



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
WINTER HAVEN

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132 Years of Ministry

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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

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 11

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

Monday, February 12

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

Tuesday, February 13

Shrove Tuesday

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (MCR)
 12:00 p.m. Men's Lunch (MH)
 5:30 p.m. Pancake Supper (MH)
 7:00 p.m. Personnel (MCR)
 6:30 p.m. Praise & Worship Band (Sanctuary)

Wednesday, February 14

Ash Wednesday

8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)
 10:45 a.m. Preschool Music (CE 103)
 12:00 p.m. Buildings & Grounds (MH)
 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)
 6:15 p.m. APNC (ER)
 6:30 p.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir (MS)

Thursday, February 15

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

Friday, February 16

8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)

Saturday, February 17

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

IN THE HOSPITAL: Randall Palmer

Relatives & Friends

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
 Brenden Anderson
 Christian Anderson
 Karolina Crockett
 Samuel Crockett
 Zach Drum
 Robert Ferguson
 Stephanie Gillie
 Eddie Gray

Daniel Harp
 Sean Harp
 David Knowles
 John Marotti
 Mathew Massam
 KaitLin Marotti-Pitts
 Ashton Pitts
 Shad Skinner
 Drew Stapor

FAQ - Memorial Garden

On the south side of the Memorial Garden, I have noticed some names engraved on granite blocks. What are these?

These are in ground niches. Some grieving family members selected urns or other containers to hold their loved one's ashes and these will not fit in the niches in the columbarium (the cross) or the other wall units. Of course, in ground niches are preferred by some people.



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; McCalls #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.

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.



CIRCLE MEETINGS

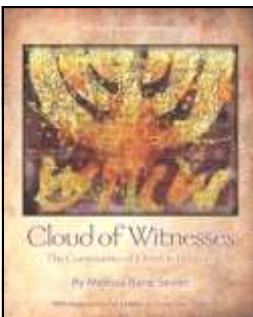
Lydia Circle - **Second Monday each month at 10 a.m.** in McLeod Hall.

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.



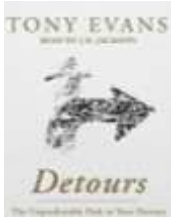
SOUND BOARD OPERATORS WANTED

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!!**



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.

We will meet 9-11 a.m. on February 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 unpair@gmail.com. Please, also contact Lia if you're interested in an evening class.

A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL!

TALENT SHOW



On behalf of the church youth program we would like to express our gratitude for your support toward our talent show. Someone once said "it is better to give than to receive" and we believe this is true when we look at your willingness to contribute to the future of both our church and youth program. Through your generous donations we raised **\$1,741** from the talent show and this will be used in the most efficient ways to benefit the youth in our program. Thank you!



SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

Through your generosity, the soup pots held by the doors after worship by the youth were filled with **\$619**. This amount will supply all the food for four of our Saturday Soup Kitchen meals, feeding a hot supper to over 400 people. We also collected over 30 non-perishable food items from the players and fans at our Souper Bowl Game at Polk State College. This food will be transformed into two huge pots of soup for an upcoming Saturday Soup Kitchen. We had 26 youth and adults take the field for our two hour flag football game. This year the trophy went to the geezers. Thanks to all for making this day such a wonderful time of Christian fellowship and a focus on feeding our hungry neighbors.



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

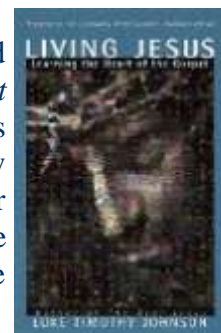


For Kids: We'll be getting to learn more about Jesus - His life and ministry and leaders in the early church. Short videos, music, art, and Bible activities will keep the kids coming back for more!

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.

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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 220 bag lunches
the week of 1/29/18.

We gave out 1,005 bag lunches
in January, 2018.

Return Service Requested

Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 86 people on 2/3/18.

We fed 360 in January, 2018.

MISSION HONDURAS -- SUMMER 2018

We are holding an INFORMATIONAL MEETING for any and all folks who would be interested in joining our 2018 Honduras Mission Trip.



The experience is open to First Pres members who have completed at least 9th grade. This senior high/adult mission is being planned for Saturday, June 16 – Saturday, June 23. During the week we will be partnering with our Christian

sisters and brothers in the churches of the Presbytery of Honduras to share the love of Christ providing medical missions for people in need. If you would like to learn more about the trip, join us on **Sunday, February 25 at 4 p.m.** in McLeod Hall.



ATTENTION *F un T imers!*

On **Monday, February 26 at 10:15 a.m.** we will gather in McLeod Hall for a trip to *Florida Polytechnic University* where we will have a guided tour of the campus, including the beautiful building pictured here and then enjoy lunch on campus. All it costs is \$10 plus tax for lunch.

You won't want to miss this trip! Sign up now!



Name: _____ # Attending: _____