



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

Tower Chimes

Week of February 14, 2021

Issue 804

135 Years of Ministry

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PANCAKES IN THE PARKING LOT



Our Shrove Tuesday celebration will look a little different this year. Since we can't safely gather together to enjoy a pancake supper, we invite you to celebrate the feast before the fast with Pancakes in the Parking Lot.

On Tuesday, **February 16**, drive by the church between **5:30 pm and 6:30 pm** to pick up a pancake dinner, a Lenten home devotional guide, and information about our upcoming worship experiences in Lent.

PEEPING THROUGH LENT 2021 DEVOTIONAL AND KIT

Starting **Sunday, February 14** our Lenten Devotional – *Peeping Through Lent* will be available. Pick up a copy at the Shrove Tuesday Pancake drive-by or stop by the office. Included will be a booklet and small items to focus your devotions this Lent.

Also, join in the Peeping Through Lent challenge by creating marshmallow Peep dioramas of the Bible stories! Here are some images to inspire you and be sure to share your creation as a family, individual, or couple with Rev. Sarah!



25 YEARS WITH DR. STEVE NEGLEY!



Have you heard???? Guess What.....**Dr. Steven R. Negley** joined FPCWH as Head of Staff and Senior Pastor on February 15, 1996. That's 25 years of service to our congregation and community. We would like to take an opportunity to acknowledge Steve's time with us with a video/slide presentation before our worship services on **Sunday, February 14**.

We hope you will enjoy the walk down memory lane. While the time is not now, we want to be able to have an appropriate commemoration of this anniversary at a time when we can safely gather together (in-person) to celebrate with Steve, so we will plan a celebration in the future for everyone to be given an opportunity to join us. We give thanks for Steve and look forward to our continued success in ministry!

*The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated
Sunday, February 21, the first Sunday in Lent.
Prepare your heart to come to the Lord's Table.*

Opportunities This Week

Sunday, February 14

- 9:00 am Heart of Worship
(Sanctuary/Facebook Live)
9:25 am Children's Sunday School (CE 207)
10:20 am Adult Bible Study (MH/Zoom)
11:00 am Traditional Worship
(Sanctuary/Facebook Live)

Monday, February 15

- 6:00 pm Associate Pastor Nominating
Committee (MH/Zoom)

Tuesday, February 16

SHROVE TUESDAY

- 9:00 am Staff Meeting (MH)
9:30 am Joy Circle (MH/Zoom)
12:00 pm Men's Lunch (MH/Zoom)
12:00 pm Finance (Zoom)
5:30 pm Pancakes in the Parking Lot
5:30 pm Stephen Minister Training (UR)
6:30 pm Deacons (MH/Zoom)

Wednesday, February 17

ASH WEDNESDAY

- 8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CE)
10:00 am Adult Bible Study (MH)
4:00 pm Christ Kids (CE)
5:30 pm Middle School Youth Group (GC)
6:00 pm Financial Peace (MH)
6:30 pm Ash Wednesday Worship
(Sanctuary)

Thursday, February 18

Friday, February 19

- 8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CE)

Saturday, February 20

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

Remember in Prayer

MEMBERS

Marie & Roger Able	John Gray	Dick McCauley
Melvin & Debbie Anderson	Jane Hammette	Bob McClew
Kathy Andrews	Jane Hayman	Pat Miller
Marty Bentley	Joyce Hayman	Edna Mitchell
Pat Berrell	Frances Heath	Richard & Judy Moots
Jonye Briggs	Kay Hedden	Arletta Oriani
Orrin & Helen Champlain	Doris Hill	Barbara Roberts
Carl Cheatham	Bryan Howard	John Schleifer
Cindy Curry	Isobel Hubbard	Joyce Shirah
Charlie Darte	Jim Huff	Dale Smith
Marjorie DiLorenzo	Scott & Becky Irvin	Joel & Barbara H. Smith
Zan Dismuke	Martha Johnson	Christine Stevens
Jana Easterling	Dena Lancashire	Jean Strang
Dana Elmore	Eric Lindstrom	Pam Tallent-Blackburn
Bill Everhart	Spike & Jane Lucia	Lorraine Todd
	Candy Marshall	Gwen Waters
	Pat McCarty	Sug Zowarka

