



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

## Tower Chimes

Weeks of March 24, 2019

Issue 706

133 Years of Ministry

### JOIN US IN WORSHIP FOR A LENTEN SERMON SERIES

*Who Do You Say That I Am?*

*A Lenten Journey Through the Names of Our Savior*

As we move toward the empty tomb of Easter, we will be considering the names used by Jesus and others in revealing for us who He is as God in human flesh.



Join us on:

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|-----------------|---------------|
| <b>March 24</b> | Rabbi/Teacher |
| <b>March 31</b> | Lord          |
| <b>April 7</b>  | Son of God    |
| <b>April 14</b> | Lamb of God   |

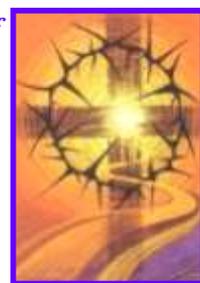
Let's let the presence and identity of Jesus to take us deeper each week into fellowship with "God with us."

### LENTEN CHAPEL CHATS

Please join Dr. Steve Negley for a four part Lenten Bible tour  
in our first Chapel Chats.

We meet in the chapel (first floor of the sanctuary building) on Mondays during the season of Lent to look at *One Week in the Life of Our Lord*. The group will be exploring how Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John each tell their unique version of the story of the final week in the life of Jesus.

Bring your Bible and a bag lunch and meet with us over the lunch hour, **11:30 am-12:30 pm**, on the following **Mondays: April 1** (Luke), and **April 8** (John).



We hope to see you here.

### NEW PERSPECTIVES SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDY BEGINS APRIL 14

This class will be studying *Man's Search For Meaning*, a book by Dr. Viktor Frankl to guide discussion. Dr. Frankl and his family were sent to a Nazi concentration camp in 1942. There he would experience the death of his pregnant wife, both parents and brother. From that experience, he, as a psychiatrist, focused on human suffering. He reminds us that while we cannot avoid suffering, we can choose how to cope with suffering and even find meaning in the midst of our suffering, while we move forward with renewed purpose. Our own faith will also guide this discussion-oriented class whose shared leadership welcomes you to join them at **9:30 am** in the Geneva Room.

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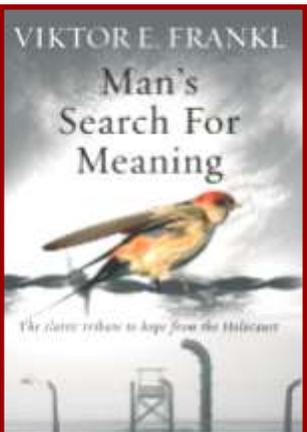
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# OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

**Sunday, March 24**

## THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

- 8:00 am Chapel Worship
- 9:15 am Connection (MH)
- 9:15 am Heart of Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 am Sunday School-Children/Adults (CE)
- 11:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 4:00 pm Praise Band (Sanctuary)
- 5:30 pm High School Youth Group (GC)

**Monday, March 25**

- 10:30 am Prayer Shawl (MH)

**Tuesday, March 19**

- 9:00 am Staff Meeting (MCR)
- 12:00 pm Men's Lunch (MH)
- 6:30 pm Deacons (MH)
- 5:15 pm Stephen Minister Leaders (MH)
- 6:15 pm Worship & Music (UR)
- 6:30 pm Stephen Ministers (MH)

**Wednesday, March 26**

- 5:30 pm Community Outreach (MCR)
- 6:00 pm Chancel Bells (MS)
- 7:00 pm Choir (MS)

**Thursday, March 27**

- 1:15 pm Chapel Bells (MS)
- 2:00 pm Membership (MCR)

**Friday, March 28**

**Saturday, March 29**

- 2:00 pm Soup Kitchen Prep (Kitchen)
- 4:00 pm Soup Kitchen (737)

