

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WINTER HAVEN

Tower Chimes

Week of March 1, 2015

Issue 532

129 Years of Ministry

Dr. Steven R. Negley Senior Pastor Dr. C. Alan Harvey Associate Pastor

Minister of Visitation

Dr. James G. Manor Parish Associate unfold, we will:

Amy L. McKee • Director of Christian Education

Dana H. Parrish Director of Student Ministries

Cheryce D. Harris Interim Choir Director

> Lynn McCoy • Interim Organist

Ronda A. Lacy Director of Finance & Administration

Connie J. Shipley Administrative Assistant

Rose Flynn Office Assistant Sammy D. Bryant Director of Maintenance

Ann M. Quessenberry Custodian



SUNDAY, MARCH 1 WILL BE THE 2ND SUNDAY IN THE SEASON OF LENT.

Dr. Raymond M. Larson During the season of Lent, Dr. Negley and Dr. Harvey will be preaching through the Gospel According to John. As the weeks

- focus on Jesus as the object of our faith (John 1:19-4:54)
- witness Christ's conflict with unbelievers (John, chapters 5-12)
- enjoy Jesus' fellowship with his followers (John, chapters 13-17)
- and remember His death. resurrection, and events which followed (John, chapters 18-21).



Bring your Bible, and join us each week in worship as we experience again the life-changing power of Christ's presence.

LENTEN DAILY DEVOTIONALS "The Music of Our Souls"

Based on scripture and the songs and hymns that inspire us.

Each week of lent, program staff members will choose a hymn or contemporary Christian song and write a devotional based on that song.

Included will be a portion of the lyrics & a selection of scripture. Maybe you will be inspired to listen to the song and discover something new.

Church calendar

Sunday, March 1 2nd Sunday in Lent

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

12:00 p.m. Local Mission (MH)

4:00 p.m. Honduras Reunion (MH)

5:30 p.m. HSYG (SC)

Monday, March 2

8:45 a.m. MOM

2:00 p.m. Presbytery Women's Bible Study Leaders (MCR)

Tuesday, March 3

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (MCR)

12:00 p.m. Men's Lunch (MH)

6:00 p.m. SNL Planning (MH)

7:00 p.m. Session (GR)

Wednesday, March 4

8:45 a.m. MOM

3:00 p.m. Christ Kids

5:15 p.m. Confirmation (SC)

5:30 p.m. MSYG (SC)

6:00 p.m. Director of Music Search (MCR)

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, March 5

9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study (UR)

7:00 p.m. Chapel Bells

Friday, March 6

8:45 a.m. MOM

5:30 .m. MSYG Camping (Off-site)

Saturday, March 5

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

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

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



Doris Hill Win Betrus R. Otis Bice, Jr. Ed Houston **Guy Bostick** Camille Howe Lois Burrell **Dorothy Johnson** Millie Carrier Toni Krieger George & Sylvia Chambers Dena Lancashire Helen Champlain Steve Luxford Norma Conner Elaine Maltese Don Dinger Rita Marcacci Jerry Dugger Bob McClew Jana Easterling Gladys Meier Jeanne Estes Joan Murphy Bill Everhart Kathy Girouard Nancy Neale Marge Goodman

Pete & Jean Harman

Frances Heath

Liz Purnell Earle Roberts Mary Ellen Rowker Dave Ryan Dorothy Ryan Helene Schulz Martha Seney Dean Shull Barbara A. Smith Barbara Sweeney Carolyn Thompson Heidi Van Allen-Munoz Ed Threadgill Penn Tucker **Shirley Turner** Mike Vibral Joe Oriani Dee Palmore Anne Windham Al & Marjorie Porter Penny Zwicker

In the hospital: Howard Rambeau, Kathy Girouard, & Betty von Hahmann

Family and friends

Kris Sackett-Busse Margaret Carswell Katheryn Christie & family **Stacy Crawley** Marilyn Dorsey Al Ellis Cecily Faenza Raymond Fenstermaker Wayne Harrison Jean Hehn Gladys Howard Abigail Ising Erika Johnson Pete Kent Geoff Lewis Josh Lewis family Lynda & Rick Lewis Nan Mason Sharon Massev Lynnis Mincey Blain & Cynthia Thompson-McCaleb Leslie O'Neal LaDonna Owen Loucilla Patty Cal Quessenberry Cash Schaeffer Peggy Seigler

David Smith

Neil Spector Jackie Williams

Richard & Jocelyn Wilson

Kalen West's friend Dick & Nancy Shaw's friend John & Barbara Puckett's friend Pen Tucker's friends Sue McClew's daughter Carol Carter's sister Jim Threlkel's friend Helen Champlain's niece Gale & Gwen Waters' grandson Penn Tucker's friend Ellie Threlkel's friend Bob Howard's aunt Rick &Pat Reass' great-niece Lynn Oakley's friend Charley & Nancy Chilton's nephew David & Erin Emry's friend Lynn Oakley's friend Jonathan Owen's friends Harvey & Mary Ann Snivley's daughter Marile Weeks' friend Judy Winfree's friend Carolyn Thompson's daughter Les & Alison O'Neal's niece Jonathan Owen's aunt Bob Endres' mother Ann Quessenberry's husband Zan Dismuke's grandson Ellie Threlkel's friend Penn Tucker's friend Tom Oldt & Jeri Stewart's friend Jeff Bowen's friend

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.

