

This week at FPC

May 22, 2024—May 28, 2024

GOD BLESS USA



MEMORIAL DAY
Honoring all who served

REMEMBERING MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial Day weekend is coming up and I want to take a moment to think about the significance of the holiday. It is much more than marking the beginning of summer. Memorial Day is an opportunity to remember those who died serving our country on the battlefields.

The first official Memorial Day was in 1868 as both Union and Confederate families went to battlefield cemeteries to clean them up and wash the gravestones and remember their family members who died in the Civil War. After two world wars and lots of other fighting there are a lot of national cemeteries and many men and women who gave their lives for our country.

My grandmother was close to her cousin who died in World War Two, she would tell stories about him and how he died fighting in Europe. Others of us know folks who died in Viet Nam or Afghanistan or any of the dozen places Americans have fought and died.

So as we go into the weekend, have a great time with family and friends. Go to the beach, have a picnic next Monday, but pause for a moment and remember the men and women who died to keep our nation free.

Walk



Sunday, May 26:

"Hope and Resilience" is the scheduled video at our Grief Share Support Group meeting Sunday, Room 1, 3:30-5 pm. All are welcome to attend any meeting. Contact Raul Roman at 727-389-6072 for further info.

Practical Spanish class starts June 4!

We will have four, 1-hour weekly sessions starting June 4th. Learn about regional and cultural differences, Spanish sounds, noun genders and everyday phrases. Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. in Room 1. Please call the church office to enroll by the last week in May. Call Raul Roman with any questions: 727-389-6072

MEAL SHARING OPPORTUNITIES

The Fellowship Committee is exploring ways to provide opportunities for small groups of parishioners to socialize. It was suggested that a version of "Supper Clubs" having small groups gather for meals at different homes might be of interest to members. The meals could be potluck events for either Brunch, Lunch, or Dinner. Groups would be established based on location and time preferences. Please note your interest and return the form to the church office for inclusion in the Fellowship Committee mailbox!

I am interested in exploring meal sharing further. Please contact me:

Name:

Address:

Phone number:

Email:

Vacation Bible School

FINDING JESUS

June 24th - 28th

The Word in the Water

First Presbyterian Church Ocala - 511 SE 3rd St
Open to 3 year olds (potty trained) - students entering 5th grade.

REGISTRATION NOW ONLINE
FPCOCALA.ORG/VBS-2024.HTML

The church office will be closed Monday, May 27 in observance of Memorial Day.



David McChesney recently passed away and there will be a Celebration of Life service Saturday, May 25th at 2:00 pm at Fort King Presbyterian Church. A reception will be held immediately afterwards in the church's fellowship. Overflow parking will be available at Highlands Baptist Church.

PRAYER LIST

Pat Bishop
 Bill Blackwell (brother of Mary Kauffman)
 Tania Blackwell (sister-in-law of Mary Kauffman)
 Linda Blount (cousin of Janice Kelly, broken hip)
 Andy Carlisle
 Ella and Ray Charnley
 The Cochran family (on the death of Shirley)
 Billy Davis (grandson-in-law of David Demarest, cancer diagnosis)
 Linda and Randall Deyton (sister and brother-in-law of Annette Pickard)
 Mina DiGeronimo
 Ruth Fraser
 Gabby Gates (friend of Dave Bice)
 EB Gee
 Joe Glenn (friend of Mary Kauffman)
 Dorothy Halliwell (sister-in-law of Pat Interdonato)
 Bill and Barbara Harrel
 Chris Hasselkus
 Andrea Mogg Jacques

Victoria Johnson (great-granddaughter of Christine)
 CJ Jones (nephew of Margaret Trump)
 Lloyd Kauffman (husband of Mary)
 Debbie Koch (on the death of her brother in law)
 Jose Kornmann (cancer, friend of Julia Wirono)
 Lanier Lance (sister of Bill Tucker)
 Ellen Merg (friend of Nita Williams)
 Gloria Miller
 Jodi Miller (daughter-in-law of Ginny Miller)
 Bruce Moore (hip surgery recovery)
 Barbara Parks
 Fritz Rain (friend of Marybeth Olson)
 Ruthanne and John Reiss
 Elaine Rost (very ill at home)
 Michael Rou (cousin of Dr. David Albright)
 Shelly (cancer diagnosis, friend of Evelyn Longo)
 Bob Timmer (on the passing of his wife Renee)
 Ann VanDenburgh
 Robert Webber (brother of Ginny Miller)
 William Wright

This Week's Daily Bible Readings

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God's Saving word: Spiritual Renewal			Saturday	May 25	Acts 4:23-37
Wednesday	May 22	Acts 3:1-10	Sunday	May 26	Acts 5:1-16
Thursday	May 23	Acts 3:11-26	Monday	May 27	Acts 5:17-42
Friday	May 24	Acts 4:1-22	Tuesday	May 28	Acts 13:1-12