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)
- 10:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School (CE)
- 11:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
- 2:00 p.m. Souper Bowl of Caring Game (PSC)

Monday, February 5

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

Tuesday, February 6

- 12:00 p.m. Men's Lunch (MH)
- 6:30 p.m. Session (GR)
- 6:30 p.m. Praise & Worship Band (Sanctuary)

Wednesday, February 7

- 8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)
- 10:45 a.m. Preschool Music (CE 103)
- 3:00 p.m. Christ Kids (CE)
- 3:45 p.m. Christ Kids Bell Ringers (MS)
- 5:00 p.m. Confirmation (GC)
- 5:30 p.m. Middle School Youth Group (GC)
- 6:00 p.m. Chancel Bells (MS)
- 6:00 p.m. APNC (ER)
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir (MS)

Thursday, February 8

- 9:00 p.m. Ladies' Bible Study (GC)
- 1:15 p.m. Chapel Bells (MS)

Friday, February 9

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

Saturday, February 10

- 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 Able	Camille Howe	Joyce Shirah
Maxie Adams	Jim Huff	Mary Alice, Emma, &
Kathy Andrews	Scott & Becky Irvin	John Skipper
Kathleen Avinger	Shea & Lacey Irvin	Barbara H. Smith
Bill Brack	Martha Johnson	Ed Smith
Tom Brackett	Joey Johnston	Jeff Snyder
Henry Braun	Peggy Kennedy	Scott Strey
Nancy Brooks	Toni Krieger	Barbara Sweeney
Helen Butz	Dena Lancashire	Carol Switalski
Helen Champlain	Kathy Lockhart	Jay Tackett
Tom Coffman	Spike Lucia	Pam Tallent-Blackburn
Yolanda Dyer	Larry Marshall	Carolyn Thompson
Jana & Mike Easterling	Lynn Mincey	Bob Turner
Jeanne Estes	Bev Morris	Court Turner
Bill Everhart	Nancy Neale	Mark Turner
Rossanne Gorsky	Norm Patrick	Scott Turner
Clyde Greene	Jane Ray	John Van Allen
Jane Hayman	Keith Ray	Jennifer Vibrat
Frances Heath	Barbara Roberts	Lee Wilkinson
Kay Hedden	Earle Roberts	Judy Winfree
Doris Hill	Elsie Savant	Retha Wright
Ranell Hillman	Beverly Seagreaves	
Bryan Howard	James Shinn	

IN THE HOSPITAL: Bill Everhart & John Skipper

Relatives & Friends

Dusty Barr	Mary Ellen Rowker's cousin
Reese Burdette	Dana Cole's cousin
Al Ellis	Jim Threlkel's friend
Renee Fugate	Karen Alexander's friend
Debbie Hunt	Lisa Endres' friend
Pete Kent	Charley & Nancy Chilton's nephew
Anne McBride	Rick & Pat Reass' friend
Mike Oriani	Joe Oriani's brother
Paula & Claude Owens	Walter Ferguson's friends
Amy Reynolds	Kay Stine's friend
Austin Snively	Amy Powell's friend
Kristy Turner	Rick & Pat Reass' daughter
Kevin Tobin	Gale Johnston's friend
Joy Wallace	Arletta Oriani's aunt
Jeanie Weeks	Zan Dismuke's friend
Dudley Windsor	Polly Wilson's friend
Marshall Wood	Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend



Zach Anaya	Daniel Harp
Brenden Anderson	Sean Harp
Christian Anderson	David Knowles
Karolina Crockett	John Marotti
Samuel Crockett	Mathew Massam
Zach Drum	KaitLin Marotti-Pitts
Robert Ferguson	Ashton Pitts
Stephanie Gillie	Shad Skinner
Eddie Gray	Drew Stapor

FAQ - Memorial Garden

Are all of the people's names on metal plaques on the south brick wall of the Memorial Garden interred there?

Most are not! As part of their last will and testament, some people have desired for their names to be placed there, even though their bodies or ashes are interred elsewhere. Some family members have desired that their loved ones' names be remembered within our Memorial Garden. even though their ashes or bodies are interred elsewhere. Some names are included there whose ashes have been scattered in the garden.



DO YOU LIKE TO SEW? WE NEED YOU!

We have begun sewing dresses for Honduras pre-school girls. We gather in the Girl Scout House on **Tuesdays from 12 to 2 p.m.** (Bring a sack lunch.)

NEEDED:

- Sewers either at church or in your own home
- Sewing machines
- Fancy pillow cases
- Bias tape
- Ribbon for draw strings - 2 1/2 yards and 5/8" wide
- 100% cotton material in 3/4 yard or 1 yard pieces
- Patterns:
 - Simplicity "pillowcase fashions" #2391, size A 3-8
 - Mcalls #M7111, size CCE 3-6
 - McCalls #M5613, size CCE 3-6



For details, a ride, or a pick up of material, supplies or a sewing machine please contact Lydia Circle member Sharon Mitchell 419-332-5268.



CIRCLE MEETINGS

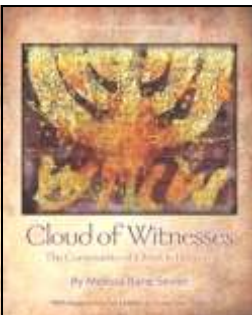
Lydia Circle - **Second Monday each month at 10 a.m.** in McLeod Hall.

Joy Circle - **Third Tuesday each month at 9:30 a.m.** at the home of Carol Carter.

We are using the PW Horizons Bible study titled: "*Cloud of Witnesses - The Community of Christ Hebrew*" written by Melissa Bane Sevier. In nine lessons, the author invites us to explore major themes found in Hebrews, relate these themes to other parts of our faith tradition, and tie them together with the overarching motif of community.

