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+ At the Beth-El Mission in Wimauma (south of Tampa)

+ At Presbyterian Churches in Honduras



Beth-El Mission is our Presbytery's Ministry with migrant farmworkers. Located in Wimauma, Florida – Beth-El is a place for worship, education, legal aid, and meeting daily needs through food and clothing assistance. (Beth-El distributes bags of groceries to over 300 families each week.) The regional portion of our Three Cents a Meal offering supports **Bethel Mission**.



International Partnership with the Presbytery of Honduras

The 22 Presbyterian Churches in the Presbytery of Honduras proclaim the good news of what God has done for us in Jesus Christ to hundreds of people each year. Ministry in the second poorest county in our hemisphere means that hunger is a constant concern. As children arrive for Sunday School and worship each Sunday, a hot breakfast awaits them.

This feeding ministry is just one way that the love of God is demonstrated by our mission partners in Honduras. The international portion of our Three Cents a Meal

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 **10 am.**

TEXT TO GIVE



1. Donor texts the keyword and amount (ex. Tithe 100 –**There must be a space between the keyword and amount**) to the number that is assigned to your organization. (If only an amount is texted without a keyword, the funds will go to a default category- unless you are using the short code- there is no default category on the short code.)
2. First time text donors receive a text with a link to sign into their SecureGive account or create a new one.

3. Donor signs in or creates an account and saves a default payment method to be used for text giving.

4. When this is complete, donor receives a confirmation that their first text donation has been processed. They will also receive an email receipt.

The next time the donor would like to give by text, they simply type the keyword and amount and will receive a request to confirm with Y. After replying, they will receive a text confirmation that their donation was processed and will receive an email receipt.

****We recommend that the donor save your organization's text number as a contact in their phone for future use****

****Donors can text a question mark “?” to be sent helpful tips.**

****Donors can text STOP to de-activate text giving from their phone. If they have texted STOP at any point, they must text START to get re-started.**

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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.

Adopted by Session, 2003

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Bag Lunch Ministry

We gave out 233 bag lunches
the week of 2/25/19.

We gave out 864 bag lunches
in February 2019.

Return Service Requested

Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 85 people on 3/2/19.

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COME HELP US SHOW FOLKS WHAT FIRST PRES HAS TO OFFER

First Presbyterian Church will be a part of the *Community Fest*, Winter Haven, in the park on **Saturday, March 9 from 10 am to 4 pm.**

Our booth will feature mission projects: the making of lap robes and prayer shawls, the making of dresses for Honduran girls and the Teddy Bear ministry. A prayer shawl/lap robe and a Teddy Bear will be given away.

We will have leaflets with information on our worship services, fellowship activities and other opportunities for service including our Saturday Soup Kitchen.

The Community Outreach Committee invites church members to join with us in sharing the good news of what happens at FPC. We hope to play some recordings of the Jazzbyterians to acquaint them with some of the music enjoyed in worship.

Please email Alan Harvey at aharvey@firstpreswh.org if you are willing to dole out candy, share a smile, and tell others why you enjoy being a part of FPC. Shifts will be 1 – 2 hours, and you will not be on your own. Please call Nancy Shaw at 258-9232 with any questions.





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SOUP KITCHEN OPPORTUNITES IN MARCH

We urgently have a need for Head Cooks and assistants for March 9, 16, 23, & 30.

Won't you help us feed hungry people? Please sign up on the bulletin board on the Deacon's board in McLeod Hall.
God Bless You and 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.

THE MARCH SATURDAY NITE LIVE HAS A SPECIAL TIME AND PLACE

For **March 16**, Saturday Nite Live becomes *Saturday Noon Live* as planners, guest, and family members gather at **Camp Endeavor** in Dundee. There will be outdoor games and hayrides in addition to a cook out. If you would like to volunteer, please call the church office at 293-3121 so that you will have a burger or a hot dog reserved for you.



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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.



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!!**



THE ALL CHURCH RETREAT WILL BE HERE BEFORE YOU KNOW IT

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for the *All Church Retreat* at Cedarkirk May 18 & 19. More information to come, but reserve these days for a wonderful time of enrichment, faith building, and fellowship!!!

VISIT OUR HALLWAY ART GALLERY

On the 2nd floor next to the CE walkway door

We have a new display in the Hallway Art Gallery featuring the Winter Haven Quilters. They have been meeting at First Presbyterian on a regular basis for many years and truly appreciate the use of our facilities. The Quilters meet the first and third Mondays of the month except in the summer and they have a 2 day retreat coming up in March.

One of the missions of the Winter Haven Quilters is to sew quilts for the Polk County Sheriff's department. They meet with Sheriff Judd once a year in April for lunch and present him with at least 100 quilts. His deputies each put a few in the trunks of their cruisers to give to children or the elderly who may be in distress.

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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.

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A celebration of generosity and ministry

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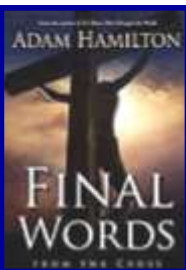
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We hope to see you here.



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Monday, March 11

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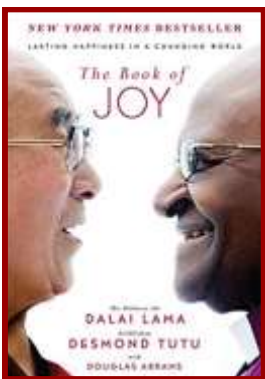
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DON'T MISS THE CONNECTION 9:15-10:45 AM

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!

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

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1. Donor texts the keyword and amount (ex. Tithe 100 –**There must be a space between the keyword and amount**) to the number that is assigned to your organization. (If only an amount is texted without a keyword, the funds will go to a default category- unless you are using the short code- there is no default category on the short code.)
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Develop and nurture God's children into disciples

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Return Service Requested

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We will have leaflets with information on our worship services, fellowship activities and other opportunities for service including our Saturday Soup Kitchen.

The Community Outreach Committee invites church members to join with us in sharing the good news of what happens at FPC. We hope to play some recordings of the Jazzbyterians to acquaint them with some of the music enjoyed in worship.

Please email Alan Harvey at aharvey@firstpreswh.org if you are willing to dole out candy, share a smile, and tell others why you enjoy being a part of FPC. Shifts will be 1 – 2 hours, and you will not be on your own. Please call Nancy Shaw at 258-9232 with any questions.





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SOUP KITCHEN OPPORTUNITES IN MARCH

We urgently have a need for Head Cooks and assistants for March 9, 16, 23, & 30.

Won't you help us feed hungry people? Please sign up on the bulletin board on the Deacon's board in McLeod Hall.
God Bless You and 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.

THE MARCH SATURDAY NITE LIVE HAS A SPECIAL TIME AND PLACE

For **March 16**, Saturday Nite Live becomes *Saturday Noon Live* as planners, guest, and family members gather at **Camp Endeavor** in Dundee. There will be outdoor games and hayrides in addition to a cook out. If you would like to volunteer, please call the church office at 293-3121 so that you will have a burger or a hot dog reserved for you.



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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.



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!!**



THE ALL CHURCH RETREAT WILL BE HERE BEFORE YOU KNOW IT

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for the *All Church Retreat* at Cedarkirk May 18 & 19. More information to come, but reserve these days for a wonderful time of enrichment, faith building, and fellowship!!!

VISIT OUR HALLWAY ART GALLERY

On the 2nd floor next to the CE walkway door

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One of the missions of the Winter Haven Quilters is to sew quilts for the Polk County Sheriff's department. They meet with Sheriff Judd once a year in April for lunch and present him with at least 100 quilts. His deputies each put a few in the trunks of their cruisers to give to children or the elderly who may be in distress.

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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.

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A celebration of generosity and ministry

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- 9:15 a.m. Connection (MH)
- 9:15 a.m. Heart of Worship (Sanctuary)
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- 10:00 am Lydia Circle (MH)

Tuesday, March 12

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- 6:00 pm Personnel (MCR)

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- 3:00 pm Christ Kids (CE)
- 5:00 pm Confirmation (ER)
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Thursday, March 14

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Friday, March 15

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DON'T MISS THE CONNECTION 9:15-10:45 AM

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Return Service Requested

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The Community Outreach Committee invites church members to join with us in sharing the good news of what happens at FPC. We hope to play some recordings of the Jazzbyterians to acquaint them with some of the music enjoyed in worship.

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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.

THE MARCH SATURDAY NITE LIVE HAS A SPECIAL TIME AND PLACE

For **March 16**, Saturday Nite Live becomes *Saturday Noon Live* as planners, guest, and family members gather at **Camp Endeavor** in Dundee. There will be outdoor games and hayrides in addition to a cook out. If you would like to volunteer, please call the church office at 293-3121 so that you will have a burger or a hot dog reserved for you.



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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.



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!!**



THE ALL CHURCH RETREAT WILL BE HERE BEFORE YOU KNOW IT

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for the *All Church Retreat* at Cedarkirk May 18 & 19. More information to come, but reserve these days for a wonderful time of enrichment, faith building, and fellowship!!!



VISIT OUR HALLWAY ART GALLERY

On the 2nd floor next to the CE walkway door

We have a new display in the Hallway Art Gallery featuring the Winter Haven Quilters. They have been meeting at First Presbyterian on a regular basis for many years and truly appreciate the use of our facilities. The Quilters meet the first and third Mondays of the month except in the summer and they have a 2 day retreat coming up in March.

One of the missions of the Winter Haven Quilters is to sew quilts for the Polk County Sheriff's department. They meet with Sheriff Judd once a year in April for lunch and present him with at least 100 quilts. His deputies each put a few in the trunks of their cruisers to give to children or the elderly who may be in distress.

The quilters also use their meeting time to experiment with new techniques and patterns so they are learning as well as helping. Members like the social aspect as well when they all get together and they also enjoy the occasional "shop hop".



NOMINATING FORM FOR 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.

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A celebration of generosity and ministry

What WE do to alleviate hunger through our Three Cents a Meal offering.



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to people in worship. And we have seen the money contributed to our three fold hunger ministries grow by the grace of God.

Many members and friends of First Pres. set aside three pennies each time they eat a meal. Then on the third Sunday of each month, they bring their collected change to church, and pool their bounty with the rest of the congregation to help alleviate hunger in three crucial areas:



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Here in Winter Haven

+ At the Beth-El Mission in Wimauma (south of Tampa)

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- 11:30 am Chapel Chat (Chapel)
- 10:00 am Lydia Circle (MH)

Tuesday, March 12

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- 7:00 pm Choir (MS)

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Return Service Requested

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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!!**



THE ALL CHURCH RETREAT WILL BE HERE BEFORE YOU KNOW IT

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for the *All Church Retreat* at Cedarkirk May 18 & 19. More information to come, but reserve these days for a wonderful time of enrichment, faith building, and fellowship!!!

VISIT OUR HALLWAY ART GALLERY

On the 2nd floor next to the CE walkway door

We have a new display in the Hallway Art Gallery featuring the Winter Haven Quilters. They have been meeting at First Presbyterian on a regular basis for many years and truly appreciate the use of our facilities. The Quilters meet the first and third Mondays of the month except in the summer and they have a 2 day retreat coming up in March.

One of the missions of the Winter Haven Quilters is to sew quilts for the Polk County Sheriff's department. They meet with Sheriff Judd once a year in April for lunch and present him with at least 100 quilts. His deputies each put a few in the trunks of their cruisers to give to children or the elderly who may be in distress.

The quilters also use their meeting time to experiment with new techniques and patterns so they are learning as well as helping. Members like the social aspect as well when they all get together and they also enjoy the occasional "shop hop".



NOMINATING FORM FOR 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.

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A celebration of generosity and ministry

What WE do to alleviate hunger through our Three Cents a Meal offering.



Several years ago, our church personalized a Tampa Bay Presbytery mission initiative called THREE CENTS A MEAL by encouraging the children of our congregation to lead as THREE PENNY PARTNERS. Baskets were bought and brought back from Honduras to be used in a congregation-wide collection on the third Sunday of each month. Dr. Alan Harvey wrote a song to celebrate and explain our hunger offering



to people in worship. And we have seen the money contributed to our three fold hunger ministries grow by the grace of God.

Many members and friends of First Pres. set aside three pennies each time they eat a meal. Then on the third Sunday of each month, they bring their collected change to church, and pool their bounty with the rest of the congregation to help alleviate hunger in three crucial areas:



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Here in Winter Haven

+ At the Beth-El Mission in Wimauma (south of Tampa)

+ At Presbyterian Churches in Honduras



Beth-El Mission is our Presbytery's Ministry with migrant farmworkers. Located in Wimauma, Florida – Beth-El is a place for worship, education, legal aid, and meeting daily needs through food and clothing assistance. (Beth-El distributes bags of groceries to over 300 families each week.) The regional portion of our Three Cents a Meal offering supports **Bethel Mission**.



International Partnership with the Presbytery of Honduras

The 22 Presbyterian Churches in the Presbytery of Honduras proclaim the good news of what God has done for us in Jesus Christ to hundreds of people each year. Ministry in the second poorest county in our hemisphere means that hunger is a constant concern. As children arrive for Sunday School and worship each Sunday, a hot breakfast awaits them.

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Our booth will feature mission projects: the making of lap robes and prayer shawls, the making of dresses for Honduran girls and the Teddy Bear ministry. A prayer shawl/lap robe and a Teddy Bear will be given away.

We will have leaflets with information on our worship services, fellowship activities and other opportunities for service including our Saturday Soup Kitchen.

The Community Outreach Committee invites church members to join with us in sharing the good news of what happens at FPC. We hope to play some recordings of the Jazzbyterians to acquaint them with some of the music enjoyed in worship.

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A Lenten Journey Through the Names of Our Savior

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The quilters also use their meeting time to experiment with new techniques and patterns so they are learning as well as helping. Members like the social aspect as well when they all get together and they also enjoy the occasional "shop hop".



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A celebration of generosity and ministry

What WE do to alleviate hunger through our Three Cents a Meal offering.



Several years ago, our church personalized a Tampa Bay Presbytery mission initiative called THREE CENTS A MEAL by encouraging the children of our congregation to lead as THREE PENNY PARTNERS. Baskets were bought and brought back from Honduras to be used in a congregation-wide collection on the third Sunday of each month. Dr. Alan Harvey wrote a song to celebrate and explain our hunger offering



to people in worship. And we have seen the money contributed to our three fold hunger ministries grow by the grace of God.

Many members and friends of First Pres. set aside three pennies each time they eat a meal. Then on the third Sunday of each month, they bring their collected change to church, and pool their bounty with the rest of the congregation to help alleviate hunger in three crucial areas:



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Here in Winter Haven

+ At the Beth-El Mission in Wimauma (south of Tampa)

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Beth-El Mission is our Presbytery's Ministry with migrant farmworkers. Located in Wimauma, Florida – Beth-El is a place for worship, education, legal aid, and meeting daily needs through food and clothing assistance. (Beth-El distributes bags of groceries to over 300 families each week.) The regional portion of our Three Cents a Meal offering supports **Bethel Mission**.



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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.

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God Bless You and Thank You!



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Return Service Requested

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Our booth will feature mission projects: the making of lap robes and prayer shawls, the making of dresses for Honduran girls and the Teddy Bear ministry. A prayer shawl/lap robe and a Teddy Bear will be given away.

We will have leaflets with information on our worship services, fellowship activities and other opportunities for service including our Saturday Soup Kitchen.

The Community Outreach Committee invites church members to join with us in sharing the good news of what happens at FPC. We hope to play some recordings of the Jazzbyterians to acquaint them with some of the music enjoyed in worship.

Please email Alan Harvey at aharvey@firstpreswh.org if you are willing to dole out candy, share a smile, and tell others why you enjoy being a part of FPC. Shifts will be 1 – 2 hours, and you will not be on your own. Please call Nancy Shaw at 258-9232 with any questions.





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A Lenten Journey Through the Names of Our Savior

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Let's let the presence and identity of Jesus take us deeper each week into fellowship with "God with us."

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A book and video based study that explores the seven statements that Jesus spoke from the cross and the meaning of Jesus' dying words for our lives today. Study books are \$10 and available in the church office or classroom. Also starting **March 10** at **9:30 am**, join our study facilitators in CE 207.

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- 9:15 a.m. Connection (MH)
- 9:15 a.m. Heart of Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School-Children/Adults (CE)
- 11:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
- 4:00 p.m. Praise Band (Sanctuary)
- 5:30 p.m. High School Youth Group (GC)

Monday, March 11

- 8:45 am MOM (CE)
- 11:30 am Chapel Chat (Chapel)
- 10:00 am Lydia Circle (MH)

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- 12:00 pm Men's Lunch (MH)
- 6:00 pm Personnel (MCR)

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A celebration of generosity and ministry

What WE do to alleviate hunger through our Three Cents a Meal offering.



Several years ago, our church personalized a Tampa Bay Presbytery mission initiative called THREE CENTS A MEAL by encouraging the children of our congregation to lead as THREE PENNY PARTNERS. Baskets were bought and brought back from Honduras to be used in a congregation-wide collection on the third Sunday of each month. Dr. Alan Harvey wrote a song to celebrate and explain our hunger offering



to people in worship. And we have seen the money contributed to our three fold hunger ministries grow by the grace of God.

Many members and friends of First Pres. set aside three pennies each time they eat a meal. Then on the third Sunday of each month, they bring their collected change to church, and pool their bounty with the rest of the congregation to help alleviate hunger in three crucial areas:



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Here in Winter Haven

+ At the Beth-El Mission in Wimauma (south of Tampa)

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Beth-El Mission is our Presbytery's Ministry with migrant farmworkers. Located in Wimauma, Florida – Beth-El is a place for worship, education, legal aid, and meeting daily needs through food and clothing assistance. (Beth-El distributes bags of groceries to over 300 families each week.) The regional portion of our Three Cents a Meal offering supports **Bethel Mission**.



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The 22 Presbyterian Churches in the Presbytery of Honduras proclaim the good news of what God has done for us in Jesus Christ to hundreds of people each year. Ministry in the second poorest county in our hemisphere means that hunger is a constant concern. As children arrive for Sunday School and worship each Sunday, a hot breakfast awaits them.

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We urgently have a need for Head Cooks and assistants for March 9, 16, 23, & 30.

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God Bless You and Thank You!



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The Lydia and Joy circles current Bible study: *God's Promise – "I Am with You."*

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On the 2nd floor next to the CE walkway door

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The Community Outreach Committee invites church members to join with us in sharing the good news of what happens at FPC. We hope to play some recordings of the Jazzbyterians to acquaint them with some of the music enjoyed in worship.

Please email Alan Harvey at aharvey@firstpreswh.org if you are willing to dole out candy, share a smile, and tell others why you enjoy being a part of FPC. Shifts will be 1 – 2 hours, and you will not be on your own. Please call Nancy Shaw at 258-9232 with any questions.





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- 9:15 a.m. Connection (MH)
- 9:15 a.m. Heart of Worship (Sanctuary)
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- 11:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
- 4:00 p.m. Praise Band (Sanctuary)
- 5:30 p.m. High School Youth Group (GC)

Monday, March 11

- 8:45 am MOM (CE)
- 11:30 am Chapel Chat (Chapel)
- 10:00 am Lydia Circle (MH)

Tuesday, March 12

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- 12:00 pm Men's Lunch (MH)
- 6:00 pm Personnel (MCR)

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Thursday, March 14

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Friday, March 15

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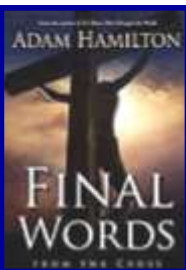
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A celebration of generosity and ministry

What WE do to alleviate hunger through our Three Cents a Meal offering.



Several years ago, our church personalized a Tampa Bay Presbytery mission initiative called THREE CENTS A MEAL by encouraging the children of our congregation to lead as THREE PENNY PARTNERS. Baskets were bought and brought back from Honduras to be used in a congregation-wide collection on the third Sunday of each month. Dr. Alan Harvey wrote a song to celebrate and explain our hunger offering



to people in worship. And we have seen the money contributed to our three fold hunger ministries grow by the grace of God.

Many members and friends of First Pres. set aside three pennies each time they eat a meal. Then on the third Sunday of each month, they bring their collected change to church, and pool their bounty with the rest of the congregation to help alleviate hunger in three crucial areas:



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Here in Winter Haven

+ At the Beth-El Mission in Wimauma (south of Tampa)

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Beth-El Mission is our Presbytery's Ministry with migrant farmworkers. Located in Wimauma, Florida – Beth-El is a place for worship, education, legal aid, and meeting daily needs through food and clothing assistance. (Beth-El distributes bags of groceries to over 300 families each week.) The regional portion of our Three Cents a Meal offering supports **Bethel Mission**.



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We urgently have a need for Head Cooks and assistants for March 9, 16, 23, & 30.

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God Bless You and Thank You!



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The Lydia and Joy circles current Bible study: *God's Promise – "I Am with You."*

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On the 2nd floor next to the CE walkway door

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- 9:15 a.m. Connection (MH)
- 9:15 a.m. Heart of Worship (Sanctuary)
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- 11:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
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- 5:30 p.m. High School Youth Group (GC)

Monday, March 11

- 8:45 am MOM (CE)
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- 10:00 am Lydia Circle (MH)

Tuesday, March 12

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- 6:00 pm Personnel (MCR)

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Thursday, March 14

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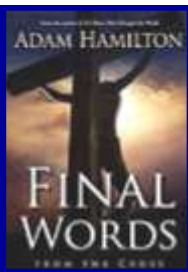
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DON'T MISS THE CONNECTION 9:15-10:45 AM

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Develop and nurture God's children into disciples

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Return Service Requested

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We will have leaflets with information on our worship services, fellowship activities and other opportunities for service including our Saturday Soup Kitchen.