## MILITARY

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

# Remember in Prayer

## MEMBERS

Kathy Andrews	Kay Hedden	Earle Roberts
Bill Brack	Doris Hill	Dave Ryan
Tom Brackett	Bryan Howard	Elsie Savant
Helen Butz	Bob & Isobel	Cash Sheaffer
Helen Champlain	Hubbard	Joyce Shirah
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Tom Coffman	Martha Johnson	Mary Ann Snively
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Easterling	Dena Lancashire	Pam Tallent-Blackburn
Dana Elmore	Spike Lucia	Carolyn Thompson
Bill Everhart	Bob McClew	Mike & Jennifer Vibrat
John Gray	Joan McCollough	Pat Vobornik
Jane Hayman	Edna Mitchell	Gwen Waters
Joyce Hayman	Bev Morris	Retha Wright
Frances Heath	Nancy Neale	

IN THE HOSPITAL: Bob Hancock & Isobel Hubbard

## Relatives & Friends

Reese Burdette	Dana Cole's cousin
Katie Carter	Carol & Bob Carter's daughter-in-law
Marge Dorman	Brenda Darte's mother
Al Ellis	Jim Threlkel's friend
Carole & Bob Erikson	Nicole Roe's parents
Ruth Galloway	Kate Eelman's cousin
Mary Gamgeri	Lynn Oakley's friend
Linda Giles	Polly Wilson, Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend
Fred Hallmark	Jim Francis' friend
Pat Harmon	Marile Weeks' friend
Keith Kasunic	Kit Threlkel's friend
Pete Kent	Charley & Nancy Chilton's nephew
Paul Mastronardi	Amy Speer's brother-in-law
Carol Moore	Roger & Marie Able's friend
Bonnie Motts	Marjorie DiLorenzo's friend
Jinny Nguyen	Ruth Dunham's friend
Bill & Judy Overlock	Kit Threlkel's friends
Chris Rollins	Rich & Nancy Dobler's friend
Larry Schlosser	Don & Norma Martin's friend
Marcia Sodko	John & Marilyn Schleifer's daughter
Kim Thompson	Marile Weeks' friend
Kristy Turner	Rick & Pat Reass' daughter



## OUR PASTORS ARE EAGER TO VISIT OUR HOSPITALIZED MEMBERS, BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP

The tightening of HIPAA regulations has meant that we have missed visiting some of our members during their hospital stay. If you are a member or a friend of this congregation, or you have a family member admitted to *any* hospital, please call the church office and let our pastors know.

**Thank you for helping us stay in touch with the congregation!**

## CALLING ALL KNITTERS AND CROCHETERS!



The prayer shawl group needs you! We meet the **4th Monday of the month (next meeting is March 25) at 10:30 a.m.** in McLeod Hall to knit/crochet together. We would love to have you come to our meetings. But... you don't need to be able to meet with us to participate.

You can knit or crochet at home. There is lots of yarn in the closet at the church. So please help us bring comfort to others with the lap robes and prayer shawls that we create. Any pattern you would like to use would be fine, but we usually keep things pretty simple.

We want to continue to be able to meet the need for the prayer shawls so your help will be greatly appreciated! Call the church office at 294-3121 if you have questions.

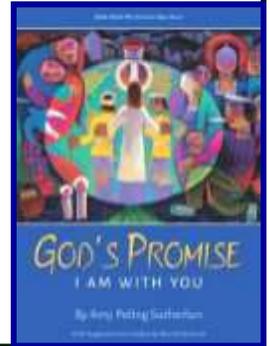
## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN BIBLE STUDY

The Lydia and Joy circles current Bible study: *God's Promise – "I Am with You."*

*The Lydia Circle* meets on the **2nd Monday** of each month and will meet on **April 8 at 10 a.m.** in the back of McLeod Hall.

*The Joy Circle* meets on the **3rd Tuesday** of each month and will meet on **April 16 at 9:30 a.m.** at the home of Carol Carter.

The study books are available at a cost of \$10.00. See or call either Sue McClew (875-6176) or Carol Carter (299-4253) to purchase your copy. Both groups are open to any and all women of the church interested in fellowship and Bible study.



## DONATIONS FOR EASTER EGG HUNT NOW BEING COLLECTED

Our celebration of Christ's resurrection with a children's Easter Egg Hunt will be happening on **Easter Sunday, April 21 at 10:30 am.** But we need your help! Please drop eggs stuffed with individually wrapped candy and small prizes in the marked bins around the church. Unfortunately, we cannot accept chocolate with this FL heat. And don't forget your Easter basket and camera for a wonderful morning when we hide and hunt for the eggs.

