

First Press Weekly Update

April 2, 2023



Prayer List

IN PHYSICAL THERAPY/REHABILITATION – Steve Arthur – Quillen Rehabilitation Hospital; Al Dryden – Asbury Rehab

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY - The Congregation extends Christian Sympathy to the family of **George R. “Rudy” Greear** upon his death on March 28, 2023, in Kingsport, TN.

PRAYER FAMILIES OF THE WEEK – Betty Blass; Gray and Liz Stothart; Everett Bond; and Bob and Kathy Stoots.

MISSIONARIES – Eliane Menezes, Guatemala

HOLY WEEK EVENTS AND EASTER SERVICES

Palm Sunday, April 2

Children’s Easter Egg Hunt, 10 a.m.
Palm Sunday Worship, 8:45 and 11 a.m.

Maundy Thursday, April 6

Stations of the Cross open at 10 a.m.
Communion Service and Tenebrae, 6:30 pm

Good Friday, April 7

Stations of the Cross open until 3 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 9

Worship Services at 8:45 a.m. and 11 a.m.

- Weather permitting, our 8:45 a.m. worship service will be outside around the cross. In the event of inclement weather, this service will be held in the chapel.
- Both services will include a “flowering of the cross” as a part of worship so bring your own cut flowers to worship.

Spring Break - No Youth Group Today ~ No Church Night Supper This Week

Birthdays This Week

April 2: David Oaks

April 3: Barbara Necessary

April 4: Jeanne McClure, Laura Quillen

April 5: Chad Correll, Tengone Vengchiem

April 6: Marjorie Watford, Sarah Good

April 8: Stacey Doran

Friends in Faith Class Begins New Series This Morning

The *Friends in Faith* Sunday School Class will begin a new 6-week series on April 2 entitled “**Covenant.**” Covenants are central throughout the Bible and Christianity (including today). God established covenants with his people, in the promising of a Messiah, and through Jesus Christ. Our Reformed and Presbyterian tradition recognizes the importance of covenants through baptism and the Lord’s Supper (sometimes known as “Covenant Theology”). We are even known as God’s covenant people! Join our class as we explore the following 6 sessions: God’s Covenant with Noah and Creation; God’s Covenant with Abraham; God’s Covenant with Israel; God’s Covenant with David; The New Covenant in Christ; and Israel, Church, and Covenant. Each session (6-8 pages) is a stand-alone discussion so do not worry if you have to miss a Sunday. Books may be picked up in room #103. The Friends in Faith class encourages and invites you to join us in room #103 at 9:45 a.m.

Knuckleheads Men’s Bible Study

The Knuckleheads meet Tuesdays from 12:15-1:15 p.m. in the History Room.

Waverly Road Food Pantry

Item of the month: **Canned Fruit**

Mission Speakers after CNS in April

This month there will be a special opportunity for us to receive speakers from several of the charitable organizations that are supported by First Presbyterian through the Outreach Committee. Representatives from six of those organizations will highlight their missions, scope of services, target populations they serve, description of any new projects, and how they depend upon support from donors like First Presbyterian Church.

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend all of these very informative sessions on Wednesday evenings April 12, 19 and 26. Wednesday night dinners will be served as usual and presentations will follow. These presentations will begin at 6:15 p.m., allowing a few minutes for each with questions to follow if time allows. For dinner reservations, remember to mark the Friendship Pads, call the church office, or register online: [W.O.W - The Word on Wednesday's - First Presbyterian Church-Kingsport \(fpckpt.org\)](http://www.fpckpt.org)

April 12

HOPE HAVEN MINISTRIES ~ James Reese and Jim Bare
THE OASIS OF KINGSPORT ~ Shantell Bogle, Exec Director

April 19

PCUSA GUATAMALA MISSION ~ Eliane Menezes, Mission Co-Worker (online)
HOLSTON HABITAT FOR HUMANITY ~ Laura Kelly, Exec Director

April 26

KINGSPORT HOMELESS MINISTRY ~ GRACE HOUSE Don Royston or Bobby Flowers
PROVIDENCE MEDICAL CLINIC ~ Kimberly Hart, Chief Clinical Director (w/ Loyce Ardemagni, Board Chair)

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