



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

Tower Chimes

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Issue 528

129 Years of Ministry

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SOUPER BOWL OF CARING THIS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1

It is that time of year when we collect soup cans for our Souper Bowl of Caring. The Souper Bowl of Caring helps our youth and that of youth across the country form a strong connection to their communities and be the hands and feet of Christ by helping their neighbors in need.



We will collect money and canned goods this Sunday, **Souper Bowl Sunday, February 1. Every dollar collected will go directly to support our Soup Kitchen and Bag Lunch Ministries.** You can also bring canned goods to the church this week, Wednesday & Thursday 8:00-5:00 and Friday 8:00-2:00 and drop them off in McLeod Hall. There is a box marked Souper Bowl of Caring. Just drop them in the box and Dana will take care of the rest. Each year November and December are high traffic months for soup kitchens around the country with February being the next highest month. What a great way to kick off the new year, helping others. Please prayerfully consider donating to this amazing cause. God calls us to be his hands and feet here on earth in many different forms. This is one simple way we can do our part to further God's kingdom.

Also on **Sunday, February 1 at 2:00 p.m.**, our youth will play their very own "Souper Bowl" flag football game against the "Geezers" at the Polk State College Soccer field. Come join the fun as a player or spectator.



Church calendar

Sunday, February 1 Souper Bowl Sunday

8:50 a.m. Worship
 9:30 a.m. OJ Fellowship (MH)
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School-Children & Youth
 10:00 a.m. Sunday School-Adults
 10:30 a.m. Session-Receive New Members (ER)
 11:00 a.m. Worship
 12:00 p.m. Winter Resident/New Member Reception (MH)
 2:00 p.m. Souper Bowl Game (Polk State College Soccer Field)
 5:30 p.m. HSYG (SC)

Monday, February 2

8:45 a.m. MOM

Tuesday, February 3

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (MCR)
 12:00 p.m. Men's Lunch (MH)
 6:00 p.m. Saturday Nite Live Planning (MH)
 7:00 p.m. Session (GR)

Wednesday, February 4

8:45 a.m. MOM
 3:00 p.m. Christ Kids
 5:30 p.m. MSYG (SC)
 6:00 p.m. Chancel Bells
 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, February 5

9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study (EA)
 7:00 p.m. Chapel Bells

Friday, February 6

8:45 a.m. MOM

Saturday, February 7

9:00 a.m. All Church Retreat (Cedarkirk)
 2:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen Prep (Kitchen)
 4:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen (737)

Lord hear
our prayers.

Remember in Prayer

members

Maggie Beeland
 Win Betrus
 R. Otis Bice, Jr.
 Guy Bostick
 Jeff Bowen
 Lois Burrell
 Millie Carrier
 George & Chambers
 Helen Champlain
 Norma Conner
 Don Dinger
 Jerry Dugger
 Jana Easterling
 Jeanne Estes
 Bill Everhart
 Kathy Girouard
 Marge Goodman
 Pete & Jean Harman

Frances Heath
 Doris Hill
 Ed Houston
 Camille Howe
 Dorothy Johnson
 Toni Krieger
 Dena Lancashire
 Elaine Maltese
 Rita Marcacci
 Dick McCauley
 Gladys Meier
 Heidi Van Allen-Munoz
 Joan Murphy
 Nancy Neale
 Joe Oriani
 Dee Palmore
 Al & Marjorie Porter
 Barbara Puckett

Liz Purnell
 Barbara Roberts
 Earle Roberts
 Mary Ellen Rowker
 Dave Ryan
 Dorothy Ryan
 Helene Schulz
 Martha Seney
 Darb Shull
 Barbara A. Smith
 Carolyn Thompson
 Ed Threadgill
 Penn Tucker
 Shirley Turner
 Mike Vibrat
 Betty von Hahmann
 Anne Windham
 Penny Zwicker

In the hospital : Sylvia Chambers & Barbara Sweeney

Family and friends

Kris Sackett-Busse
 Bob Cameron
 Margaret Carswell
 Al Ellis
 Cecily Faenza
 Raymond Fenstermaker
 Donna Furtivo
 Jean Hehn
 Abigail Ising
 Pete Kent
 Geoff Lewis
 Lynda & Rick Lewis
 Brenda Marshall
 Nan Mason
 Sharon Massey
 Blain & Cynthia Thompson-McCaleb
 LaDonna Owen
 Loucilla Patty
 Cal Quessenberry
 Jake Reddout
 Cash Schaeffer
 Peggy Seigler
 Neil Spector
 Sheila Walker
 Jackie Williams
 Richard & Jocelyn Wilson

