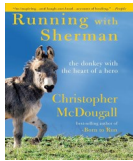




TOWER CHIMES

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MARCH BOOK CLUB



We will meet on **Monday, March 18 at 3 pm** in McLeod Hall as we discuss *Running with Sherman*, by Christopher McDougall.

We hope you will join us for this heartwarming story about training a rescue donkey to run one of the most challenging races in America.

FUNTIMERS GO ON THE ROAD



Our next FunTimers event will be on **Thursday, March 21**. We will meet in McLeod Hall at **10:30 am** then travel to the historic *Hotel Jacaranda* in Avon Park. There we will enjoy an elegant, casual dining experience. The cost is \$21.50 and includes beverage, tax and tip. We are required to pay in one check, so money will be collected for lunch before we leave.

Please RSVP by signing up in McLeod Hall or calling or emailing the church office. And bring a friend!

MAUNDY THURSDAY SUPPER & WORSHIP (CANTATA & COMMUNION)



On **Maundy Thursday, March 28, at 5:15 pm** we will have supper together in McLeod Hall. Then we will prepare our hearts for worship in the sanctuary.

Our *Maundy Thursday* service, at **6:30 pm**, will transport us back to the Upper Room on that somber final Passover that Jesus celebrated with his friends. The chancel of our church will be transformed into the iconic image of Leonardo DaVinci's masterpiece, *The Last Supper*.

Thirteen men from our congregation will portray the images of Jesus and the Twelve around the table that night. Each disciple will share a monologue; their own private thoughts on the evening and what is to come in the hours ahead. Interspersed between the monologues will be anthems sung by our Chancel Choir.

Following the drama, the cast, choir, and congregation will celebrate the Lord's Supper together as God's redeemed people. You will not want to miss this unique worship experience as we present *The Living Last Supper* by composer Ruth Elaine Schram.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, March 10

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

- 8:00 am Early Sunday Morning Lenten Chapel Worship Service
- 9:00 am Adult Sunday School (GR)
- 10:00 am Sanctuary Worship
- 10:15 am Children Sunday School (CE 206)

Monday, March 11

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

Tuesday, March 12

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

Wednesday, March 13

- 12:00 pm Building & Grounds (MCR)
- 1:00 pm American Mah Jongg (CE102)
- 6:00 pm Chancel Bells (MH)
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir (Chapel)

Thursday, March 14

- 1:15 pm Chapel Bells (MH)

Friday, March 15

Saturday, March 16

- 2:00 pm Soup Kitchen Prep (Kitchen)
- 4:00 pm Soup Kitchen (737)
- 7:00 pm SNL/Square Dance (MH)



REMEMBER IN PRAYER

MEMBERS

Lynn Aaron	Heidi Munoz-Gutierrez	Pat McCarty
Ann Adams	Ken Hart	Pat Miller
Pat Berrell	Jane Hayman	Edna Mitchell
Kelly Butz	Shirley Hines	Jeri & Tom Oldt
Orin Champlain	Wade Hoffman	Arletta Oriani
Ben & Ellie Crowder	Jim Huff	Sharon Ramseyer
Kathy DeLoach	Scott & Becky Irvin	Marilyn Schleifer
Marjorie DiLorenzo	Jeremiah & Jenna Johnston	Dick Shaw
Rob Donaldy	Joanie Kooser	Joyce Shirah
Dana Elmore	Jill Kosmensky	Katie Sparr
Bill Everhart	Ray & Gladys Larson	Lyn Swart
Gloria Goss	Lynn Lassater	Barbara Tackett
Caitlyn Grady	Kathy & Bill Lockhart	Pam Tallent-Blackburn
Lynne Grady		Jennifer & Mike Vibrat
Pam Gray		Gale & Gwen Waters

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Mike Bell	Brian & Anna Griffin	Joe Morton
Wayne Berry	Mitzi Gross	Ann Reddout
Donna Brannen	Juan Joy	Jack Robinson
Maureen Cain	Hobby Jeffrey	Dennis Ryan
Rick Cheney	Brandy & Avery Koeppe	Emily Sheffield
Tammy Cowart	John Linn	Lucinda Shelby
Mason Dorsey	Ada Lopez-Mendez	Ginger Snively-Chad
Ernie French	Brian Marino	Joyce Snively
Lisa Golden	Khyla Martinez	Randy Spiwak
Pam Gordon	Dick McCauley	Isaac Tillman
Cole Gorham		Steve Weeks

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Bag Lunch Ministry
 We gave out 236 lunches
 the week of 2/26/24.



Soup Kitchen Ministry
 We fed 90 people on
 Saturday, 3/2/24.



Return Service Requested

EASTER CANDY COLLECTION



Our celebration of Christ's resurrection with a children's Easter Egg Hunt will be happening on Easter **Sunday, March 31 at 9:30 am**. But we need your help!

Please drop individually wrapped candy in the marked bins around the church. Unfortunately, we cannot accept chocolate with this Florida heat. And don't forget your Easter basket and camera for a wonderful morning when we hide and hunt for the eggs on the playground.

HOLY WEEK SAVE THE DATES



MARCH 24: Palm Sunday
MARCH 28: Maundy Thursday
MARCH 29: Good Friday
MARCH 31: Easter Sunday

EASTER BREAKFAST



Easter breakfast will be served in McLeod Hall from **8:45 until 9:45 am**.

If you would be willing to help cook or serve at breakfast contact the church office.

AN ADDITIONAL SUNDAY WORSHIP OPPORTUNITY FOR LENT!

Running thru **March 24**, members and friends of First Pres will be able to choose to worship in the chapel at **8 am** for **Early Sunday Morning Lenten Chapel Worship Service**, or the Sanctuary at **10 am**.



We focus on the same scriptures at both Sunday services as we sing, pray, and reflect together on God's Word each week. (There will not be children's Sunday school offered during the **8 am** hour, but the pastors will include A Time with Younger Disciples in the service with any children who might attend.) We hope you will join us each Sunday in Lent at one of our worship gatherings.

ALL-CHURCH RETREAT APRIL 13-14 AT CEDARKIRK

Registration is now open for a weekend away with our theme, **Building Blocks of Life: The LEGO Movie Building the Body of Christ**. Scan the QR Code and register today. Weekend and day rates available for families and individuals.



EASTER LILY FORM



It is time to order your Easter lily for **Easter Sunday, March 31**. To purchase a lily "in honor of" or "in memory of" a loved one or friend, please fill out this order form. The cost is \$16 per plant. Checks should be made payable to First Presbyterian Church and marked "Easter Lily Fund".

A complete listing will be available Easter Sunday. We will again remove the yellow stamen from each lily so it will not bother your allergies.

Please turn in form by **Monday, March 25**.

Donor(s): _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

No. of Plants: _____ Amt. Enclosed: \$ _____

BUTTERFLY FORM



In memory of church members who have died since last Bright Sunday, April 16, 2023, and for those who have sustained the loss of a child, parent, sibling, or spouse since that date, we will release butterflies following our **single worship service at 10 am on Bright Sunday, April 1**.

If you would like to release a butterfly in memory of a loved one who died outside of the parameters mentioned above (for example, before last year's Bright Sunday and/or grandparent, aunt, cousin, son-in-law, etc.), you may purchase a butterfly for **\$5**.

Please turn in form by **Monday, April 1**.

Your Name: _____

Deceased Loved One: _____

Relationship to You: _____

No. of Butterflies: _____ Amt. Enclosed: \$ _____