



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

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Weeks of February 24, 2019

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133 Years of Ministry

CALLING ALL KNITTERS AND CROCHETERS! NEXT MEETING IS FEBRUARY 25

The prayer shawl group needs you! We meet the 4th Monday of the month at **10:30 am** in McLeod Hall to knit/crochet together. We would love to have you come to our meetings. But... you don't need to be able to meet with us to participate.

You can knit or crochet at home. There is lots of yarn in the closet at the church. So please help us bring comfort to others with the lap robes and prayer shawls that we create. Any pattern you would like to use would be fine, but we usually keep things pretty simple.



We want to continue to be able to meet the need for the prayer shawls so your help will be greatly appreciated! Call the church office if you have questions.



YOU'RE INVITED!!!

To a program on the different types of Trusts moderated by the **Honorable Judge Kelly Butz**, sponsored by the First Presbyterian Church Stephen Ministry Program.

Included in the evening program is a panel consisting of:

Estate Planning, Attorney Charles Chilton
Financial Planning, Financial Planner Thomas Oldt

Whether or not you attended the program to assist in life topics last year with the Honorable Judge Kelly Butz, you won't want to miss this program.

Tuesday, February 26, 6:00-7:00 pm

Being held at the youth house, Golden Center
711 N. 6th Street, NW
Light Desserts served!

Please contact the church office for reservations at 294-3121 or email: office@firstpreswh.org

This program is not designed to give legal advice. Attendees should seek their own legal and accounting counsel. A special thank you to the Honorable Judge Kelly Butz, Attorney Charles Chilton, Financial Planner Thomas Oldt for their assistance and oversight in the development of this program.

Dr. Steven R. Negley
Senior Pastor

Dr. C. Alan Harvey
Associate Pastor

Rev. Sarah A. Bishop
Associate Pastor for
Christian Education and
Family Ministries

Lynn M. McCoy
Director of
Music Ministries

Robin D. Miller
Director of Finance &
Administration

Connie J. Shipley
Administrative
Assistant

Rose S. Flynn
Office Assistant

Sammy D. Bryant
Director of Maintenance

Kathy L. Jackson
Custodian



OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Remember in Prayer

Sunday, February 24

- 8:00 am Chapel Worship
- 9:15 am Connection (MH)
- 9:15 am Heart of Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 am Sunday School-Children/Adults (CE)
- 11:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 4:00 pm Praise Band (Sanctuary)
- 5:30 pm High School Youth Group (GC)

Monday, February 25

- 8:45 am MOM (CE)
- 10:30 am Prayer Shawl

Tuesday, February 26

- 9:00 am Staff Meeting (MCR)
- 12:00 pm Men's Lunch (MH)
- 6:00 pm Trust/Estate/Financial Planning (MH)
- 6:15 pm Worship & Music (UR)
- 6:30 pm Stephen Ministers (MH)

Wednesday, February 27

- 8:45 am MOM (CE)
- 3:00 pm Christ Kids (CE)
- 5:00 pm Confirmation (ER)
- 5:30 pm MSYG (GC)
- 6:00 pm Adult Bible Study (MH)
- 6:00 pm Chancel Bells (MS)
- 7:00 pm Choir (MS)

Thursday, February 28

- 1:15 pm Chapel Bells (MS)

Friday, March 1

- 8:45 am MOM (CE)

Saturday, March 2

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

MILITARY

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

MEMBERS

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| Kathy Andrews | Doris Hill | Dave Ryan |
| Bill Brack | Bryan Howard | Elsie Savant |
| Tom Brackett | Bob & Isobel | George Seagreaves |
| Henry Braun | Hubbard | Cash Sheaffer |
| Helen Butz | Jim Huff | Joyce Shirah |
| Helen Champlain | Martha Johnson | Barbara H. Smith |
| Carl Cheatham | Joey Johnston | Dale Smith |
| Tom Coffman | John Kissel | Mary Ann Snively |
| Yolanda Dyer | Toni Krieger | Christine Stevens |
| Mike & Jana | Dena Lancashire | Scott Strey |
| Easterling | Spike Lucia | Jay Tackett |
| Dana Elmore | Bob McClew | Pam Tallent-Blackburn |
| Bill Everhart | Joan McCollough | Carolyn Thompson |
| Jane Hayman | Edna Mitchell | Mike & Jennifer Vibral |
| Joyce Hayman | Bev Morris | Gwen Waters |
| Frances Heath | Nancy Neale | Retha Wright |
| Kay Hedden | Earle Roberts | |

