



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
WINTER HAVEN

Tower Chimes

Week of February 25, 2018

Issue 660

132 Years of Ministry

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A Night to Remember A Lenten Worship Theme

When we follow the story of the life of Jesus in the Gospel **According to John**, we find that the events of the last night of Jesus' earthly life fill 6 entire biblical chapters. Our Sunday worship/sermons in the Season of Lent will help us to listen to Jesus' words from this incredible night.

First Sunday in Lent, February 18: John 13 (The night begins with service/foot-washing and communion)

Second Sunday in Lent, February 25: John 14 (Jesus' farewell discourse/the believer's relationship to the Glorified Christ)

Third Sunday in Lent, March 4: John 15
(I am the vine, you are the branches)

Fourth Sunday in Lent, March 11: John 16
(The believer's relationship to the world)

Fifth Sunday in Lent, March 18: John 17
(Jesus' High Priestly Prayer)

We hope you will join us for worship as a part of your own Lenten journey toward the cross.



MISSION HONDURAS ~ SUMMER 2018

We are holding an INFORMATIONAL MEETING for any and all folks who would be interested in joining our 2018 Honduras Mission Trip.



The experience is open to First Pres members who have completed at least 9th grade. This senior high/adult mission is being planned for Saturday, June 16 – Saturday, June 23. During the week we will be partnering with our Christian sisters and brothers in the churches of the Presbytery of Honduras to

share the love of Christ providing medical missions for people in need. If you would like to learn more about the trip, join us on **Sunday, February 25 at 4 p.m.** in McLeod Hall.



OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, February 25 2nd Sunday in Lent

- 8:15 a.m. Chapel Worship (Chapel)
- 9:15 a.m. The Connection (MH)
- 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School (CE)
- 9:30 a.m. Heart of Worship (Sanctuary)
- 10:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School (CE)
- 11:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
- 3:00 p.m. Youth Committee (GC)
- 4:00 p.m. Honduras Information Mtg (MH)
- 5:30 p.m. HSYG (GC)

Monday, February 26

- 8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)
- 10:15 a.m. FunTimers (Polytechnic University)

Tuesday, February 27

- 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (MCR)
- 12:00 p.m. Men's Lunch (MH)
- 5:15 p.m. Stephen Minister Leaders (MH)
- 6:16 p.m. Worship & Music (UR)
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministers (MH)
- 7:00 p.m. Praise & Worship Band (Sanctuary)

Wednesday, February 28

- 8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)
- 10:45 a.m. Preschool Music (CE 103)
- 3:00 p.m. Christ Kids (CE)
- 3:45 p.m. Christ Kids Bell Ringers (MS)
- 5:00 p.m. Confirmation (GC)
- 5:30 p.m. Middle School Youth Group (GC)
- 5:30 p.m. Community Outreach (MCR)
- 6:00 p.m. Chancel Bells (MS)
- 6:15 p.m. APNC (ER)
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir (MS)

Thursday, March 1

- 9:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study (GC)
- 1:15 p.m. Chapel Bells (MS)

Friday, March 2

- 8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)

Saturday, March 3

- 2:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen Prep (Kitchen)
- 4:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen (737)

Remember in Prayer

MEMBERS

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| Roger Able | Patti Herndon | Earle & Barbara Roberts |
| Maxie Adams | Doris Hill | Joyce Shirah |
| Becca Alexander | Bryan Howard | Mary Alice, Emma , & John Skipper |
| Kathy Andrews | Camille Howe | Barbara H. Smith |
| Kathleen Avinger | Jim Huff | Ed Smith |
| Bill Brack | Scott & Becky Irvin | Mary Ann Snively |
| Tom Brackett | Shea & Lacey Irvin | Pete Snively |
| Henry Braun | Martha Johnson | Jeff Snyder |
| Nancy Brooks | Joey Johnston | Meg Strang |
| Helen Butz | Peggy Kennedy | Scott Strey |
| Helen Champlain | Toni Krieger | Barbara Sweeney |
| Tom Coffman | Dena Lancashire | Carol Switalski |
| Yolanda Dyer | Kathy Lockhart | Jay Tackett |
| Jana & Mike Easterling | Spike Lucia | Pam Tallent-Blackburn |
| Jeanne Estes | Larry Marshall | Carolyn Thompson |
| Bill Everhart | Lynn Mincey | John Van Allen |
| Rossanne Gorsky | Bev Morris | Jennifer Vibrant |
| Clyde Greene | Nancy Neale | Lee Wilkinson |
| Jimmy Hankin | Randall Palmer | Judy Winfree |
| Susan Hankin | Norm Patrick | Retha Wright |
| Jane Hayman | Keith & Jane Ray | |
| Frances Heath | | |
| Kay Hedden | | |

