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Tower Chimes

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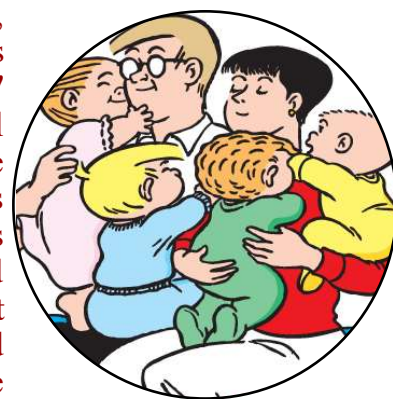
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DON'T MISS THIS YEAR'S BRIGHT SUNDAY, APRIL 28

Having received permission from Jeff Keane, cartoonist of *The Family Circus*, the theme of this year's Bright Sunday celebration is: **Comics Alive! Saints Alive!** Bil Keane began the single panel comic strip in February 1960. Some years before Bil's death in 2011, his son Jeff began assisting his father with the strip. The strip is known for its gentle humor and emphasizes on family values and religious faith. So, on our 21st anniversary of Bright Sunday we give thanks to Bil and Jeff Keane and *The Family Circus* for the entertainment they have brought us for fifty-nine years!



We hope you will come and join us for this year's Bright Sunday service at **10 am on April 28** as we bring the comic strip to life. Wear your most colorful clothes! Got clothes that date back to or reminiscent of the 1960s, then wear them. Come prepared to chuckle, giggle, laugh, and smile! Please bring a flower or two to adorn our wood cross in the narthex. Come and see the release of the butterflies at the close of the service!

JOIN US FOR THE SPRING RING



Hand bell ringers from four area churches will be in concert on **Sunday, April 28 at 4 pm** here at First Presbyterian Church, Winter Haven. The FPC/WH Chapel and Chancel Bell Choirs will perform "*I Will Arise and Go To Jesus*" played by 20 ringers. In addition, three hand bell choirs from other churches: Beymer Methodist, the Church of the Good Shepherd Episcopal and First Presbyterian Church Haines City will perform individually. The concert finale will feature the combined group of about 50 musicians on bells and chimes in a performance of "*Guide Me Thou Great Jehovah*" arranged by Michael Helman. The program is free and the public is invited.

Following the concert a reception will be held in the church's Memorial Garden. The reception will include the playing of FPC's almost century-old Deagan Tower Chimes which were installed in the Bell Tower in 1926. The chimes have been silent for many years and have just recently been restored. This will be their first concert since the rehab was completed.

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 28 BRIGHT SUNDAY

- 9:00 am Sunday School (CE)
- 10:00 am Single Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:15 am VBS Volunteers (MH)
- 4:00 pm Spring Ring (Sanctuary)
- 5:30 pm High School Youth Group (GC)

Monday, April 29

- 8:45 am MOM (CE)

Tuesday, April 30

- 9:00 am Staff Meeting (MCR)
- 12:00 pm Men's Lunch (MH)

Wednesday, May 1

- 8:45 am MOM (CE)
- 3:00 pm Christ Kids (CE)
- 4:30 pm MSYG Music (Sanctuary)
- 5:30 pm MSYG (GC)
- 6:00 pm Adult Bible Study (MCR)
- 6:00 pm Chancel Bells (MS)
- 7:00 pm Choir (MS)

Thursday, May 2

- 1:15 pm Chapel Bells (MS)

Friday, May 3

- 8:45 am MOM (CE)