Relatives & Friends

Bruce Bachman	Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend
Richard Combee	Squire Smith's friend
Connie Craig	Lynn Oakley's friend
Susie Fisher	Becky Everhart & Rob Donaldy's cousin
Mel Howell	Judy Lindsay's friend
Verona Jones	Lynn Oakley's friend
Magaret Katros	Lisa Endres' mother
Mary Lenari	Bill & Becky Everhart's friend
John Linn	Sharon Mann's brother
Sue Miller	Lynn Oakley's friend
Frank Myers	Pam Wilkinson's father
Don Nash	Jeff Bowen's friend
Sandy Payne	Lynn Oakley's family member
Cindy Partlow	Marilyn Sheffield's cousin
Larry Powell	John & Marcia friend
Eddy Ruperti	Lynn Oakley's friend
Louise C. Schutt	Larry Davis' mother
Chet Spires	Mary Ellen Rowker's friend
Jim Steele	Bob Steele's brother
Sarah Summers	Lisa Endres' daughter-in-law
Nicole Upson	Amy McKee's friend
Sam Vac	Marcie Dershimer's friend
Carol Wilhelm	Greg & Mary Marrs' friend
Julie Williams	Steve Negley's friend
John Willson	Mary Marrs' brother

MILITARY

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

COVID-19 VACCINATIONS

If you would like
information regarding registering
for the COVID-19 vaccine,
you can visit register.polk.health
or call 863-298-7500.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN BIBLE STUDY

The Lydia and Joy Circles Bible Study is
Into the Light: Finding Hope Through Prayers of Lament
by P. Lynn Miller.



The Joy Circle meets on the **3rd Tuesday** of each month and will meet on
February 16 at 9:30 am in McLeod Hall and by Zoom.

The Lydia Circle meets on the **2nd Monday** of each month and will meet on
March 8 at 10:00 am in McLeod Hall and by Zoom.

WE PREPARE TO SAY GOOD BYE



For the past 23 years, God's House and the surrounding property here at 637 Sixth Street NW has been maintained incredibly by **Sammy Bryant**, our Director of Facilities and Maintenance. This faithful servant of Christ has decided to retire near the end of March. We will miss Sammy dearly, and plans our underway for the members of our church to celebrate his ministry and honor him as he retires.

We have begun the **search for our next Director of Facilities and Maintenance**. If you know someone who possesses the skills and temperament to fill this position, please have them contact Robin Miller, our church's Director of Finance and Administration (rmiller@firstpreswh.org), to find out how to apply.

CENTER OF ELOISE

Angels Care Center continues to give out special kits to their patients and families, e.g. toiletry kits, first aid kits, children's kits, and senior bags. This is not possible without the donation of items to fill these kits! We have made and given out over 31,000 in the last 9 years!

But... in the last few months they have come up short of what is needed to fill the kits. This is a year round project and the need is great. They are in particular need of deodorant, disposable razors, small combs, quart and snack size zip lock bags, Band-Aids, washcloths, sunscreen, small hand sanitizer, and small samples from hotel/motels. Also, any and all items for the senior bags, whatever will make their senior citizens' lives easier and brighter: laundry soap, Lysol cleaning wipes, paper towels, mugs or plastic plates, bowls, teabags, oatmeal packs, crossword puzzles/activity pads, seasonal item/décor, gift cards (Walmart, restaurants, etc.) You can put these items in the Angels Care collection box located in McLeod Hall.



Your help now and throughout the year is greatly appreciated.

CALLING ALL YOUTH!



Youth groups have started meeting (socially distanced & safe) in-person again! We are so excited to be gathering outside the youth house.

MSYG meets Wednesdays from 5:30 until 7:30 pm
HSYG meets Sundays from 5:30 until 7:30 pm

Come join us for food, fellowship, and faith building. So far it's been another awesome year with our youth!

If you have any questions or would like to sign up to provide a meal for our students, please contact Emily Snyder at 224-4403 or esnider@firstpreswh.org.

CHRIST KIDS - WEDNESDAYS AT 4 PM

Christ Kids – our faith-filled and safe, after-school program for children 4 years through 5th grade is going on. The fun happens **Wednesdays at 4:00 pm** with a majority of out-door activities and Bible study.

Permission slips for children are on the church website, so spread the word and don't forget to join us as an Adult Volunteer!

Questions? Contact Rev. Sarah via email sbishop@firstpreswh.org or call the church office 294-3121.



FEBRUARY CHILDREN'S VIRTUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL

Join Rev. Sarah in our virtual Sunday School classroom, with Jesus and His disciples sharing the good news! Our lessons will include links to make playdough at home, as well as marble mazes and some time to pray.

Visit the link on our church website at firstpreswh.org; under connections & children tabs.



MEN'S LUNCH IS HYBRID, TUESDAYS AT NOON

You can join us socially distant in McLeod Hall.

OR

Join us virtually on Zoom. If you are not already receiving the Zoom invite, please contact the office at 294-3121 or office@firstpreswh.org and ask to be added to the list.



SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE CARD

Couples may use one form, please include both names.

