

First Press Weekly Update

April 10, 2022



Youth Group Today

All youth Oasis of Kingsport Mission Project. Meet at church at 3:30 p.m. Return at church by 5:15 p.m. Wear old clothes and bring work gloves.

Prayer List

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY - The Congregation extends Christian Sympathy to the family of **Janie Hobbs** (mother-in-law of Ashley Hobbs and grandmother of Emeline and Mac Hobbs) upon her death on April 1, 2022, in Hiltons, VA.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY - The Congregation extends Christian Sympathy to the family of **Jo Morrison** (former FPC Director of Christian Education) upon her death on April 6, 2022, in Kingsport, TN.

PRAYER FAMILIES OF THE WEEK – Sam, Maggie, Elizabeth and Henry Booher; Albert Tatchi; John Bovender; and Gray and Liz Stothart.

MISSIONARIES – Eliane Menezes, *Guatemala*.

Knuckleheads Men's Bible Study

Knuckleheads will meet Tuesday from 12:15-1:15 p.m. in Room 103-104.

One Great Hour of Sharing

What are Presbyterians doing about the humanitarian crises emanating from Ukraine? How can we join in? As violence in Ukraine continues, numbers of people being displaced and fleeing the country increases by the day. As of March 30, around 10.5 million people – more than a quarter of the Ukrainian population – have been forcibly displaced by the ongoing military offensive. Over 2.3 million people are seeking refuge in Poland alone. People on the move, predominantly women and children, face growing risks of exploitation and abuse, gender-based violence and human trafficking. And in the midst of the chaos, there are sibling churches and ecumenical partners already providing assistance with basic items for survival. First priority of PC(USA) Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is to provide funding to these partners with boots on the ground. While the scale of this crisis is new, receiving refugees from Ukraine and other countries in Central and Eastern Europe is not, which means they have trusted, established partners with the knowledge and expertise to carry out this important work to people in critical need.

Please give to the "One Great Hour of Sharing" special offering on Easter Sunday to enable Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to respond directly to this existential threat. Likewise, in this season of Lent, pray for our siblings in Ukraine. Pray for peace. And pray that all of us will remember that we are the Church, together.

April Concerts at First Presbyterian

Blue Highway ~ Friday, April 22, 7:30 pm

Paramount Chamber Players ~ Thursday, April 28, 7:30 pm

For tickets: 423-383-7876 or www.firstpreskingsport.org

Purchase your tickets on our church website or in person during the week at the church from Lynetta Monday -Thursday, 10 a.m. -3 p.m. or call (423) 383-7876.

Birthdays This Week

April 10: Maranda Demuth, Will Lively

April 11: Lainie Pearson

April 12: Florence Godat, Jeremy Lively

April 13: Betty Dickson

April 15: Everett Bond

April 16: Hugh Pierce

April 17: Ivey Redmon

Waverly Road Food Pantry

For April, please bring **canned fruit**. Please drop donations in the basket outside the chapel door or in front of the stained glass on Sunday mornings. Your donations mean so much to those who don't have enough to eat. Thank you!

Flowers Needed for Church in 2022

July 31
August 14

Please call Vickie in the church office (423-245-0104) to sign up for a date.

Calling All Helpers!

Vacation Bible School will be Monday, June 20-Thursday, June 23 from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. We need station leaders, shepherds, and registration desk help. If you are available and feel called to help with this important ministry please contact Russ at church.

- Station Leaders will help teach a particular station daily. (need 2 per station)
- Shepherds help bring the kids to their stations. (need 2-3 per group)
- Registration desk helpers greet the kids daily, provide name tags, and check in with parents. (need 3-4)

All roles are important and vital to a successful VBS! Sign up today!

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