Please help us visit our hospitalized members!

Nell Speer's brother

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



HELP SUPPORT ANGELS CARE CENTER OF ELOISE...

by eating at Ruby Tuesday next to Lego Land, March 1st, 2nd, & 3rd (Sunday, Monday, & Tuesday.)

Let you server know you are supporting Angels Care and Ruby Tuesday will donate 20% of your bill to their ministry.

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 **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

MSYG CAMP-OUT



Middle school youth will meet at the youth house on **March 6 at 5:30 p.m.** and ride the bus over to our destination. We will camp out for the night.

Bring your sleeping bag and pillow and whatever else you will need for your night away including a tent if you have one. If not, don't worry about it, we have some to spare. We just want you to come and enjoy a fun camping experience with S'mores, games and so much more!!

We will come back at the youth house the following morning around 8:00 a.m. for parents to pick up.

PLAYGROUND PICNIC IS BACK

Playground Picnic will be held after church on **Sunday, March 8**. Join us for "Sandwich" Sunday where we will provide all of the fixin's for a delicious sandwich. Donations are accepted. Please let Amy McKee know if you will join us around 12:15 in the Geneva Room on Sunday, March 8 (294-3121 or amckee@firstpreswh.org). After lunch, you can extend your fellowship time to the Playground.



BILL O'REILLY Killing Jesus

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 are now available for checkout in the library. You may contact Jonathan Owen about ordering a personal copy.

SHROVE TUESDAY WAS A SMASH HIT!!!

Thanks to everyone who came out and celebrated Shrove Tuesday! We had a blast with The Batter that Matters Part 3 – Bible Baby Foods. Special thanks to Ray & Gladys Larson and their cooking crew for providing a delicious Pancake Supper, Dr. Alan Harvey for writing the script, Dr. Steve Negley for serving as our MC, Carrie Bilancio for "playing the hands", Ann and Sam for set-up and tear-down, our clean-up crew, and everyone else involved in the evening. We had a flipping good time and we look forward to next year!







A GREAT WAY YOU CAN HELP A HURTING FRIEND



Do you have a friend, neighbor, coworker, or relative who has suffered a loss or is going through a difficult time? Here's a great way you can help them--tell them about our Stephen Ministry! Stephen Ministers are members of *First Presbyterian Church* who have received special training to provide high quality, confidential, one-to-one, Christian care to hurting people. Stephen Ministers meet weekly with their care receivers to listen, care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support. (Males are matched with males, and females are matched with females.) The caring relationship lasts for as long as the person needs care. It's free, and it's a powerful way you can help a hurting friend.

To learn how to connect someone you know with a Stephen Minister talk with or call **Barbara Perkins** at 956 -1138. Or talk with one of our other Stephen Minister Leaders: **Alan Harvey, Ray Larson, Mary Marrs, Steve Negley, Pat Reass, or Jean Strang**. You can also use one of the three Request Form Boxes (pictured right) located in the Centennial Room, narthex, and balcony hallway.

Our Stephen Ministers are there to care!

LADIES, JOIN ONE OF OUR BIBLE STUDY CIRCLES!!!

The two groups for our Presbyterian Women are the Lydia Circle and the Joy Circle. The Bible Study for this year is based on the Acts of the Apostles. Circle study leaders Jana and Carol will be using the Interpretation Bible Series as a resource for this look at the church in the power of the Holy Spirit. Bring your Bible and plan to join with other women of faith.



Jana Easterling leads the Lydia Circle on the **2nd Monday of the month at 10:00 a.m.** in the back of McLeod Hall. **AND...**

The Joy Circle meets the **3rd Tuesday of the month at 9:30 a.m.** at Carol Carter's house. Call Carol at 299-4253 if you need directions.



FOR SALE: LINCOLN TOWN CAR

The engine has seized up on the church's 1993 Lincoln Town Car, and the Session has voted to replace this part of our transportation ministry. We are offering to sell this car, "as-is".

If you might be interested in making an offer to purchase, please contact our Director of Maintenance, Sam Bryant, at the church (294-3121 or sbryant@firstpreswh.org).