IN THE HOSPITAL: [Ranell Hillman](#)

Relatives & Friends

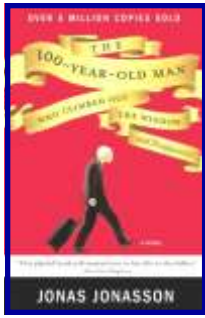
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| Reese Burdette | Dana Cole's cousin |
| Al Ellis | Jim Threlkel's friend |
| Renee Fugate | Karen Alexander's friend |
| Debbie Hunt | Lisa Endres' friend |
| Pete Kent | Charley & Nancy Chilton's nephew |
| Anne McBride | Rick & Pat Reass' friend |
| Mike Oriani | Joe Oriani's brother |
| Paula & Claude Owens | Walter Ferguson's friends |
| Amy Reynolds | Kay Stine's friend |
| Austin Snively | Amy Powell's friend |
| Kristy Turner | Rick & Pat Reass' daughter |
| Kevin Tobin | Gale Johnston's friend |
| Joy Wallace | Arletta Oriani's aunt |
| Jeanie Weeks | Zan Dismuke's friend |
| Jerry Williams | Steve Negley's friend |
| Dudley Windsor | Polly Wilson's friend |
| Marshall Wood | Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend |



Our Christian sympathy goes to Jimmy & Susan Hankin on the death of their mother, Maggie Hankin, who died Tuesday, February 13, 2018.



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



START READING FOR OUR NEXT Odd Month, Odd Monday Book Club?

March 19: *The One Hundred Year Old Man* By Jonas Jonasson

We will meet in the back of McLeod Hall at 3 p.m.
for discussion and light refreshments.

Please RSVP by calling 294-3121 or emailing office@firstpreswh.org.



AND... FOR THE REST OF 2018

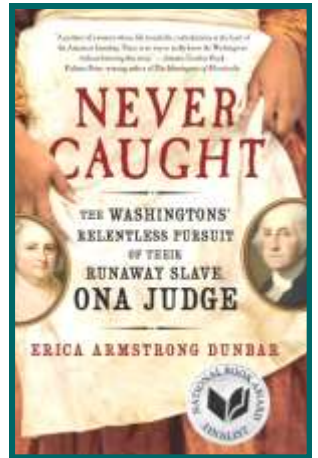
May 21 *Driving Miss Norma* by Tim Bauerschmidt and Ramie Liddle

July 18 *Never Caught* by Erica Armstrong Dunbar

September 17 *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles

November 19 *The 13th Gift* by Joanne Huist Smith
52 Little Lessons from A Christmas Carol
by Bob Welch

Copies will soon be available in the Price Library
or you may contact Jonathan or Bethany Owen
about ordering a copy for you.



Save the Date!!

ALL CHURCH RETREAT April 21 & 22



A BIG THANK YOU GOES TO...

Dana Cole, Dale Oberly, Joel Price, & Jim Threlkel
for volunteering to move all the pews in preparation for
changing the Sanctuary light bulbs.



CIRCLE MEETINGS

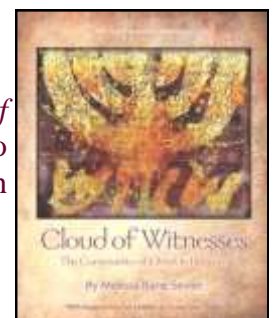
Lydia Circle - **Second Monday each month at 10 a.m.** in McLeod Hall.

Joy Circle - **Third Tuesday each month at 9:30 a.m.** at the home of Carol Carter.

We are using the PW Horizons Bible study titled: "*Cloud of Witnesses - The Community of Christ Hebrew*" written by Melissa Bane Sevier. In nine lessons, the author invites us to explore major themes found in Hebrews, relate these themes to other parts of our faith tradition, and tie them together with the overarching motif of community.

The study books are available for \$10.

Contact either Carol Carter at 299-4253 or Sue McClew at 875-6176 for your copy.





SOUND BOARD OPERATORS WANTED

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!!**



DO YOU LIKE TO SEW? WE NEED YOU!

We have begun sewing dresses for Honduras pre-school girls. We gather in the Girl Scout House on **Tuesdays from 12 to 2 p.m.** (Bring a sack lunch.)

