



TOWER CHIMES

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WINTER HAVEN
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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.

LENTEN CHAPEL CHATS



Join Dr. Negley and Rev. Weber for Lenten Chapel Chats on **Wednesdays** at **10 am** starting **March 12** and running through **April 9**. The theme for these weekly chats, as we journey through Lent together, will focus on the Psalms. We'll take a look at different categories of Psalms such as those that speak of Praise, Lament, Thanksgiving, Wisdom, and Prophecy. In addition to the scripture and chats, Jeremy Rath will join us to share hymns and music related to our weekly themes.

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 17** 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.

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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THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, March 2

- 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)
- 11:15 am Luncheon (737)
- 5:30 pm High School Youth Group (GC)

Monday, March 3

- 8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CE)

Tuesday, March 4

SHROVE TUESDAY

- 9:00 am Staff Meeting (MCR)
- 12:00 pm Men's Lunch (UR)
- 5:30 pm Pancake Supper (737)
- 7:00 pm Session (UR)

Wednesday, March 5

ASH WEDNESDAY

- 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)
- 6:15 pm Worship (Sanctuary)

Thursday, March 6

- 1:15 pm Chapel Bells (BR)
- 6:00 pm Women's Night Time Bible Study (GC)

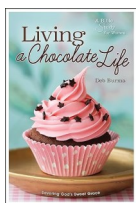
Friday, March 7

- 8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CE)

Saturday, March 8

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

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



The *Lydia and Joy Circles* Bible study is *Living a Chocolate Life* by Deb Burma.

The *Joy Circle* meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. The next meeting is **March 18 at 10 am** at Carol Carter's house.

The *Lydia Circle* meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month. The next meeting is **March 20 at 10 am** in the Manor Conference Room in the church office.

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.



REMEMBER IN PRAYER

MEMBERS

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

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Barbara Blauvelt	Lynn Oakley's friend
Tom Bracket	Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend
Glenn & Jennifer Caracappa	Tom Oldt's friend
Diane Conaly	Lynn Oakley's friend
Sean Duerr	Saturday Nite Live Drew's friend
Gary & Georgia Green	Tom Oldt's friend
Erik Johansson	Steve & Debbie Sowards' friend
Juan Joy	Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend
Misty Judd	Lynn Oakley's friend
Ray & Marla Kasunic	Kit Threlkel's friends
Tamara Keyes	Bethany Owen's mom
Ada Lopez-Mendez	Jim & Ellie Threlkel's friend
Khylla Martinez	Paul & Anne Montgomery's granddaughter
Carroll Negley	Steve Negley's mother
Patty Oakley	Lynn Oakley's daughter-in-law
Ann Reddout	Pat & Rick Reass' friend
John Shoberg	Saturday Nite Live Drew's friend
Barbara Spinella	Greg & Mary Marrs' friend
Calvin Stanley	Lynn Oakley's friend
Phillip Waters	Gwen & Gale Waters' son
Bob Wexler	Gale Waters' friend
Jenni Wilson	Punkin Smith's friend

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

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 in the Upper Room.



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

3/1	Anne McBride Madelaine Scamehorn	3/10	Sophie Summers	3/21	Karen Siegel
3/2	Gus Badnell Rob Frost Diane Repass	3/12	Joel Price	3/23	Ed Rounsley Randy Spiwak
3/3	Fred Deloach Dick Wales	3/14	Richard Elmore Bonnie Patrick	3/25	Jim Gray III Amy Powell Destiny Rivers
3/4	Don Reckenbeil	3/16	Madison Britt Jim Montgomery Mark Wilson	3/26	Peyten Palo Addison Putnam Adam Weeks Carson Weeks
3/5	Judy Moots Shelly Prather John Strang Polly Wilson	3/17	Pat Davidson Jay Dugger Bryce Snively	3/27	Mary Ellen Porter Cheryl Price Joyce Wander
3/8	Jared Lockhart Tom Oldt	3/18	Marion Hearn Miller Thompson	3/29	Nolan Roe Declan Wichrowski
3/9	Lynn Boland Allen Miller Emma Skipper Aaron Thibodaux	3/19	Richard Chilton Marcie Dershimer Paul Palo Joey Volpe	3/30	Karl Duce Pat Nepute Debbie Shinn
3/10	Dave Alexander Gayle Johnston Teri Reineke Mary Ellen Rowker	3/20	Becca Alexander Ross Kosmenschky Bonnie Ryan Delanie Stavres Nancy Chilton	3/31	Courtney Croteau Autumn Jacobson David Matha
		3/21	Agnes Harland		