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Please email Alan Harvey at aharvey@firstpreswh.org if you are willing to dole out candy, share a smile, and tell others why you enjoy being a part of FPC. Shifts will be 1 – 2 hours, and you will not be on your own. Please call Nancy Shaw at 258-9232 with any questions.





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SOUP KITCHEN OPPORTUNITES IN MARCH

We urgently have a need for Head Cooks and assistants for March 9, 16, 23, & 30.

Won't you help us feed hungry people? Please sign up on the bulletin board on the Deacon's board in McLeod Hall.
God Bless You and 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.

THE MARCH SATURDAY NITE LIVE HAS A SPECIAL TIME AND PLACE

For **March 16**, Saturday Nite Live becomes *Saturday Noon Live* as planners, guest, and family members gather at **Camp Endeavor** in Dundee. There will be outdoor games and hayrides in addition to a cook out. If you would like to volunteer, please call the church office at 293-3121 so that you will have a burger or a hot dog reserved for you.



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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.



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!!**



THE ALL CHURCH RETREAT WILL BE HERE BEFORE YOU KNOW IT

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for the *All Church Retreat* at Cedarkirk May 18 & 19. More information to come, but reserve these days for a wonderful time of enrichment, faith building, and fellowship!!!

VISIT OUR HALLWAY ART GALLERY

On the 2nd floor next to the CE walkway door

We have a new display in the Hallway Art Gallery featuring the Winter Haven Quilters. They have been meeting at First Presbyterian on a regular basis for many years and truly appreciate the use of our facilities. The Quilters meet the first and third Mondays of the month except in the summer and they have a 2 day retreat coming up in March.

One of the missions of the Winter Haven Quilters is to sew quilts for the Polk County Sheriff's department. They meet with Sheriff Judd once a year in April for lunch and present him with at least 100 quilts. His deputies each put a few in the trunks of their cruisers to give to children or the elderly who may be in distress.

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NOMINATING FORM FOR 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.

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A celebration of generosity and ministry

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- 9:15 a.m. Connection (MH)
- 9:15 a.m. Heart of Worship (Sanctuary)
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- 10:00 am Lydia Circle (MH)

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- 6:00 pm Personnel (MCR)

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- 3:00 pm Christ Kids (CE)
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Thursday, March 14

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DON'T MISS THE CONNECTION 9:15-10:45 AM

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Return Service Requested

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The Community Outreach Committee invites church members to join with us in sharing the good news of what happens at FPC. We hope to play some recordings of the Jazzbyterians to acquaint them with some of the music enjoyed in worship.

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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.

THE MARCH SATURDAY NITE LIVE HAS A SPECIAL TIME AND PLACE

For **March 16**, Saturday Nite Live becomes *Saturday Noon Live* as planners, guest, and family members gather at **Camp Endeavor** in Dundee. There will be outdoor games and hayrides in addition to a cook out. If you would like to volunteer, please call the church office at 293-3121 so that you will have a burger or a hot dog reserved for you.



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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.



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!!**



THE ALL CHURCH RETREAT WILL BE HERE BEFORE YOU KNOW IT

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for the *All Church Retreat* at Cedarkirk May 18 & 19. More information to come, but reserve these days for a wonderful time of enrichment, faith building, and fellowship!!!



VISIT OUR HALLWAY ART GALLERY

On the 2nd floor next to the CE walkway door

We have a new display in the Hallway Art Gallery featuring the Winter Haven Quilters. They have been meeting at First Presbyterian on a regular basis for many years and truly appreciate the use of our facilities. The Quilters meet the first and third Mondays of the month except in the summer and they have a 2 day retreat coming up in March.

One of the missions of the Winter Haven Quilters is to sew quilts for the Polk County Sheriff's department. They meet with Sheriff Judd once a year in April for lunch and present him with at least 100 quilts. His deputies each put a few in the trunks of their cruisers to give to children or the elderly who may be in distress.

The quilters also use their meeting time to experiment with new techniques and patterns so they are learning as well as helping. Members like the social aspect as well when they all get together and they also enjoy the occasional "shop hop".



NOMINATING FORM FOR 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.

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A celebration of generosity and ministry

What WE do to alleviate hunger through our Three Cents a Meal offering.



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to people in worship. And we have seen the money contributed to our three fold hunger ministries grow by the grace of God.

Many members and friends of First Pres. set aside three pennies each time they eat a meal. Then on the third Sunday of each month, they bring their collected change to church, and pool their bounty with the rest of the congregation to help alleviate hunger in three crucial areas:



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Here in Winter Haven

+ At the Beth-El Mission in Wimauma (south of Tampa)

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- 11:30 am Chapel Chat (Chapel)
- 10:00 am Lydia Circle (MH)

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Return Service Requested

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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!!**



THE ALL CHURCH RETREAT WILL BE HERE BEFORE YOU KNOW IT

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for the *All Church Retreat* at Cedarkirk May 18 & 19. More information to come, but reserve these days for a wonderful time of enrichment, faith building, and fellowship!!!

VISIT OUR HALLWAY ART GALLERY

On the 2nd floor next to the CE walkway door

We have a new display in the Hallway Art Gallery featuring the Winter Haven Quilters. They have been meeting at First Presbyterian on a regular basis for many years and truly appreciate the use of our facilities. The Quilters meet the first and third Mondays of the month except in the summer and they have a 2 day retreat coming up in March.

One of the missions of the Winter Haven Quilters is to sew quilts for the Polk County Sheriff's department. They meet with Sheriff Judd once a year in April for lunch and present him with at least 100 quilts. His deputies each put a few in the trunks of their cruisers to give to children or the elderly who may be in distress.

The quilters also use their meeting time to experiment with new techniques and patterns so they are learning as well as helping. Members like the social aspect as well when they all get together and they also enjoy the occasional "shop hop".



NOMINATING FORM FOR 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.

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A celebration of generosity and ministry

What WE do to alleviate hunger through our Three Cents a Meal offering.



Several years ago, our church personalized a Tampa Bay Presbytery mission initiative called THREE CENTS A MEAL by encouraging the children of our congregation to lead as THREE PENNY PARTNERS. Baskets were bought and brought back from Honduras to be used in a congregation-wide collection on the third Sunday of each month. Dr. Alan Harvey wrote a song to celebrate and explain our hunger offering



to people in worship. And we have seen the money contributed to our three fold hunger ministries grow by the grace of God.

Many members and friends of First Pres. set aside three pennies each time they eat a meal. Then on the third Sunday of each month, they bring their collected change to church, and pool their bounty with the rest of the congregation to help alleviate hunger in three crucial areas:



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Here in Winter Haven

+ At the Beth-El Mission in Wimauma (south of Tampa)

+ At Presbyterian Churches in Honduras



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International Partnership with the Presbytery of Honduras

The 22 Presbyterian Churches in the Presbytery of Honduras proclaim the good news of what God has done for us in Jesus Christ to hundreds of people each year. Ministry in the second poorest county in our hemisphere means that hunger is a constant concern. As children arrive for Sunday School and worship each Sunday, a hot breakfast awaits them.

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Our booth will feature mission projects: the making of lap robes and prayer shawls, the making of dresses for Honduran girls and the Teddy Bear ministry. A prayer shawl/lap robe and a Teddy Bear will be given away.

We will have leaflets with information on our worship services, fellowship activities and other opportunities for service including our Saturday Soup Kitchen.

The Community Outreach Committee invites church members to join with us in sharing the good news of what happens at FPC. We hope to play some recordings of the Jazzbyterians to acquaint them with some of the music enjoyed in worship.

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A Lenten Journey Through the Names of Our Savior

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The quilters also use their meeting time to experiment with new techniques and patterns so they are learning as well as helping. Members like the social aspect as well when they all get together and they also enjoy the occasional "shop hop".



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A celebration of generosity and ministry

What WE do to alleviate hunger through our Three Cents a Meal offering.



Several years ago, our church personalized a Tampa Bay Presbytery mission initiative called THREE CENTS A MEAL by encouraging the children of our congregation to lead as THREE PENNY PARTNERS. Baskets were bought and brought back from Honduras to be used in a congregation-wide collection on the third Sunday of each month. Dr. Alan Harvey wrote a song to celebrate and explain our hunger offering



to people in worship. And we have seen the money contributed to our three fold hunger ministries grow by the grace of God.

Many members and friends of First Pres. set aside three pennies each time they eat a meal. Then on the third Sunday of each month, they bring their collected change to church, and pool their bounty with the rest of the congregation to help alleviate hunger in three crucial areas:



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Here in Winter Haven

+ At the Beth-El Mission in Wimauma (south of Tampa)

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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.

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God Bless You and Thank You!



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Our booth will feature mission projects: the making of lap robes and prayer shawls, the making of dresses for Honduran girls and the Teddy Bear ministry. A prayer shawl/lap robe and a Teddy Bear will be given away.

We will have leaflets with information on our worship services, fellowship activities and other opportunities for service including our Saturday Soup Kitchen.

The Community Outreach Committee invites church members to join with us in sharing the good news of what happens at FPC. We hope to play some recordings of the Jazzbyterians to acquaint them with some of the music enjoyed in worship.

Please email Alan Harvey at aharvey@firstpreswh.org if you are willing to dole out candy, share a smile, and tell others why you enjoy being a part of FPC. Shifts will be 1 – 2 hours, and you will not be on your own. Please call Nancy Shaw at 258-9232 with any questions.





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A Lenten Journey Through the Names of Our Savior

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A book and video based study that explores the seven statements that Jesus spoke from the cross and the meaning of Jesus' dying words for our lives today. Study books are \$10 and available in the church office or classroom. Also starting **March 10** at **9:30 am**, join our study facilitators in CE 207.

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- 9:15 a.m. Connection (MH)
- 9:15 a.m. Heart of Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School-Children/Adults (CE)
- 11:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
- 4:00 p.m. Praise Band (Sanctuary)
- 5:30 p.m. High School Youth Group (GC)

Monday, March 11

- 8:45 am MOM (CE)
- 11:30 am Chapel Chat (Chapel)
- 10:00 am Lydia Circle (MH)

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- 12:00 pm Men's Lunch (MH)
- 6:00 pm Personnel (MCR)

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A celebration of generosity and ministry

What WE do to alleviate hunger through our Three Cents a Meal offering.



Several years ago, our church personalized a Tampa Bay Presbytery mission initiative called THREE CENTS A MEAL by encouraging the children of our congregation to lead as THREE PENNY PARTNERS. Baskets were bought and brought back from Honduras to be used in a congregation-wide collection on the third Sunday of each month. Dr. Alan Harvey wrote a song to celebrate and explain our hunger offering



to people in worship. And we have seen the money contributed to our three fold hunger ministries grow by the grace of God.

Many members and friends of First Pres. set aside three pennies each time they eat a meal. Then on the third Sunday of each month, they bring their collected change to church, and pool their bounty with the rest of the congregation to help alleviate hunger in three crucial areas:



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Here in Winter Haven

+ At the Beth-El Mission in Wimauma (south of Tampa)

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Beth-El Mission is our Presbytery's Ministry with migrant farmworkers. Located in Wimauma, Florida – Beth-El is a place for worship, education, legal aid, and meeting daily needs through food and clothing assistance. (Beth-El distributes bags of groceries to over 300 families each week.) The regional portion of our Three Cents a Meal offering supports **Bethel Mission**.



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The 22 Presbyterian Churches in the Presbytery of Honduras proclaim the good news of what God has done for us in Jesus Christ to hundreds of people each year. Ministry in the second poorest county in our hemisphere means that hunger is a constant concern. As children arrive for Sunday School and worship each Sunday, a hot breakfast awaits them.

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We urgently have a need for Head Cooks and assistants for March 9, 16, 23, & 30.

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God Bless You and Thank You!



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The Lydia and Joy circles current Bible study: *God's Promise – "I Am with You."*

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The Community Outreach Committee invites church members to join with us in sharing the good news of what happens at FPC. We hope to play some recordings of the Jazzbyterians to acquaint them with some of the music enjoyed in worship.

Please email Alan Harvey at aharvey@firstpreswh.org if you are willing to dole out candy, share a smile, and tell others why you enjoy being a part of FPC. Shifts will be 1 – 2 hours, and you will not be on your own. Please call Nancy Shaw at 258-9232 with any questions.





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We hope to see you here.



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

Monday, March 11

- 8:45 am MOM (CE)
- 11:30 am Chapel Chat (Chapel)
- 10:00 am Lydia Circle (MH)

Tuesday, March 12

- 9:00 am Staff Meeting (MCR)
- 12:00 pm Men's Lunch (MH)
- 6:00 pm Personnel (MCR)

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Thursday, March 14

- 1:15 pm Chapel Bells (MS)
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Friday, March 15

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Saturday, March 16

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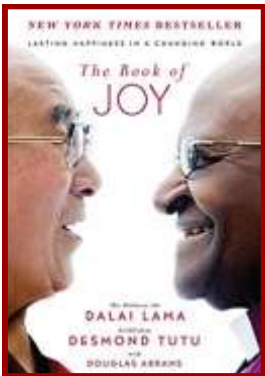
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A celebration of generosity and ministry

What WE do to alleviate hunger through our Three Cents a Meal offering.



Several years ago, our church personalized a Tampa Bay Presbytery mission initiative called THREE CENTS A MEAL by encouraging the children of our congregation to lead as THREE PENNY PARTNERS. Baskets were bought and brought back from Honduras to be used in a congregation-wide collection on the third Sunday of each month. Dr. Alan Harvey wrote a song to celebrate and explain our hunger offering



to people in worship. And we have seen the money contributed to our three fold hunger ministries grow by the grace of God.

Many members and friends of First Pres. set aside three pennies each time they eat a meal. Then on the third Sunday of each month, they bring their collected change to church, and pool their bounty with the rest of the congregation to help alleviate hunger in three crucial areas:



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Here in Winter Haven

+ At the Beth-El Mission in Wimauma (south of Tampa)

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Beth-El Mission is our Presbytery's Ministry with migrant farmworkers. Located in Wimauma, Florida – Beth-El is a place for worship, education, legal aid, and meeting daily needs through food and clothing assistance. (Beth-El distributes bags of groceries to over 300 families each week.) The regional portion of our Three Cents a Meal offering supports **Bethel Mission**.



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The 22 Presbyterian Churches in the Presbytery of Honduras proclaim the good news of what God has done for us in Jesus Christ to hundreds of people each year. Ministry in the second poorest county in our hemisphere means that hunger is a constant concern. As children arrive for Sunday School and worship each Sunday, a hot breakfast awaits them.

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God Bless You and Thank You!



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On the 2nd floor next to the CE walkway door

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We will have leaflets with information on our worship services, fellowship activities and other opportunities for service including our Saturday Soup Kitchen.

The Community Outreach Committee invites church members to join with us in sharing the good news of what happens at FPC. We hope to play some recordings of the Jazzbyterians to acquaint them with some of the music enjoyed in worship.

Please email Alan Harvey at aharvey@firstpreswh.org if you are willing to dole out candy, share a smile, and tell others why you enjoy being a part of FPC. Shifts will be 1 – 2 hours, and you will not be on your own. Please call Nancy Shaw at 258-9232 with any questions.





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- 9:15 a.m. Connection (MH)
- 9:15 a.m. Heart of Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School-Children/Adults (CE)
- 11:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
- 4:00 p.m. Praise Band (Sanctuary)
- 5:30 p.m. High School Youth Group (GC)

Monday, March 11

- 8:45 am MOM (CE)
- 11:30 am Chapel Chat (Chapel)
- 10:00 am Lydia Circle (MH)

Tuesday, March 12

- 9:00 am Staff Meeting (MCR)
- 12:00 pm Men's Lunch (MH)
- 6:00 pm Personnel (MCR)

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Thursday, March 14

- 1:15 pm Chapel Bells (MS)
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Friday, March 15

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Many members and friends of First Pres. set aside three pennies each time they eat a meal. Then on the third Sunday of each month, they bring their collected change to church, and pool their bounty with the rest of the congregation to help alleviate hunger in three crucial areas:



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Here in Winter Haven

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NEW PERSPECTIVES SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDY BEGINS APRIL 14



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SOUP KITCHEN OPPORTUNITES IN MARCH

We urgently have a need for Head Cooks and assistants for March 9, 16, 23, & 30.

Won't you help us feed hungry people? Please sign up on the bulletin board on the Deacon's board in McLeod Hall.
God Bless You and Thank You!



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN BIBLE STUDY



The Lydia and Joy circles current Bible study: *God's Promise – "I Am with You."*

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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.

THE MARCH SATURDAY NITE LIVE HAS A SPECIAL TIME AND PLACE

For **March 16**, Saturday Nite Live becomes *Saturday Noon Live* as planners, guest, and family members gather at **Camp Endeavor** in Dundee. There will be outdoor games and hayrides in addition to a cook out. If you would like to volunteer, please call the church office at 293-3121 so that you will have a burger or a hot dog reserved for you.



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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.

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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!!**



THE ALL CHURCH RETREAT WILL BE HERE BEFORE YOU KNOW IT

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for the *All Church Retreat* at Cedarkirk May 18 & 19. More information to come, but reserve these days for a wonderful time of enrichment, faith building, and fellowship!!!

VISIT OUR HALLWAY ART GALLERY

On the 2nd floor next to the CE walkway door

We have a new display in the Hallway Art Gallery featuring the Winter Haven Quilters. They have been meeting at First Presbyterian on a regular basis for many years and truly appreciate the use of our facilities. The Quilters meet the first and third Mondays of the month except in the summer and they have a 2 day retreat coming up in March.

One of the missions of the Winter Haven Quilters is to sew quilts for the Polk County Sheriff's department. They meet with Sheriff Judd once a year in April for lunch and present him with at least 100 quilts. His deputies each put a few in the trunks of their cruisers to give to children or the elderly who may be in distress.

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NOMINATING FORM FOR 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.

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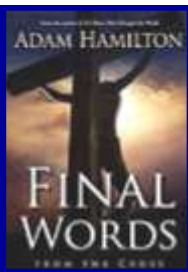
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We hope to see you here.



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Monday, March 11

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Here in Winter Haven

+ At the Beth-El Mission in Wimauma (south of Tampa)

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DON'T MISS THE CONNECTION 9:15-10:45 AM

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NEW PERSPECTIVES SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDY BEGINS APRIL 14



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SOUP KITCHEN OPPORTUNITES IN MARCH

We urgently have a need for Head Cooks and assistants for March 9, 16, 23, & 30.

Won't you help us feed hungry people? Please sign up on the bulletin board on the Deacon's board in McLeod Hall.
God Bless You and Thank You!



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN BIBLE STUDY



The Lydia and Joy circles current Bible study: *God's Promise – "I Am with You."*

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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.

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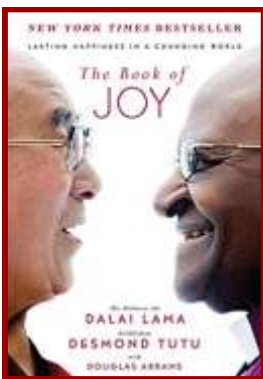
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The Book of Joy by the Dalai Lama and Desmond Tutu

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS for the *All Church Retreat* at Cedarkirk May 18 & 19. More information to come, but reserve these days for a wonderful time of enrichment, faith building, and fellowship!!!

VISIT OUR HALLWAY ART GALLERY

On the 2nd floor next to the CE walkway door

We have a new display in the Hallway Art Gallery featuring the Winter Haven Quilters. They have been meeting at First Presbyterian on a regular basis for many years and truly appreciate the use of our facilities. The Quilters meet the first and third Mondays of the month except in the summer and they have a 2 day retreat coming up in March.

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- 9:15 a.m. Heart of Worship (Sanctuary)
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- 5:30 p.m. High School Youth Group (GC)

Monday, March 11

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- 10:00 am Lydia Circle (MH)

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Thursday, March 14

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Beth-El Mission is our Presbytery's Ministry with migrant farmworkers. Located in Wimauma, Florida – Beth-El is a place for worship, education, legal aid, and meeting daily needs through food and clothing assistance. (Beth-El distributes bags of groceries to over 300 families each week.) The regional portion of our Three Cents a Meal offering supports **Bethel Mission**.



International Partnership with the Presbytery of Honduras

The 22 Presbyterian Churches in the Presbytery of Honduras proclaim the good news of what God has done for us in Jesus Christ to hundreds of people each year. Ministry in the second poorest county in our hemisphere means that hunger is a constant concern. As children arrive for Sunday School and worship each Sunday, a hot breakfast awaits them.

This feeding ministry is just one way that the love of God is demonstrated by our mission partners in Honduras. The international portion of our Three Cents a Meal

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 **10 am.**

TEXT TO GIVE



1. Donor texts the keyword and amount (ex. Tithe 100 –**There must be a space between the keyword and amount**) to the number that is assigned to your organization. (If only an amount is texted without a keyword, the funds will go to a default category- unless you are using the short code- there is no default category on the short code.)
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The next time the donor would like to give by text, they simply type the keyword and amount and will receive a request to confirm with Y. After replying, they will receive a text confirmation that their donation was processed and will receive an email receipt.

