

First Press Weekly Update

June 18, 2023



Prayer List

PRAYER FAMILIES OF THE WEEK – Charlie Compton; Ivey and Sue Redmon; Issac Conner; and Brent Ramey.

MISSIONARIES – Eliane Menezes, Guatemala.

Congregational Meeting Today

A called Congregational Meeting will be held **Sunday, June 18** during the 10:00 a.m. worship service for the purpose of electing the following as members to the Nominating Committee: Claudia Byrd, Rebecca Combs, Paul Smith, Tim Arrowsmith (Chair), Mark Plemmons (Rising Chair), and Jenella Oliver (Deacon Representative).

Summer Worship Hours

Our schedule for worship in the summer: 8:30 a.m. in the Chapel and 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary. The summer schedule will continue until *Sunday School Kickoff* on **Sunday, August 13**. Russ will have a children's church option during the 10:00 a.m. service.

Clothes Closet Closed

The Clothes Closet will be closed on **Tuesday, June 20** due to Vacation Bible School.

Knuckleheads Men's Bible Study

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

First Presbyterian VBS 2023

Theme: Stellar

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>

Coming this Summer and beyond...

July 16

Ice Cream Social

August 13

Sunday School Kickoff & BLT Luncheon

September 24

All-Church Picnic

Meeting with Oksana

Allen Wright and I met with Oksana Lypyska last week. We were very happy to let her know that volunteers from First Presbyterian Church have donated enough money to pay her rent for the next three months. She was shocked and asked "is this real"? We delivered a check for the first month and informed her that checks for July and August will be delivered by US mail. She was very grateful as expressed by her bashful smile along with multiple "Thank You's"! The next day, I received a text message from her saying "Me and my children are so thankful for everything you and members of First Presbyterian Church are doing for us. God bless you all!" Please continue to pray for them and their well-being as they adjust to their new life in the United States.

*Respectfully,
Bob Stoots*

Birthdays This Week

June 19: Lleyton Good, Jane Ward

June 21: Ruby Rogers, Susan Davis, Mark Plemmons

June 22: Elli Walker, Julie Raines

June 23: Sylvia Wright

June 24: Owen Allgood, Laura McConnell

June 25: Tom Sellers, Quinn Raines

Waverly Road Food Pantry

Item of the month: **Canned Tuna**

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!

2023 Habitat Faith Build – Marquette’s Build

Laura Kelly, executive director of Holston Habitat for Humanity, Marquette Bishop and children, and our Outreach Committee give you many thanks for your generous monetary support and your future labors of love. First Presbyterian Church has agreed to fulfill six slots of working people on July 20, 21, and 22. Although July seems a long time off, it really isn't, and we want to remind you that it's never too early for your prayers for this project's success and for clearing and marking your calendars. There are many more details that will be forthcoming, but please prayerfully consider volunteering for this most worthy charitable opportunity. Thank you! - *YOUR Outreach Committee*

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