Heart of Worship at 9:00 am; Traditional Worship at 11:00 am

For the safety of all entering the church facilities for in-person worship, please complete this brief survey. (If you answer yes to any of the questions, please return home and join us for virtual worship on Facebook Live.)

Individual #1 Individual #2

Yes No Yes No Have you had a fever, dry cough, or shortness of breath in the last 14 days?

Yes No Yes No Have you been in close contact with someone who has a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the past 14 days?

Yes No Yes No Have you traveled to a COVID-19 hotspot in the past 14 days?

Name (Please print): _____

Phone Number: _____ Date: _____

First Time Visitor Address: _____

Thank you for helping us provide for the safety of the entire church family.

OUR STEPHEN MINISTER TRAINING CLASS HAS BEGUN

We ask you to keep our Stephen Minister trainees in your prayers as they nurture their gifts and acquire new skills so that they can bring Christ's love and care to hurting people on behalf of our congregation. Also pray for our Stephen Leaders who will guide them through their training.



In **Session One**, *The Person of the Caregiver*, our Stephen Minister trainees received an introduction to the 50 hours of training and explored the Christ-centered foundation of Stephen Ministry.

And in **Session Two**, the trainees learned that *Feelings: Your, Mine, and Ours Feelings*, are a gift from God. In this session our Stephen Minister trainees learned to help people recognize, accept, and express their feelings, and invite them to trust God to bring them healing and wholeness. They explored the benefits of expressing feelings and the harm that can come when feelings remain unexpressed.

2021 ADULT BIBLE STUDY & PREACHING THEME

TWO opportunities to discuss *A Year of the Bible*

Join your pastors and church family as we take the year to read the Bible beginning in Genesis and the Old Testament through Revelations and the New Testament. In each month, we will alternate between chapters in the Old and New as well as the Psalms. A reading plan can be followed by picking up your copy of *A Year of the Bible* for \$10 from the church office. It offers an introduction chapter you may read at any time. You can also download the reading plan for the whole year from our church website, or follow the plan below. We invite you to join a class for deeper discussion!

Classes are **Sundays at 10:20 am** as well as **Wednesdays at 10 am**.

If you can't join us in person, you can join us virtually for each class by following the steps below.

SUNDAY CLASS

1. go to <https://zoom.us/join>
2. enter Meeting ID **959 6689 0482**
3. click **Join**
4. click **Open Zoom Meeting**
5. enter your name and Meeting Password **637**
6. click **Join Meeting** and wait to join
7. see your church family and wave "hi"

WEDNESDAY CLASS

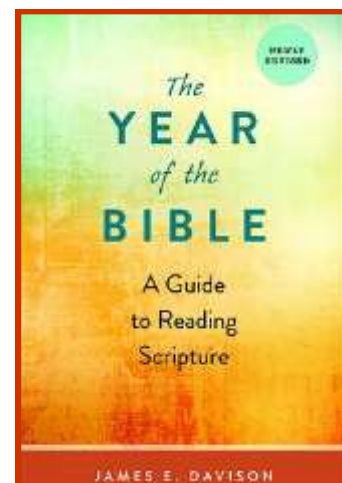
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Reading Plan For Week 6

Below is a breakdown list of readings to prepare for this week's class. Class will be loosely structured as gathering, prayer, sharing your questions, and discussion on that week's reading led by a pastor

WEEK 6

DAY	OLD Testament	NEW Testament Psalms
1	Exodus 23, 24	Matthew 26
2	Exodus 25, 26	Matthew 27
3	Exodus 27, 28	Matthew 28
4	Exodus 29, 30	Psalms 18
5	Exodus 31, 32	Acts 1
6	Exodus 33, 34	Acts 2
7	Exodus 35, 36	Psalms 19



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 85 bag lunches
the week of 2/1/21.

Return Service Requested

Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 93 people on 2/6/21.

A DISCUSSION STARTER ON END OF LIFE ISSUES

Have you thought about:

- The person I want to make care decisions for me when I can’t?
- The kind of medical treatment I want or don’t want?
- How comfortable I want to be?
- How I want people to treat me?
- What I want my loved ones to know?
- What would I like included in my funeral or memorial service?



Please save the date, **Monday, March 15**, and join us at **6:00 PM** in McLeod Hall and by Zoom. (Keep an eye out for Zoom instructions to come.) Dr. Negley will be discussing “Five Wishes”, a document which helps open the discussion on these important topics. To reserve your spot at the table, you can call the church office at 294-3121, email at office@firstpreswh.org, or drop this reservation form in the offering plate on Sunday.

PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATION BY FRIDAY, MARCH 12.

Name: _____ Number Attending: _____