****We recommend that the donor save your organization's text number as a contact in their phone for future use****

****Donors can text a question mark “?” to be sent helpful tips.**

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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 233 bag lunches
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We gave out 864 bag lunches
in February 2019.

Return Service Requested

Soup Kitchen Ministry

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COME HELP US SHOW FOLKS WHAT FIRST PRES HAS TO OFFER

First Presbyterian Church will be a part of the *Community Fest*, Winter Haven, in the park on **Saturday, March 9 from 10 am to 4 pm.**

Our booth will feature mission projects: the making of lap robes and prayer shawls, the making of dresses for Honduran girls and the Teddy Bear ministry. A prayer shawl/lap robe and a Teddy Bear will be given away.

We will have leaflets with information on our worship services, fellowship activities and other opportunities for service including our Saturday Soup Kitchen.

The Community Outreach Committee invites church members to join with us in sharing the good news of what happens at FPC. We hope to play some recordings of the Jazzbyterians to acquaint them with some of the music enjoyed in worship.

Please email Alan Harvey at aharvey@firstpreswh.org if you are willing to dole out candy, share a smile, and tell others why you enjoy being a part of FPC. Shifts will be 1 – 2 hours, and you will not be on your own. Please call Nancy Shaw at 258-9232 with any questions.





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SOUP KITCHEN OPPORTUNITES IN MARCH

We urgently have a need for Head Cooks and assistants for March 9, 16, 23, & 30.

Won't you help us feed hungry people? Please sign up on the bulletin board on the Deacon's board in McLeod Hall.
God Bless You and Thank You!



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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.

THE MARCH SATURDAY NITE LIVE HAS A SPECIAL TIME AND PLACE

For **March 16**, Saturday Nite Live becomes *Saturday Noon Live* as planners, guest, and family members gather at **Camp Endeavor** in Dundee. There will be outdoor games and hayrides in addition to a cook out. If you would like to volunteer, please call the church office at 293-3121 so that you will have a burger or a hot dog reserved for you.



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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.



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!!**



THE ALL CHURCH RETREAT WILL BE HERE BEFORE YOU KNOW IT

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for the *All Church Retreat* at Cedarkirk May 18 & 19. More information to come, but reserve these days for a wonderful time of enrichment, faith building, and fellowship!!!

VISIT OUR HALLWAY ART GALLERY

On the 2nd floor next to the CE walkway door

We have a new display in the Hallway Art Gallery featuring the Winter Haven Quilters. They have been meeting at First Presbyterian on a regular basis for many years and truly appreciate the use of our facilities. The Quilters meet the first and third Mondays of the month except in the summer and they have a 2 day retreat coming up in March.

One of the missions of the Winter Haven Quilters is to sew quilts for the Polk County Sheriff's department. They meet with Sheriff Judd once a year in April for lunch and present him with at least 100 quilts. His deputies each put a few in the trunks of their cruisers to give to children or the elderly who may be in distress.

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A celebration of generosity and ministry

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Let's let the presence and identity of Jesus take us deeper each week into fellowship with "God with us."

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We hope to see you here.



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- 9:15 a.m. Connection (MH)
- 9:15 a.m. Heart of Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School-Children/Adults (CE)
- 11:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
- 4:00 p.m. Praise Band (Sanctuary)
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Monday, March 11

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- 11:30 am Chapel Chat (Chapel)
- 10:00 am Lydia Circle (MH)

Tuesday, March 12

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- 12:00 pm Men's Lunch (MH)
- 6:00 pm Personnel (MCR)

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- 3:00 pm Christ Kids (CE)
- 5:00 pm Confirmation (ER)
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Thursday, March 14

- 1:15 pm Chapel Bells (MS)
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Friday, March 15

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DON'T MISS THE CONNECTION 9:15-10:45 AM

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Return Service Requested

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The Community Outreach Committee invites church members to join with us in sharing the good news of what happens at FPC. We hope to play some recordings of the Jazzbyterians to acquaint them with some of the music enjoyed in worship.

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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.

THE MARCH SATURDAY NITE LIVE HAS A SPECIAL TIME AND PLACE

For **March 16**, Saturday Nite Live becomes *Saturday Noon Live* as planners, guest, and family members gather at **Camp Endeavor** in Dundee. There will be outdoor games and hayrides in addition to a cook out. If you would like to volunteer, please call the church office at 293-3121 so that you will have a burger or a hot dog reserved for you.



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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.



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!!**



THE ALL CHURCH RETREAT WILL BE HERE BEFORE YOU KNOW IT

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for the *All Church Retreat* at Cedarkirk May 18 & 19. More information to come, but reserve these days for a wonderful time of enrichment, faith building, and fellowship!!!



VISIT OUR HALLWAY ART GALLERY

On the 2nd floor next to the CE walkway door

We have a new display in the Hallway Art Gallery featuring the Winter Haven Quilters. They have been meeting at First Presbyterian on a regular basis for many years and truly appreciate the use of our facilities. The Quilters meet the first and third Mondays of the month except in the summer and they have a 2 day retreat coming up in March.

One of the missions of the Winter Haven Quilters is to sew quilts for the Polk County Sheriff's department. They meet with Sheriff Judd once a year in April for lunch and present him with at least 100 quilts. His deputies each put a few in the trunks of their cruisers to give to children or the elderly who may be in distress.

The quilters also use their meeting time to experiment with new techniques and patterns so they are learning as well as helping. Members like the social aspect as well when they all get together and they also enjoy the occasional "shop hop".



NOMINATING FORM FOR 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.

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A celebration of generosity and ministry

What WE do to alleviate hunger through our Three Cents a Meal offering.



Several years ago, our church personalized a Tampa Bay Presbytery mission initiative called THREE CENTS A MEAL by encouraging the children of our congregation to lead as THREE PENNY PARTNERS. Baskets were bought and brought back from Honduras to be used in a congregation-wide collection on the third Sunday of each month. Dr. Alan Harvey wrote a song to celebrate and explain our hunger offering



to people in worship. And we have seen the money contributed to our three fold hunger ministries grow by the grace of God.

Many members and friends of First Pres. set aside three pennies each time they eat a meal. Then on the third Sunday of each month, they bring their collected change to church, and pool their bounty with the rest of the congregation to help alleviate hunger in three crucial areas:



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Here in Winter Haven

+ At the Beth-El Mission in Wimauma (south of Tampa)

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Beth-El Mission is our Presbytery's Ministry with migrant farmworkers. Located in Wimauma, Florida – Beth-El is a place for worship, education, legal aid, and meeting daily needs through food and clothing assistance. (Beth-El distributes bags of groceries to over 300 families each week.) The regional portion of our Three Cents a Meal offering supports **Bethel Mission**.



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The 22 Presbyterian Churches in the Presbytery of Honduras proclaim the good news of what God has done for us in Jesus Christ to hundreds of people each year. Ministry in the second poorest county in our hemisphere means that hunger is a constant concern. As children arrive for Sunday School and worship each Sunday, a hot breakfast awaits them.

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We hope to see you here.



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- 9:15 a.m. Connection (MH)
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- 11:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
- 4:00 p.m. Praise Band (Sanctuary)
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Monday, March 11

- 8:45 am MOM (CE)
- 11:30 am Chapel Chat (Chapel)
- 10:00 am Lydia Circle (MH)

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- 12:00 pm Men's Lunch (MH)
- 6:00 pm Personnel (MCR)

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- 3:00 pm Christ Kids (CE)
- 5:00 pm Confirmation (ER)
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- 7:00 pm Choir (MS)

Thursday, March 14

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- 3:00 pm Membership (MCR)

Friday, March 15

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- 4:00 pm Soup Kitchen (737)
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Return Service Requested

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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!!**



THE ALL CHURCH RETREAT WILL BE HERE BEFORE YOU KNOW IT

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for the *All Church Retreat* at Cedarkirk May 18 & 19. More information to come, but reserve these days for a wonderful time of enrichment, faith building, and fellowship!!!



VISIT OUR HALLWAY ART GALLERY

On the 2nd floor next to the CE walkway door

We have a new display in the Hallway Art Gallery featuring the Winter Haven Quilters. They have been meeting at First Presbyterian on a regular basis for many years and truly appreciate the use of our facilities. The Quilters meet the first and third Mondays of the month except in the summer and they have a 2 day retreat coming up in March.

One of the missions of the Winter Haven Quilters is to sew quilts for the Polk County Sheriff's department. They meet with Sheriff Judd once a year in April for lunch and present him with at least 100 quilts. His deputies each put a few in the trunks of their cruisers to give to children or the elderly who may be in distress.

The quilters also use their meeting time to experiment with new techniques and patterns so they are learning as well as helping. Members like the social aspect as well when they all get together and they also enjoy the occasional "shop hop".



NOMINATING FORM FOR 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.

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A celebration of generosity and ministry

What WE do to alleviate hunger through our Three Cents a Meal offering.



Several years ago, our church personalized a Tampa Bay Presbytery mission initiative called THREE CENTS A MEAL by encouraging the children of our congregation to lead as THREE PENNY PARTNERS. Baskets were bought and brought back from Honduras to be used in a congregation-wide collection on the third Sunday of each month. Dr. Alan Harvey wrote a song to celebrate and explain our hunger offering



to people in worship. And we have seen the money contributed to our three fold hunger ministries grow by the grace of God.

Many members and friends of First Pres. set aside three pennies each time they eat a meal. Then on the third Sunday of each month, they bring their collected change to church, and pool their bounty with the rest of the congregation to help alleviate hunger in three crucial areas:



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Here in Winter Haven

+ At the Beth-El Mission in Wimauma (south of Tampa)

+ At Presbyterian Churches in Honduras



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International Partnership with the Presbytery of Honduras

The 22 Presbyterian Churches in the Presbytery of Honduras proclaim the good news of what God has done for us in Jesus Christ to hundreds of people each year. Ministry in the second poorest county in our hemisphere means that hunger is a constant concern. As children arrive for Sunday School and worship each Sunday, a hot breakfast awaits them.

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- 10:00 am Lydia Circle (MH)

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- 7:00 pm Choir (MS)

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Remember in Prayer

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We urgently have a need for Head Cooks and assistants for March 9, 16, 23, & 30.

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God Bless You and Thank You!



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN BIBLE STUDY



The Lydia and Joy circles current Bible study: *God's Promise – "I Am with You."*

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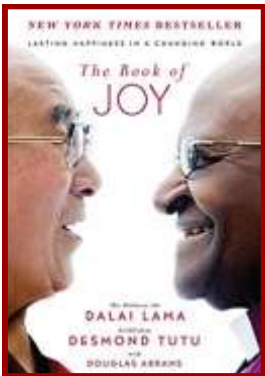
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Return Service Requested

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Our booth will feature mission projects: the making of lap robes and prayer shawls, the making of dresses for Honduran girls and the Teddy Bear ministry. A prayer shawl/lap robe and a Teddy Bear will be given away.

We will have leaflets with information on our worship services, fellowship activities and other opportunities for service including our Saturday Soup Kitchen.

The Community Outreach Committee invites church members to join with us in sharing the good news of what happens at FPC. We hope to play some recordings of the Jazzbyterians to acquaint them with some of the music enjoyed in worship.

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A Lenten Journey Through the Names of Our Savior

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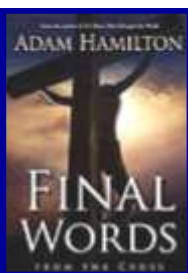
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If technology is your thing, we have a place for you in our musical praise!! We are in
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THE ALL CHURCH RETREAT WILL BE HERE BEFORE YOU KNOW IT

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for the *All Church Retreat* at Cedarkirk May 18 & 19. More
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VISIT OUR HALLWAY ART GALLERY

On the 2nd floor next to the CE walkway door

We have a new display in the Hallway Art Gallery featuring the Winter Haven Quilters. They have been meeting at First Presbyterian on a regular basis for many years and truly appreciate the use of our facilities. The Quilters meet the first and third Mondays of the month except in the summer and they have a 2 day retreat coming up in March.

One of the missions of the Winter Haven Quilters is to sew quilts for the Polk County Sheriff's department. They meet with Sheriff Judd once a year in April for lunch and present him with at least 100 quilts. His deputies each put a few in the trunks of their cruisers to give to children or the elderly who may be in distress.

The quilters also use their meeting time to experiment with new techniques and patterns so they are learning as well as helping. Members like the social aspect as well when they all get together and they also enjoy the occasional "shop hop".



NOMINATING FORM FOR 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.

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What WE do – Thanks to YOU

A celebration of generosity and ministry

What WE do to alleviate hunger through our Three Cents a Meal offering.



Several years ago, our church personalized a Tampa Bay Presbytery mission initiative called THREE CENTS A MEAL by encouraging the children of our congregation to lead as THREE PENNY PARTNERS. Baskets were bought and brought back from Honduras to be used in a congregation-wide collection on the third Sunday of each month. Dr. Alan Harvey wrote a song to celebrate and explain our hunger offering



to people in worship. And we have seen the money contributed to our three fold hunger ministries grow by the grace of God.

Many members and friends of First Pres. set aside three pennies each time they eat a meal. Then on the third Sunday of each month, they bring their collected change to church, and pool their bounty with the rest of the congregation to help alleviate hunger in three crucial areas:



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Here in Winter Haven

+ At the Beth-El Mission in Wimauma (south of Tampa)

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Beth-El Mission is our Presbytery's Ministry with migrant farmworkers. Located in Wimauma, Florida – Beth-El is a place for worship, education, legal aid, and meeting daily needs through food and clothing assistance. (Beth-El distributes bags of groceries to over 300 families each week.) The regional portion of our Three Cents a Meal offering supports **Bethel Mission**.



International Partnership with the Presbytery of Honduras

The 22 Presbyterian Churches in the Presbytery of Honduras proclaim the good news of what God has done for us in Jesus Christ to hundreds of people each year. Ministry in the second poorest county in our hemisphere means that hunger is a constant concern. As children arrive for Sunday School and worship each Sunday, a hot breakfast awaits them.

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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.

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- 11:30 am Chapel Chat (Chapel)
- 10:00 am Lydia Circle (MH)

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Remember in Prayer

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God Bless You and Thank You!



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The Lydia and Joy circles current Bible study: *God's Promise – "I Am with You."*

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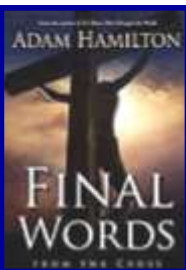
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Return Service Requested

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Our booth will feature mission projects: the making of lap robes and prayer shawls, the making of dresses for Honduran girls and the Teddy Bear ministry. A prayer shawl/lap robe and a Teddy Bear will be given away.

We will have leaflets with information on our worship services, fellowship activities and other opportunities for service including our Saturday Soup Kitchen.

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A Lenten Journey Through the Names of Our Savior

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VISIT OUR HALLWAY ART GALLERY

On the 2nd floor next to the CE walkway door

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One of the missions of the Winter Haven Quilters is to sew quilts for the Polk County Sheriff's department. They meet with Sheriff Judd once a year in April for lunch and present him with at least 100 quilts. His deputies each put a few in the trunks of their cruisers to give to children or the elderly who may be in distress.

The quilters also use their meeting time to experiment with new techniques and patterns so they are learning as well as helping. Members like the social aspect as well when they all get together and they also enjoy the occasional "shop hop".



NOMINATING FORM FOR 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.

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A celebration of generosity and ministry

What WE do to alleviate hunger through our Three Cents a Meal offering.



Several years ago, our church personalized a Tampa Bay Presbytery mission initiative called THREE CENTS A MEAL by encouraging the children of our congregation to lead as THREE PENNY PARTNERS. Baskets were bought and brought back from Honduras to be used in a congregation-wide collection on the third Sunday of each month. Dr. Alan Harvey wrote a song to celebrate and explain our hunger offering



to people in worship. And we have seen the money contributed to our three fold hunger ministries grow by the grace of God.

Many members and friends of First Pres. set aside three pennies each time they eat a meal. Then on the third Sunday of each month, they bring their collected change to church, and pool their bounty with the rest of the congregation to help alleviate hunger in three crucial areas:



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Here in Winter Haven

+ At the Beth-El Mission in Wimauma (south of Tampa)

+ At Presbyterian Churches in Honduras



Beth-El Mission is our Presbytery's Ministry with migrant farmworkers. Located in Wimauma, Florida – Beth-El is a place for worship, education, legal aid, and meeting daily needs through food and clothing assistance. (Beth-El distributes bags of groceries to over 300 families each week.) The regional portion of our Three Cents a Meal offering supports **Bethel Mission**.



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The 22 Presbyterian Churches in the Presbytery of Honduras proclaim the good news of what God has done for us in Jesus Christ to hundreds of people each year. Ministry in the second poorest county in our hemisphere means that hunger is a constant concern. As children arrive for Sunday School and worship each Sunday, a hot breakfast awaits them.

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Remember in Prayer

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Our booth will feature mission projects: the making of lap robes and prayer shawls, the making of dresses for Honduran girls and the Teddy Bear ministry. A prayer shawl/lap robe and a Teddy Bear will be given away.

We will have leaflets with information on our worship services, fellowship activities and other opportunities for service including our Saturday Soup Kitchen.

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A celebration of generosity and ministry

What WE do to alleviate hunger through our Three Cents a Meal offering.



Several years ago, our church personalized a Tampa Bay Presbytery mission initiative called THREE CENTS A MEAL by encouraging the children of our congregation to lead as THREE PENNY PARTNERS. Baskets were bought and brought back from Honduras to be used in a congregation-wide collection on the third Sunday of each month. Dr. Alan Harvey wrote a song to celebrate and explain our hunger offering



to people in worship. And we have seen the money contributed to our three fold hunger ministries grow by the grace of God.

Many members and friends of First Pres. set aside three pennies each time they eat a meal. Then on the third Sunday of each month, they bring their collected change to church, and pool their bounty with the rest of the congregation to help alleviate hunger in three crucial areas:



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Here in Winter Haven

+ At the Beth-El Mission in Wimauma (south of Tampa)

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Beth-El Mission is our Presbytery's Ministry with migrant farmworkers. Located in Wimauma, Florida – Beth-El is a place for worship, education, legal aid, and meeting daily needs through food and clothing assistance. (Beth-El distributes bags of groceries to over 300 families each week.) The regional portion of our Three Cents a Meal offering supports **Bethel Mission**.



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The 22 Presbyterian Churches in the Presbytery of Honduras proclaim the good news of what God has done for us in Jesus Christ to hundreds of people each year. Ministry in the second poorest county in our hemisphere means that hunger is a constant concern. As children arrive for Sunday School and worship each Sunday, a hot breakfast awaits them.

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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.

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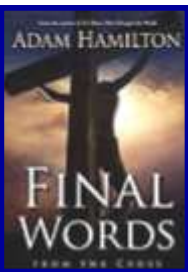
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God Bless You and Thank You!



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COME HELP US SHOW FOLKS WHAT FIRST PRES HAS TO OFFER

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Our booth will feature mission projects: the making of lap robes and prayer shawls, the making of dresses for Honduran girls and the Teddy Bear ministry. A prayer shawl/lap robe and a Teddy Bear will be given away.

We will have leaflets with information on our worship services, fellowship activities and other opportunities for service including our Saturday Soup Kitchen.

The Community Outreach Committee invites church members to join with us in sharing the good news of what happens at FPC. We hope to play some recordings of the Jazzbyterians to acquaint them with some of the music enjoyed in worship.

Please email Alan Harvey at aharvey@firstpreswh.org if you are willing to dole out candy, share a smile, and tell others why you enjoy being a part of FPC. Shifts will be 1 – 2 hours, and you will not be on your own. Please call Nancy Shaw at 258-9232 with any questions.





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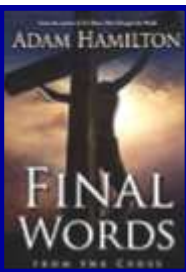
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Let's let the presence and identity of Jesus take us deeper each week into fellowship with "God with us."

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- 9:15 a.m. Connection (MH)
- 9:15 a.m. Heart of Worship (Sanctuary)
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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.

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A celebration of generosity and ministry

What WE do to alleviate hunger through our Three Cents a Meal offering.



Several years ago, our church personalized a Tampa Bay Presbytery mission initiative called THREE CENTS A MEAL by encouraging the children of our congregation to lead as THREE PENNY PARTNERS. Baskets were bought and brought back from Honduras to be used in a congregation-wide collection on the third Sunday of each month. Dr. Alan Harvey wrote a song to celebrate and explain our hunger offering



to people in worship. And we have seen the money contributed to our three fold hunger ministries grow by the grace of God.

Many members and friends of First Pres. set aside three pennies each time they eat a meal. Then on the third Sunday of each month, they bring their collected change to church, and pool their bounty with the rest of the congregation to help alleviate hunger in three crucial areas:



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Here in Winter Haven

+ At the Beth-El Mission in Wimauma (south of Tampa)

+ At Presbyterian Churches in Honduras



Beth-El Mission is our Presbytery's Ministry with migrant farmworkers. Located in Wimauma, Florida – Beth-El is a place for worship, education, legal aid, and meeting daily needs through food and clothing assistance. (Beth-El distributes bags of groceries to over 300 families each week.) The regional portion of our Three Cents a Meal offering supports **Bethel Mission**.