Generosity Shows Through Your Support of Saturday Nite Live

What is Saturday Nite Live? SNL is an organization of church members and others who plan, arrange and oversee a time of fellowship and educational and entertaining programs for mentally and physically challenged late teens through adults.

Where does Saturday Nite Live meet? While this organization was in existence prior to meeting in McLeod Hall of First Presbyterian Church, its home has been here for almost 15 years. On occasion the group has met in the 737 Building and in the grassy area across from the Scouting Center. Most of the time, you will find Saturday Nite Live meeting in McLeod Hall.

When does Saturday Nite Live meet? Saturday Nite Live meets on the third Saturday evening from seven until nine o'clock during the months of September through May.

What are some of the activities and programs that Saturday Nite Live has offered? Willie and Company (a ventriloquist); Parkland Baptist Puppet Troup; Jiggle Family Circus (acrobatic and gymnastic entertainers); Reptile Man; Tony O'Connor (a comedian/inspirational speaker); Cloggers; Horses and Riders; the Winter Haven Fire Department; Santa Claus makes an annual visit; the Pickin' in the Park Band; a Hula Dance Company, A Trip Around the World, "Let's Get Fit!" Celebrate America! Dances: (Monster Mash, Spring Fling Prom and Sock Hop) and many others.

What might I expect to see and hear if I popped in on a meeting of Saturday Nite Live? First, you would most likely see anywhere from 40 to 60 SNL guests with parents or guardians lined up for registration and to get their name tags. The SNL guests would be smiling and excited to come to gather with their friends and looking forward to the activities or program that the Planning Committee has in store for them. While some parents or guardians leave for a short respite, a number gather in the back of McLeod Hall, as an informal support group. The hour from 7:15 to 8:15 is usually reserved for the activities or program. SNL guests might view a video, play some games, dance (their most favorite activity), do a craft project, etc. The time together usually includes a time of table fellowship, to enjoy a snack or light meal. After the food and drink have been enjoyed, the guests usually gather for a time of singing some Biblical or Christian songs. After the singing, there is a brief devotional period with time allowed for SNL guests to voice their prayer concerns. After the prayer time, the SNL guests check out and leave with their parents or guardians for home, a good night's sleep and hopefully some nice memories.

Was there a highlight of the 2013-2014 year for SNL? On March 15, 2014, we celebrated a Celtic Evening. The Scottish Unit of the Lake Wales High School Highlanders were our guest performers. We had a drum major, two bag pipers, two dancers and a drummer. The Highlanders were attired in McLeod Tartan. They played, danced and answered questions for the group. After they left the SNL guests played Highland Games: Caber Toss, Pass the Haggis, and Celtic Concentration. The guests enjoyed a meal of Shepherd's Pie, Irish Soda Bread, Emerald Isle Jello and Shamrock Juice. The guests received shamrock favors teaching the lesson of the Holy Trinity – God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit as St. Patrick had done with the three leafed shamrock.

These activities and programs are possible thanks to your generosity in supporting our church's budget. SNL is also blessed with a number of our members who staff these monthly events: Janet Howard, Karen King, Jill and Ross Kosmensky, Len Porter, Lori Roe, Mary Ellen and Riley Rowker, Donna Sherrard, and Karen Siegel. Mike and Maria Lopez, Renae Porter, Abigail Roe, and Chet and Bonnie Spires are volunteers from our community. Alan Harvey is the staff liaison to SNL Thank you for your support of this important ministry!



2015 EASTER LILY ORDER FORM

It is time to order your Easter lily for Easter Sunday, April 5.



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 the order form below.

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 30**.

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.

EASTER LILY ORDER FORM

Donor(s):	Number of plants ordered: Amount Enclosed: \$
In Memory of:	In Honor of:
$f \; \Box \;$ I will $_{ m I}$	pick up my lily after the 11:00 a.m. service Easter Sunday.f
	☐ I would like my lily delivered to a shut-in.
	CLASS OF 2018
the Diaconate. Your responsibil character required for these office	s the responsibility of suggesting men and women to serve on the Session and ity is to provide the names of those whom you feel meet the high standards of ces. These persons must have the time available to SERVE, the commitment to ability to LEAD this congregation and its spiritual and physical growth for our
Please prayerfully consider your required.	our recommendations (which may include yourself.) Your signature is not
election. We are to elect five Ele	be considered by the Nominating Committee which will present a slate for ders and five Deacons to three-year terms to replace those retiring this year. We mbers to serve on next years Nominating Committee.
	Names(s) for consideration as:
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	NOMINATING COMMITTEE
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MARCH BIRTHDAYS

