



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

## Tower Chimes

Weeks of March 17, 2019

Issue 705

133 Years of Ministry

### JOIN US IN WORSHIP FOR A LENTEN SERMON SERIES

*Who Do You Say That I Am?*

*A Lenten Journey Through the Names of Our Savior*

As we move 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.



Join us on:

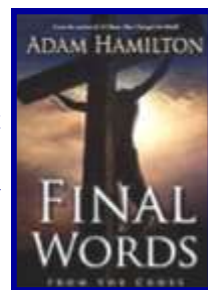
- March 17** The Messiah/ The Christ
- March 24** Rabbi/Teacher
- March 31** Lord
- April 7** Son of God
- April 14** Lamb of God

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

### ADULT EDUCATION LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

#### FINAL WORDS FROM THE CROSS

This Sunday School Class is 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. Please join us **Sunday mornings at 9:30 am**, in CE 207.



#### NEW: LENTEN CHAPEL CHATS

Please join Dr. Steve Negley for a four part Lenten Bible tour in our first Chapel Chats.

We meet in the chapel (first floor of the sanctuary building) on Mondays during the season of Lent to look at *One Week in the Life of Our Lord*. The group will be exploring how Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John each tell their unique version of the story of the final week in the life of Jesus.

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 1** (Luke), and **April 8** (John).

**We hope to see you here.**

Dr. Steven R. Negley  
Senior Pastor

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Associate Pastor

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Associate Pastor for  
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Custodian



# OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

## Sunday, March 17 SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT 3 CENTS-A-MEAL

- 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 18

- 8:45 am MOM (CE)
- 11:30 am Chapel Chat (Chapel)

## Tuesday, March 19

- 9:00 am Staff Meeting (MCR)
- 9:30 am Joy Circle (Off-site)
- 12:00 pm Men's Lunch (MH)
- 6:30 pm Deacons (MH)

## Wednesday, March 20

- 8:45 am MOM (CE)
- 3:00 pm Christ Kids (CE)
- 4:30 pm MSYG Music (Sanctuary)
- 5:00 pm Confirmation (ER)
- 5:30 pm MSYG (GC)
- 6:00 pm Chancel Bells (MS)
- 7:00 pm Choir (MS)

## Thursday, March 21

- 1:15 pm Chapel Bells (MS)
- 3:00 pm OMTT3 Book Club (MH)

## Friday, March 22

- 8:45 am MOM (CE)

## Saturday, March 23

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

## 3 CENTS-A-MEAL THIS SUNDAY



We will collect the  
**3 Cents-a-Meal Hunger  
Offering** during worship services  
this **SUNDAY, MARCH 17.**

This offering is divided between  
our Soup Kitchen/Bag Lunch  
Ministry, Beth-El Farm-workers

# Remember in Prayer

## MEMBERS

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

## Relatives & Friends

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

## MILITARY

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

## REMEMBER! THE STEPHEN MINISTERS ARE HERE FOR YOU!

If you, or someone you know, are sad or struggling inside, don't suffer alone. Ask for help. We've got a team of Stephen Ministers who are ready to listen, care, encourage, pray, and help you through a tough time. Men are matched with men, and women with women. (It's completely confidential too!) To find out more about Stephen Ministry for you or someone you know, **call Susan Singleton at 318-9208. Or you can talk with one of our other Stephen Leaders: Alan Harvey, Mary Marrs, Steve Negley, Barbara Perkins, or Jean Strang.**

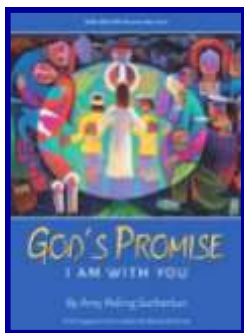


## THE MARCH SATURDAY NITE LIVE HAS A SPECIAL TIME AND PLACE

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.



## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN BIBLE STUDY



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

*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 Lydia Circle* meets on the **2nd Monday** of each month and will meet on **April 8 at 10 a.m.** in the back of McLeod Hall.

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.

## SOUP KITCHEN OPPORTUNITY IN MARCH

**We have a need for assistants for March 23.**

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!**



## CALLING ALL KNITTERS AND CROCHETERS!



The prayer shawl group needs you! We meet the **4th Monday of the month (next meeting is March 25) at 10:30 a.m.** in McLeod Hall to knit/crochet together. We would love to have you come to our meetings. But... you don't need to be able to meet with us to participate.

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

We want to continue to be able to meet the need for the prayer shawls so your help will be greatly appreciated! Call the church office at 294-3121 if you have questions.

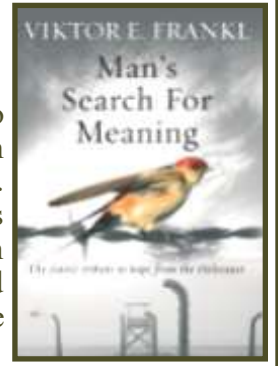
## SOUND BOARD OPERATORS NEEDED

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!!**



## 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.



## 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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## 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:

#### ELDER

#### DEACON

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### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

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

# JOIN US ON SUNDAYS!!!

## 8:00 am Chapel Worship

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

## 9:15 - 10:15 am Heart of Worship

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



## 11:00 am Sanctuary Worship

A traditional worship service held in our sanctuary. The service follows the same order as the 8:00 am Chapel Service, and includes music from the Chancel Choir and the organ, as well as other instruments and groups.



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

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

## SUNDAY SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES!

**Children's Sunday School** for PreSchoolers through 5<sup>th</sup> 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**.

## Adult Educational Opportunities – Sunday mornings and more!



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

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



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

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

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

## 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 177 bag lunches  
the week of 3/4/19.

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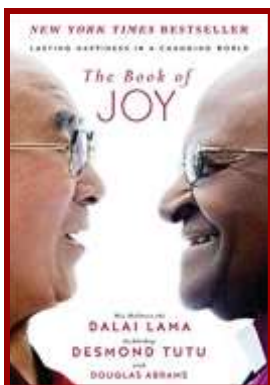
### Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 91 people on 3/9/19.

## SPECIAL SUNDAY SCHOOL PRESENTATION

On **Sunday, March 17**, the Perspectives Sunday School class is hosting **Carol Hylkema**, president of the Pal Craftaid Board, an organization which imports Palestinian olive wood sculptures and traditional needlework products that are sold around the country at various church events; the proceeds of which are returned to partner organizations in Palestine that focuses on the needs of women and children. Her presentation is titled: "Strangers No More."

The class will begin at **9:15 am** (note time and location change)  
at the back of McLeod Hall. All are welcome.



## 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.