International Partnership with the Presbytery of Honduras

The 22 Presbyterian Churches in the Presbytery of Honduras proclaim the good news of what God has done for us in Jesus Christ to hundreds of people each year. Ministry in the second poorest county in our hemisphere means that hunger is a constant concern. As children arrive for Sunday School and worship each Sunday, a hot breakfast awaits them.

This feeding ministry is just one way that the love of God is demonstrated by our mission partners in Honduras. The international portion of our Three Cents a Meal

JOIN US ON SUNDAYS!!!

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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.

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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



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God Bless You and Thank You!



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The Lydia and Joy circles current Bible study: *God's Promise – "I Am with You."*

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We will have leaflets with information on our worship services, fellowship activities and other opportunities for service including our Saturday Soup Kitchen.

The Community Outreach Committee invites church members to join with us in sharing the good news of what happens at FPC. We hope to play some recordings of the Jazzbyterians to acquaint them with some of the music enjoyed in worship.

Please email Alan Harvey at aharvey@firstpreswh.org if you are willing to dole out candy, share a smile, and tell others why you enjoy being a part of FPC. Shifts will be 1 – 2 hours, and you will not be on your own. Please call Nancy Shaw at 258-9232 with any questions.





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- 9:15 a.m. Connection (MH)
- 9:15 a.m. Heart of Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School-Children/Adults (CE)
- 11:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
- 4:00 p.m. Praise Band (Sanctuary)
- 5:30 p.m. High School Youth Group (GC)

Monday, March 11

- 8:45 am MOM (CE)
- 11:30 am Chapel Chat (Chapel)
- 10:00 am Lydia Circle (MH)

Tuesday, March 12

- 9:00 am Staff Meeting (MCR)
- 12:00 pm Men's Lunch (MH)
- 6:00 pm Personnel (MCR)

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- 5:00 pm Confirmation (ER)
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Thursday, March 14

- 1:15 pm Chapel Bells (MS)
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Friday, March 15

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to people in worship. And we have seen the money contributed to our three fold hunger ministries grow by the grace of God.

Many members and friends of First Pres. set aside three pennies each time they eat a meal. Then on the third Sunday of each month, they bring their collected change to church, and pool their bounty with the rest of the congregation to help alleviate hunger in three crucial areas:



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Here in Winter Haven

+ At the Beth-El Mission in Wimauma (south of Tampa)

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SOUP KITCHEN OPPORTUNITES IN MARCH

We urgently have a need for Head Cooks and assistants for March 9, 16, 23, & 30.

Won't you help us feed hungry people? Please sign up on the bulletin board on the Deacon's board in McLeod Hall.
God Bless You and Thank You!



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN BIBLE STUDY



The Lydia and Joy circles current Bible study: *God's Promise – "I Am with You."*

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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.

THE MARCH SATURDAY NITE LIVE HAS A SPECIAL TIME AND PLACE

For **March 16**, Saturday Nite Live becomes *Saturday Noon Live* as planners, guest, and family members gather at **Camp Endeavor** in Dundee. There will be outdoor games and hayrides in addition to a cook out. If you would like to volunteer, please call the church office at 293-3121 so that you will have a burger or a hot dog reserved for you.



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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.

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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!!**



THE ALL CHURCH RETREAT WILL BE HERE BEFORE YOU KNOW IT

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for the *All Church Retreat* at Cedarkirk May 18 & 19. More information to come, but reserve these days for a wonderful time of enrichment, faith building, and fellowship!!!

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On the 2nd floor next to the CE walkway door

We have a new display in the Hallway Art Gallery featuring the Winter Haven Quilters. They have been meeting at First Presbyterian on a regular basis for many years and truly appreciate the use of our facilities. The Quilters meet the first and third Mondays of the month except in the summer and they have a 2 day retreat coming up in March.

One of the missions of the Winter Haven Quilters is to sew quilts for the Polk County Sheriff's department. They meet with Sheriff Judd once a year in April for lunch and present him with at least 100 quilts. His deputies each put a few in the trunks of their cruisers to give to children or the elderly who may be in distress.

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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.

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- 9:15 a.m. Connection (MH)
- 9:15 a.m. Heart of Worship (Sanctuary)
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- 11:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
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- 5:30 p.m. High School Youth Group (GC)

Monday, March 11

- 8:45 am MOM (CE)
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- 10:00 am Lydia Circle (MH)

Tuesday, March 12

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- 6:00 pm Personnel (MCR)

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Thursday, March 14

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DON'T MISS THE CONNECTION 9:15-10:45 AM

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Return Service Requested

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SOUP KITCHEN OPPORTUNITES IN MARCH

We urgently have a need for Head Cooks and assistants for March 9, 16, 23, & 30.

Won't you help us feed hungry people? Please sign up on the bulletin board on the Deacon's board in McLeod Hall.
God Bless You and 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.

THE MARCH SATURDAY NITE LIVE HAS A SPECIAL TIME AND PLACE

For **March 16**, Saturday Nite Live becomes *Saturday Noon Live* as planners, guest, and family members gather at **Camp Endeavor** in Dundee. There will be outdoor games and hayrides in addition to a cook out. If you would like to volunteer, please call the church office at 293-3121 so that you will have a burger or a hot dog reserved for you.



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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.



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!!**



THE ALL CHURCH RETREAT WILL BE HERE BEFORE YOU KNOW IT

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for the *All Church Retreat* at Cedarkirk May 18 & 19. More information to come, but reserve these days for a wonderful time of enrichment, faith building, and fellowship!!!

VISIT OUR HALLWAY ART GALLERY

On the 2nd floor next to the CE walkway door

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One of the missions of the Winter Haven Quilters is to sew quilts for the Polk County Sheriff's department. They meet with Sheriff Judd once a year in April for lunch and present him with at least 100 quilts. His deputies each put a few in the trunks of their cruisers to give to children or the elderly who may be in distress.

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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.

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A celebration of generosity and ministry

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- 9:15 a.m. Connection (MH)
- 9:15 a.m. Heart of Worship (Sanctuary)
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Monday, March 11

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- 10:00 am Lydia Circle (MH)

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- 6:00 pm Personnel (MCR)

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- 3:00 pm Christ Kids (CE)
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Thursday, March 14

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DON'T MISS THE CONNECTION 9:15-10:45 AM

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Return Service Requested

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The Community Outreach Committee invites church members to join with us in sharing the good news of what happens at FPC. We hope to play some recordings of the Jazzbyterians to acquaint them with some of the music enjoyed in worship.

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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.

THE MARCH SATURDAY NITE LIVE HAS A SPECIAL TIME AND PLACE

For **March 16**, Saturday Nite Live becomes *Saturday Noon Live* as planners, guest, and family members gather at **Camp Endeavor** in Dundee. There will be outdoor games and hayrides in addition to a cook out. If you would like to volunteer, please call the church office at 293-3121 so that you will have a burger or a hot dog reserved for you.



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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.



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!!**



THE ALL CHURCH RETREAT WILL BE HERE BEFORE YOU KNOW IT

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for the *All Church Retreat* at Cedarkirk May 18 & 19. More information to come, but reserve these days for a wonderful time of enrichment, faith building, and fellowship!!!

VISIT OUR HALLWAY ART GALLERY

On the 2nd floor next to the CE walkway door

We have a new display in the Hallway Art Gallery featuring the Winter Haven Quilters. They have been meeting at First Presbyterian on a regular basis for many years and truly appreciate the use of our facilities. The Quilters meet the first and third Mondays of the month except in the summer and they have a 2 day retreat coming up in March.

One of the missions of the Winter Haven Quilters is to sew quilts for the Polk County Sheriff's department. They meet with Sheriff Judd once a year in April for lunch and present him with at least 100 quilts. His deputies each put a few in the trunks of their cruisers to give to children or the elderly who may be in distress.

The quilters also use their meeting time to experiment with new techniques and patterns so they are learning as well as helping. Members like the social aspect as well when they all get together and they also enjoy the occasional "shop hop".



NOMINATING FORM FOR 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.

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A celebration of generosity and ministry

What WE do to alleviate hunger through our Three Cents a Meal offering.



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to people in worship. And we have seen the money contributed to our three fold hunger ministries grow by the grace of God.

Many members and friends of First Pres. set aside three pennies each time they eat a meal. Then on the third Sunday of each month, they bring their collected change to church, and pool their bounty with the rest of the congregation to help alleviate hunger in three crucial areas:



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Here in Winter Haven

+ At the Beth-El Mission in Wimauma (south of Tampa)

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- 11:30 am Chapel Chat (Chapel)
- 10:00 am Lydia Circle (MH)

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Return Service Requested

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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!!**



THE ALL CHURCH RETREAT WILL BE HERE BEFORE YOU KNOW IT

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for the *All Church Retreat* at Cedarkirk May 18 & 19. More information to come, but reserve these days for a wonderful time of enrichment, faith building, and fellowship!!!

VISIT OUR HALLWAY ART GALLERY

On the 2nd floor next to the CE walkway door

We have a new display in the Hallway Art Gallery featuring the Winter Haven Quilters. They have been meeting at First Presbyterian on a regular basis for many years and truly appreciate the use of our facilities. The Quilters meet the first and third Mondays of the month except in the summer and they have a 2 day retreat coming up in March.

One of the missions of the Winter Haven Quilters is to sew quilts for the Polk County Sheriff's department. They meet with Sheriff Judd once a year in April for lunch and present him with at least 100 quilts. His deputies each put a few in the trunks of their cruisers to give to children or the elderly who may be in distress.

The quilters also use their meeting time to experiment with new techniques and patterns so they are learning as well as helping. Members like the social aspect as well when they all get together and they also enjoy the occasional "shop hop".



NOMINATING FORM FOR 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.

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A celebration of generosity and ministry

What WE do to alleviate hunger through our Three Cents a Meal offering.



Several years ago, our church personalized a Tampa Bay Presbytery mission initiative called THREE CENTS A MEAL by encouraging the children of our congregation to lead as THREE PENNY PARTNERS. Baskets were bought and brought back from Honduras to be used in a congregation-wide collection on the third Sunday of each month. Dr. Alan Harvey wrote a song to celebrate and explain our hunger offering



to people in worship. And we have seen the money contributed to our three fold hunger ministries grow by the grace of God.

Many members and friends of First Pres. set aside three pennies each time they eat a meal. Then on the third Sunday of each month, they bring their collected change to church, and pool their bounty with the rest of the congregation to help alleviate hunger in three crucial areas:



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Here in Winter Haven

+ At the Beth-El Mission in Wimauma (south of Tampa)

+ At Presbyterian Churches in Honduras



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International Partnership with the Presbytery of Honduras

The 22 Presbyterian Churches in the Presbytery of Honduras proclaim the good news of what God has done for us in Jesus Christ to hundreds of people each year. Ministry in the second poorest county in our hemisphere means that hunger is a constant concern. As children arrive for Sunday School and worship each Sunday, a hot breakfast awaits them.

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COME HELP US SHOW FOLKS WHAT FIRST PRES HAS TO OFFER

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Our booth will feature mission projects: the making of lap robes and prayer shawls, the making of dresses for Honduran girls and the Teddy Bear ministry. A prayer shawl/lap robe and a Teddy Bear will be given away.

We will have leaflets with information on our worship services, fellowship activities and other opportunities for service including our Saturday Soup Kitchen.

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Please email Alan Harvey at aharvey@firstpreswh.org if you are willing to dole out candy, share a smile, and tell others why you enjoy being a part of FPC. Shifts will be 1 – 2 hours, and you will not be on your own. Please call Nancy Shaw at 258-9232 with any questions.





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A Lenten Journey Through the Names of Our Savior

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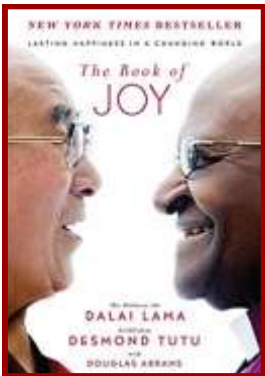
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VISIT OUR HALLWAY ART GALLERY

On the 2nd floor next to the CE walkway door

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One of the missions of the Winter Haven Quilters is to sew quilts for the Polk County Sheriff's department. They meet with Sheriff Judd once a year in April for lunch and present him with at least 100 quilts. His deputies each put a few in the trunks of their cruisers to give to children or the elderly who may be in distress.

The quilters also use their meeting time to experiment with new techniques and patterns so they are learning as well as helping. Members like the social aspect as well when they all get together and they also enjoy the occasional "shop hop".



NOMINATING FORM FOR 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.

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A celebration of generosity and ministry

What WE do to alleviate hunger through our Three Cents a Meal offering.



Several years ago, our church personalized a Tampa Bay Presbytery mission initiative called THREE CENTS A MEAL by encouraging the children of our congregation to lead as THREE PENNY PARTNERS. Baskets were bought and brought back from Honduras to be used in a congregation-wide collection on the third Sunday of each month. Dr. Alan Harvey wrote a song to celebrate and explain our hunger offering



to people in worship. And we have seen the money contributed to our three fold hunger ministries grow by the grace of God.

Many members and friends of First Pres. set aside three pennies each time they eat a meal. Then on the third Sunday of each month, they bring their collected change to church, and pool their bounty with the rest of the congregation to help alleviate hunger in three crucial areas:



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Here in Winter Haven

+ At the Beth-El Mission in Wimauma (south of Tampa)

+ At Presbyterian Churches in Honduras



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International Partnership with the Presbytery of Honduras

The 22 Presbyterian Churches in the Presbytery of Honduras proclaim the good news of what God has done for us in Jesus Christ to hundreds of people each year. Ministry in the second poorest county in our hemisphere means that hunger is a constant concern. As children arrive for Sunday School and worship each Sunday, a hot breakfast awaits them.

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Remember in Prayer

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Our booth will feature mission projects: the making of lap robes and prayer shawls, the making of dresses for Honduran girls and the Teddy Bear ministry. A prayer shawl/lap robe and a Teddy Bear will be given away.

We will have leaflets with information on our worship services, fellowship activities and other opportunities for service including our Saturday Soup Kitchen.

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A celebration of generosity and ministry

What WE do to alleviate hunger through our Three Cents a Meal offering.



Several years ago, our church personalized a Tampa Bay Presbytery mission initiative called THREE CENTS A MEAL by encouraging the children of our congregation to lead as THREE PENNY PARTNERS. Baskets were bought and brought back from Honduras to be used in a congregation-wide collection on the third Sunday of each month. Dr. Alan Harvey wrote a song to celebrate and explain our hunger offering



to people in worship. And we have seen the money contributed to our three fold hunger ministries grow by the grace of God.

Many members and friends of First Pres. set aside three pennies each time they eat a meal. Then on the third Sunday of each month, they bring their collected change to church, and pool their bounty with the rest of the congregation to help alleviate hunger in three crucial areas:



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Here in Winter Haven

+ At the Beth-El Mission in Wimauma (south of Tampa)

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Beth-El Mission is our Presbytery's Ministry with migrant farmworkers. Located in Wimauma, Florida – Beth-El is a place for worship, education, legal aid, and meeting daily needs through food and clothing assistance. (Beth-El distributes bags of groceries to over 300 families each week.) The regional portion of our Three Cents a Meal offering supports **Bethel Mission**.



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The 22 Presbyterian Churches in the Presbytery of Honduras proclaim the good news of what God has done for us in Jesus Christ to hundreds of people each year. Ministry in the second poorest county in our hemisphere means that hunger is a constant concern. As children arrive for Sunday School and worship each Sunday, a hot breakfast awaits them.

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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.

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God Bless You and Thank You!



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Our booth will feature mission projects: the making of lap robes and prayer shawls, the making of dresses for Honduran girls and the Teddy Bear ministry. A prayer shawl/lap robe and a Teddy Bear will be given away.

We will have leaflets with information on our worship services, fellowship activities and other opportunities for service including our Saturday Soup Kitchen.

The Community Outreach Committee invites church members to join with us in sharing the good news of what happens at FPC. We hope to play some recordings of the Jazzbyterians to acquaint them with some of the music enjoyed in worship.

Please email Alan Harvey at aharvey@firstpreswh.org if you are willing to dole out candy, share a smile, and tell others why you enjoy being a part of FPC. Shifts will be 1 – 2 hours, and you will not be on your own. Please call Nancy Shaw at 258-9232 with any questions.





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A Lenten Journey Through the Names of Our Savior

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A book and video based study that explores the seven statements that Jesus spoke from the cross and the meaning of Jesus' dying words for our lives today. Study books are \$10 and available in the church office or classroom. Also starting **March 10** at **9:30 am**, join our study facilitators in CE 207.

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- 9:15 a.m. Connection (MH)
- 9:15 a.m. Heart of Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School-Children/Adults (CE)
- 11:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
- 4:00 p.m. Praise Band (Sanctuary)
- 5:30 p.m. High School Youth Group (GC)

Monday, March 11

- 8:45 am MOM (CE)
- 11:30 am Chapel Chat (Chapel)
- 10:00 am Lydia Circle (MH)

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- 12:00 pm Men's Lunch (MH)
- 6:00 pm Personnel (MCR)

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A celebration of generosity and ministry

What WE do to alleviate hunger through our Three Cents a Meal offering.



Several years ago, our church personalized a Tampa Bay Presbytery mission initiative called THREE CENTS A MEAL by encouraging the children of our congregation to lead as THREE PENNY PARTNERS. Baskets were bought and brought back from Honduras to be used in a congregation-wide collection on the third Sunday of each month. Dr. Alan Harvey wrote a song to celebrate and explain our hunger offering



to people in worship. And we have seen the money contributed to our three fold hunger ministries grow by the grace of God.

Many members and friends of First Pres. set aside three pennies each time they eat a meal. Then on the third Sunday of each month, they bring their collected change to church, and pool their bounty with the rest of the congregation to help alleviate hunger in three crucial areas:



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Here in Winter Haven

+ At the Beth-El Mission in Wimauma (south of Tampa)

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Beth-El Mission is our Presbytery's Ministry with migrant farmworkers. Located in Wimauma, Florida – Beth-El is a place for worship, education, legal aid, and meeting daily needs through food and clothing assistance. (Beth-El distributes bags of groceries to over 300 families each week.) The regional portion of our Three Cents a Meal offering supports **Bethel Mission**.



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The 22 Presbyterian Churches in the Presbytery of Honduras proclaim the good news of what God has done for us in Jesus Christ to hundreds of people each year. Ministry in the second poorest county in our hemisphere means that hunger is a constant concern. As children arrive for Sunday School and worship each Sunday, a hot breakfast awaits them.

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We urgently have a need for Head Cooks and assistants for March 9, 16, 23, & 30.

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God Bless You and Thank You!



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The Lydia and Joy circles current Bible study: *God's Promise – "I Am with You."*

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We will have leaflets with information on our worship services, fellowship activities and other opportunities for service including our Saturday Soup Kitchen.

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Please email Alan Harvey at aharvey@firstpreswh.org if you are willing to dole out candy, share a smile, and tell others why you enjoy being a part of FPC. Shifts will be 1 – 2 hours, and you will not be on your own. Please call Nancy Shaw at 258-9232 with any questions.





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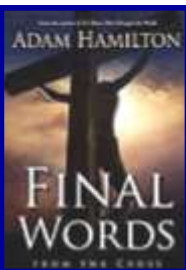
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We hope to see you here.



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- 9:15 a.m. Connection (MH)
- 9:15 a.m. Heart of Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School-Children/Adults (CE)
- 11:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
- 4:00 p.m. Praise Band (Sanctuary)
- 5:30 p.m. High School Youth Group (GC)

Monday, March 11

- 8:45 am MOM (CE)
- 11:30 am Chapel Chat (Chapel)
- 10:00 am Lydia Circle (MH)

Tuesday, March 12

- 9:00 am Staff Meeting (MCR)
- 12:00 pm Men's Lunch (MH)
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Thursday, March 14

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to people in worship. And we have seen the money contributed to our three fold hunger ministries grow by the grace of God.

Many members and friends of First Pres. set aside three pennies each time they eat a meal. Then on the third Sunday of each month, they bring their collected change to church, and pool their bounty with the rest of the congregation to help alleviate hunger in three crucial areas:



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Here in Winter Haven

+ At the Beth-El Mission in Wimauma (south of Tampa)

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Easterling	Spike Lucia	Pam Tallent-Blackburn
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NEW PERSPECTIVES SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDY BEGINS APRIL 14



This class will be studying *Man's Search For Meaning*, a book by Dr. Viktor Frankl to guide discussion. Dr. Frankl and his family were sent to a Nazi concentration camp in 1942. There he would experience the death of his pregnant wife, both parents and brother. From that experience, he, as a psychiatrist, focused on human suffering. He reminds us that while we cannot avoid suffering, we can choose how to cope with suffering and even find meaning in the midst of our suffering, while we move forward with renewed purpose. Our own faith will also guide this discussion-oriented class whose share leadership welcomes you to join them at **9:30 am** in the Geneva Room.

SOUP KITCHEN OPPORTUNITES IN MARCH

We urgently have a need for Head Cooks and assistants
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Won't you help us feed hungry people? Please sign up on the
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God Bless You and Thank You!



