



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

## Tower Chimes

Week of February 8, 2015

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129 Years of Ministry

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### SHROVE TUESDAY IS QUICKLY APPROACHING



We will gather in McLeod Hall on Tuesday evening, February 17 beginning at 5:30 p.m. with a delicious Pancake Supper under the direction of Dr. Larson who specializes in flipping fabulous flapjacks! After dinner, delightful entertainment will be provided for you.

Get ready to laugh and enjoy fellowship with your friends from First Pres. We need to know if you will be attending. Please call the church office at 294-3121 to reserve your spot. The suggested donation is \$2 for children and \$4 for adults. See you all there for our Shrove Tuesday celebration.



Please call the church office at 294-3121 to reserve your spot or fill out tear off below!

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### 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: \_\_\_\_\_



# Church calendar

## Sunday, February 8

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  
 11:00 a.m. Worship  
 5:30 p.m. HSYG (SC)

## Monday, February 9

8:45 a.m. MOM  
 10:00 a.m. Lydia Circle (MH)

## Tuesday, February 10

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (MCR)  
 12:00 p.m. Men's Lunch (MH)  
 5:15 p.m. Personnel (MCR)

## Wednesday, February 11

8:45 a.m. MOM  
 12:00 p.m. Buildings & Grounds (MH)  
 3:00 p.m. Christ Kids  
 5:15 p.m. Confirmation (SC)  
 5:30 p.m. MSYG (SC)  
 6:00 p.m. Chancel Bells  
 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

## Thursday, February 12

7:00 p.m. Chapel Bells

## Friday, February 13

8:45 a.m. MOM

## Saturday, February 14

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



*Our Christian sympathy goes to Patti Bostick in the death of her sister, Sheila Walker, who died on Tuesday, January 27, 2015.*



# Remember in Prayer

## members

Maggie Beeland  
 Win Betrus  
 R. Otis Bice, Jr.  
 Guy Bostick  
 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  
 Anne McCauley  
 Bob McClew  
 Gladys Meier  
 Heidi Van Allen-Munoz  
 Joan Murphy  
 Nancy Neale  
 Joe Oriani  
 Dee Palmore  
 Al & Marjorie Porter  
 Liz Purnell

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

**In the hospital :** Sylvia Chambers

## Family and friends

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

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



## Military service

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.**

## 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 8, bring your Owl with you to church.**

## 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.



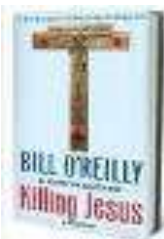
This interactive study features seven sessions of personal, daily assignments and eight group sessions with video. There are multiple levels of participation available. The dates for this study are **February 19, March 5 and 19, April 2, 16, and 30 at 9 - 11 a.m.** in the Edinburgh Annex. For more information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

## PLAYGROUND PICNIC IS BACK

We will have a Playground Picnic on **Sunday, March 8** immediately after the 11 a.m. service. Please plan to join us for lunch in the Geneva Room, followed by playtime out on the Playground. If you would like to join us, please call Amy McKee at 294-3121 or e-mail [amckee@firstpreswh.org](mailto:amckee@firstpreswh.org).



## SAVE THE DATE: OM, OM BOOK DISCUSSION CLUB



Our **Odd Month, Odd (3<sup>rd</sup>) 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 are now available for checkout in the library. You may contact Jonathan Owen about ordering a personal

## DID YOU TAKE PICTURES OF COME TO THE STABLE AND TO BETHLEHEM SQUARE? WOULD YOU SHARE THEM WITH US?

Circumstances unforeseen and technical difficulties prevented us from getting a photographic record of this event. If you have some pictures that you are willing to share we would greatly appreciate having copies. You may e-mail these to the office: [cshiple@firstpreswh.org](mailto:cshiple@firstpreswh.org). Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.



THIS IS THE BEST WE HAVE AT THIS TIME.

## 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**.

# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Kathy Reyburn & Dave Gillen  
1157 Normandy Heights Circle  
Winter Haven, FL 33880  
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Lyn & Pete Coppini  
509 Indian Wells Ave.  
Kissimmee, FL 34759  
407-366-8281



Dana & Denise Cole  
754 Santa Maria Dr.  
Winter Haven, FL 33884  
863-268-2338



Marie & Roger Able  
5 Maple Run  
Haines City, FL 33844  
863-439-4726

# Generosity Shows Through 3-Cents-a-Meal

In the first chapter of the Acts of the Apostles, Jesus told his disciples in Jerusalem that as “they received power when the Holy Spirit had come upon them, they would be his witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” These ever-expanding circles of witness and care form the basis for one of our church’s ministries: **THREE CENTS A MEAL**. As members of a church in the Presbytery of Tampa Bay, we are invited to join in this wonderful demonstration of Christ’s love as we donate three cents each time we eat to help feed people in need here in Winter Haven (through our Deacons and their benevolences), at Beth-El Mission (with migrant farmworkers), and in Honduras (the second poorest country in our hemisphere).



Each week, volunteers from our church prepare and serve bag lunches and a hot meal to the hungry and homeless in Winter Haven. The local portion of our Three Cents a Meal money stays right here to help fund the **Soup Kitchen and Bag Lunch Ministries of First Pres**. We distribute bag lunches to approximately 50 people each weekday and feed between 80 and 100 hungry people each Saturday night.

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. The regional portion of our Three Cents a Meal offering supports **Beth-El 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 week, 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 offering supports the ministry of our Christian brothers and sisters in Honduras.



**If you feel that God is calling you to feed the hungry each time you feed yourself, join us in Three Cents a Meal.**

## 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.



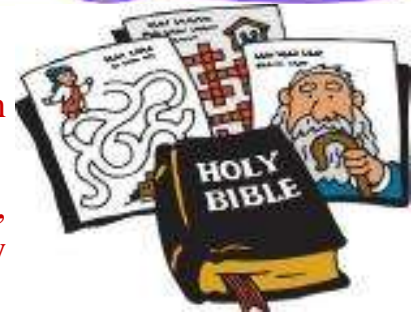
At **11:00 a.m.**, you are invited to attend our later morning worship. This service is held in the sanctuary with music and responses regularly led by our chancel choir and accompanied by organ and piano. In the tradition of our church, cultivated over the last few decades, a full liturgy gives the 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!!!

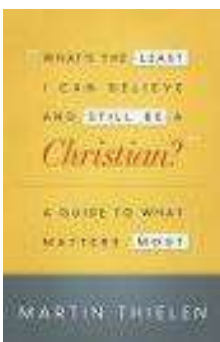
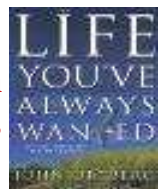
Children ages three and four gather in Room 108 for their own Sunday School time of crafts, snack, Bible lesson, and fun.

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.



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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.*

*Adopted by Session, 2003*

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**Bag Lunch Ministry**

We gave out 317 bag lunches the week of 1/26/15.

We gave out a total of 1342 bag lunches in January.

**Return Service Requested**

**Soup Kitchen Ministry**

We fed 112 people on 1/31/15.

We fed at total of 468 people in January.

**YOUTH SUMMER TRIP DEPOSITS DUE BY FEBRUARY 17**



**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](mailto:dparrish@firstpreswh.org) with any questions or concerns you may have.**

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**10 TO 2 LUNCH BUNCH GOES TO MARGARITAVILLE**

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.**