## ALL-CHURCH RETREAT

### Living Well: Practicing Christian Ways of Life

Registration is now available for our *All-Church Retreat* at CedarKirk, **Saturday & Sunday, May 18 & 19.** Join your church community for a weekend away as we have conversation, practices and fun practicing Christian ways of living.

Overnight rates start at \$80. There are also day rates available. Please see a brochure for more information and register today! Contact Rev. Sarah with questions or need a brochure at [sbishop@firstpreswh.org](mailto:sbishop@firstpreswh.org) or 294-3121. You can also download a brochure from our website.



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**...is zooming in this summer!**

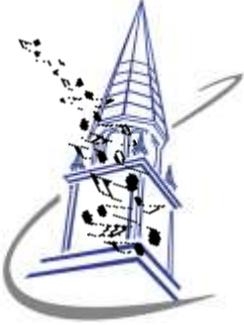
**Sunday, June 9 through Thursday, June 13 from 5:30 until 8 pm**



At *To Mars and Beyond VBS*, children, and their youth and adult leaders will enjoy interactive, energizing, and Bible-based good times as they explore where God's power can take them! Our voyagers will discover how to serve God and God's mission for their lives. Registration for children, youth, and adult volunteers is on our website!

Can't join us? Donations for supplies, decorations and snacks will be out soon! Questions? Contact Rev. Sarah at [sbishop@firstpreswh.org](mailto:sbishop@firstpreswh.org) or 294-3121.

## IT TAKES ALL OF US TO MAKE MUSIC...



Last summer we began our quest to continue praising God here at First Pres with wonderful music by embarking on a Music Capital Campaign. A goal of \$250,000 was established to help make beautiful music in several arenas. At the end of 2018, members and friends of our church had pledged, over the next three years, \$190,000 of the needed funds (and to date nearly \$65,000 of that pledged amount has been received.) We are still accepting pledges and contributions, as we strive to reach our goal.

In an effort to accomplish the restoration of our 20 Bell Deagan Carillon in the steeple before the season arrives where working in and around the attic is unbearable, significant parts of the ringing system have been removed and refurbished out of state. These parts are slated to return in the next month, and we are hopeful that our carillon will ring this Easter for the first time in over a half a century!

Thank you to everyone who has pledged or contributed to the Music Capital Campaign. And, thank you to all our friends and members who are prayerfully considering joining together in helping make music with a pledge.

### NO ONE EXPECTED ME!

A couple of weeks ago in preaching on Matthew 7:1-5 (Judge not that you not be judged) I quoted a poem that was first shared by a high school guidance counselor at a mass at Jesuit High School in the mid-1970's. Some people had asked for a copy. Here are the words that I copied in my Bible:

*"I dreamed death came the other night,  
and heaven's gates swung wide.*

*With kindly grace an angel stood and ushered me inside.  
And there to my astonishment – stood folks I had known before.  
Some I had judged and labeled – "Unfit for heaven's door."  
Indignant words rose to my lips – but never were set free.  
For every face showed stunned surprise, no one expected me!"*

I hope they will be helpful.  
In Christ,  
Steve

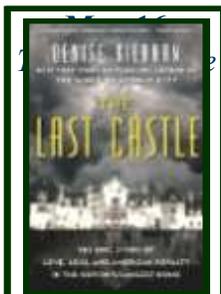
### SOUND BOARD OPERATORS NEEDED

If technology is your thing, we have a place for you in our musical praise!! We are in need of people who

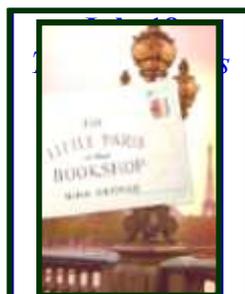


would like to learn about our sound system and help during the worship services to make sure all our praise is heard! We will be holding a training session so contact Lynn at 701-570-1485 and let her know if you are willing to join the Sunday rotation in the sound booth. **PLEASE!!**