ANNIVERSARIES

3/1	Mike & Jennifer Vibral	3/15	Bill & Becky Everhart	3/24	Dru & Nichole Gainey
3/4	Warren & Charlene Glenn	3/18	Joel & Cheryl Price	3/25	John & Teri Reineke
3/9	Rick & Julie Dantzler	3/21	Jerry & Teresa Renney	3/27	Daniel & Erin Miller
3/10	Tim & Jane Tillman	3/22	Deane & Jonye Briggs	3/29	April & Kyle Porter
3/13	Chase & Sarah Counter	3/22	Bill & Carol Roe		
3/14	James & Debbie Shinn	3/23	Bill & Kathy Lockhart		

IT'S OKAY TO BE HUMAN . . .



We're brought up to be strong, self-sufficient, independent people. We tend to think that if we ask for help, it is a sign of weakness. So we try to keep our struggles hidden, stuffed deep inside. However, that's not God's plan. **Galatians 6:2** says "*Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.*" God wants us to care for others--and allow others to care for us in our time of need.

If you're sad or struggling inside, don't suffer alone. Ask for help. We've got a team of Stephen Ministers who are ready to listen, care, encourage, pray, and help you through a tough time. Men are matched with men, and women with women. (It's completely confidential too!) To learn more about Stephen Ministry for yourself or someone you know call **Connie Shipley** at 863-221-2224. Or you can talk with one of our other Stephen Leaders: **Mary Marrs, Steve Negley, or Lisa Snyder.**

SOUP KITCHEN HELP NEEDED



Would you like to help love and serve those who hunger? We need **helpers** for **March 1, 22 & April 19.** If you can help with this very important ministry, please sign up in McLeod Hall or call the church office.

HOW TO EASILY ACCESS SECURE GIVE



Go to our Church website and click on **give** (top right), you will be re-directed to <https://app.securegive.com/firstpreswh> or you can go directly to the SecureGive website, <https://app.securegive.com/firstpreswh>.

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This newsletter is published weekly.
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Return Service Requested

Bag Lunch Ministry

We gave out 208 lunches
the week of 2/17/25.



Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 106 people on
Saturday, 2/22/25.

MARCH FUNTIMERS



On **Monday, March 31**, FunTimers will visit *Bonnet Springs Park* in Lakeland. We will meet at the church at **11 am** and head to Lakeland for lunch at *The Rooftop Cafe* at the Park or a restaurant nearby. We can visit the Nature Center, History Gallery or other exhibits by a continuous tram or just take a ride around the park. We will return home by 3 pm. The only cost will be for your lunch.

AMERICAN MAH JONGG LESSONS

Please join us for the fascinating game of *American Mah Jongg*. Spend a fun and relaxing couple of hours in fellowship with your First Pres family. We meet weekly on **Wednesdays, 1-3 pm** in the *Girl Scout House*.

If you would like to play, please contact Sue Henry at 989-725-8224.

HEARTS & HANDS

Calling All Supper Saviors: Help Provide a Home-Cooked Meal for Our Youth Groups!



At our church, we believe in nurturing the whole person—body, mind, and spirit. One way we do this is by ensuring that our youth groups have the opportunity to share a warm, home-cooked meal together. It's more than just nourishment; it's a time to connect, bond, and build community among our middle and high school students.

We are looking for volunteers who are willing to cook a donated meal to our middle school and/or high school youth groups. The *Middle School Youth Group* meets on Wednesdays and the *High School Youth Group* meets on Sundays. Dinner is served around **6:00 pm** on both of these nights. Usually there are about 10 - 12 hungry people to feed.

If you are interested in providing a meal, please contact **Jenna Wall**, our Youth Team Coordinator at 863-712-4191, to schedule a time.