Dick & Nancy Shaw's friend
 Candy & Larry Marshall's friend
 John & Barbara Puckett's friend
 Jim Threlkel's friend
 Helen Champlain's niece
 Gale & Gwen Waters' grandson
 Robert Donaldy's friend
 Ellie Threlkel's friend
 Rick & Pat Reass' greatniece
 Charley & Nancy Chilton's nephew
 David & Erin Emry's friend
 Jonathan Owen's friends
 Jeri Stewart & Tom Oldt's friend
 Harvey & Mary Ann Snivley's daughter
 Merile Weeks' friend
 Carolyn Thompson's daughter
 Jonathan Owen's aunt
 Bob Endres' mother
 Ann Quessenberry's husband
 Morris Reddout's son
 Zan Dismuke's grandson
 Ellie Threlkel's friend
 Tom Oldt & Jeri Stewart's friend
 Patti Bostick's sister
 Jeff Bowen's co-worker
 Nell Speer's brother



Aaron Ashley
 James E. Baker
 Ben Clark
 Deborah Clark
 Nathan Connor
 Tim Davis
 Zach Drum
 Leah (Doty) Fuscia
 Eddie Gray
 Beau Gresham
 Chris Hagen
 Daniel Harp
 Sean Harp
 Coree Jones
 Terry Jones, Jr.
 Jackie Jung
 David Knowles
 Timothy Lee
 John Marotti
 Kaitlin Marotti
 Adam McPhail
 Andrew Stapor
 Keaton Thompson
 Jacob van Zandt

Please help us visit our hospitalized members!

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 the pastors know.

Thank you for helping us stay in touch with the congregation.

WELCOME DANA PARRISH NEW DIRECTOR OF STUDENT MINISTRIES



The Session is pleased to announce that Dana Parrish has been named as our church's new Director of Student Ministries.

Dana, a teacher and member of our congregation, has been serving as an interim in the position this fall, and the search committee unanimously recommended her for the permanent position. The Session, staff, families, and youth are excited to have her continue working with our great volunteers in the leadership of our youth ministry program.

The Session also wants to thank the search committee (Jonathan Owen, Emily Snyder, Cheryce Harris, Kasey Ray, Amy Powell, Casey Cheatham, Kelli Ivey, and Dave Zwicker) for their dedication over the past six months as they have found the ideal candidate for this position.

YOUTH GROUP INFORMATION

High school youth group: Let us know rather quickly whether or not you plan on attending Montreat the week of **July 19-25**. We need a deposit of \$50.00 to secure your spot.

Middle school youth group: The Great Escape will be the following week of **July 31-August 4**. We will need your deposit of \$100 to secure your spot for this week.

We would love for you all to join us this summer as we seek a deeper relationship with Jesus and have a blast doing it! If you have never been to these retreats ask other youth that have been to share their experience with you.



Email Dana @ dparrish@firstpreswh.org with any questions or concerns you may have.

SERMON SERIES: FAITHFUL LIVING IN THE HUNDRED ACRE WOOD



Many of us, younger and older, are familiar with the fictional "Hundred Acre Wood" and its inhabitants. Just the mention of Christopher Robin, Winnie the Pooh and his stuffed furry friends brings to our minds an array of characters and some very distinctive character traits. Dr. Harvey and Dr. Negley are looking at scripture through the influences of Pooh, Tigger, Eeyore, Kanga, and others in the Hundred Acre Wood to help us all consider faithful living in the place we all call home.

If you would like to share your interest and identification with these inspiring little friends, you are invited to bring your Pooh characters with you on specific Sundays.

This Sunday, February 1, bring your Kanga and Roo with you to church.

THE PRAYER CHAIN IS BEING REACTIVATED

- The Prayer Chain was a ministry of the Congregational Care Committee.
- This ministry functioned as a prayer request was made known, calls were made to the Prayer Chain members, who would remember the person(s) and the situation(s) in their prayers.
- The Prayer Chain is being reactivated by the Congregational Care Committee.
- Jane Ray has volunteered to serve as the Coordinator and we currently have five team leaders.