3/1	Margaret Goodman	3/13	Hamp Plowden	3/21	Karen Siegel
	Madelaine Scamehorn	3/14	Richard Elmore		Carolyn Thompson
3/2	Gus Badnell		Sally Kenner	3/22	Richard Jones
	Rob Frost		John Kissel	3/23	Stewart Negley
	Joey Johnston	3/15	Ed Houston		Ed Rounsley
	Diane Repass	3/16	Thomas Brackett	3/25	Sam Bryant
3/3	Fred Deloach Joan Houston		Madison Britt		William Colgrove
			Ted Threadgill		Jim Gray III
	Robin Turley		Mark Wilson		Amy Powell
	Richard Wales	3/17	Jay Dugger	3/26	Austin Carrero
3/5	Judy Moots		Tucker Gray		Peyten Palo
	Shelly Prather		Bryce Snively		Adam Weeks
	Sarah Ryan		Mary Strang		Carson Weeks
	John Strang	3/18	Nancy Brooks	3/27	Ellen Marie Adams
3/6	Joanna Gray		Nicholas Glenn		Jacob Cardona
	Polly Wilson		Marion Hearn		Mary Ellen Porter
3/7	John Walter		Meaghan McDowell		Cheryl Price
3/8	Jared Lockhart		Miller Thompson		John A. Strang
	Tom Oldt		Ardyn Wales		Joyce Wander
3/9	Lynn Boland	3/19	Richard Chilton	3/28	Rhea Oakley
	Suzanne Brantley		Marcie Dershimer		Joe Tackett
	Riley Rowker		Paul Palo	3/30	Karl Duce
	Emma Skipper		Joseph Volpe		Laura Keplinger
	Erika Spence	3/20	Ross Kosmensky		Courtney Marshall
	Aaron Thibodaux		Rebecca Alexander		Pat Nepute
	Drew Stapor		Bonnie Ryan		Debbie Shinn
3/10	David J. Alexander		Delanie Stavres		Andrew Stavres
	Gayle Johnston	3/21	Nancy Chilton	3/31	Courtney Gray
	Teri Reineke		Anamarie Coffman		Heidi Hook
	Mary Ellen Rowker		Agnes Harland		Abbie Kellett
3/11	Richard Hill		Marilyn Jones		Lindsay Larson
3/12	Joel Price		Ann Marie Kinsey		

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

3/1	Randy & Tina Summerlin	3/17	Dale & Marcia Smith
	Michael & Jennifer Vibral	3/18	Joel & Cheryl Price
3/3	Neil & Michele Berger	3/20	Brian & Renee Parrish
3/4	Warren & Charlene Glenn	3/21	Jerry & Teresa Renney
3/9	Rick & Julie Dantzler	3/22	Deane & Jonye Briggs
3/10	Tim & Jane Tillman		Bill & Carol Roe
3/13	Henry & Margaret Braun	3/23	Bill & Kathy Lockhart
	David & Erin Emry	3/24	Dru & Nichole Gainey
3/14	James & Debbie Shinn	3/25	John & Teri Reineke
3/15	Bill & Becky Everhart	3/29	April & Kyle Porter
3/16	Jesse & Pam Blackburn		



SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

At 8:50 a.m., members and friends of First Presbyterian Church are invited to attend The



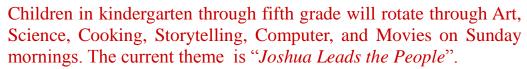
Gathering. This service is held in the sanctuary. The piano is the primary instrument for leading in congregational music with a variety of instruments adding special touches from week to week. The prayers in worship and the flow of the service help the congregation gather in God's love. The Gathering 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.



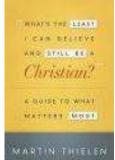




The Youth of the church, those in Middle School and High School, are invited to come hang out in the Student Center from 9:45 - 10:45 a.m. We have a variety of volunteers who will lead this engaging class filled with faith-building, friendship, fun, food, and great times.

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 YOUVI 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.

Our Purpose Statement As a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA), First Presbyterian Church of Winter

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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

Return Service Requested

Commit to justice for all God's people.

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Bag Lunch Ministry

We gave out 214 bag lunches the week of 2/9/15.

We gave out 227 bag lunches the week of 2/16/15.

Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 77 people on 2/14/15.

We fed 85 people on 2/21/15.

CALLING ALL PRIMETIMERS

(friends and member of First Pres in the 55 and up age group.)

Our next Primetimers is Monday, March 23 at 11:30 a.m. in McLeod Hall.

Come and enjoy great fellowship and a wonderful lunch catered by Joyce Snively.

Then enjoy Sue McClew's presentation of her 2014 Presbyterian Women Global Exchange to the Caribbean.



We will wrap up by 1:00 p.m.

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