Saturday, May 4

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

Remember in Prayer

MEMBERS

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|-----------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| Kathy Andrews | Joyce Hayman | Bev Morris |
| Bill Brack | Frances Heath | Nancy Neale |
| Tom Brackett | Kay Hedden | Randall Palmer |
| Helen Butz | Doris Hill | Barbara Roberts |
| Helen Champlain | Bryan Howard | Earle Roberts |
| Carl Cheatham | Bob & Isobel | Dave Ryan |
| Tom Coffman | Hubbard | Cash Sheaffer |
| Charlie Darte | Jim Huff | Joyce Shirah |
| Patricia Dexter | Martha Johnson | Barbara H. Smith |
| Yolanda Dyer | Joey Johnston | Mary Ann Snively |
| Jana Easterling | John Kissel | Christine Stevens |
| Dana Elmore | Toni Krieger | Scott Strey |
| Bill Everhart | Dena Lancashire | Pam Tallent-Blackburn |
| Evelyn Girouard | Spike Lucia | Carolyn Thompson |
| Kathy Girouard | Bob McClew | Mike & Jennifer Vibral |
| John Gray | Joan McCollough | Pat Vobornik |
| Bob Hancock | Matt McGaffigan | Gwen Waters |
| Jane Hayman | Edna Mitchell | Retha Wright |

IN THE HOSPITAL: Nancy Dobler & Mike Easterling

Relatives & Friends

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|--------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Jim Berry | Bo Palo's father |
| Michael Branch | Jeff Bowen's friend |
| Reese Burdette | Dana Cole's cousin |
| Al Ellis | Jim Threlkel's friend |
| Jay & Gail Jones | Mary Marrs' friends |
| Pete Kent | Charley & Nancy Chilton's nephew |
| Lettie Lane North | Jean Strang's sister |
| Bill & Judy Overlock | Kit Threlkel's friends |
| Hugh and Joyce Pemberton | Rick & Pat Reass' friends |
| Jack Phares | Nell Speer's friend |
| Tom Polak | Wade & Sandy Hoffman's friend |
| Sandy Schwenk | Zane Schwenk's mother |
| Kristy Turner | Rick & Pat Reass' daughter |

YOUR EASTER PHOTOS ARE APPRECIATED!

Did you take any photos
at the Easter Egg Hunt
or breakfast?



We are currently using
photos from three and even
four years ago.

Please email to cshipley@firstpreswh.org
or call Connie at 294-3121
to make other arrangements.



MILITARY

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| Zach Anaya | Daniel Harp |
| Brenden Anderson | Sean Harp |
| Christian Anderson | David Knowles |
| Samuel Crockett | John Marotti |
| Zach Drum | Mathew Massam |
| Til Fellows | KaitLin Marotti-Pitts |
| Robert Ferguson | Ashton Pitts |
| Stephanie Gillie | Shad Skinner |
| Eddie Gray | Drew Stapor |

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING STILL BEING COLLECTED

Remember Easter is when we participate with other congregations around the world in the **One Great Hour of Sharing Offering**. Our gifts provide relief to those affected by natural disasters (through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance), provide food to the hungry, and assist in helping to empower the poor and oppressed. Envelopes are available in the pew pockets. Please place your money in these specially provided envelopes or your check payable to First Presbyterian Church duly noted for **OGHS** in the offering plate. Thank you!



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Family-Style Dinner

May 10th
6:15pm

Let **First Pres.** take care of dinner for your family!

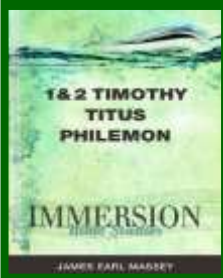
An invitation for First Pres. children, youth, their families and those interested in building community within our church, are invited to dinner. There will be conversation and reflection on how First Pres. can build deeper faith and stronger community with new ideas and programs for you, your family and church community.
www.firstpreswh.org

CAN YOU SPARE JUST A LITTLE TIME?

Opportunity is knocking for an individual or a couple to pick up bread and desserts for our soup kitchen at the Winter Haven Square Publix, across from Legoland, on Saturday mornings.



This is on a rotation basis with other volunteers and a commitment of only three to four times a year. To volunteer or get more information, please call Alan at the church office 294-3121.



JOIN US WEDNESDAY NIGHTS FOR IMMERSION BIBLE STUDY

We'll be diving deep into scripture with Paul's letters - 1 & 2 Timothy, Titus, and Philemon, meeting in Mcleod Hall at **6:00 pm**.