If you would like to be involved in this important ministry of prayer, then please call Alan at the Church Office (294-3121). Volunteers will be added to the teams and once the teams are assembled we should be ready to receive and respond to prayer requests. The goal is to have this ministry ready to begin no later than **March 1**.

GENEROSITY SHOWS IN Our Ministry with youth

On Wednesday nights – Sunday mornings – and Sunday nights (and on some Saturdays, Friday nights, and whole weeks during the summer) the generosity of the First Pres family shows in the lives of our church's youth.

From 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. every Wednesday evening, sixth, seventh, and eighth grade young people fill our Student Center at 711 Sixth Street. In the company of Dana Parrish, our church's Director of Student Ministries and a great group of adult volunteers, they gather for Christian fellowship in the **MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH**. They enjoy a meal together that has been generously provided by parents or other adults. And they learn about God's great love for them in Jesus Christ.



On Sunday evenings, it's time for our **SENIOR HIGH YOUTH** meeting. The place is usually the Student Center (711 Sixth Street). The time: 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. The event: sharing with Christian friends, Bible Study, and supper, all in the Spirit of Christ. Dana Parrish and our faithful adult volunteers provide wonderful leadership for these weekly meetings.



On Sunday mornings, the Student Center houses the YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL program. Dana Parrish, our Director of Student Ministries, and a group of adult Sunday School volunteers help the middle and high school youth open the Scriptures for lessons that apply to their daily lives.



Added to these weekly youth events, we have trips, retreats, and different adventures away from the church facility. Generosity Shows in this ministry, as over \$100,000 of the tithes and offerings of our congregation is invested annually to provide the facilities that house our youth groups (the Student Center, the playground, the covered recreation area at 737 Sixth Street), the transportation, and the staff so that an exciting and growing ministry with and for our church's youth is possible.



Thanks for the letting your generosity show in the lives of our youth!

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

What good is your Faith? James forces us to face the implications of faith. Be inspired to put your faith into action in practical ways as you get to know both the man and the Book of James. Join Beth Moore as she explores such concepts as joy, hardship, faith, wisdom, single-mindedness, the tongue, humility, prayer, and more.



This interactive study features seven sessions of personal, daily assignments and eight group sessions with video. There are multiple levels of participation available. The dates for this study are **February 5 and 19, March 5 and 19, April 2, 16, and 30 at 9 - 11 a.m.** in the Edinburgh Annex. For more information and to request a workbook, please email Lia Gray at uncpair@gmail.com or call her at 318-1541

SPECIAL 10 TO 2 LUNCH BUNCH

Join other members and friends of First Pres for a weekday lunch outing.

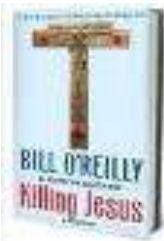
We will:

- Meet at the church at **10:00 a.m. on Monday, February 23.**
- Take the church bus to Jimmy Buffet's Margaritaville Restaurant at Universal City Walk in Orlando
- Enjoy a leisurely meal and fellowship (the Cheeseburger in Paradise is hard to beat, unless it's by the seafood)
- Have you back at the church by 2:00 p.m.
- All it costs is the price of your own lunch.



To save your space at the lunch table, call Carol Switalski at 845-5416 or the church office at 294-3121.

SAVE THE DATE: OM, OM BOOK DISCUSSION CLUB



Our **Odd Month, Odd (3rd) Monday Book Discussion Club** will meet again on **March 16 at 3:00 p.m.** We will have some light refreshments and will discuss Bill O'Reilly and Martin Dugard's book, *Killing Jesus*. If you were at the January book review and indicated your intention to attend, there is no need to call the office.

Please call the church office at 294-3121 if you plan to attend. Copies of this title is now available for checkout in the library. You may contact Jonathan Owen about ordering a personal copy.

2015 SANCTUARY FLOWER CALENDAR

In the next three months we have just two dates available.

Hurry and sign up for either **March 15 or April 19.**

New with this year's calendar is space to sign up for placing flowers in the narthex on a given Sunday, when the sanctuary flowers for your desired date have already been selected by someone else.

Be sure to make arrangements with your favorite florist the week before and call the church office by the Wednesday before with your information for the bulletin.

