

First Press Weekly Update

May 21, 2023



Prayer List

HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL – Gerry Morie.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY - The Congregation extends Christian Sympathy to the family of **Arlene D. Kuhfuss** upon her death on May 14, 2023, in Pittsfield, MA.

PRAYER FAMILIES OF THE WEEK – Harris Cantrell; Ruby Rogers; Lois Carter; and Wes, Gabriel and Elijah Robinette and Elizabeth Reed.

MISSIONARIES – Eliane Menezes, Guatemala.

Reception for Alice Sanders

With sadness we bid farewell to Alice. With joy we celebrate her appointment as Director of Music/Organist at Blacksburg Presbyterian Church in Virginia. Please join us for a reception to honor her immediately following her final service today. Alice's reception will be combined with Lemonade on the Lawn and will be held in the church foyer after the second service. Lemonade and home-made cookies will be served after the first service.

Congratulations to our Graduating Seniors!

Ella Miller
Sarah Jane Adams
Zion Dutro
Owen Heindselman
Sam Barbour
Grant Wilkins (Clemson)
Spencer Correll (Univ. of Tenn)

Pray for these young people as they take their next steps in life.

New Hours for Summer Worship

At the April Session Meeting, the Session voted to suspend organized Sunday School during the summer and adopt a worship schedule of 8:30 a.m. in the Chapel and 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary. We will begin this summer schedule on **June 4** and continue until Sunday School Kickoff on **Sunday, August 13**.

Coming this summer and beyond...

June 4

Lemonade on the Lawn

June 4-10

High School Montreat.

July 16

Ice Cream Social

June 19-22

High School Montreat

August 13

Sunday School Kickoff & BLT Luncheon

September 24

All-Church Picnic

Birthdays This Week

May 21: Kinsley Argabrite

May 25: Dave Hafele

May 27: Tricia Argabrite, Colin Pendleton

What's going on with Maksym and Alisa?

For a short period of time after Oksana and the children moved into their home on Flanders Street, Max was not attending school because of no transportation. Oksana contacted the school about his dilemma, and they agreed to allow the school bus to pick him up at a location about 200 yards from their home. Oksana said she can see Max from her porch walking all the way to the bus stop and boarding the bus. He was very happy to return to school for the rest of this term. Oksana asked the school representative if Max could continue riding the bus to Volunteer next school year. She was told they will consider that and give her an answer in a few weeks. He has had a good experience at Volunteer and would like to continue there. Also, Oksana registered Alisa to begin preschool in August at Cedar View Christian School, which is only a short distance from their house. Alisa plans to attend camp at the YMCA this summer too. As we all know, transportation is essential to our daily lifestyles and this is becoming crystal clear to Oksana. She is working very hard to prepare for and pass the drivers license exam. That would be a game changer! Please remember the FPC rental assistance fund for them, and make a donation if you can. Thank you for your interest and your prayers for their continued well-being.

Waverly Road Food Pantry Item of the month: **Canned Vegetables**

Summer Breakfast Bag Help

Our volunteer sign ups for the summer Breakfast Ministry schedule are VERY low so far. We know that this is a busy time for families, but we will be without Beta Club student help over the summer, and we need our church to step up more than ever. If you are willing and able to donate an hour of your time on a Saturday or Sunday morning, please reach out to Sarah Good (sar4680@gmail.com) or Becca Wright (abwright@chartertn.net) to sign up. We have served 300+ bags per day for the past few weeks, so we need your help to keep this ministry going!

Knuckleheads Men's Bible Study

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

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