Books are \$10.00 and will be available soon! Contact Rev. Sarah to join us at 294-3121 or sbishop@firstpreswh.org

ALL-CHURCH RETREAT

Living Well: Practicing Christian Ways of Life

Registration is now available for our *All-Church Retreat* at CedarKirk, **Saturday & Sunday, May 18 & 19**. Join your church community for a weekend away as we have conversation, practices and fun practicing Christian ways of living.

Overnight rates start at \$80. There are also day rates available. Please see a brochure for more information and register today! Contact Rev. Sarah with questions or need a brochure at sbishop@firstpreswh.org or 294-3121. You can also download a brochure from our website.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

...is zooming in this summer!

Sunday, June 9 through Thursday, June 13 from 5:30 until 8 pm

At *To Mars and Beyond VBS*, children, and their youth and adult leaders will enjoy interactive, energizing, and Bible-based good times as they explore where God's power can take them! Our voyagers will discover how to serve God and God's mission for their lives. Registration for children, youth, and adult volunteers is on our website!

MAY

BIRTHDAYS

5/1	Sara Hanks James Koon Sean Lawlor Marjorie Porter Punkin Smith Bo Snively	5/11	Derek Kelley Laura Sparr	5/22	Callie Weeks
5/2	Lydia Badnell Alexander Wales	5/12	Jeffrey Powell	5/24	Tony Premuto Jim Vobornik Kelly Wilder
5/3	John Schleifer	5/13	Yolanda Dyer Cheryce Harris Ryan Irvin Karen Premuto	5/25	Alison Batista Stan Wagy
5/4	Tristan Barthel Nancy Ann Fox	5/14	Taylor Anderson Cindy Chilton Robert Chilton Pat Lincoski	5/26	CarLee Marchetti Ashley Premuto Scott Turner Randy von Hahmann
5/5	Peggy Alloway Nicholas Elmore Audrey Kelley Ray Larson Joseph Lawlor Donna Spivey Jeri Stewart-Oldt Barbara Tackett Eloise Virgara	5/15	Linda Dinger Kelli Ivey Brad Salomon Martha Seney	5/27	Lynda Coppini Linda Mishael Tonya Thompson Joe Volpe
5/6	Don Martin	5/16	Harry Denlinger	5/28	Ryder DiPlacido Garren Olmert
5/7	Mary Ellen Beale Mark Bostick Hannah Dantzer Lilly Duce	5/17	Steven Adams Kial Irvin Jacob Linn	5/29	Jason Bentley Connor Keplinger Mia McCann Joan McCollough Rick Montney, Jr.
5/8	Laura Anne Fitzgerald Carly Stine	5/18	Cathy Bentley Shea Irvin Paul Montgomery	5/30	Joey Endres Michael Lawlor Nancy Neale Dillon Powell Austin Rowker
5/9	George Butz Thomas Griffis Elizabeth Stewart Ellen Zeller	5/19	Courtney Massam	5/31	Kris Dunham Ann Meadows Clark Porter Andy Ray Nancy Shaw
5/10	Dean Jackson Jan Wales	5/20	Tatum Threadgill		
		5/21	Dorothy Placenic Erik Saterbo Porter Summers Brett Swango		
		5/22	Bill Allen Ethan Endres		
		5/22	Chalsey Lockhart Laura Powell Bonnie Walter		

ANNIVERSARIES

5/1	Bob & Maggie Helmick George & Krysti Rowker	5/14	John & Karen Clarke	5/25	Weegie & Cathy Bentley
5/3	Dale & Melody Johnson	5/17	Lee & Pam Wilkinson	5/25	Robert & Annette Chilton Charles & Brenda Darte Aaron & Lindsay Thibodaux
5/5	Hamp & Diane Plowden	5/20	Peter & Lynda Coppini Shawn & Cori Swango	5/27	Justin & Nicki Hoagland
5/6	Christopher & Heidi Hook	5/21	Jon & Amy Powell	5/30	Joe & Louise Volpe
5/7	Robert & Chelle Doyel	5/22	Patrick & Steffen Bentley	5/31	David & Amanda Nicholson Bob & Julie Wilson
5/12	David & Stephany Alexander Brad & Kim Salomon	5/23	Chuck & Ellen Tate		
		5/24	Paul & Bo Palo		

JOIN US ON SUNDAYS!!!