Any other questions, please call Alan or Connie. **Thank you!**



SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE



At **8:50 a.m.**, members and friends of First Presbyterian Church are invited to attend The Gathering. This service is held in the sanctuary. The piano is the primary instrument for leading in congregational music with a variety of instruments adding special touches from week to week. The prayers in worship and the flow of the service help the congregation gather in God's love. The Gathering ordinarily lasts 50 minutes and will conclude with the Benediction at 9:40 a.m.

At **11:00 a.m.**, you are invited to attend our later morning worship. This service is held in the sanctuary with music and responses regularly led by our chancel choir and accompanied by organ and piano. In the tradition of our church, cultivated over the last few decades, a full liturgy gives the congregation opportunities for spiritual enrichment and the sense of God's love and grace. This worship service ordinarily lasts one hour and concludes with the Benediction at 12:00 p.m.

We hope you will join us in worship, study, and fellowship!

CONNECT With Us at Sunday School!

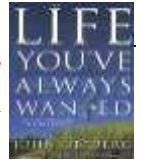
Children ages three and four gather in Room 108 for their own Sunday School time of crafts, snack, Bible lesson, and fun.

Children in kindergarten through fifth grade will rotate through Art, Science, Cooking, Storytelling, Computer, and Movies on Sunday mornings. The current theme is "*Joshua Leads the People*".



The Youth of the church, those in Middle School and High School, are invited to come hang out in the Student Center from 9:45 - 10:45 a.m. We have a variety of volunteers who will lead this engaging class filled with faith-building, friendship, fun, food, and great times.

Connect - Grow - Thrive meets in Room 207. The class has been studying the book, *The Life You've Always Wanted: Spiritual Disciplines for Ordinary People* by John Ortberg. All are invited to join in this discussion filled class. Members of the class take part in leading the discussion each week.



The Perspectives Class meets in the Geneva Room and is facilitated by Dr. Jim Threlkel and Glenn Thomas. They are focusing on Martin Thielen's book, *What's the Least I Can Believe and Still Be a Christian?* Everyone is invited to join in this thought-provoking discussion time. Pastor and author, Martin Thielen, has compiled a list of ten things people need to believe and ten things they don't, in order to be a Christian. This lively and engaging book will be a help to seekers as well as a comfort to believers who may find themselves questioning some of the assumptions they grew up with.

Dr. Steve Negley's class meets in the back of McLeod Hall. The new topic is *Unlocking the Parables from a First Century Middle-Eastern Perspective*. Bring your bible and be prepared to explore how the stories Jesus told can speak to us today.



Need a ride
to church?



IMPORTANT REMINDER FOR THOSE NEEDING A RIDE TO CHURCH ON SUNDAYS!

For anyone seeking a ride using our angel van service on Sundays, please call the church office at 294-3121 on

Friday by 12 p.m. to make those arrangements.

It is necessary to call each week you need a ride.



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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 333 bag lunches the week of 1/19/15.

Return Service Requested

Soup Kitchen Ministry
 We fed 92 people on 1/24/15.

SHROVE TUESDAY...



The Batter that Matters Part 3 or something totally different? Stay tuned for updates along the way but be sure to reserve your spot now for our Shrove Tuesday celebration on **Tuesday, February 17 from 5:30-7 p.m.** One thing's for sure, Dr. Larson will be flipping his fabulous flapjacks, so bring your appetite and get ready for loads of fun and laughs! Please RSVP ahead of time so we know how many will be attending. The donation for the evening will be \$4 for adults and \$2 for children. Please call the church office at 294-3121 to reserve your spot or fill out tear off below!

ASH WEDNESDAY

In the service outlined for Ash Wednesday in the Book of Common Worship, the pastor is invited to make this statement:



Friends in Christ, every year at the time of the Christian Passover (Easter) we celebrate our redemption through the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Lent is a time to prepare for this celebration and to renew our lives in this holy mystery. We begin this season by acknowledging our need for repentance, and for the mercy and forgiveness proclaimed in the gospel of Jesus Christ. We begin our journey to Easter with the sign of ashes. This ancient sign speaks of the frailty and uncertainty of human life, and mark the penitence of this community.



We hope you will join your friends in Christ at our Ash Wednesday service, on **February 18 at 6:30 p.m.** in the sanctuary. You will hear the Word proclaimed and have the opportunity to be marked with ashes as you begin your own Lenten journey to the empty cross.

SHROVE TUESDAY CELEBRATION RESERVATION

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