



# TOWER CHIMES

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## 3 CENTS-A-MEAL THIS SUNDAY



We will collect the *3 Cents-a-Meal Hunger Offering* during our worship service this **Sunday, May 18**. This special offering is divided among our Soup Kitchen & Bag Lunch Ministry, the Beth-El Farmworker Ministry, and our support of the church in Honduras. We hope you will set aside your pennies to help feed those in our community and beyond.

## THE CHOSEN



The Chosen Bible study will meet this **Sunday, May 18** from **5:30 - 7 pm** in the Upper Room. Please bring a covered dish to share and let's chat about highlights that stood out to you during Season 5 of the Chosen. We can't wait to reconnect with you all and gather together in Christian fellowship.

## ODD MONTH BOOK CLUB



All are welcome to enjoy books, discussion, and fellowship with the Odd Month Book Club on **Monday, May 19** at **3 pm** in the library. We are reading an Agatha Christie mystery after reading her biography last year. We will have a great discussion about her second mystery, *The Secret Adversary*. If you have questions, please contact Sue Henry.

PS... If people read her first mystery, *The Affair at Styles*, we will discuss it also, but she admitted it was not very good (whatever that means). Meanwhile, enjoy reading!

## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

**Sunday, May 18**

**3 CENTS-A-MEAL**

### BLESSING OF THE QUILTS

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

**Monday, May 19**

- 8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CR)
- 3:00 pm Odd Month Book Club (PL)

**Tuesday, May 20**

- 9:00 am Staff Meeting (MCR)
- 12:00 pm Men's Lunch (UR)
- 12:00 pm Finance (ER)
- 6:30 pm Deacons (GR)

**Wednesday, May 21**

- 8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CR)
- 11:30 am Congregational Care Lunch (UR)
- 1:00 pm American Mah Jongg (GSH)
- 3:30 pm Christ Kids (PG/CR)
- 5:30 pm Middle School Youth Group (GC)
- 6:00 pm Chancel Bells (BR)
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir (CR)

**Thursday, May 22**

- 11:00 am FunTimers/Lake Ridge Winery
- 6:00 pm Women's Thursday Night Bible Study (GC)

**Friday, May 23**

- 8:45 am Morning Out Mom (CR)

**Saturday, May 24**

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



## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

### MEMBERS

Ann Adams	Pam Gray	Rick Montney
Debbie Beckman	Jane Hayman	Joe & Arletta Oriani
Orrin Champlain	Wade & Sandy Hoffman	Kim Powell
Marjorie DiLorenzo	Scott & Becky Irvin	Debbie Rubner
Rob Donaldy	Bill Johnston	Dick & Nancy Shaw
Richard & Dana Elmore	Joanie Kooser	Jeff Snyder
Becky Everhart	Ross Kosmensky	Katie Sparr
Dawn & David Fellows	Sawyer Kosmensky	Barbara Tackett
Jim Francis	Ray & Gladys Larson	Jay Tackett
Gloria Goss	Pat McCarty	Pam Tallent-Blackburn
	Pat Miller	Glenn Thomas
		Gale Waters

### FAMILY & FRIENDS

Barbara Blauvelt	Gary & Georgia Green	Raquel Ortiz-Zimmerman
Tom Bracket	Juan Joy	Ann Reddout
Glenn & Jennifer Caracappa	Ray & Marla Kasunic	Destiny Cheyenne Rivers
Marilyn Carpenter	Ada Lopez-Mendez	Kline Roberts
Jo Davis	Becky McElheny	Calvin Stanley
Jim Defoe	Bill Montgomery	Beatrice Stewart
Tracy Dobrie	Barb Murphy	Phillip Waters
Sean Duerr	Carroll Negley	Bob Wexler
Suzanne Emahiser		

### 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

## BABY ANNOUNCEMENT



Congratulations to **Mike & Jenna Wall** upon the birth of their son, **Noah Michael**, born Tuesday, May 6, 2025. His proud grandmother is Louise Volpe.

## OUR SYMPATHIES



Our Christian sympathy goes to **Debbie Beckman** upon the death of her husband, **John Beckman**, who died on Saturday, May 3, 2025.

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Return Service Requested

**Bag Lunch Ministry**  
We gave out 248 lunches  
the week of 5/5/25. 

 **Soup Kitchen Ministry**  
We fed 65 people on  
Saturday, 5/10/25.

## MAY FUNTIMERS



On **Thursday, May 22** FunTimers will travel to Clermont to the **Lakeridge Winery**.

We will leave the church at 10:30 am and have lunch on the way at the **Crooked Spoon** in Clermont.

We will then participate in a wine tasting and take a tour of the winery. We will return to the church by 3:30 pm. The only cost will be your lunch.

## SOUP KITCHEN HELP NEEDED



Would you like to help love and serve those who hunger? We have **May 17** available for helpers and **May 31** available for head cooks and helpers.

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

## HONDURAS MISSION TRIP DONATION REQUEST



From **June 2 - June 9** the First Pres Mission Team will be serving God in the Central American country of Honduras. Honduras, the second poorest country in the Western Hemisphere, has been a mission focus for our church since the late 1990's. Through an international partnership between the Presbytery of Tampa Bay and the Presbytery of Honduras, we are working alongside Christian sisters and brothers in the 30 Presbyterian Churches in that country sharing the gospel of Jesus in Word and deed.

As in years past, one of our goals is to collect Beanie Babies, small stuffed animals (6-10"), tennis, & racquetball balls to take with us for the children. If you can help us with this mission, please bring them to the narthex on Sunday or to the church office during the week.

## WOMEN'S NIGHT TIME BIBLE STUDY THROUGH MAY 29

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.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

This year, all children ages four through fifth grade graduates are invited to join us for Hometown Nazareth, where Jesus was a kid. We will meet **June 16-19** with dinner starting at **5:30 pm** and VBS from **6-8 pm**.




Adult and teen volunteers are needed as well. An online sign-up is available at: <https://vbspro.events/p/fpcwh>.

You can also scan this QR code to register.

Questions, please contact Amy McKee at 863-294-3121.

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TO ELECT OFFICERS

The Session is calling a Congregational Meeting for **Sunday, May 25, at 9:25 am (this will be right before the start of our first single summer service)** in the sanctuary to hear the report of the Nominating Committee-as they present the slate for Deacons and Elders to the Class of 2028 (and two unexpired term seats in the class of 2026), and members-at-large to the Nominating Committee Class of 2026. 

The following slate is being proposed.

**For the office of Deacon:** Jared Dial, Kristan Sheffield, Jay Dugger, Rick Reass, Gail VanAllen, Glynn Swango.

**For the office of Elder:** Becca Alexander, Sarah Strang Landry, Perry Oakley House, Ken Henry, John Marchetti, Pat Campbell.

**Nominating Committee At-Large:** Paul Montgomery, Emily Snyder, Kay Gray Weeks, Cecelia Linn, James Koon.