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN BIBLE STUDY



The Lydia and Joy circles current Bible study: *God's Promise – "I Am with You."*

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The Joy Circle meets on the **3rd Tuesday** of each month and will meet on
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The study books are available at a cost of \$10.00. See or call either Sue McClew
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THE MARCH SATURDAY NITE LIVE HAS A SPECIAL TIME AND PLACE

For **March 16**, Saturday Nite Live becomes *Saturday Noon Live* as
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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
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Plan now to join us in the back of McLeod Hall on **Thursday, March 21, at 3 p.m.** The
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If technology is your thing, we have a place for you in our musical praise!! We are in
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THE ALL CHURCH RETREAT WILL BE HERE BEFORE YOU KNOW IT

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for the *All Church Retreat* at Cedarkirk May 18 & 19. More
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On the 2nd floor next to the CE walkway door

We have a new display in the Hallway Art Gallery featuring the Winter Haven Quilters. They have been meeting at First Presbyterian on a regular basis for many years and truly appreciate the use of our facilities. The Quilters meet the first and third Mondays of the month except in the summer and they have a 2 day retreat coming up in March.

One of the missions of the Winter Haven Quilters is to sew quilts for the Polk County Sheriff's department. They meet with Sheriff Judd once a year in April for lunch and present him with at least 100 quilts. His deputies each put a few in the trunks of their cruisers to give to children or the elderly who may be in distress.

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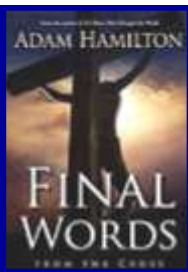
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Monday, March 11

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Here in Winter Haven

+ At the Beth-El Mission in Wimauma (south of Tampa)

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DON'T MISS THE CONNECTION 9:15-10:45 AM

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Return Service Requested

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We urgently have a need for Head Cooks and assistants for March 9, 16, 23, & 30.

Won't you help us feed hungry people? Please sign up on the bulletin board on the Deacon's board in McLeod Hall.
God Bless You and Thank You!



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN BIBLE STUDY



The Lydia and Joy circles current Bible study: *God's Promise – "I Am with You."*

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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.

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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.

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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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On the 2nd floor next to the CE walkway door

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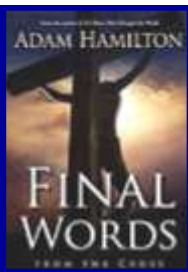
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- 9:15 a.m. Connection (MH)
- 9:15 a.m. Heart of Worship (Sanctuary)
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- 11:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
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- 5:30 p.m. High School Youth Group (GC)

Monday, March 11

- 8:45 am MOM (CE)
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- 10:00 am Lydia Circle (MH)

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- 6:00 pm Personnel (MCR)

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Thursday, March 14

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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

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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 **10 am.**

TEXT TO GIVE



1. Donor texts the keyword and amount (ex. Tithe 100 –**There must be a space between the keyword and amount**) to the number that is assigned to your organization. (If only an amount is texted without a keyword, the funds will go to a default category- unless you are using the short code- there is no default category on the short code.)
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4. When this is complete, donor receives a confirmation that their first text donation has been processed. They will also receive an email receipt.

The next time the donor would like to give by text, they simply type the keyword and amount and will receive a request to confirm with Y. After replying, they will receive a text confirmation that their donation was processed and will receive an email receipt.

****We recommend that the donor save your organization's text number as a contact in their phone for future use****

****Donors can text a question mark “?” to be sent helpful tips.**

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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 233 bag lunches
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We gave out 864 bag lunches
in February 2019.

Return Service Requested

Soup Kitchen Ministry

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COME HELP US SHOW FOLKS WHAT FIRST PRES HAS TO OFFER

First Presbyterian Church will be a part of the *Community Fest*, Winter Haven, in the park on **Saturday, March 9 from 10 am to 4 pm.**

Our booth will feature mission projects: the making of lap robes and prayer shawls, the making of dresses for Honduran girls and the Teddy Bear ministry. A prayer shawl/lap robe and a Teddy Bear will be given away.

We will have leaflets with information on our worship services, fellowship activities and other opportunities for service including our Saturday Soup Kitchen.

The Community Outreach Committee invites church members to join with us in sharing the good news of what happens at FPC. We hope to play some recordings of the Jazzbyterians to acquaint them with some of the music enjoyed in worship.

Please email Alan Harvey at aharvey@firstpreswh.org if you are willing to dole out candy, share a smile, and tell others why you enjoy being a part of FPC. Shifts will be 1 – 2 hours, and you will not be on your own. Please call Nancy Shaw at 258-9232 with any questions.





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SOUP KITCHEN OPPORTUNITES IN MARCH

We urgently have a need for Head Cooks and assistants for March 9, 16, 23, & 30.

Won't you help us feed hungry people? Please sign up on the bulletin board on the Deacon's board in McLeod Hall.
God Bless You and 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.

THE MARCH SATURDAY NITE LIVE HAS A SPECIAL TIME AND PLACE

For **March 16**, Saturday Nite Live becomes *Saturday Noon Live* as planners, guest, and family members gather at **Camp Endeavor** in Dundee. There will be outdoor games and hayrides in addition to a cook out. If you would like to volunteer, please call the church office at 293-3121 so that you will have a burger or a hot dog reserved for you.



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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.



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!!**



THE ALL CHURCH RETREAT WILL BE HERE BEFORE YOU KNOW IT

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for the *All Church Retreat* at Cedarkirk May 18 & 19. More information to come, but reserve these days for a wonderful time of enrichment, faith building, and fellowship!!!

VISIT OUR HALLWAY ART GALLERY

On the 2nd floor next to the CE walkway door

We have a new display in the Hallway Art Gallery featuring the Winter Haven Quilters. They have been meeting at First Presbyterian on a regular basis for many years and truly appreciate the use of our facilities. The Quilters meet the first and third Mondays of the month except in the summer and they have a 2 day retreat coming up in March.

One of the missions of the Winter Haven Quilters is to sew quilts for the Polk County Sheriff's department. They meet with Sheriff Judd once a year in April for lunch and present him with at least 100 quilts. His deputies each put a few in the trunks of their cruisers to give to children or the elderly who may be in distress.

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NOMINATING FORM FOR 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.

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A celebration of generosity and ministry

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- 9:15 a.m. Connection (MH)
- 9:15 a.m. Heart of Worship (Sanctuary)
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- 10:00 am Lydia Circle (MH)

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- 6:00 pm Personnel (MCR)

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- 3:00 pm Christ Kids (CE)
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Thursday, March 14

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JOIN US ON SUNDAYS!!!

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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!

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

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1. Donor texts the keyword and amount (ex. Tithe 100 –**There must be a space between the keyword and amount**) to the number that is assigned to your organization. (If only an amount is texted without a keyword, the funds will go to a default category- unless you are using the short code- there is no default category on the short code.)
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Develop and nurture God's children into disciples

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Soup Kitchen Ministry

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Return Service Requested

COME HELP US SHOW FOLKS WHAT FIRST PRES HAS TO OFFER

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Our booth will feature mission projects: the making of lap robes and prayer shawls, the making of dresses for Honduran girls and the Teddy Bear ministry. A prayer shawl/lap robe and a Teddy Bear will be given away.

We will have leaflets with information on our worship services, fellowship activities and other opportunities for service including our Saturday Soup Kitchen.

The Community Outreach Committee invites church members to join with us in sharing the good news of what happens at FPC. We hope to play some recordings of the Jazzbyterians to acquaint them with some of the music enjoyed in worship.

Please email Alan Harvey at aharvey@firstpreswh.org if you are willing to dole out candy, share a smile, and tell others why you enjoy being a part of FPC. Shifts will be 1 – 2 hours, and you will not be on your own. Please call Nancy Shaw at 258-9232 with any questions.





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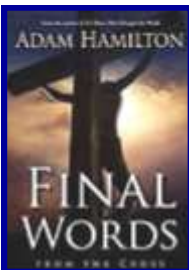
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SOUP KITCHEN OPPORTUNITES IN MARCH

We urgently have a need for Head Cooks and assistants for March 9, 16, 23, & 30.

Won't you help us feed hungry people? Please sign up on the bulletin board on the Deacon's board in McLeod Hall.
God Bless You and 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.

THE MARCH SATURDAY NITE LIVE HAS A SPECIAL TIME AND PLACE

For **March 16**, Saturday Nite Live becomes *Saturday Noon Live* as planners, guest, and family members gather at **Camp Endeavor** in Dundee. There will be outdoor games and hayrides in addition to a cook out. If you would like to volunteer, please call the church office at 293-3121 so that you will have a burger or a hot dog reserved for you.



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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.



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!!**



THE ALL CHURCH RETREAT WILL BE HERE BEFORE YOU KNOW IT

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for the *All Church Retreat* at Cedarkirk May 18 & 19. More information to come, but reserve these days for a wonderful time of enrichment, faith building, and fellowship!!!

VISIT OUR HALLWAY ART GALLERY

On the 2nd floor next to the CE walkway door

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One of the missions of the Winter Haven Quilters is to sew quilts for the Polk County Sheriff's department. They meet with Sheriff Judd once a year in April for lunch and present him with at least 100 quilts. His deputies each put a few in the trunks of their cruisers to give to children or the elderly who may be in distress.

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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.

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A celebration of generosity and ministry

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- 9:15 a.m. Connection (MH)
- 9:15 a.m. Heart of Worship (Sanctuary)
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Monday, March 11

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- 10:00 am Lydia Circle (MH)

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- 6:00 pm Personnel (MCR)

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- 3:00 pm Christ Kids (CE)
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Thursday, March 14

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DON'T MISS THE CONNECTION 9:15-10:45 AM

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Return Service Requested

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The Community Outreach Committee invites church members to join with us in sharing the good news of what happens at FPC. We hope to play some recordings of the Jazzbyterians to acquaint them with some of the music enjoyed in worship.

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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.

THE MARCH SATURDAY NITE LIVE HAS A SPECIAL TIME AND PLACE

For **March 16**, Saturday Nite Live becomes *Saturday Noon Live* as planners, guest, and family members gather at **Camp Endeavor** in Dundee. There will be outdoor games and hayrides in addition to a cook out. If you would like to volunteer, please call the church office at 293-3121 so that you will have a burger or a hot dog reserved for you.



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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.



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!!**



THE ALL CHURCH RETREAT WILL BE HERE BEFORE YOU KNOW IT

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for the *All Church Retreat* at Cedarkirk May 18 & 19. More information to come, but reserve these days for a wonderful time of enrichment, faith building, and fellowship!!!

VISIT OUR HALLWAY ART GALLERY

On the 2nd floor next to the CE walkway door

We have a new display in the Hallway Art Gallery featuring the Winter Haven Quilters. They have been meeting at First Presbyterian on a regular basis for many years and truly appreciate the use of our facilities. The Quilters meet the first and third Mondays of the month except in the summer and they have a 2 day retreat coming up in March.

One of the missions of the Winter Haven Quilters is to sew quilts for the Polk County Sheriff's department. They meet with Sheriff Judd once a year in April for lunch and present him with at least 100 quilts. His deputies each put a few in the trunks of their cruisers to give to children or the elderly who may be in distress.

The quilters also use their meeting time to experiment with new techniques and patterns so they are learning as well as helping. Members like the social aspect as well when they all get together and they also enjoy the occasional "shop hop".



NOMINATING FORM FOR 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.

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A celebration of generosity and ministry

What WE do to alleviate hunger through our Three Cents a Meal offering.



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to people in worship. And we have seen the money contributed to our three fold hunger ministries grow by the grace of God.

Many members and friends of First Pres. set aside three pennies each time they eat a meal. Then on the third Sunday of each month, they bring their collected change to church, and pool their bounty with the rest of the congregation to help alleviate hunger in three crucial areas:



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Here in Winter Haven

+ At the Beth-El Mission in Wimauma (south of Tampa)

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- 11:30 am Chapel Chat (Chapel)
- 10:00 am Lydia Circle (MH)

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- 7:00 pm Choir (MS)

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Return Service Requested

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ODD MONTH THIRD THURSDAY AT 3 OMTT3 BOOK CLUB

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.



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!!**



THE ALL CHURCH RETREAT WILL BE HERE BEFORE YOU KNOW IT

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for the *All Church Retreat* at Cedarkirk May 18 & 19. More information to come, but reserve these days for a wonderful time of enrichment, faith building, and fellowship!!!



VISIT OUR HALLWAY ART GALLERY

On the 2nd floor next to the CE walkway door

We have a new display in the Hallway Art Gallery featuring the Winter Haven Quilters. They have been meeting at First Presbyterian on a regular basis for many years and truly appreciate the use of our facilities. The Quilters meet the first and third Mondays of the month except in the summer and they have a 2 day retreat coming up in March.

One of the missions of the Winter Haven Quilters is to sew quilts for the Polk County Sheriff's department. They meet with Sheriff Judd once a year in April for lunch and present him with at least 100 quilts. His deputies each put a few in the trunks of their cruisers to give to children or the elderly who may be in distress.

The quilters also use their meeting time to experiment with new techniques and patterns so they are learning as well as helping. Members like the social aspect as well when they all get together and they also enjoy the occasional "shop hop".



NOMINATING FORM FOR 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.

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

What WE do – Thanks to YOU

A celebration of generosity and ministry

What WE do to alleviate hunger through our Three Cents a Meal offering.



Several years ago, our church personalized a Tampa Bay Presbytery mission initiative called THREE CENTS A MEAL by encouraging the children of our congregation to lead as THREE PENNY PARTNERS. Baskets were bought and brought back from Honduras to be used in a congregation-wide collection on the third Sunday of each month. Dr. Alan Harvey wrote a song to celebrate and explain our hunger offering



to people in worship. And we have seen the money contributed to our three fold hunger ministries grow by the grace of God.

Many members and friends of First Pres. set aside three pennies each time they eat a meal. Then on the third Sunday of each month, they bring their collected change to church, and pool their bounty with the rest of the congregation to help alleviate hunger in three crucial areas:



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Here in Winter Haven

+ At the Beth-El Mission in Wimauma (south of Tampa)

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Beth-El Mission is our Presbytery's Ministry with migrant farmworkers. Located in Wimauma, Florida – Beth-El is a place for worship, education, legal aid, and meeting daily needs through food and clothing assistance. (Beth-El distributes bags of groceries to over 300 families each week.) The regional portion of our Three Cents a Meal offering supports **Bethel Mission**.



International Partnership with the Presbytery of Honduras

The 22 Presbyterian Churches in the Presbytery of Honduras proclaim the good news of what God has done for us in Jesus Christ to hundreds of people each year. Ministry in the second poorest county in our hemisphere means that hunger is a constant concern. As children arrive for Sunday School and worship each Sunday, a hot breakfast awaits them.

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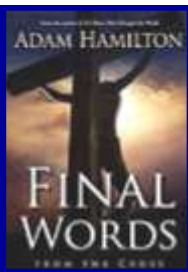
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God Bless You and Thank You!



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Return Service Requested

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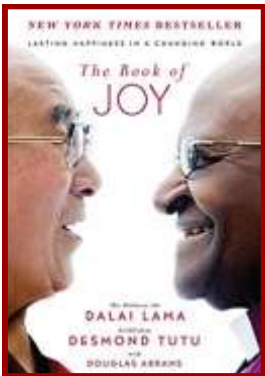
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Next Book Club Selection:

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.



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!!**



THE ALL CHURCH RETREAT WILL BE HERE BEFORE YOU KNOW IT

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for the *All Church Retreat* at Cedarkirk May 18 & 19. More information to come, but reserve these days for a wonderful time of enrichment, faith building, and fellowship!!!

VISIT OUR HALLWAY ART GALLERY

On the 2nd floor next to the CE walkway door

We have a new display in the Hallway Art Gallery featuring the Winter Haven Quilters. They have been meeting at First Presbyterian on a regular basis for many years and truly appreciate the use of our facilities. The Quilters meet the first and third Mondays of the month except in the summer and they have a 2 day retreat coming up in March.

One of the missions of the Winter Haven Quilters is to sew quilts for the Polk County Sheriff's department. They meet with Sheriff Judd once a year in April for lunch and present him with at least 100 quilts. His deputies each put a few in the trunks of their cruisers to give to children or the elderly who may be in distress.

The quilters also use their meeting time to experiment with new techniques and patterns so they are learning as well as helping. Members like the social aspect as well when they all get together and they also enjoy the occasional "shop hop".



NOMINATING FORM FOR 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.

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A celebration of generosity and ministry

What WE do to alleviate hunger through our Three Cents a Meal offering.



Several years ago, our church personalized a Tampa Bay Presbytery mission initiative called THREE CENTS A MEAL by encouraging the children of our congregation to lead as THREE PENNY PARTNERS. Baskets were bought and brought back from Honduras to be used in a congregation-wide collection on the third Sunday of each month. Dr. Alan Harvey wrote a song to celebrate and explain our hunger offering



to people in worship. And we have seen the money contributed to our three fold hunger ministries grow by the grace of God.

Many members and friends of First Pres. set aside three pennies each time they eat a meal. Then on the third Sunday of each month, they bring their collected change to church, and pool their bounty with the rest of the congregation to help alleviate hunger in three crucial areas:



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Here in Winter Haven

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Beth-El Mission is our Presbytery's Ministry with migrant farmworkers. Located in Wimauma, Florida – Beth-El is a place for worship, education, legal aid, and meeting daily needs through food and clothing assistance. (Beth-El distributes bags of groceries to over 300 families each week.) The regional portion of our Three Cents a Meal offering supports **Bethel Mission**.



International Partnership with the Presbytery of Honduras

The 22 Presbyterian Churches in the Presbytery of Honduras proclaim the good news of what God has done for us in Jesus Christ to hundreds of people each year. Ministry in the second poorest county in our hemisphere means that hunger is a constant concern. As children arrive for Sunday School and worship each Sunday, a hot breakfast awaits them.

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- 10:00 am Lydia Circle (MH)

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Return Service Requested

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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!!**



THE ALL CHURCH RETREAT WILL BE HERE BEFORE YOU KNOW IT

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for the *All Church Retreat* at Cedarkirk May 18 & 19. More information to come, but reserve these days for a wonderful time of enrichment, faith building, and fellowship!!!



VISIT OUR HALLWAY ART GALLERY

On the 2nd floor next to the CE walkway door

We have a new display in the Hallway Art Gallery featuring the Winter Haven Quilters. They have been meeting at First Presbyterian on a regular basis for many years and truly appreciate the use of our facilities. The Quilters meet the first and third Mondays of the month except in the summer and they have a 2 day retreat coming up in March.

One of the missions of the Winter Haven Quilters is to sew quilts for the Polk County Sheriff's department. They meet with Sheriff Judd once a year in April for lunch and present him with at least 100 quilts. His deputies each put a few in the trunks of their cruisers to give to children or the elderly who may be in distress.

The quilters also use their meeting time to experiment with new techniques and patterns so they are learning as well as helping. Members like the social aspect as well when they all get together and they also enjoy the occasional "shop hop".



NOMINATING FORM FOR 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.

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A celebration of generosity and ministry

What WE do to alleviate hunger through our Three Cents a Meal offering.



Several years ago, our church personalized a Tampa Bay Presbytery mission initiative called THREE CENTS A MEAL by encouraging the children of our congregation to lead as THREE PENNY PARTNERS. Baskets were bought and brought back from Honduras to be used in a congregation-wide collection on the third Sunday of each month. Dr. Alan Harvey wrote a song to celebrate and explain our hunger offering



to people in worship. And we have seen the money contributed to our three fold hunger ministries grow by the grace of God.

Many members and friends of First Pres. set aside three pennies each time they eat a meal. Then on the third Sunday of each month, they bring their collected change to church, and pool their bounty with the rest of the congregation to help alleviate hunger in three crucial areas:



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Here in Winter Haven

+ At the Beth-El Mission in Wimauma (south of Tampa)

+ At Presbyterian Churches in Honduras



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International Partnership with the Presbytery of Honduras

The 22 Presbyterian Churches in the Presbytery of Honduras proclaim the good news of what God has done for us in Jesus Christ to hundreds of people each year. Ministry in the second poorest county in our hemisphere means that hunger is a constant concern. As children arrive for Sunday School and worship each Sunday, a hot breakfast awaits them.

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Our booth will feature mission projects: the making of lap robes and prayer shawls, the making of dresses for Honduran girls and the Teddy Bear ministry. A prayer shawl/lap robe and a Teddy Bear will be given away.

We will have leaflets with information on our worship services, fellowship activities and other opportunities for service including our Saturday Soup Kitchen.

The Community Outreach Committee invites church members to join with us in sharing the good news of what happens at FPC. We hope to play some recordings of the Jazzbyterians to acquaint them with some of the music enjoyed in worship.

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A Lenten Journey Through the Names of Our Savior

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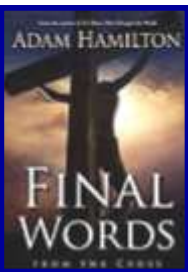
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VISIT OUR HALLWAY ART GALLERY

On the 2nd floor next to the CE walkway door

We have a new display in the Hallway Art Gallery featuring the Winter Haven Quilters. They have been meeting at First Presbyterian on a regular basis for many years and truly appreciate the use of our facilities. The Quilters meet the first and third Mondays of the month except in the summer and they have a 2 day retreat coming up in March.

