

First Press Weekly Update

April 23, 2023



Prayer List

IN PHYSICAL THERAPY/REHABILITATION – Everett Bond – Rehabilitation Hospital of Kingsport.

HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL – Bill Bovender.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY - The Congregation extends Christian Sympathy to the family of Vivian Richardson (Bill Richardson's mother) upon her death on April 14, 2023, in Brandon, MS.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY - The Congregation extends Christian Sympathy to the family of Ruth Ellen "Ellen" Tedder Crowther (former FPC member) upon her death on March 23, 2023, in Raleigh, NC.

PRAYER FAMILIES OF THE WEEK – Betsy Boyd; Ellen Sims; Joyce Brown; and Mike and Donna Shelton.

MISSIONARIES – Eliane Menezes, Guatemala.

Five Cents-a-Meal Offering

The Five Cents-A-Meal offering will be received today. You may place it in the basket by the door as you leave Worship today or you may contribute online. One-fourth of this offering will go to Grace House – Kingsport Homeless Ministry.

Youth Group Today

ALL youth (5th and up) Presbytery Event ~ Skating and pizza in Johnson City. Free!
Meet at church at 4:45 p.m. Return around 8:15 p.m.

Wednesday, April 26 Dinner and Program

Come and join us for a WOW dinner on Wednesday, April 26, at 5:30 in the Fellowship Center. Our meal will be catered by Braeden's BBQ. We will have chicken breast, green beans, tater tots, salad, and Larry Maston will be making semolina cheesecake for dessert. The cost is \$8 for adults, \$4 for children under 10, with a family max of \$20. The Outreach Committee will provide speakers from the Kingsport Homeless Ministry-- Grace House and from the Providence Medical Clinic. 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://W.O.W - The Word on Wednesday's - First Presbyterian Church-Kingsport (fpckpt.org)). Come and join us for an enjoyable and informative evening.

Paramount Chamber Players Concert featuring Mark Davis

The Paramount Chamber Players will be in concert in our sanctuary on **Thursday, April 27 7:30 p.m.** Esteemed bass-baritone Mark Owen Davis joins pianist Katherine Benson to reprise the lauded performance of Ralph Vaughan Williams' "Songs of Travel" featuring the poetry of Robert Louis Stevenson Tickets are \$15 for adults; \$10 for seniors; and students are free. Please call Lynetta Johnson at (423) 383-7876 or order online at www.firstpreskingsport.org.

Changes to the Order of Worship

Starting on April 30, the Worship Committee is making some minor changes to our order of worship. Specifically, we are moving the Minute for Mission and News of the Church and Community to later in the service and beginning worship with more music. Please bear with us as we attempt to make our worship less formal and more welcoming.

Birthdays This Week

April 23: Sara Lou Ring, Cotton Fortner, Debra Jennings

April 24: Vaughan Valentine, Shelby Demuth, Sandra Heard

April 25: Hayden Correll, Cis Taylor

April 26: Ethan Walker, Mac Hobbs

April 27: Madelyn Baggett, Russ Pearson, Delaney Young

April 29: Brandy King, Braden Pendleton

April 30: Albert Tatchi

Did You Know?

First Pres is over 100 years old having been chartered in 1917. We think we are pretty old. But in Sullivan County there are several Presbyterian churches much, much older than us – in fact dating back to the Revolutionary War. New Bethel Presbyterian in Piney Flats was founded in 1782 (that's 241 years old!) and is still an active congregation. One of the early Presbyterian pastors in Sullivan County preached before the Over Mountain Men left East Tennessee to fight in the battle of Kings Mountain. Learn about these early Presbyterians and others by visiting the new exhibit in our History Room.

~ From the History Committee

Thank You Volunteers!

April is National Volunteer Month. We appreciate all of our volunteers more than you know. Thank you so much for the many ways you serve!

Holston Helpers

On May 5 and 6, Holston Presbytery Camp will be hosting the second annual Holston Helpers. Friday the 5th is all about fellowship. Friday's events will start with dinner at 6:00 and then a time of worship and campfire with s'mores and camp songs. Saturday the 6th is all about getting the camp ready for the summer. There will be projects for all skill levels and your help is needed! Please contact Director Dave Cohn at (606) 206-0336 or the camp office at (844) 465-7866.

Legacy Sunday

All members should have received a letter announcing our church's first **Legacy Sunday** and luncheon on May 7. Legacy Sunday, encouraged by our denomination, is an annual dedicated Sunday to recognize and thank those members who have indicated that they have named the church in their estate plans or will be doing so. It is also a time to remember those members who are no longer with us and their contributions through their estates to our church's endowment program (which supports both the external and internal ministries of First Presbyterian). The Endowment Committee warmly invites all members to attend our church's first ever **Legacy Sunday** luncheon on May 7 immediately following the 11:00 worship service. Please RSVP by Thursday, April 27 to the church office by calling 245-0104 or emailing (vgreen@firstpreskingsport.org) or by signing up online at [Legacy Sunday, May 7, 2023 - First Presbyterian Church-Kingsport \(fpckpt.org\)](#).

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