

First Press Weekly Update

May 7, 2023



Prayer List

PRAYER FAMILIES OF THE WEEK – Linda Buckles; Jane Scott; Mike, Karen, Taylor, and Cooper Bunch; and Bowen, Paula, Kraemer, Ansel, and Baxter Scott.

MISSIONARIES – Eliane Menezes, Guatemala.

Legacy Sunday

Today is our church's first **Legacy Sunday**. Legacy Sunday, encouraged by our denomination on the first Sunday in May, 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).

Youth Group Today

This is our last regular youth group of the season

4-5:30 p.m. ~ Middle School

5-5:30 p.m. ~ ALL YOUTH PIZZA

5-6:15 p.m. ~ High School

Looking Ahead

June 4-10 - High School Montreat. Signups to open soon.

First Presbyterian VBS 2023

Theme: Stellar from Group Publishing

Monday, June 19 - Thursday June 22, 9:00 a.m. - Noon

Come join us for another great time at Vacation Bible School! The kids will learn how to share their lights with the world as they hear important stories about Jesus. If you have any questions please, contact Russ at church. To sign up go on our website: [Vacation Bible School - First Presbyterian Church-Kingsport \(fpckpt.org\)](http://Vacation Bible School - First Presbyterian Church-Kingsport (fpckpt.org)) or use this link: <https://forms.gle/gZkCh4jUmkmLSUsH7>

Second Harvest in May

Please join FPC volunteer "helpers" for another day of service at Second Harvest Food Bank on **May 17**. There will be two options for this date: morning between 10 a.m. and noon and afternoon between 1 and 3 p.m. Check your calendars and let Bob Stoots know if you'd like to help at either or both of these times (call or text 423-782-6280).

Birthdays This Week

May 9: Hunter Wright, Celia Osborne

May 13: Larry Maston

May 14: Christine Baugh, Randell Drayne

Knuckleheads Men's Bible Study

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

Bev's New Office Hours

Bev Johnson, Financial Administrator, has changed her hours. New hours are as follows: Monday - 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon and Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday - 8:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. She will be working from home in the afternoons. Please call and schedule a morning appointment if you need to see Bev; otherwise, you can contact her via email: bjohnson@firstpreskingsport.org.

Waverly Road Food Pantry

Item of the month: **Canned Vegetables**

Did You Know?

A young Frederick A. Ross who lived at Rotherwood attended the organizational meeting of Old Kingsport Presbyterian Church in 1820. Weaver Presbyterian on Weaver Pike in Bristol has been serving both Presbyterian and Methodist congregations since 1771. Their church functions as both a Presbyterian and a Methodist church today – they belong to both Holston Presbytery and the Methodist Organization. Paperville Presbyterian founded in 1824 in Bristol is now a private residence. Arcadia Presbyterian located on Bloomingdale Pike in east Kingsport was founded in 1871 and has been a church, a Temperance Hall, and a school. These are just a few of the facts you will learn by visiting the new exhibit in our History Room.

~ From the History Committee

Flowers Needed for Church in 2023 ~ Only One Date Left!

Call Vickie in the church office to schedule this date (245-0104).

October 1

Women's Connection Conference at Montreat **Friday, August 11-Sunday, August 13**

\$247-\$272

Lodging, Registration, and Food Included; Transportation available

All women of the Church are invited for an inspiring weekend in the mountains of Montreat. Our church has reserved Reynold's Lodge and we would love to fill it up! *The cost is \$247 before June 27 and goes up to \$272 after.* You will register on your own through Montreat and pay the commuter fee. Go to: <https://montreat.org/events/wc-2023> to register. If you are interested and want to learn more, contact Russ Pearson or Cindy Sharitt. The Church does need a count of people registering to make sure we have enough room in Reynold's Lodge.

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