One of the missions of the Winter Haven Quilters is to sew quilts for the Polk County Sheriff's department. They meet with Sheriff Judd once a year in April for lunch and present him with at least 100 quilts. His deputies each put a few in the trunks of their cruisers to give to children or the elderly who may be in distress.

The quilters also use their meeting time to experiment with new techniques and patterns so they are learning as well as helping. Members like the social aspect as well when they all get together and they also enjoy the occasional "shop hop".



NOMINATING FORM FOR 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.

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Names(s) for consideration as:

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DEACON

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

What WE do – Thanks to YOU

A celebration of generosity and ministry

What WE do to alleviate hunger through our Three Cents a Meal offering.



Several years ago, our church personalized a Tampa Bay Presbytery mission initiative called THREE CENTS A MEAL by encouraging the children of our congregation to lead as THREE PENNY PARTNERS. Baskets were bought and brought back from Honduras to be used in a congregation-wide collection on the third Sunday of each month. Dr. Alan Harvey wrote a song to celebrate and explain our hunger offering



to people in worship. And we have seen the money contributed to our three fold hunger ministries grow by the grace of God.

Many members and friends of First Pres. set aside three pennies each time they eat a meal. Then on the third Sunday of each month, they bring their collected change to church, and pool their bounty with the rest of the congregation to help alleviate hunger in three crucial areas:



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Here in Winter Haven

+ At the Beth-El Mission in Wimauma (south of Tampa)

+ At Presbyterian Churches in Honduras



Beth-El Mission is our Presbytery's Ministry with migrant farmworkers. Located in Wimauma, Florida – Beth-El is a place for worship, education, legal aid, and meeting daily needs through food and clothing assistance. (Beth-El distributes bags of groceries to over 300 families each week.) The regional portion of our Three Cents a Meal offering supports **Bethel Mission**.



International Partnership with the Presbytery of Honduras

The 22 Presbyterian Churches in the Presbytery of Honduras proclaim the good news of what God has done for us in Jesus Christ to hundreds of people each year. Ministry in the second poorest county in our hemisphere means that hunger is a constant concern. As children arrive for Sunday School and worship each Sunday, a hot breakfast awaits them.

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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.

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Remember in Prayer

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Our booth will feature mission projects: the making of lap robes and prayer shawls, the making of dresses for Honduran girls and the Teddy Bear ministry. A prayer shawl/lap robe and a Teddy Bear will be given away.

We will have leaflets with information on our worship services, fellowship activities and other opportunities for service including our Saturday Soup Kitchen.

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One of the missions of the Winter Haven Quilters is to sew quilts for the Polk County Sheriff's department. They meet with Sheriff Judd once a year in April for lunch and present him with at least 100 quilts. His deputies each put a few in the trunks of their cruisers to give to children or the elderly who may be in distress.

The quilters also use their meeting time to experiment with new techniques and patterns so they are learning as well as helping. Members like the social aspect as well when they all get together and they also enjoy the occasional "shop hop".



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

What WE do – Thanks to YOU

A celebration of generosity and ministry

What WE do to alleviate hunger through our Three Cents a Meal offering.



Several years ago, our church personalized a Tampa Bay Presbytery mission initiative called THREE CENTS A MEAL by encouraging the children of our congregation to lead as THREE PENNY PARTNERS. Baskets were bought and brought back from Honduras to be used in a congregation-wide collection on the third Sunday of each month. Dr. Alan Harvey wrote a song to celebrate and explain our hunger offering



to people in worship. And we have seen the money contributed to our three fold hunger ministries grow by the grace of God.

Many members and friends of First Pres. set aside three pennies each time they eat a meal. Then on the third Sunday of each month, they bring their collected change to church, and pool their bounty with the rest of the congregation to help alleviate hunger in three crucial areas:



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Here in Winter Haven

+ At the Beth-El Mission in Wimauma (south of Tampa)

+ At Presbyterian Churches in Honduras



Beth-El Mission is our Presbytery's Ministry with migrant farmworkers. Located in Wimauma, Florida – Beth-El is a place for worship, education, legal aid, and meeting daily needs through food and clothing assistance. (Beth-El distributes bags of groceries to over 300 families each week.) The regional portion of our Three Cents a Meal offering supports **Bethel Mission**.



International Partnership with the Presbytery of Honduras

The 22 Presbyterian Churches in the Presbytery of Honduras proclaim the good news of what God has done for us in Jesus Christ to hundreds of people each year. Ministry in the second poorest county in our hemisphere means that hunger is a constant concern. As children arrive for Sunday School and worship each Sunday, a hot breakfast awaits them.

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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.

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SOUP KITCHEN OPPORTUNITES IN MARCH

We urgently have a need for Head Cooks and assistants for March 9, 16, 23, & 30.

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God Bless You and Thank You!



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN BIBLE STUDY



The Lydia and Joy circles current Bible study: *God's Promise – "I Am with You."*

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Our booth will feature mission projects: the making of lap robes and prayer shawls, the making of dresses for Honduran girls and the Teddy Bear ministry. A prayer shawl/lap robe and a Teddy Bear will be given away.

We will have leaflets with information on our worship services, fellowship activities and other opportunities for service including our Saturday Soup Kitchen.

The Community Outreach Committee invites church members to join with us in sharing the good news of what happens at FPC. We hope to play some recordings of the Jazzbyterians to acquaint them with some of the music enjoyed in worship.

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- 9:15 a.m. Connection (MH)
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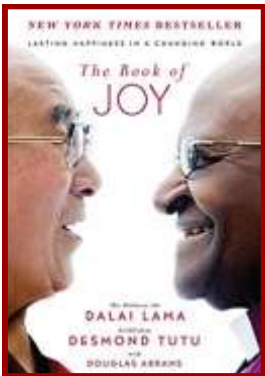
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The quilters also use their meeting time to experiment with new techniques and patterns so they are learning as well as helping. Members like the social aspect as well when they all get together and they also enjoy the occasional "shop hop".



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

What WE do – Thanks to YOU

A celebration of generosity and ministry

What WE do to alleviate hunger through our Three Cents a Meal offering.



Several years ago, our church personalized a Tampa Bay Presbytery mission initiative called THREE CENTS A MEAL by encouraging the children of our congregation to lead as THREE PENNY PARTNERS. Baskets were bought and brought back from Honduras to be used in a congregation-wide collection on the third Sunday of each month. Dr. Alan Harvey wrote a song to celebrate and explain our hunger offering



to people in worship. And we have seen the money contributed to our three fold hunger ministries grow by the grace of God.

Many members and friends of First Pres. set aside three pennies each time they eat a meal. Then on the third Sunday of each month, they bring their collected change to church, and pool their bounty with the rest of the congregation to help alleviate hunger in three crucial areas:



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Here in Winter Haven

+ At the Beth-El Mission in Wimauma (south of Tampa)

+ At Presbyterian Churches in Honduras



Beth-El Mission is our Presbytery's Ministry with migrant farmworkers. Located in Wimauma, Florida – Beth-El is a place for worship, education, legal aid, and meeting daily needs through food and clothing assistance. (Beth-El distributes bags of groceries to over 300 families each week.) The regional portion of our Three Cents a Meal offering supports **Bethel Mission**.



International Partnership with the Presbytery of Honduras

The 22 Presbyterian Churches in the Presbytery of Honduras proclaim the good news of what God has done for us in Jesus Christ to hundreds of people each year. Ministry in the second poorest county in our hemisphere means that hunger is a constant concern. As children arrive for Sunday School and worship each Sunday, a hot breakfast awaits them.

This feeding ministry is just one way that the love of God is demonstrated by our mission partners in Honduras. The international portion of our Three Cents a Meal

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 **10 am**.

TEXT TO GIVE



1. Donor texts the keyword and amount (ex. Tithe 100 –**There must be a space between the keyword and amount**) to the number that is assigned to your organization. (If only an amount is texted without a keyword, the funds will go to a default category- unless you are using the short code- there is no default category on the short code.)
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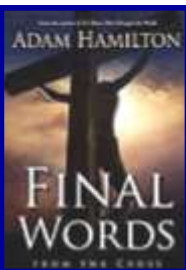
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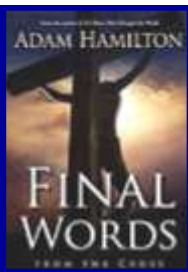
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Remember in Prayer

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John Doughty	Dena Doughty Lancashire's brother
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We urgently have a need for Head Cooks and assistants for March 9, 16, 23, & 30.

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God Bless You and Thank You!



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Our booth will feature mission projects: the making of lap robes and prayer shawls, the making of dresses for Honduran girls and the Teddy Bear ministry. A prayer shawl/lap robe and a Teddy Bear will be given away.

We will have leaflets with information on our worship services, fellowship activities and other opportunities for service including our Saturday Soup Kitchen.

The Community Outreach Committee invites church members to join with us in sharing the good news of what happens at FPC. We hope to play some recordings of the Jazzbyterians to acquaint them with some of the music enjoyed in worship.

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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.

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DEACON

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

What WE do – Thanks to YOU

A celebration of generosity and ministry

What WE do to alleviate hunger through our Three Cents a Meal offering.



Several years ago, our church personalized a Tampa Bay Presbytery mission initiative called THREE CENTS A MEAL by encouraging the children of our congregation to lead as THREE PENNY PARTNERS. Baskets were bought and brought back from Honduras to be used in a congregation-wide collection on the third Sunday of each month. Dr. Alan Harvey wrote a song to celebrate and explain our hunger offering



to people in worship. And we have seen the money contributed to our three fold hunger ministries grow by the grace of God.

Many members and friends of First Pres. set aside three pennies each time they eat a meal. Then on the third Sunday of each month, they bring their collected change to church, and pool their bounty with the rest of the congregation to help alleviate hunger in three crucial areas:



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Here in Winter Haven

+ At the Beth-El Mission in Wimauma (south of Tampa)

+ At Presbyterian Churches in Honduras



Beth-El Mission is our Presbytery's Ministry with migrant farmworkers. Located in Wimauma, Florida – Beth-El is a place for worship, education, legal aid, and meeting daily needs through food and clothing assistance. (Beth-El distributes bags of groceries to over 300 families each week.) The regional portion of our Three Cents a Meal offering supports **Bethel Mission**.



International Partnership with the Presbytery of Honduras

The 22 Presbyterian Churches in the Presbytery of Honduras proclaim the good news of what God has done for us in Jesus Christ to hundreds of people each year. Ministry in the second poorest county in our hemisphere means that hunger is a constant concern. As children arrive for Sunday School and worship each Sunday, a hot breakfast awaits them.

This feeding ministry is just one way that the love of God is demonstrated by our mission partners in Honduras. The international portion of our Three Cents a Meal

JOIN US ON SUNDAYS!!!

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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.

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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.



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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!

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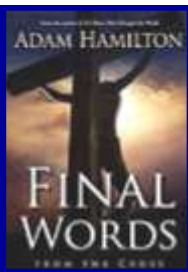
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We urgently have a need for Head Cooks and assistants for March 9, 16, 23, & 30.

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God Bless You and Thank You!



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The Lydia and Joy circles current Bible study: *God's Promise – "I Am with You."*

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On the 2nd floor next to the CE walkway door

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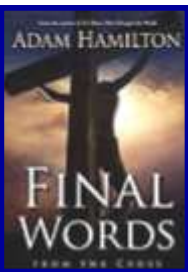
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Our booth will feature mission projects: the making of lap robes and prayer shawls, the making of dresses for Honduran girls and the Teddy Bear ministry. A prayer shawl/lap robe and a Teddy Bear will be given away.

We will have leaflets with information on our worship services, fellowship activities and other opportunities for service including our Saturday Soup Kitchen.

The Community Outreach Committee invites church members to join with us in sharing the good news of what happens at FPC. We hope to play some recordings of the Jazzbyterians to acquaint them with some of the music enjoyed in worship.

Please email Alan Harvey at aharvey@firstpreswh.org if you are willing to dole out candy, share a smile, and tell others why you enjoy being a part of FPC. Shifts will be 1 – 2 hours, and you will not be on your own. Please call Nancy Shaw at 258-9232 with any questions.





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A Lenten Journey Through the Names of Our Savior

As we move from Ash Wednesday toward the empty tomb of Easter, we will be considering the names used by Jesus and others in revealing for us who He is as God in human flesh.

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Let's let the presence and identity of Jesus take us deeper each week into fellowship with "God with us."

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FINAL WORDS FROM THE CROSS

A book and video based study that explores the seven statements that Jesus spoke from the cross and the meaning of Jesus' dying words for our lives today. Study books are \$10 and available in the church office or classroom. Also starting **March 10** at **9:30 am**, join our study facilitators in CE 207.

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We hope to see you here.



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

Monday, March 11

- 8:45 am MOM (CE)
- 11:30 am Chapel Chat (Chapel)
- 10:00 am Lydia Circle (MH)

Tuesday, March 12

- 9:00 am Staff Meeting (MCR)
- 12:00 pm Men's Lunch (MH)
- 6:00 pm Personnel (MCR)

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- 6:00 pm Chancel Bells (MS)
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Thursday, March 14

- 1:15 pm Chapel Bells (MS)
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A celebration of generosity and ministry

What WE do to alleviate hunger through our Three Cents a Meal offering.



Several years ago, our church personalized a Tampa Bay Presbytery mission initiative called THREE CENTS A MEAL by encouraging the children of our congregation to lead as THREE PENNY PARTNERS. Baskets were bought and brought back from Honduras to be used in a congregation-wide collection on the third Sunday of each month. Dr. Alan Harvey wrote a song to celebrate and explain our hunger offering



to people in worship. And we have seen the money contributed to our three fold hunger ministries grow by the grace of God.

Many members and friends of First Pres. set aside three pennies each time they eat a meal. Then on the third Sunday of each month, they bring their collected change to church, and pool their bounty with the rest of the congregation to help alleviate hunger in three crucial areas:



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Here in Winter Haven

+ At the Beth-El Mission in Wimauma (south of Tampa)

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Beth-El Mission is our Presbytery's Ministry with migrant farmworkers. Located in Wimauma, Florida – Beth-El is a place for worship, education, legal aid, and meeting daily needs through food and clothing assistance. (Beth-El distributes bags of groceries to over 300 families each week.) The regional portion of our Three Cents a Meal offering supports **Bethel Mission**.



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DON'T MISS THE CONNECTION 9:15-10:45 AM

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We urgently have a need for Head Cooks and assistants for March 9, 16, 23, & 30.

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God Bless You and Thank You!



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The Lydia and Joy circles current Bible study: *God's Promise – "I Am with You."*

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On the 2nd floor next to the CE walkway door

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- 9:15 a.m. Connection (MH)
- 9:15 a.m. Heart of Worship (Sanctuary)
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- 11:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
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- 5:30 p.m. High School Youth Group (GC)

Monday, March 11

- 8:45 am MOM (CE)
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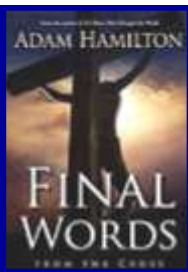
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Here in Winter Haven

+ At the Beth-El Mission in Wimauma (south of Tampa)

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Beth-El Mission is our Presbytery's Ministry with migrant farmworkers. Located in Wimauma, Florida – Beth-El is a place for worship, education, legal aid, and meeting daily needs through food and clothing assistance. (Beth-El distributes bags of groceries to over 300 families each week.) The regional portion of our Three Cents a Meal offering supports **Bethel Mission**.



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DON'T MISS THE CONNECTION 9:15-10:45 AM

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Develop and nurture God's children into disciples

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Return Service Requested

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We urgently have a need for Head Cooks and assistants for March 9, 16, 23, & 30.

Won't you help us feed hungry people? Please sign up on the bulletin board on the Deacon's board in McLeod Hall.
God Bless You and Thank You!



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN BIBLE STUDY



The Lydia and Joy circles current Bible study: *God's Promise – "I Am with You."*

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On the 2nd floor next to the CE walkway door

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We hope to see you here.



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- 9:15 a.m. Connection (MH)
- 9:15 a.m. Heart of Worship (Sanctuary)
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- 11:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
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- 5:30 p.m. High School Youth Group (GC)

Monday, March 11

- 8:45 am MOM (CE)
- 11:30 am Chapel Chat (Chapel)
- 10:00 am Lydia Circle (MH)

Tuesday, March 12

- 9:00 am Staff Meeting (MCR)
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- 6:00 pm Personnel (MCR)

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Thursday, March 14

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DON'T MISS THE CONNECTION 9:15-10:45 AM

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Return Service Requested

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SOUP KITCHEN OPPORTUNITES IN MARCH

We urgently have a need for Head Cooks and assistants for March 9, 16, 23, & 30.

Won't you help us feed hungry people? Please sign up on the bulletin board on the Deacon's board in McLeod Hall.
God Bless You and 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.

THE MARCH SATURDAY NITE LIVE HAS A SPECIAL TIME AND PLACE

For **March 16**, Saturday Nite Live becomes *Saturday Noon Live* as planners, guest, and family members gather at **Camp Endeavor** in Dundee. There will be outdoor games and hayrides in addition to a cook out. If you would like to volunteer, please call the church office at 293-3121 so that you will have a burger or a hot dog reserved for you.



ODD MONTH THIRD THURSDAY AT 3 OMTT3 BOOK CLUB

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.



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!!**



THE ALL CHURCH RETREAT WILL BE HERE BEFORE YOU KNOW IT

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for the *All Church Retreat* at Cedarkirk May 18 & 19. More information to come, but reserve these days for a wonderful time of enrichment, faith building, and fellowship!!!



VISIT OUR HALLWAY ART GALLERY

On the 2nd floor next to the CE walkway door

We have a new display in the Hallway Art Gallery featuring the Winter Haven Quilters. They have been meeting at First Presbyterian on a regular basis for many years and truly appreciate the use of our facilities. The Quilters meet the first and third Mondays of the month except in the summer and they have a 2 day retreat coming up in March.

One of the missions of the Winter Haven Quilters is to sew quilts for the Polk County Sheriff's department. They meet with Sheriff Judd once a year in April for lunch and present him with at least 100 quilts. His deputies each put a few in the trunks of their cruisers to give to children or the elderly who may be in distress.

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NOMINATING FORM FOR 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.

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A celebration of generosity and ministry

What WE do to alleviate hunger through our Three Cents a Meal offering.



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to people in worship. And we have seen the money contributed to our three fold hunger ministries grow by the grace of God.

Many members and friends of First Pres. set aside three pennies each time they eat a meal. Then on the third Sunday of each month, they bring their collected change to church, and pool their bounty with the rest of the congregation to help alleviate hunger in three crucial areas:



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Here in Winter Haven

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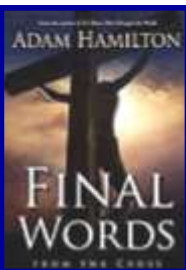
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We hope to see you here.



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- 9:15 a.m. Connection (MH)
- 9:15 a.m. Heart of Worship (Sanctuary)
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- 11:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
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Monday, March 11

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- 10:00 am Lydia Circle (MH)

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- 6:00 pm Personnel (MCR)

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- 3:00 pm Christ Kids (CE)
- 5:00 pm Confirmation (ER)
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Thursday, March 14

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Friday, March 15

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DON'T MISS THE CONNECTION 9:15-10:45 AM

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Return Service Requested

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The Community Outreach Committee invites church members to join with us in sharing the good news of what happens at FPC. We hope to play some recordings of the Jazzbyterians to acquaint them with some of the music enjoyed in worship.

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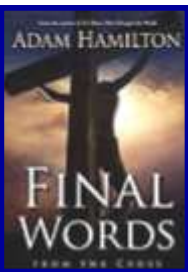
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The Joy Circle meets on the **3rd Tuesday** of each month and will meet on **March 19 at 9:30 a.m.** at the home of Carol Carter.

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.

THE MARCH SATURDAY NITE LIVE HAS A SPECIAL TIME AND PLACE

For **March 16**, Saturday Nite Live becomes *Saturday Noon Live* as planners, guest, and family members gather at **Camp Endeavor** in Dundee. There will be outdoor games and hayrides in addition to a cook out. If you would like to volunteer, please call the church office at 293-3121 so that you will have a burger or a hot dog reserved for you.



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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.



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!!**



THE ALL CHURCH RETREAT WILL BE HERE BEFORE YOU KNOW IT

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for the *All Church Retreat* at Cedarkirk May 18 & 19. More information to come, but reserve these days for a wonderful time of enrichment, faith building, and fellowship!!!



VISIT OUR HALLWAY ART GALLERY

On the 2nd floor next to the CE walkway door

We have a new display in the Hallway Art Gallery featuring the Winter Haven Quilters. They have been meeting at First Presbyterian on a regular basis for many years and truly appreciate the use of our facilities. The Quilters meet the first and third Mondays of the month except in the summer and they have a 2 day retreat coming up in March.

One of the missions of the Winter Haven Quilters is to sew quilts for the Polk County Sheriff's department. They meet with Sheriff Judd once a year in April for lunch and present him with at least 100 quilts. His deputies each put a few in the trunks of their cruisers to give to children or the elderly who may be in distress.

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NOMINATING FORM FOR CLASS OF 2022

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Please prayerfully consider your recommendations (which may include yourself.) Your signature is not required.

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A celebration of generosity and ministry

What WE do to alleviate hunger through our Three Cents a Meal offering.



