



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
WINTER HAVEN

Tower Chimes

Week of March 18, 2018

Issue 663

132 Years of Ministry

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A Night to Remember A Lenten Worship Theme

When we follow the story of the life of Jesus in the Gospel **According to John**, we find that the events of the last night of Jesus' earthly life fill 6 entire biblical chapters. Our Sunday worship/sermons in the Season of Lent will help us to listen to Jesus' words from this incredible night.

First Sunday in Lent, February 18: John 13 (The night begins with service/foot-washing and communion)

Second Sunday in Lent, February 25: John 14 (Jesus' farewell discourse/the believer's relationship to the Glorified Christ)

Third Sunday in Lent, March 4: John 15
(I am the vine, you are the branches)

Fourth Sunday in Lent, March 11: John 16
(The believer's relationship to the world)

Fifth Sunday in Lent, March 18: John 17
(Jesus' High Priestly Prayer)

We hope you will join us for worship as a part of your own Lenten journey toward the cross.



EASTER IS COMING!!!



We are collecting plastic Easter Eggs for our Easter Egg hunt which will be held on **Sunday, April 1 at 10:30 a.m.**

Please bring in your **plastic eggs already filled with individually-wrapped candy or small prizes (no chocolate please).**

Please have them delivered by **Monday, March 26**. Little ones through fifth graders are invited to attend the hunt.

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 18 5th Sunday in Lent

8:15 a.m. Chapel Worship (Chapel)
9:15 a.m. The Connection (MH)
9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School (CE)
9:30 a.m. Heart of Worship (Sanctuary)
10:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School (CE)
11:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
5:30 p.m. HSYG (GC)

Monday, March 19

8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)
3:00 p.m. OM, OM Book Club (MH)

Tuesday, March 20

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (MCR)
12:00 p.m. Men's Lunch (MH)
12:00 p.m. Finance (UR)
12:00 p.m. Sewing for Honduras (GSH)
5:30 p.m. Worship & Music (UR)
6:30 p.m. Deacons (GR)
7:00 p.m. Praise & Worship Band (Sanctuary)

Wednesday, March 21

8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)
10:45 a.m. Preschool Music (CE 103)
2:30 p.m. Presbytery Women Bible Study
Leaders (MCR)
3:00 p.m. Christ Kids (CE)
3:45 p.m. Christ Kids Bell Ringers (MS)
5:00 p.m. Confirmation (GC)
5:30 p.m. Middle School Youth Group (GC)
5:30 p.m. Community Outreach (MCR)
6:00 p.m. Chancel Bells (MS)
6:15 p.m. APNC (ER)
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir (MS)

Thursday, March 22

1:15 p.m. Chapel Bells (MS)

Friday, March 23

8:45 a.m. MOM (CE)

Saturday, March 24

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

Remember in Prayer

MEMBERS

Roger Able	Kay Hedden	Keith & Jane Ray
Maxie Adams	Patti Herndon	Earle & Barbara Roberts
Becca Alexander	Doris Hill	Elsie Savant
Kathy Andrews	Ranell Hillman	Joyce Shirah
Kathleen Avinger	Bryan Howard	Mary Alice, Emma, & John Skipper
Bill Brack	Camille Howe	Barbara H. Smith
Tom Brackett	Jim Huff	Ed Smith
Henry Braun	Scott & Becky Irvin	Mary Ann Snively
Nancy Brooks	Shea & Lacey Irvin	Pete Snively
Helen Butz	Martha Johnson	Jeff Snyder
Helen Champlain	Joey Johnston	Meg Strang
Nancy Chilton	Peggy Kennedy	Scott Strey
Tom Coffman	Toni Krieger	Jay Tackett
Yolanda Dyer	Dena Lancashire	Pam Tallent-Blackburn
Mike & Jana Easterling	Kathy Lockhart	Carolyn Thompson
Bill Everhart	Spike Lucia	Suzie Threadgill
Rossanne Gorsky	Carole Marotti	John Van Allen
Lynn Grady	Gregg Marrs	Jennifer Vibril
Clyde Greene	Larry Marshall	Lee Wilkinson
Jimmy Hankin	Lynnis Mincey	Judy Winfree
Susan Hankin	Bev Morris	Retha Wright
Jane Hayman	Nancy Neale	
Frances Heath	Randall Palmer	

