



TOWER CHIMES

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3 CENTS-A-MEAL THIS SUNDAY



We will collect the *3 Cents-a-Meal Hunger Offering* during our worship service this **Sunday, February 18**. This special offering is divided among our Soup Kitchen & Bag Lunch Ministry, the Beth-El Farmworker Ministry, and our support of the church in Honduras. We hope you will set aside your pennies to help feed those in our community and beyond.

AN ADDITIONAL SUNDAY WORSHIP OPPORTUNITY FOR LENT!



The Session is pleased to announce an *Early Sunday Morning Lenten Chapel Worship Service*. From **February 18** thru **March 24**, members and friends of First Pres will be able to choose to worship in the chapel at **8 am**, OR the sanctuary at **10 am**.

We plan to focus on the same scriptures at both Sunday services as we sing, pray, and reflect together on God's Word each week. (There will not be children's Sunday school offered during the **8 am** hour, but the pastors will include A Time with Younger Disciples in the service with any children who might attend.) Both Sunday worship services will include a variety of styles of offering our praise to God through music.

We hope you will join us each Sunday in Lent at one of our worship gatherings.

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT



The season of Lent continues this **Sunday, February 18**. We will start our walk to the Cross with a celebration of the Lord's Supper at both our **8** and **10 am** worship services. We hope you will join us throughout Lent in worship, faith formation, and Christian service.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, February 18
FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
COMMUNION
3 CENTS-A-MEAL

- 8:00 am Early Sunday Morning Lenten Chapel Worship Service
- 9:00 am Adult Sunday School (GR)
- 10:00 am Sanctuary Worship
- 10:15 am Children Sunday School (CE 206)
- 5:30 pm High School Youth Group (GC)

Monday, February 19

- 8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CE)
- 11:00 am Funtimers Valentine's Party (MH)
- 6:00 pm Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (MH)

Tuesday, February 20

- 9:00 am Staff Meeting (MCR)
- 10:00 am Joy Circle (Off-site)
- 12:00 pm Men's Lunch (MH)
- 12:00 pm Finance (UR)
- 6:30 pm Deacons (MH)

Wednesday, February 21

- 8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CE)
- 1:00 pm American Mah Jongg (CE 102)
- 3:15 pm Christ's Kids (CE)
- 5:15 pm Confirmation (GC)
- 5:30 pm Middle School Youth Group (GC)
- 6:00 pm Chancel Bell (MH)
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir (Chapel)

Thursday, February 22

- 1:15 pm Chapel Bells (MH)

Friday, February 23

- 8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CE)

Saturday, February 24

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



REMEMBER IN PRAYER

MEMBERS

Lynn Aaron	Pam Gray	Pat McCarty
Ann Adams	Heidi Munoz-Gutierrez	Pat Miller
Pat Berrell	Ken Hart	Edna Mitchell
Kelly Butz	Jane Hayman	Jeri & Tom Oldt
Orin Champlain	Wade Hoffman	Arletta Oriani
Ben & Ellie Crowder	Jim Huff	Sharon Ramseyer
Kathy DeLoach	Scott & Becky Irvin	Marilyn Schleifer
Marjorie DiLorenzo	Jeremiah & Jenna Johnston	Dick Shaw
Rob Donaldy	Joanie Kooser	Joyce Shirah
Dana Elmore	Ray & Gladys Larson	Katie Sparr
Bill Everhart	Lynn Lassater	Barbara Tackett
Gloria Goss	Kathy Lockhart	Pam Tallent-Blackburn
Caitlyn Grady		Jennifer & Mike Vibral
Lynne Grady		Gale & Gwen Waters

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Mike Bell	Mitzi Gross	Jack Robinson
Donna Brannen	Juan Joy	Dennis Ryan
Rick Cheney	John Linn	Emily Sheffield
Mason Dorsey	Ada Lopez-Mendez	Lucinda Shelby
Ernie French	Brian Marino	Ginger Snively-Chad
Lisa Golden	Khyla Martinez	Joyce Snively
Pam Gordon	Dick McCauley	Randy Spiwak
Cole Gorham	Joe Morton	Ruth Thiebout
Brian & Anna Griffin	Ann Reddout	Steve Weeks

MILITARY

Zach Anaya	Eddie Gray	Mathew Massam
Brenden Anderson	Daniel Harp	John Portlock
Christian Anderson	Sean Harp	Diane Secord
Zach Drum	David Knowles	Shad Skinner
Robert Ferguson	John Marotti	Drew Stapor
Stephanie Gillie	KaitLin Marotti	

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Bag Lunch Ministry
We gave out 207 lunches
the week of 2/5/24.



Soup Kitchen Ministry
We fed 82 people on
Saturday, 2/10/24.



Return Service Requested

LENTEN DEVOTIONALS



Be sure to pick up your copy of this year's family Lenten Daily Devotional. Each day you'll have a simple scripture to read, and word of the day to take a picture of in your life that reflects that word. There will also be opportunities to share those photos through our church Facebook page. Printed copies are in the Narthex or you can download it from our church website.

FUNTIMERS VALENTINE'S PARTY



Will be on **Monday, February 19** from **11 am to 1 pm** in McLeod Hall. A catered lunch will include chicken marsala, garlic mashed potatoes, Key West vegetable blend, salad, and red velvet cookies. Price for lunch is just \$15. Bring a blank valentine card to share.

Sign up in McLeod Hall or call the church office.

AMERICAN MAH JONGG LESSONS



Please join us for the fascinating game of **American Mah Jongg**. Spend a fun and relaxing couple of hours in fellowship with your First Pres family. Don't know how to play? No worries. We will teach you. We meet weekly on **Wednesdays, 1-3 pm** in the **CE 102**.

If you would like to play or learn to play, please contact Sharon Mitchell at 863-585-0170.

SOUP KITCHEN HELP NEEDED



Would you like to help love and serve those who hunger this winter? We need head cooks & helpers for **March 2, 9, 23, & 30**.

If you can help with this very important ministry, please sign up in McLeod Hall or call the church office.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

The membership committee has decided that we will produce a new church pictorial directory in house. When completed, every church family will have at their fingertips pictures, addresses and contact information for the entire congregation.



You can submit your photo in a JPG or PNG format (not PDF) to cshipley@firstpreswh.org. If you prefer, a committee or church staff member will be happy to take your picture Sunday after worship, or during office hours.

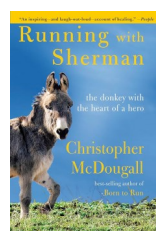
We also would like to know what you would like to have for your contact info. So please email, along with your picture, your: **address, primary phone number, second number, and email addresses**, even if you think that we have it.

Thank you.

MARCH BOOK CLUB

We will meet on **Monday, March 18** at **3 pm** in McLeod Hall as we discuss **Running with Sherman**, by Christopher McDougall.

We hope you will join us for this heartwarming story about training a rescue donkey to run one of the most challenging races in America.



FUNTIMERS, MARK YOUR CALENDARS

March 21, 10:30 am-2:30 pm
Lunch at the Jacaranda Hotel in Avon Park

April 17
Polk Museum of Art to see the Norman Rockwell Exhibit
Lunch After

May 23
Backstage Theatre Winter Haven - Lunch
We will take June, July and August off.