Several years ago, our church personalized a Tampa Bay Presbytery mission initiative called THREE CENTS A MEAL by encouraging the children of our congregation to lead as THREE PENNY PARTNERS. Baskets were bought and brought back from Honduras to be used in a congregation-wide collection on the third Sunday of each month. Dr. Alan Harvey wrote a song to celebrate and explain our hunger offering



to people in worship. And we have seen the money contributed to our three fold hunger ministries grow by the grace of God.

Many members and friends of First Pres. set aside three pennies each time they eat a meal. Then on the third Sunday of each month, they bring their collected change to church, and pool their bounty with the rest of the congregation to help alleviate hunger in three crucial areas:



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Here in Winter Haven

+ At the Beth-El Mission in Wimauma (south of Tampa)

+ At Presbyterian Churches in Honduras



Beth-El Mission is our Presbytery's Ministry with migrant farmworkers. Located in Wimauma, Florida – Beth-El is a place for worship, education, legal aid, and meeting daily needs through food and clothing assistance. (Beth-El distributes bags of groceries to over 300 families each week.) The regional portion of our Three Cents a Meal offering supports **Bethel Mission**.



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Monday, March 11

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- 10:00 am Lydia Circle (MH)

Tuesday, March 12

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- 7:00 pm Choir (MS)

Thursday, March 14

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Return Service Requested

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ODD MONTH THIRD THURSDAY AT 3 OMTT3 BOOK CLUB

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.



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!!**



THE ALL CHURCH RETREAT WILL BE HERE BEFORE YOU KNOW IT

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for the *All Church Retreat* at Cedarkirk May 18 & 19. More information to come, but reserve these days for a wonderful time of enrichment, faith building, and fellowship!!!

VISIT OUR HALLWAY ART GALLERY

On the 2nd floor next to the CE walkway door

We have a new display in the Hallway Art Gallery featuring the Winter Haven Quilters. They have been meeting at First Presbyterian on a regular basis for many years and truly appreciate the use of our facilities. The Quilters meet the first and third Mondays of the month except in the summer and they have a 2 day retreat coming up in March.

One of the missions of the Winter Haven Quilters is to sew quilts for the Polk County Sheriff's department. They meet with Sheriff Judd once a year in April for lunch and present him with at least 100 quilts. His deputies each put a few in the trunks of their cruisers to give to children or the elderly who may be in distress.

The quilters also use their meeting time to experiment with new techniques and patterns so they are learning as well as helping. Members like the social aspect as well when they all get together and they also enjoy the occasional "shop hop".



NOMINATING FORM FOR 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.

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A celebration of generosity and ministry

What WE do to alleviate hunger through our Three Cents a Meal offering.



Several years ago, our church personalized a Tampa Bay Presbytery mission initiative called THREE CENTS A MEAL by encouraging the children of our congregation to lead as THREE PENNY PARTNERS. Baskets were bought and brought back from Honduras to be used in a congregation-wide collection on the third Sunday of each month. Dr. Alan Harvey wrote a song to celebrate and explain our hunger offering



to people in worship. And we have seen the money contributed to our three fold hunger ministries grow by the grace of God.

Many members and friends of First Pres. set aside three pennies each time they eat a meal. Then on the third Sunday of each month, they bring their collected change to church, and pool their bounty with the rest of the congregation to help alleviate hunger in three crucial areas:



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Here in Winter Haven

+ At the Beth-El Mission in Wimauma (south of Tampa)

+ At Presbyterian Churches in Honduras



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International Partnership with the Presbytery of Honduras

The 22 Presbyterian Churches in the Presbytery of Honduras proclaim the good news of what God has done for us in Jesus Christ to hundreds of people each year. Ministry in the second poorest county in our hemisphere means that hunger is a constant concern. As children arrive for Sunday School and worship each Sunday, a hot breakfast awaits them.

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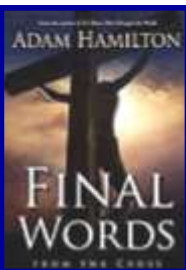
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We hope to see you here.



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- 11:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
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Monday, March 11

- 8:45 am MOM (CE)
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- 10:00 am Lydia Circle (MH)

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- 9:00 am Staff Meeting (MCR)
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- 7:00 pm Choir (MS)

Thursday, March 14

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Remember in Prayer

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God Bless You and Thank You!



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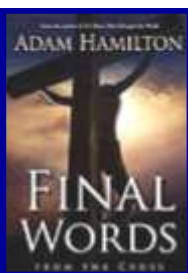
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DON'T MISS THE CONNECTION 9:15-10:45 AM

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 **10 am.**

TEXT TO GIVE



1. Donor texts the keyword and amount (ex. Tithe 100 –**There must be a space between the keyword and amount**) to the number that is assigned to your organization. (If only an amount is texted without a keyword, the funds will go to a default category- unless you are using the short code- there is no default category on the short code.)
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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

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Bag Lunch Ministry

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Return Service Requested

Soup Kitchen Ministry

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COME HELP US SHOW FOLKS WHAT FIRST PRES HAS TO OFFER

First Presbyterian Church will be a part of the *Community Fest*, Winter Haven, in the park on **Saturday, March 9 from 10 am to 4 pm.**

Our booth will feature mission projects: the making of lap robes and prayer shawls, the making of dresses for Honduran girls and the Teddy Bear ministry. A prayer shawl/lap robe and a Teddy Bear will be given away.

We will have leaflets with information on our worship services, fellowship activities and other opportunities for service including our Saturday Soup Kitchen.

The Community Outreach Committee invites church members to join with us in sharing the good news of what happens at FPC. We hope to play some recordings of the Jazzbyterians to acquaint them with some of the music enjoyed in worship.

Please email Alan Harvey at aharvey@firstpreswh.org if you are willing to dole out candy, share a smile, and tell others why you enjoy being a part of FPC. Shifts will be 1 – 2 hours, and you will not be on your own. Please call Nancy Shaw at 258-9232 with any questions.





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Who Do You Say That I Am?

A Lenten Journey Through the Names of Our Savior

As we move from Ash Wednesday toward the empty tomb of Easter, we will be considering the names used by Jesus and others in revealing for us who He is as God in human flesh.

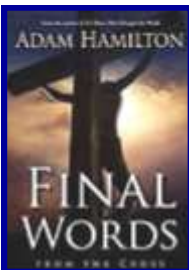
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For **March 16**, Saturday Nite Live becomes *Saturday Noon Live* as planners, guest, and family members gather at **Camp Endeavor** in Dundee. There will be outdoor games and hayrides in addition to a cook out. If you would like to volunteer, please call the church office at 293-3121 so that you will have a burger or a hot dog reserved for you.



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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.



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!!**



THE ALL CHURCH RETREAT WILL BE HERE BEFORE YOU KNOW IT

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for the *All Church Retreat* at Cedarkirk May 18 & 19. More information to come, but reserve these days for a wonderful time of enrichment, faith building, and fellowship!!!

VISIT OUR HALLWAY ART GALLERY

On the 2nd floor next to the CE walkway door

We have a new display in the Hallway Art Gallery featuring the Winter Haven Quilters. They have been meeting at First Presbyterian on a regular basis for many years and truly appreciate the use of our facilities. The Quilters meet the first and third Mondays of the month except in the summer and they have a 2 day retreat coming up in March.

One of the missions of the Winter Haven Quilters is to sew quilts for the Polk County Sheriff's department. They meet with Sheriff Judd once a year in April for lunch and present him with at least 100 quilts. His deputies each put a few in the trunks of their cruisers to give to children or the elderly who may be in distress.

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NOMINATING FORM FOR CLASS OF 2022

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A celebration of generosity and ministry

What WE do to alleviate hunger through our Three Cents a Meal offering.



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to people in worship. And we have seen the money contributed to our three fold hunger ministries grow by the grace of God.

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Here in Winter Haven

+ At the Beth-El Mission in Wimauma (south of Tampa)

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- 11:30 am Chapel Chat (Chapel)
- 10:00 am Lydia Circle (MH)

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Return Service Requested

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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!!**



THE ALL CHURCH RETREAT WILL BE HERE BEFORE YOU KNOW IT

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for the *All Church Retreat* at Cedarkirk May 18 & 19. More information to come, but reserve these days for a wonderful time of enrichment, faith building, and fellowship!!!

VISIT OUR HALLWAY ART GALLERY

On the 2nd floor next to the CE walkway door

We have a new display in the Hallway Art Gallery featuring the Winter Haven Quilters. They have been meeting at First Presbyterian on a regular basis for many years and truly appreciate the use of our facilities. The Quilters meet the first and third Mondays of the month except in the summer and they have a 2 day retreat coming up in March.

One of the missions of the Winter Haven Quilters is to sew quilts for the Polk County Sheriff's department. They meet with Sheriff Judd once a year in April for lunch and present him with at least 100 quilts. His deputies each put a few in the trunks of their cruisers to give to children or the elderly who may be in distress.

The quilters also use their meeting time to experiment with new techniques and patterns so they are learning as well as helping. Members like the social aspect as well when they all get together and they also enjoy the occasional "shop hop".



NOMINATING FORM FOR 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.

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A celebration of generosity and ministry

What WE do to alleviate hunger through our Three Cents a Meal offering.



Several years ago, our church personalized a Tampa Bay Presbytery mission initiative called THREE CENTS A MEAL by encouraging the children of our congregation to lead as THREE PENNY PARTNERS. Baskets were bought and brought back from Honduras to be used in a congregation-wide collection on the third Sunday of each month. Dr. Alan Harvey wrote a song to celebrate and explain our hunger offering



to people in worship. And we have seen the money contributed to our three fold hunger ministries grow by the grace of God.

Many members and friends of First Pres. set aside three pennies each time they eat a meal. Then on the third Sunday of each month, they bring their collected change to church, and pool their bounty with the rest of the congregation to help alleviate hunger in three crucial areas:



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Here in Winter Haven

+ At the Beth-El Mission in Wimauma (south of Tampa)

+ At Presbyterian Churches in Honduras



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International Partnership with the Presbytery of Honduras

The 22 Presbyterian Churches in the Presbytery of Honduras proclaim the good news of what God has done for us in Jesus Christ to hundreds of people each year. Ministry in the second poorest county in our hemisphere means that hunger is a constant concern. As children arrive for Sunday School and worship each Sunday, a hot breakfast awaits them.

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The Lydia and Joy circles current Bible study: *God's Promise – "I Am with You."*

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Return Service Requested

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Our booth will feature mission projects: the making of lap robes and prayer shawls, the making of dresses for Honduran girls and the Teddy Bear ministry. A prayer shawl/lap robe and a Teddy Bear will be given away.

We will have leaflets with information on our worship services, fellowship activities and other opportunities for service including our Saturday Soup Kitchen.

The Community Outreach Committee invites church members to join with us in sharing the good news of what happens at FPC. We hope to play some recordings of the Jazzbyterians to acquaint them with some of the music enjoyed in worship.

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A Lenten Journey Through the Names of Our Savior

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The quilters also use their meeting time to experiment with new techniques and patterns so they are learning as well as helping. Members like the social aspect as well when they all get together and they also enjoy the occasional "shop hop".



NOMINATING FORM FOR CLASS OF 2022

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A celebration of generosity and ministry

What WE do to alleviate hunger through our Three Cents a Meal offering.



Several years ago, our church personalized a Tampa Bay Presbytery mission initiative called THREE CENTS A MEAL by encouraging the children of our congregation to lead as THREE PENNY PARTNERS. Baskets were bought and brought back from Honduras to be used in a congregation-wide collection on the third Sunday of each month. Dr. Alan Harvey wrote a song to celebrate and explain our hunger offering



to people in worship. And we have seen the money contributed to our three fold hunger ministries grow by the grace of God.

Many members and friends of First Pres. set aside three pennies each time they eat a meal. Then on the third Sunday of each month, they bring their collected change to church, and pool their bounty with the rest of the congregation to help alleviate hunger in three crucial areas:



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Here in Winter Haven

+ At the Beth-El Mission in Wimauma (south of Tampa)

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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.

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Our booth will feature mission projects: the making of lap robes and prayer shawls, the making of dresses for Honduran girls and the Teddy Bear ministry. A prayer shawl/lap robe and a Teddy Bear will be given away.

We will have leaflets with information on our worship services, fellowship activities and other opportunities for service including our Saturday Soup Kitchen.

The Community Outreach Committee invites church members to join with us in sharing the good news of what happens at FPC. We hope to play some recordings of the Jazzbyterians to acquaint them with some of the music enjoyed in worship.

Please email Alan Harvey at aharvey@firstpreswh.org if you are willing to dole out candy, share a smile, and tell others why you enjoy being a part of FPC. Shifts will be 1 – 2 hours, and you will not be on your own. Please call Nancy Shaw at 258-9232 with any questions.





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- 9:15 a.m. Connection (MH)
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A celebration of generosity and ministry

What WE do to alleviate hunger through our Three Cents a Meal offering.



Several years ago, our church personalized a Tampa Bay Presbytery mission initiative called THREE CENTS A MEAL by encouraging the children of our congregation to lead as THREE PENNY PARTNERS. Baskets were bought and brought back from Honduras to be used in a congregation-wide collection on the third Sunday of each month. Dr. Alan Harvey wrote a song to celebrate and explain our hunger offering



to people in worship. And we have seen the money contributed to our three fold hunger ministries grow by the grace of God.

Many members and friends of First Pres. set aside three pennies each time they eat a meal. Then on the third Sunday of each month, they bring their collected change to church, and pool their bounty with the rest of the congregation to help alleviate hunger in three crucial areas:



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Here in Winter Haven

+ At the Beth-El Mission in Wimauma (south of Tampa)

+ At Presbyterian Churches in Honduras



Beth-El Mission is our Presbytery's Ministry with migrant farmworkers. Located in Wimauma, Florida – Beth-El is a place for worship, education, legal aid, and meeting daily needs through food and clothing assistance. (Beth-El distributes bags of groceries to over 300 families each week.) The regional portion of our Three Cents a Meal offering supports **Bethel Mission**.



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The 22 Presbyterian Churches in the Presbytery of Honduras proclaim the good news of what God has done for us in Jesus Christ to hundreds of people each year. Ministry in the second poorest county in our hemisphere means that hunger is a constant concern. As children arrive for Sunday School and worship each Sunday, a hot breakfast awaits them.

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We urgently have a need for Head Cooks and assistants for March 9, 16, 23, & 30.

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God Bless You and Thank You!



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The Lydia and Joy circles current Bible study: *God's Promise – "I Am with You."*

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The Community Outreach Committee invites church members to join with us in sharing the good news of what happens at FPC. We hope to play some recordings of the Jazzbyterians to acquaint them with some of the music enjoyed in worship.

Please email Alan Harvey at aharvey@firstpreswh.org if you are willing to dole out candy, share a smile, and tell others why you enjoy being a part of FPC. Shifts will be 1 – 2 hours, and you will not be on your own. Please call Nancy Shaw at 258-9232 with any questions.





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- 9:15 a.m. Connection (MH)
- 9:15 a.m. Heart of Worship (Sanctuary)
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- 11:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
- 4:00 p.m. Praise Band (Sanctuary)
- 5:30 p.m. High School Youth Group (GC)

Monday, March 11

- 8:45 am MOM (CE)
- 11:30 am Chapel Chat (Chapel)
- 10:00 am Lydia Circle (MH)

Tuesday, March 12

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- 12:00 pm Men's Lunch (MH)
- 6:00 pm Personnel (MCR)

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Thursday, March 14

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Friday, March 15

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to people in worship. And we have seen the money contributed to our three fold hunger ministries grow by the grace of God.

Many members and friends of First Pres. set aside three pennies each time they eat a meal. Then on the third Sunday of each month, they bring their collected change to church, and pool their bounty with the rest of the congregation to help alleviate hunger in three crucial areas:



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Here in Winter Haven

+ At the Beth-El Mission in Wimauma (south of Tampa)

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DON'T MISS THE CONNECTION 9:15-10:45 AM

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NEW PERSPECTIVES SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDY BEGINS APRIL 14



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SOUP KITCHEN OPPORTUNITES IN MARCH

We urgently have a need for Head Cooks and assistants for March 9, 16, 23, & 30.

Won't you help us feed hungry people? Please sign up on the bulletin board on the Deacon's board in McLeod Hall.
God Bless You and Thank You!



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN BIBLE STUDY



The Lydia and Joy circles current Bible study: *God's Promise – "I Am with You."*

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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.

THE MARCH SATURDAY NITE LIVE HAS A SPECIAL TIME AND PLACE

For **March 16**, Saturday Nite Live becomes *Saturday Noon Live* as planners, guest, and family members gather at **Camp Endeavor** in Dundee. There will be outdoor games and hayrides in addition to a cook out. If you would like to volunteer, please call the church office at 293-3121 so that you will have a burger or a hot dog reserved for you.



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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.

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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!!**



THE ALL CHURCH RETREAT WILL BE HERE BEFORE YOU KNOW IT

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for the *All Church Retreat* at Cedarkirk May 18 & 19. More information to come, but reserve these days for a wonderful time of enrichment, faith building, and fellowship!!!

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On the 2nd floor next to the CE walkway door

We have a new display in the Hallway Art Gallery featuring the Winter Haven Quilters. They have been meeting at First Presbyterian on a regular basis for many years and truly appreciate the use of our facilities. The Quilters meet the first and third Mondays of the month except in the summer and they have a 2 day retreat coming up in March.

One of the missions of the Winter Haven Quilters is to sew quilts for the Polk County Sheriff's department. They meet with Sheriff Judd once a year in April for lunch and present him with at least 100 quilts. His deputies each put a few in the trunks of their cruisers to give to children or the elderly who may be in distress.

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NOMINATING FORM FOR 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.

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- 9:15 a.m. Connection (MH)
- 9:15 a.m. Heart of Worship (Sanctuary)
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- 5:30 p.m. High School Youth Group (GC)

Monday, March 11

- 8:45 am MOM (CE)
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- 10:00 am Lydia Circle (MH)

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Thursday, March 14

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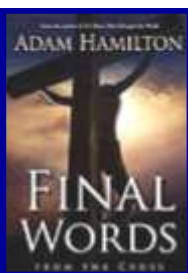
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DON'T MISS THE CONNECTION 9:15-10:45 AM

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.

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

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1. Donor texts the keyword and amount (ex. Tithe 100 –**There must be a space between the keyword and amount**) to the number that is assigned to your organization. (If only an amount is texted without a keyword, the funds will go to a default category- unless you are using the short code- there is no default category on the short code.)
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Develop and nurture God's children into disciples

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Return Service Requested

Soup Kitchen Ministry

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COME HELP US SHOW FOLKS WHAT FIRST PRES HAS TO OFFER

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Our booth will feature mission projects: the making of lap robes and prayer shawls, the making of dresses for Honduran girls and the Teddy Bear ministry. A prayer shawl/lap robe and a Teddy Bear will be given away.

We will have leaflets with information on our worship services, fellowship activities and other opportunities for service including our Saturday Soup Kitchen.

The Community Outreach Committee invites church members to join with us in sharing the good news of what happens at FPC. We hope to play some recordings of the Jazzbyterians to acquaint them with some of the music enjoyed in worship.

Please email Alan Harvey at aharvey@firstpreswh.org if you are willing to dole out candy, share a smile, and tell others why you enjoy being a part of FPC. Shifts will be 1 – 2 hours, and you will not be on your own. Please call Nancy Shaw at 258-9232 with any questions.





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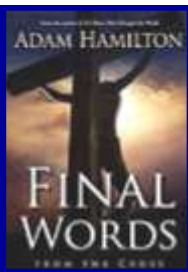
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SOUP KITCHEN OPPORTUNITES IN MARCH

We urgently have a need for Head Cooks and assistants for March 9, 16, 23, & 30.

Won't you help us feed hungry people? Please sign up on the bulletin board on the Deacon's board in McLeod Hall.
God Bless You and Thank You!



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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.

THE MARCH SATURDAY NITE LIVE HAS A SPECIAL TIME AND PLACE

For **March 16**, Saturday Nite Live becomes *Saturday Noon Live* as planners, guest, and family members gather at **Camp Endeavor** in Dundee. There will be outdoor games and hayrides in addition to a cook out. If you would like to volunteer, please call the church office at 293-3121 so that you will have a burger or a hot dog reserved for you.



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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.



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!!**



THE ALL CHURCH RETREAT WILL BE HERE BEFORE YOU KNOW IT

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for the *All Church Retreat* at Cedarkirk May 18 & 19. More information to come, but reserve these days for a wonderful time of enrichment, faith building, and fellowship!!!

VISIT OUR HALLWAY ART GALLERY

On the 2nd floor next to the CE walkway door

We have a new display in the Hallway Art Gallery featuring the Winter Haven Quilters. They have been meeting at First Presbyterian on a regular basis for many years and truly appreciate the use of our facilities. The Quilters meet the first and third Mondays of the month except in the summer and they have a 2 day retreat coming up in March.

One of the missions of the Winter Haven Quilters is to sew quilts for the Polk County Sheriff's department. They meet with Sheriff Judd once a year in April for lunch and present him with at least 100 quilts. His deputies each put a few in the trunks of their cruisers to give to children or the elderly who may be in distress.

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A celebration of generosity and ministry

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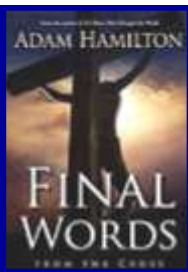
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We hope to see you here.