NEEDED:

- Sewers either at church or in your own home
- Sewing machines
- Fancy pillow cases
- Bias tape
- Ribbon for draw strings - 2 1/2 yards and 5/8" wide
- 100% cotton material in 3/4 yard or 1 yard pieces
- Patterns:
 - Simplicity "pillowcase fashions" #2391, size A 3-8
 - Mcalls #M7111, size CCE 3-6
 - McCalls #M5613, size CCE 3-6

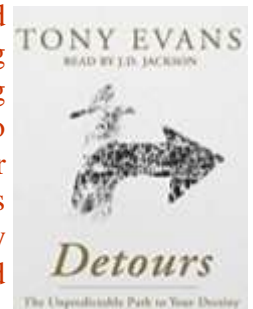


For details, a ride, or a pick up of material, supplies or a sewing machine please contact Lydia Circle member Sharon Mitchell 419-332-5268.



LADIES ~ JOIN US FOR OUR NEW BIBLE STUDY

Detours, by Dr. Tony Evans, is a study of the biblical account of Joseph, through whom God demonstrates how He is at work even when life seems to be going wrong. It depicts a young man who endured betrayal, abandonment, injustice, and confusion before understanding God's sovereign plan to redirect him from the pit to the palace. Even today, it's easy to wonder why God would allow calamity to happen or if He's in control at all. Whether through uncontrollable circumstances or the pain of personal relationships, everyone has experienced unforeseen changes in life. This study helps believers navigate detours that may take you through trials, injustice, and even betrayal. You will be comforted and encouraged when you learn to rest in God's redemptive plan and the hope found in God's sovereign will.



We will meet Thursdays at 9-11 a.m. on February 15, March 1, 15, & 29 and April 12. If you're interested in joining us on the journey of the study of Joseph and how his detours can help us cope with our own detours, contact Lia Gray at 318-1541 or uncpair@gmail.com. Please, also contact Lia if you're interested in an evening class.



DON'T FORGET TO SIGN UP!!!
THE SANCTUARY FLOWER CALENDAR
IS POSTED IN THE NARTHEX.

The whole month of March is still wide open.
Also available: May 13, 20, & 27.

CHRIST
CARING
FOR
PEOPLE
THROUGH
PEOPLE

OUR STEPHEN MINISTERS ARE READY TO CARE FOR YOU!

Stephen Ministers are members of First Presbyterian Church who have been through extensive training and provide confidential, one-to-one, Christian care to people who are experiencing a difficult time. They will listen, care, encourage, pray with and for you, and provide weekly support for you as long as your need persists.

If you or someone you know is hurting, find out more about Stephen Ministry by **calling Pat Reass at 206-9914. Or you can talk with one of our other Stephen Leaders: Alan Harvey, Mary Marrs, Steve Negley, Barbara Perkins, Susan Singleton, or Jean Strang.** Our Stephen Ministers are ready to bring God's love and care into your life.



*Be sure to check out our
Faces of Honduras in the photo gallery!*



MARCH

Birthdays

3/1	Madelaine Scamehorn	3/14	Richard Elmore	3/23	Stewart Negley
3/2	Gus Badnell		John Kissel		Ed Rounsley
	Rob Frost		Bonnie Patrick	3/25	Sam Bryant
	Joey Johnston	3/16	Thomas Brackett		William Colgrove
	Diane Repass		Madison Britt		Jim Gray III
3/3	Fred Deloach		Ted Threadgill		Amy Powell
	Robin Turley		Mark Wilson	3/26	Peyten Palo
	Dick Wales	3/17	Jay Dugger		Addison Putnam
3/5	Judy Moots		Tucker Gray		Adam Weeks
	Shelly Prather		Bryce Snively		Carson Weeks
	Sarah Ryan		Mary Strang	3/27	Ellen Marie Adams
	John Strang	3/18	Nancy Brooks		Jacob Cardona
3/6	Joanna Gray		Nicholas Glenn		Mary Ellen Porter
	Polly Wilson		Marion Hearn		Cheryl Price
3/8	Jared Lockhart		Miller Thompson		John A. Strang
	Tom Oldt		Ardyn Wales		Joyce Wander
3/9	Lynn Boland	3/19	Richard Chilton	3/28	Rhea Oakley
	Suzanne Brantley		Marcie Dershimer		Joe Tackett
	Riley Rowker		Paul Palo	3/29	Beverly Pace
	Emma Skipper		Joseph Volpe	3/30	Karl Duce
	Drew Stapor	3/20	Becca Alexander		Laura Keplinger
	Aaron Thibodaux		Ross Kosmensky		Courtney Marshall
3/10	David J. Alexander		Bonnie Ryan		Pat Nepute
	Gayle Johnston		Delanie Stavres		Debbie Shinn
	Teri Reineke	3/21	Nancy Chilton		Andrew Stavres
	Mary Ellen Rowker		Anamarie Coffman	3/31	Courtney Gray
3/12	Joel Price		Agnes Harland		Heidi Hook
3/13	Larry Lincoski		Karen Siegel		David Matha
3/13	Hamp Plowden	3/21	Carolyn Thompson		Marilyn Schleifer