Relatives & Friends

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| Reese Burdette | Dana Cole's cousin |
| Katie Carter | Carol & Bob Carter's daughter-in-law |
| Marge Dorman | Brenda Darte's mother |
| John Doughty | Dena Doughty Lancashire's brother |
| Al Ellis | Jim Threlkel's friend |
| Ruth Galloway | Kate Eelman's cousin |
| Mary Gamgeri | Ruth Dunham's friend |
| Linda Giles | Polly Wilson, Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend |
| Tom Giordano | Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend |
| Pat Harmon | Marile Weeks' friend |
| Pete Kent | Charley & Nancy Chilton's nephew |
| Carol Moore | Roger & Marie Able's friend |
| Bonnie Motts | Marjorie DiLorenzo's friend |
| Jinny Nguyen | Ruth Dunham's friend |
| Chris Rollins | Rich & Nancy Dobler's friend |
| Larry Schlosser | Don & Norma Martin's friend |
| Marcia Sodko | John & Marilyn Schleifer's daughter |



OUR PASTORS ARE EAGER TO VISIT OUR HOSPITALIZED MEMBERS, BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP

The tightening of HIPAA regulations has meant that we have missed visiting some of our members during their hospital stay. If you are a member or a friend of this congregation, or you have a family member admitted to *any* hospital, please call the church office and let our pastors know.

Thank you for helping us stay in touch with the congregation!

FunTimers Event
Sunday, March 3 at 2:30 pm

Barbershop Harmony Society Show – “Be Our Guest” at Polk State College Winter Haven. The show features a comedy quartet, a “guys and gals” quartet and the chapter chorus.

Sign-up now: to secure tickets at the reduced group price at \$15 each

(a.) complete and place the sign-up form below in the offering plate

or

(b.) sign-up at the display in McLeod Hall

or

(c.) call the church office at 294-3121.



Ticket pick-up: Any Sunday in February “The Connection” McLeod Hall.

(Please have cash or check payable to “Winter Haven Chapter”.)

Have questions? Call Dick Shaw at 863-258-9233.

Join us at FPC at **1:45 pm, March 3** for transportation or meet us there. Open seating - arrive early! The theatre is handicapped accessible; drop off - north entrance.

Name _____ No. of tickets at \$15 ea. _____

Contact # _____ Need Transportation? Yes [] No []



SHROVE TUESDAY
Tuesday March 5th 5:30 pm

As we enter the Lenten season, we first need to use up all our syrup! I mean, First Pres must do a little celebrating and use up the eggs and sugar as we enter the 40 days of Lent with a Pancake supper.

Our Men’s Lunch and Christian Education committee invite you for a pancake, eggs, and sausage dinner starting at **5:30pm** in McLeod Hall. Kids, bring your best spatula and apron to try your hand at pancake flipping! **Happy Mardi Gras!**

PLEASE JOIN US FOR ASH WEDNESDAY
March 6 at 6:30 pm

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 **March 6 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 empty cross.



NEW: Lentin Chapel Chats

Rev. Dr. Steve Negley Mondays 11:30 am-12:30 pm

Pack a lunch and your study Bible then join Dr. Negley for a study of the Passion story told through the eyes of the Four Evangelists. **Mondays, starting March 11, & continuing March 18, April 1 & 8.** Meeting in the Chapel.

What WE do – Thanks to YOU

as we care for all God's people

Much of the ministry of the church of Jesus Christ takes place in the household and family of God. Nurture and spiritual growth, worship and the care for God's children are vital aspects of our lives together. A line in our Sunday worship bulletin reminds us that we "Gather for Worship." There is another line near the end of the order of worship, reminding us that "We Depart to Serve." This dual focus, both inward and outward, is important as God's people serve God in their daily lives.

As a member congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA), we view our mission field as being our local community, our state and nation, and God's world.

Locally, the members of First Presbyterian Church reach out beyond our walls through our Deacons' Fund, and the sharing of time and talent with Meals on Wheels, Family Emergency Services, Habitat for Humanity, Girls INC, Angels Care Center, and The Mission, to mention just a few. Our deacons also coordinate our Saturday Night Soup Kitchen, the Bag Lunch Ministry and Saturday Nite Live (with developmentally and physically disabled adults). In each of these ministries, those who make up the body of Christ at First Presbyterian Church share time, talents, and treasures with the world in the name of Lord.



Beyond our city, we support the work of the Presbytery of Tampa Bay. In this mission partnership, new churches are being organized and disciples are being nurtured in Central Florida at the Cedarkirk Camp and Conference Center, Beth-El Farmworker Ministry, and the Campus Ministry at Eckerd College.

Our church also sends mission teams to Honduras through the mission partnership between with Presbytery of Honduras and the Presbytery of Tampa Bay, and supports mission partners in Africa, Taiwan, Brazil, and Thailand.

Nationally and internationally, along with over 10,000 other PC (USA) congregations, people are being trained and supported in ministry, and mission personnel are blanketing the globe with the gospel of Jesus Christ. Our church's commitment to justice for all God's people for the year 2019 includes our shared ministry in Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly Mission, the local benevolent work through our Deacons, and pastoral services of our pastors as they help coordinate and interpret mission for our church.

The tithes and offerings of the members and friends of our church helps us to care for God's people here and around the world. Thanks for all that YOU do to help us do what WE do as Christ's church.



PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR FAVORITE HOLIDAY RECIPE

For our 2019 Advent Devotional Cookbook

“Sweeter Than Honey” Holiday Sweets and Treats

“How sweet are Your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth.”

Psalm 119:103

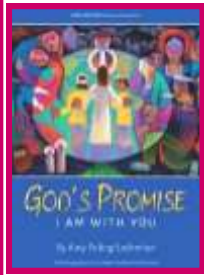
Members and Friends, please help us by submitting your favorite holiday recipes for sweets (breads, cakes, desserts, pies, puddings, etc.) and treats (candies, cookies, pastries, etc.). Please include a brief narrative including information such as: source of recipe, for example, from a relative, friend, magazine, or cookbook; a tradition with your family for how long, what you serve with them, etc.

The editor will choose scriptures and write prayers to accompany your submission. Please sign posters placed around the church if you would like to participate. Devotions with recipes will be accepted **through February. Thank you!**



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN BIBLE STUDY

The Lydia and Joy circles current Bible study: *God’s Promise – “I Am with You.”*



The Lydia Circle meets on the **2nd Monday** of each month and will meet on **March 11 at 10 a.m.** in the back of McLeod Hall.

The Joy Circle meets on the **3rd Tuesday** of each month and will meet on **March 19 at 9:30 a.m.** at the home of Carol Carter.

The study books are available at a cost of \$10.00. See or call either Sue McClew (875-6176) or Carol Carter (299-4253) to purchase your copy. Both groups are open to any and all women of the church interested in fellowship and Bible study.

CLASS OF 2022

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 and 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.

Names(s) for consideration as:

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DEACON

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE

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Please place in the offering plate or mail to the church office.

JOIN US ON SUNDAYS!!!

8:00 am Chapel Worship

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

9:15 - 10:15 am Heart of Worship

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



11:00 am Sanctuary Worship

A traditional worship service held in our sanctuary. The service follows the same order as the 8:00 am 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 AM

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES!

Children's Sunday School for PreSchoolers through 5th grade happening in the CE Building, **9:30 am (9 am on the First Sunday.)** Our children will activate faith with *Spark Lectionary* curriculum. Each class will engage the Biblical story of the day through creative, hands-on activities, interactive games, and crafts. Sunday School for preschoolers and kindergartners will meet in Room 101. Our elementary students will meet after music in Room 206. Sunday School ends at 10:30 am



First Sundays – Sunday School at **9 am** and sharing musical talents in worship at **10am**

Adult Educational Opportunities – Sunday mornings and more!



Perspectives Sunday School Class – 9:30am in the Geneva Room

This discussion-based class is guided by Dr. Kenneth Bailey's lectures on the Parables of Jesus. Join us for this engaging class **at 9:30 am** in the Geneva room.

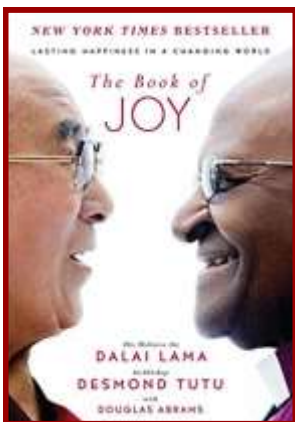
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Next Book Club Selection:

The Book of Joy by the Dalai Lama and Desmond Tutu

You will want to read this 305 page book early because you need to spend some time doing the Joy Practices at the end of the book that the authors recommend.

Plan now to join us in the back of McLeod Hall on **Thursday, March 21, at 3 p.m.** The book is available for checkout from the library or Jonathan or Bethany Owen will order a copy for you.



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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Lakeland, FL

Bag Lunch Ministry

We gave out 191 bag lunches
the week of 2/11/19.

Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 105 people on 2/16/19.

Return Service Requested

In Tribute to the Rev. Dr. James G. Manor



Dr. Jim Manor died at the Florida Presbyterian Homes in Lakeland on February 9, 2019, at the age of 100. He served as the Interim Pastor of our church on three separate occasions.

In 1990, when long-tenured First Pres Pastor Dr. Don Price was granted a six month sabbatical leave, Dr. Manor came and offered pastoral leadership to our congregation. Less than two years later, when Dr. Price retired, Dr. Jim Manor returned as Interim Pastor to help our congregation say good-bye to our longest serving pastor, and to say hello to new opportunities in our second century of ministry and mission. Two years after his second interim with us, Dr. Manor returned for a third time (his "third coming") to help our congregation in transition between the pastorates of Steve Bryant and Steve Negley.

Jim and Ann Manor's calm, confident, Christ-centered presence were a blessing to First Presbyterian Church of Winter Haven for decades. The Manor Conference Room in our church office was dedicated in April 1996 in recognition of their service in helping our church in times of transition. Our congregation will be forever grateful to these servants of Jesus Christ for their ministry in our midst.

A memorial service for Dr. James G. Manor is being planned for **11:00 am on Saturday, April 6, 2019**, here in our sanctuary. We hope that you will come and celebrate the life of this saint with his family and friends.