IN THE HOSPITAL: Joyce Hayman & John Kissel

Relatives & Friends

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

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Anne & Paul Montgomery

(Pictured center & right)

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Jim Montgomery

(Pictured left)

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Stephanie Gillie
Eddie Gray
Daniel Harp
Sean Harp
David Knowles
John Marotti
Mathew Massam
Ryan Pierdon
KaitLin Marotti-Pitts
Ashton Pitts
Shad Skinner
Drew Stapor



3 CENTS-A-MEAL

We will collect the **3 Cents-a-Meal Hunger Offering** during our three worship services **THIS SUNDAY, March 18.**

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



F unT imers MARCH OUTING

The Winter Haven Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society presents

COME FLY WITH US

This Sunday, March 18 at 2:30 p.m. at the Chain O'Lakes Theatre at 210 Cypress Gardens Blvd. The **International Competition Silver Medalist quartet - "Signature"** will be featured along with the **"Sentimental Journeymen Chorus"** and **"Back Street 4"** - a dad and son quartet with songs & humor.



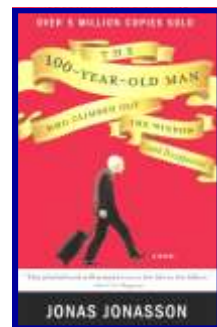
DON'T FOR FOGET!

Odd Month, Odd Monday Book Club

March 19: *The One Hundred Year Old Man* by Jonas Jonasson

We will meet in the back of McLeod Hall at 3 p.m. for discussion and light refreshments.

Please RSVP by calling 294-3121 or emailing office@firstpreswh.org.



WHO ARE YOU? WHOSE ARE YOU?



Mark your calendars and plan to join friends from First Presbyterian Church at our **annual church-wide retreat, Saturday, April 21 - Sunday, April 22.** We will be spending two wonderful days (and a great night) at the Cedarkirk Camp and Conference Center south of Tampa. We will play, relax, eat, fellowship, study, and worship together as we explore what it means to be the wonderful child of God that God has made you. **WHO ARE YOU?** (Come and share the unique you with others.) **WHOSE ARE YOU?** (Come and celebrate what it means to be loved and claimed by God.)

Watch for the full brochure and registration information soon.



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!!**

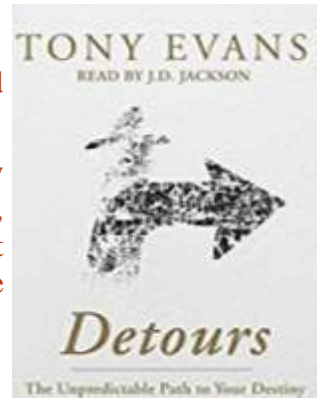


LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Detours, by Dr. Tony Evans, is a study of the life of Joseph, through whom God demonstrates how He is at work even when life seems to be going wrong.

By studying how God worked His sovereign plan through Joseph, we will learn to rely on God as He helps us navigate our detours in life that may take us through trials, injustice, and even betrayal. We will be comforted and encouraged as we learn to rest in God's redemptive plan and the hope found in God's sovereign will. Meetings will be **9-11 a.m.** in the Golden Center **Thursdays, March 15, & 29 and April 12.**

If you're interested please contact Lia Gray at 863-318-1541 or uncpair@gmail.com.



2017 EASTER LILY ORDER FORM

It is time to order your Easter lily for **Easter Sunday, April 1.** Easter lilies are a yearly tradition to decorate the church on Easter Sunday.

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 \$12.00 per plant. Checks should be made payable to First Presbyterian Church and marked "Easter Lily Fund".

Place the order form and check in the offering plate, mail, or take to the church office by **Monday, March 26.** A complete listing will be available Easter Sunday. The Sanctuary Committee will again remove the yellow stamen from each lily so it will not bother your allergies.

Donor(s): _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Number of plants ordered: _____ Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

I will pick up my lily after the 11:00 a.m. service Easter Sunday.



BRIGHT SUNDAY, APRIL 8, BUTTERFLY RELEASE

As we do every year, we will release butterflies (no charge, but please fill out this form) in memory of church members who have died since Bright Sunday, April 23, 2016, and for those who have sustained the loss of a **child, parent, sibling, or spouse since that date.**

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 \$5.00.

