



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 services this **Sunday, February 19**. 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.

MISSION HONDURAS 2023 INFORMATION MEETING



Growing out of conversations held while hosting our sisters and brothers from Honduras here in Winter Haven and at a mission conference at Cedarkirk, our Session has endorsed a congregational youth/adult summer mission trip to Honduras in June of 2023.

Anyone (completed 9th grade as of June 2023 and older) who would like to hear more about an 8-day mission trip being planned in the window between June 10 – June 20, is invited to attend our informational meeting this **Sunday, February 19** at 4 pm in the back of McLeod Hall.

CHOSEN BIBLE STUDY



Our next gathering for *The Chosen Bible Study* is **Sunday, February 19, from 5:30-7 pm** in McLeod Hall.

Please bring a covered dish to share and enjoy an evening with your friends from First Pres. We will be watching Season 3 and focusing on previous episodes in greater depth. Please join, us even if you haven't watched the Chosen; we will help you catch up. Childcare will be provided.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, February 19 3 CENTS-A-MEAL

- 9:00 am Heart of Worship (Sanctuary/Facebook Live)
- 9:15 am Children Sunday School (CE 206)
- 10:10 am Adult Sunday School (GR)
- 11:00 am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary/Facebook Live)
- 5:30 pm High School Youth Group (GC)
- 5:30 pm The Chosen Bible Study (MH)

Monday, February 20

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

Tuesday, February 21 SHROVE TUESDAY

- 9:00 am Staff Meeting (MH)
- 10:00 am Joy Circle (Off-site)
- 12:00 pm Men's Lunch (MH/Zoom)
- 12:00 pm Finance (UR)
- 5:30 pm Pancake Supper (MH)
- 6:30 pm Deacons (GR)

Wednesday, February 22 ASH WEDNESDAY

- 8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CE)
- 3:30 pm Christ Kids (CE)
- 5:00 pm Confirmation (GC)
- 5:30 pm Middle School Youth Group (GC)
- 6:30 pm Worship (Sanctuary)

Thursday, February 23

- 1:15 pm Chapel Bells (BR)

Friday, February 24

- 8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CE)

Saturday, February 25

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



REMEMBER IN PRAYER

MEMBERS

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| Ann Adams | Pam Gray | Jackie Pinkney |
| Debbie Anderson | Jane Hayman | JP & Kim Powell |
| Pat Berrell | Jim Huff | Marilyn Schleifer |
| Helen Champlain | Scott & Becky Irvin | Dick Shaw |
| Ellie Crowder | Jill Kosmensky | Joyce Shirah |
| Julie Dantzler | Dena Lancashire | Susan Singleton |
| Brenda Darte | Ray & Gladys Larson | Dale Smith |
| Marjorie DiLorenzo | Pat McCarty | Katie Sparr |
| Zan Dismuke | Dick McCauley | Kathy Taber |
| Rob Donaldy | Pat Miller | Barbara Tackett |
| Dana Elmore | Edna Mitchell | Pam Tallent-Blackburn |
| Bill Everhart | Jeri & Tom Oldt | Pat Vobornik |
| Lynne Graddy | Norm Patrick | |

FAMILY & FRIENDS

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|-----------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Billy Bennett | Keaton Haywood | Christy Noll |
| Philip Burkhart | Stephen Houmar | Brynne Nowroozi |
| Ruth Calloway | Brian Howard | Les & Alison O'Neal |
| Dolores | Jim & Belinda Hurst | Ray Owen |
| Clay-Barton | Jim Joiner | Carol Redner |
| Caren Coleman | Mitch Katros | Jack Snively |
| Rick Colen | Trish & Reed Layne | Jack Tyler & Family |
| Bill Fisher | Khyla Martinez | Seretha Tinsley |
| Flo McNeer | Kile McKee | Phillip Waters |
| Hamilton | Harold & Jackie | Jess Wilkinson |
| Alisa Hart | Murphy | David Young |

MILITARY

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

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Bag Lunch Ministry
We gave out 199 lunches
the week of 2/6/23.



Soup Kitchen Ministry
We fed 67 people on
Saturday, 2/11/23.



Return Service Requested

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER



Masks during Mardi Gras are a way to show the world what you dream to be, and you'll have the opportunity to create your own along with a pancake supper.

Join us for dinner on **February 21 at 5:30 pm** in McLeod Hall and clear away the 'stuff' to help you focus on God this Lent.

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT



The season of Lent continues on **Sunday, February 26**. We will start our walk to the Cross with a celebration of the Lord's Supper at both worship services, and continuing our sermon series **Follow Me**, focusing on the disciples of Jesus. We hope you will join us throughout Lent in worship, faith formation, and Christian service.

ARE YOU READING FOR OUR NEXT BOOK CLUB



We invite you to join us on **Monday, March 20 at 3 pm** in McLeod Hall as we discuss **The Woman Who Smashed Codes** by Jason Fagon.

We hope you will come together with us for a time of fellowship and discussion of this incredible true story of the greatest codebreaking husband and wife duo.

Contact **Sue Henry** at 863-656-2611 with any questions.

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

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 22 at 6:30 pm** 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 cross.

ALL-CHURCH RETREAT MARCH 25-26

Register now! All Church Retreat at Cedarkirk will be a weekend away with your church family and friends. Together, we'll enjoy the movie **UP** and discuss the themes found within; such as why it could be dangerous to live in the past and the importance of community.



Scan the QR code and register today. Weekend and day rates available for families and individuals. See the brochure for more information, or contact Rev. Sarah.