

First Press Weekly Update

July 16, 2023



Prayer List

CELEBRATION – Welcome to new members Valerie Joh and Sam and Emily Stevens who joined First Presbyterian Church on Sunday, July 9, 2023.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY - The Congregation extends Christian Sympathy to the family of Janet Valukas Iggulden (mother of Jennie Compton) upon her death on July 12, 2023, in Racine, WI.

PRAYER FAMILIES OF THE WEEK – Al and Vivian Crymble; Leslie Pope; Mark and Susan Davis; and Mark, Kim and Grace Plemmons.

MISSIONARIES – Eliane Menezes, Guatemala.

Ice Cream Social Today!

Please come and join us on **Sunday, July 16**, for an *Ice Cream Social* after the second service in the Fellowship Center. We will serve ice cream and a variety of toppings, so don't miss this special treat!

With Love from Paul...this Summer

Beginning next week, Dr. Shelton will do a sermon series on Paul's letter to his favorite church: the Church at Philippi. From the start, it is personal in tone; it conveys the warmth of a relationship; and it is filled with lessons on what mature Christianity looks like. It is the only letter where he isn't putting out fires, rebuking bad behavior, or correcting false teaching. Come join us in worship or watch the series online.

Second Harvest Food Bank

Please join FPC volunteers for another day of service at Second Harvest Food Bank on **July 19**. 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).

Knuckleheads Men's Bible Study

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

Upcoming Events...

August 13

Sunday School Kickoff & BLT Luncheon

September 24

All-Church Picnic

Weddings at First Presbyterian

There is a new display in the History Room. Weddings in First Presbyterian over the years. Several months ago we requested wedding photos taken in our Sanctuary or Chapel...and now they are ready for your viewing. There are a few you might not recognize if they were not labeled! Stop by and enjoy – we even had a double wedding in our Sanctuary!

History Committee

Waverly Road Food Pantry

Item of the Month:
Peanut Butter

Striving to be the Hands of Christ...

Marquette's Build

Volunteers from First Presbyterian Church will be sharing time, talents and fellowship at the Holston Habitat Faith Build for Marquette at 2215 Friendship Circle in Kingsport on **July 20-22 (Thursday, Friday and Saturday)**. Typical work times are from 9 a.m. to about 3 p.m. Habitat provides all needed building materials, tools, and training as needed. Six workers from FPC are needed each day, so please join us in helping provide Marquette and her children the gift of a lifetime! Sign-up directly through the Holston Habitat web-site www.holstonhabitat.org/marquettasbuild. Click the Volunteer button on page 1 to get started. After completing the Volunteer Profile, scroll to "Week 10" and enter password "firstpres" to pick which day or days you would like to help! Then finish filling out the remaining information. If you have questions, contact Jim Amstutz by phone or text at 423-707-8500.

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!

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