So that we may have an accurate count of how many butterflies to order, please fill out the tear off form at the bottom of this page and drop in the offering plate or drop off at the church office.

Or, you can call the office at 294-3121 with your information.

Since the order for butterflies needs to be placed soon, *please have your orders in by **Easter, April 1.***



Your name: _____ Deceased loved one: _____

Relationship to you: _____

Which worship service **April 8:** 8:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.

Join Us on the Lord's Day

Worship



8:15 a.m. Chapel Worship

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

9:30 - 10:25 a.m. Heart of Worship

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

11:00 a.m. Sanctuary Worship

A traditional worship service is held in our sanctuary. The service follows the same order as the 8:15 a.m. Chapel Service, and includes music from the Chancel Choir and the organ, as well as other instruments and groups.

DON'T MISS THE CONNECTION

9:15—10:45 A.M.

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

Hosts circulate in McLeod Hall and the CE Building to greet and assist people in making connections with others in one of the worship or Christian Education options.



SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES

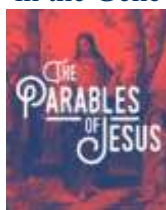


For Kids: We'll be getting to learn more about Jesus - His life and ministry and leaders in the early church. Short videos, music, art, and Bible activities will keep the kids coming back for more!

If your family attends the 9:30 a.m. service, kids age 4 and older worship with their families for the first part of the service. After the "Time with Younger Disciples," age 4 through grade 5 may be dismissed to the Christian Education building for music and classes until 10:45 a.m.

If your family attends the 11:00 a.m. service, come to the CE Building for music and classes from 10:00 until 10:45 a.m.

For Adults: Who is the real Jesus? How can we experience the mystery, complexity, and richness of his spirituality and teachings in our lives today? *Living Jesus: Learning the Heart of the Gospel* by Luke Timothy Johnson elucidates the mystery of Jesus' resurrection and its central role in the Christian experience. It explores the diversity and fullness of the New Testament views of Christ, revealing how each book's perspective can deepen our understanding of Jesus. Profoundly insightful, *Living Jesus* offers valuable lessons on how we can accept the Gospels' powerful invitation to an authentic Christian spirituality. Join us in the Geneva Room from **9:30 until 10:30 a.m.**



Also For Adults: We are watching a video series by New Testament scholar Dr. Kenneth Bailey, as he uses his vast experiences in the Middle Eastern world (where Jesus first walked and talked) to help us unlock the wonderful meaning of some of the parables of Jesus. The group will listen to Dr. Bailey's insights, and discuss how each story told by our Lord touches our lives today. Join us at **9:30 a.m.** in Room 207 of the Christian Education building.

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Our Purpose Statement

As a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA), First Presbyterian Church of Winter Haven exists to show God's kingdom to the world as we...

Share the good news of what God has done in Jesus Christ

Develop and nurture God's children into disciples

Provide a place and a program for praising God

Live our lives according to the Word, guided by the Spirit

Commit to justice for all God's people.

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Bag Lunch Ministry

We gave out 159 bag lunches
the week of 3/5/18.

Return Service Requested

Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 90 people on 3/10/18.

EASTER BREAKFAST

Sunday, April 1 at 9:15: - 10:45 a.m.



Menu: buttered or cheese grits; assorted doughnuts; fruit bowl; cereal; coffee, orange juice, & milk.

A suggested donation of \$4 per adult and \$2 per child is thankfully accepted at the door.

Please RSVP for Easter Breakfast by **Monday, March 26**, by calling the church office at 294-3121, emailing to office@firstpreswh.org, or filling out this attachment and putting in the offering plate.

Name: _____ # of Adults: _____ # of Children: _____

MAUNDY THURSDAY DINNER IS MARCH 29 AT 5:30 P.M.

Family Style Menu: chicken, broccoli & cheese pot pie; or beef & onion pot pie; salad; dessert; coffee, tea, & lemonade. **And for kids:** chicken nuggets; macaroni & cheese.

Cost: \$10.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children ages 5 – 10. Children 4 and under eat for free. Please do not prepay. We will collect at the door.

Please RSVP for Maundy Thursday by **Monday, March 26**, by calling the church office at 294-3121, emailing to office@firstpreswh.org, or filling out this attachment and putting in the offering plate.

Name: _____ # of Adults: _____ # of Children: _____