The study books are available for \$10.

Contact either Carol Carter at 299-4253 or Sue McClew at 875-6176 for your copy.



SOUND BOARD OPERATORS WANTED

If technology is your thing, we have a place for you in our musical praise!! We are in need of people who would like to learn about our sound system and help during the worship services to make sure all our praise is heard!

We will be holding a training session so **contact Lynn at 701-570-1485** and let her know if you are willing to join the Sunday rotation in the sound booth. **PLEASE!!**



THE 2018 SANCTUARY FLOWER CALENDAR IS POSTED IN THE NARTHEX.

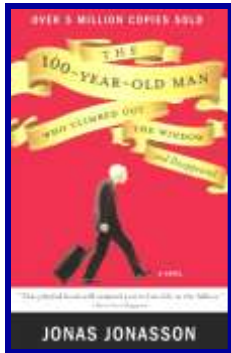
Available dates for the near future are:
All of March, May 13, 20, & 27.



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.

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.)



START READING FOR OUR NEXT Odd Month, Odd Monday Book Club?

March 19 : *The One Hundred Year Old Man* By Jonas Jonasson

We will meet in the back of McLeod Hall at 3 p.m.
for discussion and light refreshments.

Please RSVP by calling 294-3121 or emailing office@firstpreswh.org.

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!



OUR STEPHEN MINISTERS ARE READY TO CARE FOR YOU!

Stephen Ministers are members of First Presbyterian Church who have been through extensive training and provide confidential, one-to-one, Christian care to people who are experiencing 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 or someone you know is hurting, find out more about Stephen Ministry by calling Pat Reass at 206-9914. Or you can talk with one of our other Stephen Leaders: Alan Harvey, Mary Marrs, Steve Negley, Barbara Perkins, Susan Singleton, or Jean Strang. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to bring God's love and care into your life.

CHRIST
CARING
FOR
PEOPLE
THROUGH
PEOPLE

Join Us on the Lord's Day

Worship



8:15 a.m. Chapel Worship

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

9:30 - 10:25 a.m. Heart of Worship

A Praise and Worship service is held in our sanctuary. Along with scripture, sermon, and prayers, a 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 is 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.

DON'T MISS THE CONNECTION

9:15—10:45 A.M.

Fellowship time in McLeod Hall offers a coffee bar type selection with different flavored creamers, pastries, etc. It is a gathering place before (or after) worship, and between worship and Sunday School for some.

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.



SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES



For Kids: We'll be getting to learn more about Jesus - His life and ministry and leaders in the early church. Short videos, music, art, and Bible activities will keep the kids coming back for more!

If your family attends the 9:30 a.m. service, kids age 4 and older worship with their families for the first part of the service. After the "Time with Younger Disciples," age 4 through grade 5 may be dismissed to the Christian Education building for music and classes until 10:45 a.m.

If your family attends the 11:00 a.m. service, come to the CE Building for music and classes from 10:00 until 10:45 a.m.

For Adults: Who is the real Jesus? How can we experience the mystery, complexity, and richness of his spirituality and teachings in our lives today? *Living Jesus: Learning the Heart of the Gospel* by Luke Timothy Johnson elucidates the mystery of Jesus' resurrection and its central role in the Christian experience. It explores the diversity and fullness of the New Testament views of Christ, revealing how each book's perspective can deepen our understanding of Jesus. Profoundly insightful, *Living Jesus* offers valuable lessons on how we can accept the Gospels' powerful invitation to an authentic Christian spirituality. Join us in the Geneva Room from **9:30 until 10:30 a.m.**



Also for adults: Explore financial principles embedded in the Bible. This course, led by church member, Elder, and CPA Howard Beckert will give the participants direction in how to apply these principles in their daily lives. The class will be tailored to meet the needs and interests of the participants and meets in CE207 at **9:30 a.m.** and runs thru February 11.

Our Purpose Statement

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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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Summer months and holidays published bi-weekly.
Church dated material, please deliver by 2/2/18.

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Bag Lunch Ministry

We gave out 193 bag lunches
the week of 1/22/18.

Soup Kitchen Ministry

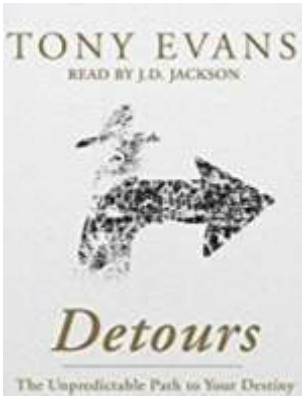
We fed 85 people on 1/27/17.

Return Service Requested

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«City», «State» «Zip»

LADIES

JOIN US FOR OUR NEW BIBLE STUDY



Detours, by Dr. Tony Evans, is a study of the biblical account of Joseph, through whom God demonstrates how He is at work even when life seems to be going wrong. It depicts a young man who endured betrayal, abandonment, injustice, and confusion before understanding God's sovereign plan to redirect him from the pit to the palace. Even today, it's easy to wonder why God would allow calamity to happen or if He's in control at all. Whether through uncontrollable circumstances or the pain of personal relationships, everyone has experienced unforeseen changes in life. This study helps believers navigate detours that may take you through trials, injustice, and even betrayal. You will be comforted and encouraged when you learn to rest in God's redemptive plan and the hope found in God's sovereign will.

The format is an optional study guide which will be used for discussion and a 30-40 minute video. We will meet **9-11 a.m. on February 1 & 15, March 1, 15, & 29 and April 12**. If you're interested in joining us on the journey of the study of Joseph and how his detours can help us cope with our own detours, contact Lia Gray at 318-1541 or uncpair@gmail.com. Please, also contact Lia if you're interested in an evening class.