



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
WINTER HAVEN

Tower Chimes

Week of March 4, 2018

Issue 661

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, March 4

3rd 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)
- 5:30 p.m. HSYG (GC)

Monday, March 5

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

Tuesday, March 6

- 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (MCR)
- 12:00 p.m. Men's Lunch (MH)
- 7:00 p.m. Praise & Worship Band (Sanctuary)

Wednesday, March 7

- 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)
- 6:00 p.m. Chancel Bells (MS)
- 6:15 p.m. APNC (ER)
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir (MS)

Thursday, March 8

- 1:15 p.m. Chapel Bells (MS)
- 3:00 p.m. Membership (MCR)

Friday, March 9

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

Saturday, March 10

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

Remember in Prayer

MEMBERS

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	Jay Tackett
Tom Coffman	Dena Lancashire	Pam Tallent-Blackburn
Yolanda Dyer	Kathy Lockhart	Carolyn Thompson
Bill Everhart	Spike Lucia	John Van Allen
Rossanne Gorsky	Larry Marshall	Jennifer Vibrant
Clyde Greene	Lynnis Mincey	Lee Wilkinson
Jimmy Hankin	Bev Morris	Judy Winfree
Susan Hankin	Nancy Neale	Retha Wright
Jane Hayman	Randall Palmer	
Frances Heath	Norm Patrick	
Kay Hedden	Keith & Jane Ray	

IN THE HOSPITAL: Jeanne Estes, Ranell Hillman, Greg Marrs, & John Kissel

Relatives & Friends

Reese Burdette	Dana Cole's cousin
Al Ellis	Jim Threlkel's friend
Julie Fleps	Lisa Endres' friend
Debbie Hunt	Lisa Endres' friend
Pete Kent	Charley & Nancy Chilton's nephew
John McKibben	Jane Whitney's brother
David Satterfield	Heather Whitney's friend
Kristy Turner	Rick & Pat Reass' daughter
Kevin Tobin	Gale Johnston's friend
Jerry Williams	Steve Negley's friend
Marshall Wood	Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend



JOIN US FOR OUR NEW

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

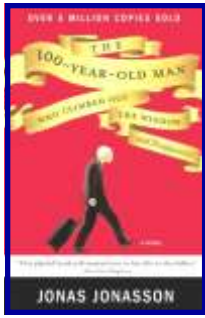
Listening to the Parables of Jesus with New Ears

You're invited to join other Christian adults as we explore some of the trickier stories told by our Lord with slightly difference set of ears (and viewpoint.)

We will be watching a video series by New Testament scholar Dr. Kenneth Bailey, as he uses his vast experiences in the Middle Eastern world (where Jesus first walked and talked) to help us unlock the wonderful meaning of some of the parables of Jesus. The group will listen to Dr. Bailey's insights, and discuss how each story told by our Lord touches our lives today. It all begins on Sunday, March 11 at 9:45 AM in Room 207 of the Christian Education building.



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



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

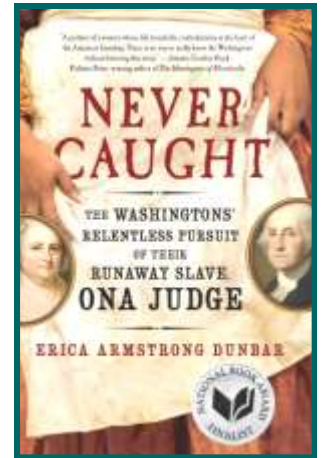
May 21 *Driving Miss Norma* by Tim Bauerschmidt and Ramie Liddle

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.



DO YOU LIKE TO SEW? WE NEED YOU!



We are sewing sundresses 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, 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; McCalls #M7111, size CCE 3-6; McCalls #M5613.

Drop by, pick up some material, cut a pattern, cut material, sew or just say "Hi"; any or all work for us.

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.

FunT 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.

To RSVP, 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: _____

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



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!!**



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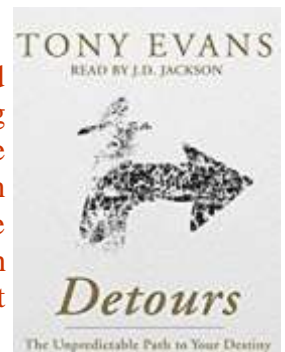


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LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Detours, by Dr. Tony Evans, is a study of the life of Joseph, through whom God demonstrates how He is at work even when life seems to be going wrong. By studying how God worked His sovereign plan through Joseph, we will learn to rely on God as He helps us navigate our detours in life that may take us through trials, injustice, and even betrayal. We will be comforted and encouraged as we learn to rest in God's redemptive plan and the hope found in God's sovereign will. Meetings will be 9-11 AM in the Youth Center on March 1, 15, & 29 and April 12. If you're interested please contact Lia Gray at 863-318-1541 or uncpair@gmail.com



THE 2018 SANCTUARY FLOWER CALENDAR IS POSTED IN THE NARTHEX.

Available dates for the near future are:

All of March (still wide open), May 13, 20, & 27.

There is space to sign up for placing flowers in the narthex on a given Sunday, when the sanctuary flowers for your desired date have already been selected by someone else.

Please remember these important points:

1. Include your best contact number.
2. Include the name of your florist.
3. Tell your florist that the arrangement *must* be here by **Friday, 1:30 p.m.**
4. Call the office the week before to give bulletin information (294-3121.)



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.**



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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 203 bag lunches
the week of 2/19/18.

Return Service Requested

Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 87 people on 2/24/18.

Please pray for our Mission Honduras 2018...

summer trip, and for the small group of First Pres folks (**Gene Aspy, John Eycleshimer, Jonathan Owen, and Steve Negley**) as they travel to Honduras from March 1-4 to explore possible summer mission sites with our Christian brothers and sisters in the Presbytery of Honduras.