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Monday, March 11

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- 7:00 pm Choir (MS)

Thursday, March 14

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DON'T MISS THE CONNECTION 9:15-10:45 AM

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Return Service Requested

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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.

THE MARCH SATURDAY NITE LIVE HAS A SPECIAL TIME AND PLACE

For **March 16**, Saturday Nite Live becomes *Saturday Noon Live* as planners, guest, and family members gather at **Camp Endeavor** in Dundee. There will be outdoor games and hayrides in addition to a cook out. If you would like to volunteer, please call the church office at 293-3121 so that you will have a burger or a hot dog reserved for you.



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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.



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!!**



THE ALL CHURCH RETREAT WILL BE HERE BEFORE YOU KNOW IT

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for the *All Church Retreat* at Cedarkirk May 18 & 19. More information to come, but reserve these days for a wonderful time of enrichment, faith building, and fellowship!!!

VISIT OUR HALLWAY ART GALLERY

On the 2nd floor next to the CE walkway door

We have a new display in the Hallway Art Gallery featuring the Winter Haven Quilters. They have been meeting at First Presbyterian on a regular basis for many years and truly appreciate the use of our facilities. The Quilters meet the first and third Mondays of the month except in the summer and they have a 2 day retreat coming up in March.

One of the missions of the Winter Haven Quilters is to sew quilts for the Polk County Sheriff's department. They meet with Sheriff Judd once a year in April for lunch and present him with at least 100 quilts. His deputies each put a few in the trunks of their cruisers to give to children or the elderly who may be in distress.

The quilters also use their meeting time to experiment with new techniques and patterns so they are learning as well as helping. Members like the social aspect as well when they all get together and they also enjoy the occasional "shop hop".



NOMINATING FORM FOR 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.

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A celebration of generosity and ministry

What WE do to alleviate hunger through our Three Cents a Meal offering.



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to people in worship. And we have seen the money contributed to our three fold hunger ministries grow by the grace of God.

Many members and friends of First Pres. set aside three pennies each time they eat a meal. Then on the third Sunday of each month, they bring their collected change to church, and pool their bounty with the rest of the congregation to help alleviate hunger in three crucial areas:



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Here in Winter Haven

+ At the Beth-El Mission in Wimauma (south of Tampa)

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Bring your Bible and a bag lunch and meet with us over the lunch hour, **11:30 am-12:30 pm**, on the following **Mondays: March 11** (Mark), **March 18** (Matthew), **April 11** (Luke), and **April 18** (John).

We hope to see you here.



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- 9:15 a.m. Connection (MH)
- 9:15 a.m. Heart of Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School-Children/Adults (CE)
- 11:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
- 4:00 p.m. Praise Band (Sanctuary)
- 5:30 p.m. High School Youth Group (GC)

Monday, March 11

- 8:45 am MOM (CE)
- 11:30 am Chapel Chat (Chapel)
- 10:00 am Lydia Circle (MH)

Tuesday, March 12

- 9:00 am Staff Meeting (MCR)
- 12:00 pm Men's Lunch (MH)
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- 3:00 pm Christ Kids (CE)
- 5:00 pm Confirmation (ER)
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- 7:00 pm Choir (MS)

Thursday, March 14

- 1:15 pm Chapel Bells (MS)
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Friday, March 15

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- 4:00 pm Soup Kitchen (737)
- 12:00 pm Saturday Nite Live (Camp Endeavor)

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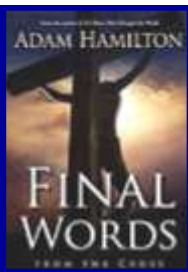
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First Sundays – Sunday School at **9 am** and sharing musical talents in worship at **10 am.**

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Return Service Requested

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Please email Alan Harvey at aharvey@firstpreswh.org if you are willing to dole out candy, share a smile, and tell others why you enjoy being a part of FPC. Shifts will be 1 – 2 hours, and you will not be on your own. Please call Nancy Shaw at 258-9232 with any questions.





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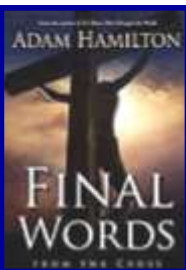
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The Joy Circle meets on the **3rd Tuesday** of each month and will meet on **March 19 at 9:30 a.m.** at the home of Carol Carter.

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.

THE MARCH SATURDAY NITE LIVE HAS A SPECIAL TIME AND PLACE

For **March 16**, Saturday Nite Live becomes *Saturday Noon Live* as planners, guest, and family members gather at **Camp Endeavor** in Dundee. There will be outdoor games and hayrides in addition to a cook out. If you would like to volunteer, please call the church office at 293-3121 so that you will have a burger or a hot dog reserved for you.



ODD MONTH THIRD THURSDAY AT 3 OMTT3 BOOK CLUB

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.



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!!**



THE ALL CHURCH RETREAT WILL BE HERE BEFORE YOU KNOW IT

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for the *All Church Retreat* at Cedarkirk May 18 & 19. More information to come, but reserve these days for a wonderful time of enrichment, faith building, and fellowship!!!

VISIT OUR HALLWAY ART GALLERY

On the 2nd floor next to the CE walkway door

We have a new display in the Hallway Art Gallery featuring the Winter Haven Quilters. They have been meeting at First Presbyterian on a regular basis for many years and truly appreciate the use of our facilities. The Quilters meet the first and third Mondays of the month except in the summer and they have a 2 day retreat coming up in March.

One of the missions of the Winter Haven Quilters is to sew quilts for the Polk County Sheriff's department. They meet with Sheriff Judd once a year in April for lunch and present him with at least 100 quilts. His deputies each put a few in the trunks of their cruisers to give to children or the elderly who may be in distress.

The quilters also use their meeting time to experiment with new techniques and patterns so they are learning as well as helping. Members like the social aspect as well when they all get together and they also enjoy the occasional "shop hop".



NOMINATING FORM FOR 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.

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

What WE do – Thanks to YOU

A celebration of generosity and ministry

What WE do to alleviate hunger through our Three Cents a Meal offering.



Several years ago, our church personalized a Tampa Bay Presbytery mission initiative called THREE CENTS A MEAL by encouraging the children of our congregation to lead as THREE PENNY PARTNERS. Baskets were bought and brought back from Honduras to be used in a congregation-wide collection on the third Sunday of each month. Dr. Alan Harvey wrote a song to celebrate and explain our hunger offering



to people in worship. And we have seen the money contributed to our three fold hunger ministries grow by the grace of God.

Many members and friends of First Pres. set aside three pennies each time they eat a meal. Then on the third Sunday of each month, they bring their collected change to church, and pool their bounty with the rest of the congregation to help alleviate hunger in three crucial areas:



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Here in Winter Haven

+ At the Beth-El Mission in Wimauma (south of Tampa)

+ At Presbyterian Churches in Honduras



Beth-El Mission is our Presbytery's Ministry with migrant farmworkers. Located in Wimauma, Florida – Beth-El is a place for worship, education, legal aid, and meeting daily needs through food and clothing assistance. (Beth-El distributes bags of groceries to over 300 families each week.) The regional portion of our Three Cents a Meal offering supports **Bethel Mission**.



International Partnership with the Presbytery of Honduras

The 22 Presbyterian Churches in the Presbytery of Honduras proclaim the good news of what God has done for us in Jesus Christ to hundreds of people each year. Ministry in the second poorest county in our hemisphere means that hunger is a constant concern. As children arrive for Sunday School and worship each Sunday, a hot breakfast awaits them.

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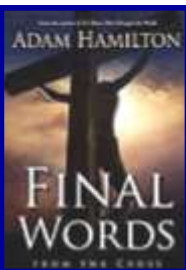
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- 11:30 am Chapel Chat (Chapel)
- 10:00 am Lydia Circle (MH)

Tuesday, March 12

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- 12:00 pm Men's Lunch (MH)
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Return Service Requested

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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!!**



THE ALL CHURCH RETREAT WILL BE HERE BEFORE YOU KNOW IT

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for the *All Church Retreat* at Cedarkirk May 18 & 19. More information to come, but reserve these days for a wonderful time of enrichment, faith building, and fellowship!!!

VISIT OUR HALLWAY ART GALLERY

On the 2nd floor next to the CE walkway door

We have a new display in the Hallway Art Gallery featuring the Winter Haven Quilters. They have been meeting at First Presbyterian on a regular basis for many years and truly appreciate the use of our facilities. The Quilters meet the first and third Mondays of the month except in the summer and they have a 2 day retreat coming up in March.

One of the missions of the Winter Haven Quilters is to sew quilts for the Polk County Sheriff's department. They meet with Sheriff Judd once a year in April for lunch and present him with at least 100 quilts. His deputies each put a few in the trunks of their cruisers to give to children or the elderly who may be in distress.

The quilters also use their meeting time to experiment with new techniques and patterns so they are learning as well as helping. Members like the social aspect as well when they all get together and they also enjoy the occasional "shop hop".



NOMINATING FORM FOR 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.

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A celebration of generosity and ministry

What WE do to alleviate hunger through our Three Cents a Meal offering.



Several years ago, our church personalized a Tampa Bay Presbytery mission initiative called THREE CENTS A MEAL by encouraging the children of our congregation to lead as THREE PENNY PARTNERS. Baskets were bought and brought back from Honduras to be used in a congregation-wide collection on the third Sunday of each month. Dr. Alan Harvey wrote a song to celebrate and explain our hunger offering



to people in worship. And we have seen the money contributed to our three fold hunger ministries grow by the grace of God.

Many members and friends of First Pres. set aside three pennies each time they eat a meal. Then on the third Sunday of each month, they bring their collected change to church, and pool their bounty with the rest of the congregation to help alleviate hunger in three crucial areas:



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Here in Winter Haven

+ At the Beth-El Mission in Wimauma (south of Tampa)

+ At Presbyterian Churches in Honduras



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International Partnership with the Presbytery of Honduras

The 22 Presbyterian Churches in the Presbytery of Honduras proclaim the good news of what God has done for us in Jesus Christ to hundreds of people each year. Ministry in the second poorest county in our hemisphere means that hunger is a constant concern. As children arrive for Sunday School and worship each Sunday, a hot breakfast awaits them.

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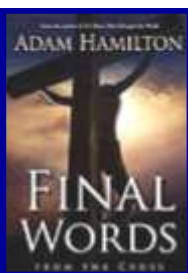
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Remember in Prayer

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God Bless You and Thank You!



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The Lydia and Joy circles current Bible study: *God's Promise – "I Am with You."*

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Return Service Requested

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Our booth will feature mission projects: the making of lap robes and prayer shawls, the making of dresses for Honduran girls and the Teddy Bear ministry. A prayer shawl/lap robe and a Teddy Bear will be given away.

We will have leaflets with information on our worship services, fellowship activities and other opportunities for service including our Saturday Soup Kitchen.

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A Lenten Journey Through the Names of Our Savior

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VISIT OUR HALLWAY ART GALLERY

On the 2nd floor next to the CE walkway door

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One of the missions of the Winter Haven Quilters is to sew quilts for the Polk County Sheriff's department. They meet with Sheriff Judd once a year in April for lunch and present him with at least 100 quilts. His deputies each put a few in the trunks of their cruisers to give to children or the elderly who may be in distress.

The quilters also use their meeting time to experiment with new techniques and patterns so they are learning as well as helping. Members like the social aspect as well when they all get together and they also enjoy the occasional "shop hop".



NOMINATING FORM FOR 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.

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A celebration of generosity and ministry

What WE do to alleviate hunger through our Three Cents a Meal offering.



Several years ago, our church personalized a Tampa Bay Presbytery mission initiative called THREE CENTS A MEAL by encouraging the children of our congregation to lead as THREE PENNY PARTNERS. Baskets were bought and brought back from Honduras to be used in a congregation-wide collection on the third Sunday of each month. Dr. Alan Harvey wrote a song to celebrate and explain our hunger offering



to people in worship. And we have seen the money contributed to our three fold hunger ministries grow by the grace of God.

Many members and friends of First Pres. set aside three pennies each time they eat a meal. Then on the third Sunday of each month, they bring their collected change to church, and pool their bounty with the rest of the congregation to help alleviate hunger in three crucial areas:



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Here in Winter Haven

+ At the Beth-El Mission in Wimauma (south of Tampa)

+ At Presbyterian Churches in Honduras



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International Partnership with the Presbytery of Honduras

The 22 Presbyterian Churches in the Presbytery of Honduras proclaim the good news of what God has done for us in Jesus Christ to hundreds of people each year. Ministry in the second poorest county in our hemisphere means that hunger is a constant concern. As children arrive for Sunday School and worship each Sunday, a hot breakfast awaits them.

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Remember in Prayer

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Our booth will feature mission projects: the making of lap robes and prayer shawls, the making of dresses for Honduran girls and the Teddy Bear ministry. A prayer shawl/lap robe and a Teddy Bear will be given away.

We will have leaflets with information on our worship services, fellowship activities and other opportunities for service including our Saturday Soup Kitchen.

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On the 2nd floor next to the CE walkway door

We have a new display in the Hallway Art Gallery featuring the Winter Haven Quilters. They have been meeting at First Presbyterian on a regular basis for many years and truly appreciate the use of our facilities. The Quilters meet the first and third Mondays of the month except in the summer and they have a 2 day retreat coming up in March.

One of the missions of the Winter Haven Quilters is to sew quilts for the Polk County Sheriff's department. They meet with Sheriff Judd once a year in April for lunch and present him with at least 100 quilts. His deputies each put a few in the trunks of their cruisers to give to children or the elderly who may be in distress.

The quilters also use their meeting time to experiment with new techniques and patterns so they are learning as well as helping. Members like the social aspect as well when they all get together and they also enjoy the occasional "shop hop".



NOMINATING FORM FOR 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.

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

What WE do – Thanks to YOU

A celebration of generosity and ministry

What WE do to alleviate hunger through our Three Cents a Meal offering.



Several years ago, our church personalized a Tampa Bay Presbytery mission initiative called THREE CENTS A MEAL by encouraging the children of our congregation to lead as THREE PENNY PARTNERS. Baskets were bought and brought back from Honduras to be used in a congregation-wide collection on the third Sunday of each month. Dr. Alan Harvey wrote a song to celebrate and explain our hunger offering



to people in worship. And we have seen the money contributed to our three fold hunger ministries grow by the grace of God.

Many members and friends of First Pres. set aside three pennies each time they eat a meal. Then on the third Sunday of each month, they bring their collected change to church, and pool their bounty with the rest of the congregation to help alleviate hunger in three crucial areas:



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Here in Winter Haven

+ At the Beth-El Mission in Wimauma (south of Tampa)

+ At Presbyterian Churches in Honduras



Beth-El Mission is our Presbytery's Ministry with migrant farmworkers. Located in Wimauma, Florida – Beth-El is a place for worship, education, legal aid, and meeting daily needs through food and clothing assistance. (Beth-El distributes bags of groceries to over 300 families each week.) The regional portion of our Three Cents a Meal offering supports **Bethel Mission**.



International Partnership with the Presbytery of Honduras

The 22 Presbyterian Churches in the Presbytery of Honduras proclaim the good news of what God has done for us in Jesus Christ to hundreds of people each year. Ministry in the second poorest county in our hemisphere means that hunger is a constant concern. As children arrive for Sunday School and worship each Sunday, a hot breakfast awaits them.

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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.

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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.



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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!

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Remember in Prayer

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God Bless You and Thank You!



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN BIBLE STUDY



The Lydia and Joy circles current Bible study: *God's Promise – "I Am with You."*

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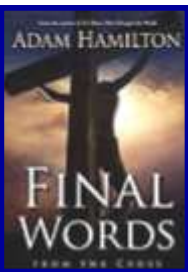
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Our booth will feature mission projects: the making of lap robes and prayer shawls, the making of dresses for Honduran girls and the Teddy Bear ministry. A prayer shawl/lap robe and a Teddy Bear will be given away.

We will have leaflets with information on our worship services, fellowship activities and other opportunities for service including our Saturday Soup Kitchen.

The Community Outreach Committee invites church members to join with us in sharing the good news of what happens at FPC. We hope to play some recordings of the Jazzbyterians to acquaint them with some of the music enjoyed in worship.

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- 9:15 a.m. Connection (MH)
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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.

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DEACON

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

What WE do – Thanks to YOU

A celebration of generosity and ministry

What WE do to alleviate hunger through our Three Cents a Meal offering.



Several years ago, our church personalized a Tampa Bay Presbytery mission initiative called THREE CENTS A MEAL by encouraging the children of our congregation to lead as THREE PENNY PARTNERS. Baskets were bought and brought back from Honduras to be used in a congregation-wide collection on the third Sunday of each month. Dr. Alan Harvey wrote a song to celebrate and explain our hunger offering



to people in worship. And we have seen the money contributed to our three fold hunger ministries grow by the grace of God.

Many members and friends of First Pres. set aside three pennies each time they eat a meal. Then on the third Sunday of each month, they bring their collected change to church, and pool their bounty with the rest of the congregation to help alleviate hunger in three crucial areas:



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Here in Winter Haven

+ At the Beth-El Mission in Wimauma (south of Tampa)

+ At Presbyterian Churches in Honduras



Beth-El Mission is our Presbytery's Ministry with migrant farmworkers. Located in Wimauma, Florida – Beth-El is a place for worship, education, legal aid, and meeting daily needs through food and clothing assistance. (Beth-El distributes bags of groceries to over 300 families each week.) The regional portion of our Three Cents a Meal offering supports **Bethel Mission**.



International Partnership with the Presbytery of Honduras

The 22 Presbyterian Churches in the Presbytery of Honduras proclaim the good news of what God has done for us in Jesus Christ to hundreds of people each year. Ministry in the second poorest county in our hemisphere means that hunger is a constant concern. As children arrive for Sunday School and worship each Sunday, a hot breakfast awaits them.

This feeding ministry is just one way that the love of God is demonstrated by our mission partners in Honduras. The international portion of our Three Cents a Meal

JOIN US ON SUNDAYS!!!

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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.

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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.



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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!

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God Bless You and Thank You!



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The Lydia and Joy circles current Bible study: *God's Promise – "I Am with You."*

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We will have leaflets with information on our worship services, fellowship activities and other opportunities for service including our Saturday Soup Kitchen.

The Community Outreach Committee invites church members to join with us in sharing the good news of what happens at FPC. We hope to play some recordings of the Jazzbyterians to acquaint them with some of the music enjoyed in worship.

Please email Alan Harvey at aharvey@firstpreswh.org if you are willing to dole out candy, share a smile, and tell others why you enjoy being a part of FPC. Shifts will be 1 – 2 hours, and you will not be on your own. Please call Nancy Shaw at 258-9232 with any questions.





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- 9:15 a.m. Connection (MH)
- 9:15 a.m. Heart of Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School-Children/Adults (CE)
- 11:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
- 4:00 p.m. Praise Band (Sanctuary)
- 5:30 p.m. High School Youth Group (GC)

Monday, March 11

- 8:45 am MOM (CE)
- 11:30 am Chapel Chat (Chapel)
- 10:00 am Lydia Circle (MH)

Tuesday, March 12

- 9:00 am Staff Meeting (MCR)
- 12:00 pm Men's Lunch (MH)
- 6:00 pm Personnel (MCR)

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- 5:00 pm Confirmation (ER)
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Thursday, March 14

- 1:15 pm Chapel Bells (MS)
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Friday, March 15

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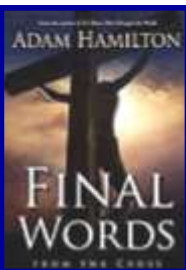
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A celebration of generosity and ministry

What WE do to alleviate hunger through our Three Cents a Meal offering.



Several years ago, our church personalized a Tampa Bay Presbytery mission initiative called THREE CENTS A MEAL by encouraging the children of our congregation to lead as THREE PENNY PARTNERS. Baskets were bought and brought back from Honduras to be used in a congregation-wide collection on the third Sunday of each month. Dr. Alan Harvey wrote a song to celebrate and explain our hunger offering



to people in worship. And we have seen the money contributed to our three fold hunger ministries grow by the grace of God.

Many members and friends of First Pres. set aside three pennies each time they eat a meal. Then on the third Sunday of each month, they bring their collected change to church, and pool their bounty with the rest of the congregation to help alleviate hunger in three crucial areas:



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Here in Winter Haven

+ At the Beth-El Mission in Wimauma (south of Tampa)

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Beth-El Mission is our Presbytery's Ministry with migrant farmworkers. Located in Wimauma, Florida – Beth-El is a place for worship, education, legal aid, and meeting daily needs through food and clothing assistance. (Beth-El distributes bags of groceries to over 300 families each week.) The regional portion of our Three Cents a Meal offering supports **Bethel Mission**.



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We urgently have a need for Head Cooks and assistants for March 9, 16, 23, & 30.

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God Bless You and Thank You!



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The Lydia and Joy circles current Bible study: *God's Promise – "I Am with You."*

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On the 2nd floor next to the CE walkway door

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- 9:15 a.m. Connection (MH)
- 9:15 a.m. Heart of Worship (Sanctuary)
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- 11:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
- 4:00 p.m. Praise Band (Sanctuary)
- 5:30 p.m. High School Youth Group (GC)

Monday, March 11

- 8:45 am MOM (CE)
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- 10:00 am Lydia Circle (MH)

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Thursday, March 14

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