

First Press Weekly Update

July 23, 2023



Prayer List

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY - The Congregation extends Christian Sympathy to the family of **Ruby Nell Rogers** upon her death on July 8, 2023, in Lake Charles, LA.

PRAYER FAMILIES OF THE WEEK – Tammie Davis; Louise Piazza; Ella Deakins and Jo Ann Phlegar.

MISSIONARIES – Eliane Menezes, Guatemala.

With Love from Paul...this Summer

Beginning this morning, 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.

Five Cents-A-Meal Offering

The Five Cents-A-Meal offerings will be received today. Donations may be dropped in the basket by the door as you leave the Chapel service, and in the basket on the altar steps during the "Hymn of Sending" for the Sanctuary service. One fourth of these offerings will be shared with Providence Medical Clinic.

Knuckleheads Men's Bible Study

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

Montreat Women's Connection

Montreat Women's Connection is **August 11-13**. First Presbyterian has rented Reynolds Lodge which houses 32 people. About two months ago registration was cut off because the conference was full. A few days ago we were contacted by Montreat and they have some openings. If you are still interested in going, **we still have open spaces**. The cost is \$247 for the entire conference, including the keynote speaker Kate Bowler. The online registration is closed so if you're interested, please contact Cindy Sharitt, 706-577-1815.

Upcoming Events...

August 13

Sunday School Kickoff & BLT Luncheon

September 24

All-Church Picnic

Birthdays This Week

July 23: Katrinka Quillen

July 24: Greg Francisco

July 25: Steve Arthur, Jennie Benton, Diana Johnson-Martin

July 26: William Thomidis

July 27: Hannah Adams

July 28: Elizabeth Wilkins

July 30: Audra Moore

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

Striving to be the Hands of Christ...

Open Books for Guatemala

Our church members have an opportunity to promote literacy in Guatemala by supporting the Libros Abiertos, or Open Books, program run by our retired mission co-workers, Debbie and Richard Welch. Debbie continues the project she started when they lived in Guatemala to give kids in the Coban region access to books. Public schools in the region receive very limited funding, and many schools and classrooms cannot afford books or a library for students. Open Books currently provides children's books for three schools with a request for a fourth, and an idea for a mobile library that could support multiple schools. The Outreach committee allocated funds to support the purchase of books, as well as to provide a training workshop to help those involved with the libraries learn activities they can do with the children and ways they can incorporate the books into their curriculum. If you would like to personally get involved with this ministry, you can purchase books from the program's Amazon wishlist via the link below that will be shipped to Debbie. She and Richard will be traveling to Guatemala in August and will take the books with them. If you prefer to send a monetary donation to allow additional books to be purchased, you can send your donation to the church marked for "Open Books". Thanks for your support!

Libros Abiertos (Open Books)

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3Q96U5RNT259D?ref=wl_share

Breakfast Ministry

Our Breakfast Ministry continues to operate successfully on Saturday and Sunday mornings. We will soon be scheduling volunteers for the fall and would love your help! If you would like to volunteer or be added to the list, please email Sarah Good at sar4680@gmail.com or call Becca Wright at 423-963-9617.

Waverly Road Food Pantry

Item of the Month:

Peanut Butter

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