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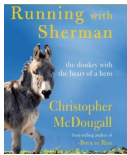
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WINTER HAVEN  
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## 3 CENTS-A-MEAL THIS SUNDAY



We will collect the *3 Cents-a-Meal Hunger Offering* during both of our worship services this **Sunday, March 17**. 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

## 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 GO ON THE ROAD



Our next FunTimers event will be on **Thursday, March 21**. We will meet in McLeod Hall at **10:30 am** then travel to the historic *Hotel Jacaranda* in Avon Park. There we will enjoy an elegant, casual dining experience. The cost is \$21.50 and includes beverage, tax and tip. We are required to pay in one check, so money will be collected for lunch before we leave.

Please RSVP by signing up in McLeod Hall or calling or emailing the church office. And bring a friend!

## TWO SUNDAY WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR LENT!



Running thru **March 24**, members and friends of First Pres will be able to choose to worship in the chapel at **8 am** for *Early Sunday Morning Lenten Chapel Worship Service*, or the Sanctuary at **10 am**.

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

## EASTER CANDY COLLECTION



Our celebration of Christ's resurrection with a children's Easter Egg Hunt will be happening on Easter **Sunday, March 31 at 9:30 am**. But we need your help!

Please drop individually wrapped candy in the marked bins around the church. Unfortunately, we cannot accept chocolate with this Florida heat. And don't forget your Easter basket and camera for a wonderful morning when we hide and hunt for the eggs on the playground.

## STAFF

Dr. Steven R. Negley  
Senior Pastor

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Associate Pastor for  
Christian Education  
and Family Ministries

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Music Ministries

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and Administration

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Administrative  
Assistant

Daryl D. Fenley  
Director of  
Maintenance

Tonia L. Milbry  
Custodian

## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, March 17

3 CENTS A MEAL

### FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

- 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, March 18

- 8:45 am Morning Out Mom s (CE)
- 3:00 pm Book Club (MH)
- 6:30 pm Christian Education (GR)

### Tuesday, March 19

- 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, March 20

- 8:45 am Morning Out Moms (CE)
- 1:00 pm American Mah Jongg (CE102)
- 3:00 pm Membership (MH)
- 3:15 pm Christ's Kids (CE/Playground)
- 5:15 pm Confirmation (GC)
- 5:30 pm Middle School Youth Group (GC)
- 6:00 pm Chancel Bells (MH)
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir (Chapel)

### Thursday, March 21

- 9:30 am Lydia Circle (MH)
- 10:30 am FunTimers to Jacaranda (MH)
- 1:15 pm Chapel Bells (MH)

### Friday, March 22

- 8:45 am Morning Out Moms (CE)

### Saturday, March 23

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



## SYMPATHIES

Our Christian sympathy goes to **Ellie Crowder** upon the death of her husband, **Ben Crowder**, who died on Saturday, March 2, 2024.

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Our deepest sympathy goes to **Carole Lind** upon the death of her mother, **Florence Lind**, who died on Saturday, March 2, 2024.

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Our heartfelt sympathy goes to **Mike & Cheryce Harris** upon the death of his mother, **Marilyn Harris**, who died on Monday, March 4, 2024.

## ALL-CHURCH RETREAT



### APRIL 13-14 AT CEDARKIRK

Registration is now open for a weekend away with our theme, **Building Blocks of Life: The LEGO Movie Building the Body of Christ**. Scan the QR Code and register today.



## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

### MEMBERS

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

### FAMILY & FRIENDS

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|---------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Mike Bell     | Brian & Anna Griffin | Joe Morton          |
| Wayne Berry   | Mitzi Gross          | Ann Reddout         |
| Donna Brannen | Juan Joy             | Jack Robinson       |
| Maureen Cain  | Hobby Jeffrey        | Dennis Ryan         |
| Rick Cheney   | Brandy & Avery Koepp | Emily Sheffield     |
| Tammy Cowart  | John Linn            | Lucinda Shelby      |
| Mason Dorsey  | Ada Lopez-Mendez     | Ginger Snively-Chad |
| Ernie French  | Brian Marino         | Joyce Snively       |
| Lisa Golden   | Khyla Martinez       | Randy Spiwak        |
| Pam Gordon    | Dick McCauley        | Isaac Tillman       |
| Cole Gorham   |                      | Steve Weeks         |

### MILITARY

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|--------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 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 |               |

## 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 finger tips pictures and contact information for the entire congregation.



