



TOWER CHIMES

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FEBRUARY FUNTIMERS



On **Thursday, February 27**, Funtimers will be traveling to *Yoder's Restaurant and Amish Village* in Sarasota. We will meet at the church at **10 am** and travel by bus and caravan for lunch. After lunch we can check out the gift shop and goodies at the market. We plan to return to the church by **3 pm**. Please sign up in the Narthex or call the office. Cost will be the price of your lunch.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER



The Christian Education Committee is looking for a few dedicated cooks to help provide pancakes, bacon, and sausage for our *Shrove Tuesday* dinner on **March 4**. Please see Amy McKee if you are interested in helping. Thank you!

Please join your church family around the table with a delicious pancake supper on **Tuesday, March 4** at **5:30 pm** in our Soup Kitchen Building (737 6th St, NW.) We'll do some fun Mardi Gras activities and of course, the highly anticipated pancake race! Other options will be available for children who do not eat pancakes. You don't want to miss it.

ASH WEDNESDAY



We hope you will join your friends in Christ at our *Ash Wednesday* service on **March 5** at **6:30 pm** 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 Cross.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, February 23

- 8:00 am Chapel Worship
- 9:00 am Adult Sunday School (GR)
- 10:00 am Sanctuary Worship
- 10:15 am Children Sunday School (CE 206)
- 5:30 pm High School Youth Group (GC)

Monday, February 24

- 8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CE)

Tuesday, February 25

- 9:00 am Staff Meeting (MCR)
- 12:00 pm Men's Lunch (MH)
- 5:00 pm Stephen Minister Leaders (MCR)
- 6:00 pm Stephen Minister (MCR)
- 6:15 pm Worship & Music (UR)

Wednesday, February 26

- 8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CE)
- 1:00 pm American Mah Jongg (GSH)
- 3:30 pm Christ Kids (Playground/CE)
- 5:00 pm Confirmation (GC)
- 5:30 pm Middle School Youth Group (GC)
- 6:00 pm The Daniel Plan Bible Study (MH)
- 6:00 pm Chancel Bells (BR)
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir (CR)

Thursday, February 27

- 10:00 am FunTimers/Yoder's (MH/Off-site)
- 1:15 pm Chapel Bells (BR)
- 6:00 pm Women's Night Time Bible Study (GC)

Friday, February 28

- 8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CE)

Saturday, March 1

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

DEATH NOTICE

We are saddened to announce that **Sharon Ramseyer** passed away on Wednesday, February 12, 2025.



REMEMBER IN PRAYER

MEMBERS

Ann Adams	Heidi Munoz-	Pat Miller
John Beckman	Gutierrez	Joe & Arletta Oriani
Orrin Champlain	Jane Hayman	Kim Powell
Marjorie DiLorenzo	Wade & Sandy	Dick & Nancy Shaw
Rob Donaldy	Hoffman	Suzanne Sherry
Richard & Dana	Scott & Becky Irvin	Katie Sparr
Elmore	Bill Johnston	Barbara Tackett
Bill Everhart	Joanie Kooser	Jay Tackett
Gloria Goss	Ross Kosmensky	Pam Tallent-Blackburn
Caitlyn Grady	Ray & Gladys Larson	Glenn Thomas
Lynne Grady	Lynn Lassater	Jennifer & Mike Vibral
Pam Gray	Pat McCarty	Gale & Gwen Waters

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Ruth Adkins' family	Erik Johansson	Carroll Negley
Barbara Blauvelt	Juan Joy	Patty Oakley
Tom Bracket	Misty Judd	Ann Reddout
Glenn & Jennifer	Ray & Maria Kasunic	John Shoberg
Caracappa	Tamara Keyes	Barbara Spinella
Diane Conaly	Khyla Martinez	Calvin Stanley
Sean Duerr	Brian Marino	Phillip Waters
Gary & Georgia	Khyla Martinez	Bob Wexler
Green	Ada Lopez-Mendez	

MILITARY

Zach Anaya	Eddie Gray	Mathew Massam
Brenden Anderson	Daniel Harp	John Portlock
Christian Anderson	Sean Harp	Colton Powers
Zach Drum	David Knowles	Diane Secord
Robert Ferguson	John Marotti	Shad Skinner
Stephanie Gillie	KaitLin Marotti	Drew Stapor

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Return Service Requested

Bag Lunch Ministry
We gave out 146 lunches
the week of 2/10/25.



Soup Kitchen Ministry
We fed 100 people on
Saturday, 2/15/25.



SOUP KITCHEN HELP NEEDED



Would you like to help love and serve those who hunger? We have **March 1 & 22** and going into **April** dates available for head cooks and helpers.

If you can help with this very important ministry, please sign up in McLeod Hall or call the church office.

ODD MONTH BOOK CLUB



Inviting all readers to a special meeting of the *Odd Month Book Club* to be hosted by Jonathon and/or Bethany in the Price Library on the second floor of the church building on **Monday, March 18 at 3 pm**. The Owens are hosting the meeting during the renovation and presenting good books from our own library.

Everyone is invited to share a book that you have enjoyed! Be prepared to enjoy some great personal stories and a tour of our own church's library with those who know it best

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL



Sunday School is being offered for our children (PreK-5th grade) after the Time with Younger Disciples in the 10:00 am worship service. Class meets in **CE room 206**. And ART Sundays meet in **Room 207**. We are excited for a year where together, kids experience God's greatest gift, being Simply Loved.

ADULT'S SUNDAY SCHOOL



Our Adult Sunday School series, *The Story of the Bible*, meets at **9 am** in the **Geneva Room**. In the lessons they join a New Testament professor in videos discussing the four stages of the history, process, critical periods and even recovery of new ancient sources that were stitched together to form our Biblical canon.

WOMEN'S NIGHT TIME BIBLE STUDY

Ladies, you are invited to join your sisters in Christ for a Women's Bible Study on **Thursday evenings at 6**, meeting in the Golden Center.



We'll read the Gospel of John together, answer questions, and discuss how the message of John can impact our lives and our faith. Please direct any questions to Lisa Centonze.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP LUNCH ON TUESDAYS

This is a gathering of men of faith who share and support one another through Christian fellowship and spiritual growth.



Bring your lunch and join us each Tuesday at 12 pm.

HEARTS & HANDS AT WORK

We're Still Listening!

In our 2024 congregant survey, we asked for your thoughts on what you love about our church, what could be improved, and any ideas you wanted to share. Your voices matter, and we're committed to keeping the conversation going!



As promised, this wasn't a one-time effort. In March, we'll be launching another survey with the same questions. If you shared feedback last year and nothing has changed, that's perfectly fine - we're still working on action items and will continue to do so. This second round will help us build on what we've learned and deepen our understanding of how you envision the future of our church.

We'd love to hear from you! If you have any questions, please reach out to our Community Outreach Committee at firstpresask@gmail.com.