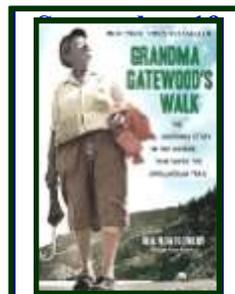
## UP-COMING ODD MONTH THIRD THURSDAY AT 3 OMTT3 BOOK CLUB



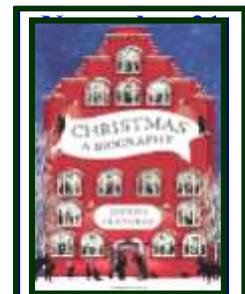
**May 16**  
*The Last Castle*  
House  
by Denise  
Kiernan



**July 18**  
*The Little Paris Bookshop*  
by Nina George



**September 19**  
*Grandma Gatewood's Walk*  
by Ben  
Montgomery



**November 21**  
*Christmas A Biography*  
By Judith  
Flanders

# JOIN US ON SUNDAYS!!!

## 8:00 am Chapel Worship

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

## 9:15 - 10:15 am Heart of Worship

A Praise and Worship service held in our sanctuary. Along with scripture, sermon, and prayers, a praise band will help the congregation in adoring and showing reverence to God. Following the *Time with Younger Disciples*, children will be invited to join Ms. Lynn in music and then to join in their own Children's Sunday School Classes.



## 11:00 am Sanctuary Worship

A traditional worship service held in our sanctuary. The service follows the same order as the 8:00 am Chapel Service, and includes music from the Chancel Choir and the organ, as well as other instruments and groups.

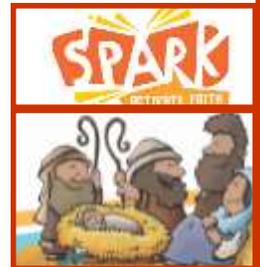


## DON'T MISS THE CONNECTION 9:15-10:45 AM

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

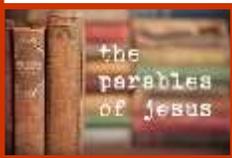
## SUNDAY SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES!

**Children's Sunday School** for PreSchoolers through 5<sup>th</sup> grade happening in the CE Building, **9:30 am (9 am on the First Sunday.)** Our children will activate faith with *Spark Lectionary* curriculum. Each class will engage the Biblical story of the day through creative, hands-on activities, interactive games, and crafts. Sunday School for preschoolers and kindergartners will meet in Room 101. Our elementary students will meet after music in Room 206. Sunday School ends at 10:30 am



**First Sundays** – Sunday School at **9 am** and sharing musical talents in worship at **10 am**.

## Adult Educational Opportunities – Sunday mornings and more!

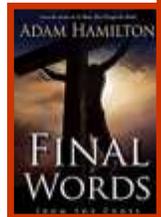


### **Perspectives Sunday School Class – 9:30am in the Geneva Room**

This discussion-based class is guided by Dr. Kenneth Bailey's lectures on the Parables of Jesus. Join us for this engaging class **at 9:30 am** in the Geneva room.

### **Final Words From the Cross**

This Sunday School Class is a book and video based study that explores the seven statements that Jesus spoke from the cross and the meaning of Jesus' dying words for our lives today. Study books are \$10 and available in the church office or classroom. Please join us **Sunday mornings at 9:30 am**, in CE 207.



## REMEMBER! THE STEPHEN MINISTERS ARE HERE FOR YOU!

If you, or someone you know, are sad or struggling inside, don't suffer alone. Ask for help. We've got a team of Stephen Ministers who are ready to listen, care, encourage, pray, and help you through a tough time. Men are matched with men, and women with women. (It's completely confidential too!) To find out more about Stephen Ministry for you or someone you know, **call Susan Singleton at 318-9208. Or you can talk with one of our other Stephen Leaders: Alan Harvey, Mary Marrs, Steve Negley, Barbara Perkins, or Jean Strang.**



**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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**Bag Lunch Ministry**

We gave out 194 bag lunches  
the week of 3/11/19.

**Soup Kitchen Ministry**

We fed 80 people on 3/16/19.

**2019 EASTER LILY ORDER FORM**

It is time to order your Easter lily for **Easter Sunday, April 21**. 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 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 15**. 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 am service Easter Sunday.

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