8:00 am Chapel Worship

A traditional worship service held in our chapel. The service follows the same order as the 11:00 am worship, but does not have a Chancel Choir. Musical ensembles will offer special music on many Sundays. *A Time with Younger Disciples* will be included when we have children in attendance.

9:15 - 10:15 am Heart of Worship

A Praise and Worship service held in our sanctuary. Along with scripture, sermon, and prayers, a praise band will help the congregation in adoring and showing reverence to God. Following the *Time with Younger Disciples*, children will be invited to join Ms. Lynn in music and then to join in their own Children's Sunday School Classes.



11:00 am Sanctuary Worship

A traditional worship service held in our sanctuary. The service follows the same order as the 8:00 am Chapel Service, and includes music from the Chancel Choir and the organ, as well as other instruments and groups.



DON'T MISS THE CONNECTION 9:15-10:45 AM

This fellowship time in McLeod Hall offers a coffee bar type selection with different flavored creamers, pastries, etc. It is a gathering place before or between worship and Sunday School for some folks.

SUNDAY SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES!

Bright Sunday – April 28 – Sunday School at 9am

Children and Adult Sunday School will be at 9 am on Bright Sunday with one worship service at 10 am.

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Children's Sunday School for PreSchoolers through 5th grade happening in the CE Building, 9:30 am (9 am on the **First Sunday**.) Our children will activate faith with *Spark Lectionary* curriculum. Each class will engage the Biblical story of the day through creative, hands-on activities, interactive games, and crafts. Sunday School for preschoolers and kindergartners will meet in Room 101. Our elementary students will meet after music in Room 206. Sunday School ends at 10:30 am



First Sundays – Sunday School at 9 am and sharing musical talents in worship at 10 am.

NEW PERSPECTIVES SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDY HAS BEGUN



This class is studying *Man's Search For Meaning*, a book by Dr. Viktor Frankl to guide discussion. Dr. Frankl and his family were sent to a Nazi concentration camp in 1942. There he would experience the death of his pregnant wife, both parents and brother. From that experience, he, as a psychiatrist, focused on human suffering. He reminds us that while we cannot avoid suffering, we can choose how to cope with suffering and even find meaning in the midst of our suffering, while we move forward with renewed purpose.

Our own faith will also guide this discussion-oriented class whose shared leadership welcomes you to join us at 9:30 am in the Geneva Room. (9:00 AM ON BRIGHT SUNDAY, APRIL 28)

Our Purpose Statement

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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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Bag Lunch Ministry

We gave out 212 bag lunches
the week of 4/15/19.

Soup Kitchen Ministry

We fed 130 people on 4/20/19.

THE FLAMINGOS ARE RETURNING TO FIRST PRES!



It's that time of year again when flocks of flamingos begin mysteriously arriving in the yards of unsuspecting church members. Please join in on the fun and take part in this fundraiser which helps support the youth summer trips. Participants of this event can pay \$20 to have someone else's yard "flocked" with flamingos. The flock will stay in the yard for 24 hours and then move on to a new location. Flamingo insurance may be purchased for \$40 to insure that NO flamingos end up in your yard. Or 'triple flock' a friend you really love for \$50. Members of our youth ministry programs will be selling both flockings and insurance after Sunday services.

By fundraising for our summer trips, we are able to help lower the cost (typically between \$400-\$450 per youth) for the youth who are going. Thank you for ALL that you do to support our youth ministry programs! Thank you especially for supporting the Flamingo Fundraiser!