Anniversary

3/1	Michael & Jennifer Vibral	3/17	Dale & Marcia Smith
3/2	Ben & Ellie Crowder	3/18	Joel & Cheryl Price
3/4	Warren & Charlene Glenn	3/21	Jerry & Teresa Renney
3/9	Rick & Julie Dantzler	3/22	Deane & Jonye Briggs
3/10	Tim & Jane Tillman		Bill & Carol Roe
3/13	Henry & Margaret Braun	3/23	Bill & Kathy Lockhart
	David & Erin Emry	3/24	Dru & Nichole Gainey
3/14	James & Debbie Shinn	3/25	John & Teri Reineke
3/15	Bill & Becky Everhart	3/27	Daniel & Erin Miller
3/16	Jesse & Pam Blackburn	3/29	April & Kyle Porter

Join Us on the Lord's Day

Worship

8:15 a.m. Chapel Worship

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

9:30 - 10:25 a.m. Heart of Worship

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

11:00 a.m. Sanctuary Worship

A traditional worship service is held in our sanctuary. The service follows the same order as the 8:15 a.m. 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 A.M.

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

Hosts circulate in McLeod Hall and the CE Building to greet and assist people in making connections with others in one of the worship or Christian Education options.



SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES



For Kids: We'll be getting to learn more about Jesus - His life and ministry and leaders in the early church. Short videos, music, art, and Bible activities will keep the kids coming back for more!

If your family attends the 9:30 a.m. service, kids age 4 and older worship with their families for the first part of the service. After the "Time with Younger Disciples," age 4 through grade 5 may be dismissed to the Christian Education building for music and classes until 10:45 a.m.

If your family attends the 11:00 a.m. service, come to the CE Building for music and classes from 10:00 until 10:45 a.m.

For Adults: Who is the real Jesus? How can we experience the mystery, complexity, and richness of his spirituality and teachings in our lives today? *Living Jesus: Learning the Heart of the Gospel* by Luke Timothy Johnson elucidates the mystery of Jesus' resurrection and its central role in the Christian experience. It explores the diversity and fullness of the New Testament views of Christ, revealing how each book's perspective can deepen our understanding of Jesus. Profoundly insightful, *Living Jesus* offers valuable lessons on how we can accept the Gospels' powerful invitation to an authentic Christian spirituality. Join us in the Geneva Room from **9:30 until 10:30 a.m.**



Watch for an additional class coming soon!

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Our Purpose Statement

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 197 bag lunches
the week of 2/12/18.

Return Service Requested

Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 80 people on 2/17/18.

F unT imers FEBRUARY EVENT-SIGN UP NOW!

FunTimers will be visiting the *Florida Polytechnic University* on **Monday, February 26 (bus leaves at 10:15 a.m.)** for a tour of the campus and the beautiful building pictured here, followed by lunch on campus. This is Florida's newest university and only one dedicated solely to teaching the most innovative technology. Lunch is only \$10 plus tax.



To reserve your spot please call the church office at 294-3121, email to office@firstpreswh.org, or fill out this attachment and put in the offering plate.

Name: _____ Contact # or e-mail: _____

Attending: _____ I/we will ride in church vehicles: _____ or use my personal vehicle: _____

F unT imers MARCH OUTING!

The Winter Haven Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society presents

COME FLY WITH US

Sunday, March 18 at 2:30 p.m. at the Chain O'Lakes Theatre at 210 Cypress Gardens Blvd. The **International Competition Silver Medalist quartet - "Signature"** will be featured along with the **"Sentimental Journeymen Chorus"** and **"Back Street 4"** - a dad and son quartet with songs & humor. Tickets are \$15 each. Reserve your tickets **no later than Sunday, March 4** to get group-pricing.

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