You can submit your photo in a JPG or PNG format (not PDF) to [cshiple@firstpreswh.org](mailto:cshiple@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.

Please email your current address, phone numbers (main number and cells), and emails for each family member in your household.

## PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 24



On the Christian calendar, Palm Sunday is the Sunday before Easter. The name comes from the triumphal entry of Jesus into the holy city of Jerusalem and how the people waved branches taken from the palm trees to celebrate Jesus' arrival. Palm Sunday is often marked in churches with songs of praise and the joyful shouts of God's children.

We invite you to join us on **Sunday, March 24 at 8 or 10 am** to add your voice to the chorus of praise.

## GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29

The Chapel will be open for prayer and meditation on **Good Friday, March 29, Noon-3 pm.**

## EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES, MARCH 31

The Community Sunrise Service will be held in Martin Luther King Jr. Park on Lake Silver at **6:30 am.**



Here at First Pres we will celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ at the **10 am** Single Worship Service.

### EASTER LILY FORM



It is time to order your Easter lily for **Easter Sunday, March 31.** 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 \$16 per plant. Checks should be made payable to First Presbyterian Church and marked "Easter Lily Fund".

A complete listing will be available Easter Sunday. We will again remove the yellow stamen from each lily so it will not bother your allergies.

Please turn in form by **Monday, March 25.**

Donor(s): \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Plants: \_\_\_\_\_ Amt. Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### BUTTERFLY FORM



In memory of church members who have died since last Bright Sunday, April 16, 2023, and for those who have sustained the loss of a child, parent, sibling, or spouse since that date, we will release butterflies following our **single worship service at 10 am on Bright Sunday, April 7.**

If you would like to release a butterfly in memory of a loved one who died outside of the parameters mentioned above (for example, before last year's Bright Sunday and/or grandparent, aunt, cousin, son-in-law, etc.), you may purchase a butterfly for **\$5.**

Please turn in form by **Monday, April 1.**

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Deceased Loved One: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to You: \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Butterflies: \_\_\_\_\_ Amt. Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### CLASS OF 2027

The Nominating Committee has the responsibility of suggesting men and women to serve on the Session and the Diaconate. Your responsibility is to provide the names of those whom you feel meet the high standards of character required for these offices. These persons must have the time available to SERVE, the commitment to Jesus Christ to SERVE, and the ability to LEAD this congregation in its spiritual and physical growth for our Lord's sake. Please prayerfully consider your recommendations (which may include yourself.) Your signature is not required.

These recommendations will be considered by the Nominating Committee which will present a slate for election. We are to elect five Elders and five Deacons to three-year terms to replace those retiring this year. We are also to elect five at-large members to serve on next year's Nominating Committee.

#### ELDER

#### DEACON

#### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

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2. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_

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**Return Service Requested**

**Bag Lunch Ministry**  
We gave out 216 lunches  
the week of 3/4/24. 

 **Soup Kitchen Ministry**  
We fed 95 people on  
Saturday, 3/9/24.

## MAUNDY THURSDAY SUPPER & WORSHIP (CANTATA & COMMUNION)



**March 28** is Maundy Thursday. At **5:15 pm** in we will gather for supper in McLeod Hall. On the menu is chicken potpie, salad, & dessert.

Then at **6:30 pm** we will observe the service of Maundy Thursday in our Sanctuary. This is the night where Jesus and the disciples celebrated the Passover in the Upper Room on the eve of Jesus' crucifixion. The word "maundy" comes from the Latin "mandatum" which means "commandment." After the Thirteen had eaten their "Last Supper" together, Jesus washed His disciples' feet and gave them a "new commandment." In John 13:34, Jesus says: "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another."

Our Maundy Thursday service this year will transport us back to the Upper Room on that somber final Passover that Jesus celebrated with his friends. The chancel of our church will be transformed into the iconic image of Leonardo DaVinci's masterpiece, "The Last Supper." Thirteen men from our congregation will portray the images of Jesus and the Twelve around the table that night. Each disciple will share a monologue; their own private thoughts on the evening and what is to come in the hours ahead. Interspersed between the monologues will be anthems sung by our Chancel Choir.

Following the drama, the cast, choir, and congregation will Celebrate the Lord's Supper together as God's redeemed people. You will not want to miss this unique worship experience as we present *The Living Last Supper* by composer Ruth Elaine Schram.

Child care will provided.

## EASTER BREAKFAST



Easter breakfast will be served in McLeod Hall from **8:45 until 9:45 am**.

If you would be willing to help cook or serve at breakfast contact the church office.