

First Press Weekly Update

August 27, 2023



Prayer List

IN PHYSICAL THERAPY/REHABILITATION – Phoebe Newell – NHC

PRAYER FAMILIES OF THE WEEK – Ron Dixon; Jenella Oliver; Carolyn Doerfert; and David and Sallie Oaks.

MISSIONARIES – Eliane Menezes, Guatemala.

Worship Notes

- Interim Executive Presbyter, Rev. Karen Russell will be our guest minister **Sunday, September 3**. We will not serve communion on September 3, but on September 10 instead.
- A Called Meeting of the Congregation will be held **Sunday, September 17** during the 11:00 worship service for the purpose of electing our new officers.

Five Cents-A-Meal Offering

The Five Cents-A-Meal offering 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. We are honored to have Mrs. Shantell Bogle, Executive Director and Women’s Minister at The Oasis of Kingsport, for the Minute-for-Mission during the 11:00 a.m. service today. The Oasis will receive 25% of today’s Five-Cents-A-Meal collection.

Youth Group Today!

Meet in OUR church parking lot at 2:15 p.m. for an all-youth Presbytery event and dinner at FPC Johnson City (6-8 other churches will attend!). We will return by 6:30 p.m. Get your homework done early!

“At the River” Documentary and Discussion

An “At the River” documentary and discussion led by the director, Carolyn Crowder, will be held **Sunday, September 10** in the Fellowship Center. Lunch is at 12:00 p.m. The two-hour movie will begin between 12:45 and 1:00 p.m. following lunch. There will be a discussion with Carolyn after the movie. This is a **FREE** meal and event, but we need sign-ups by **Wednesday, September 6** to have enough food and space. Read more about this movie at <http://carolyncrowder.com>. From Carolyn’s website: *For the feature length documentary Carolyn traveled throughout the Southeast interviewing ministers, now in their 80’s and 90’s, about their experiences and what it took to go against the racist currents during those hard days within their local communities and congregations. Her other question was why they dared.* Former FPC Pastor, **Danny Massie**, recommends “At the River” because his mentor and friend, Dick Harbison, is featured for his stance on race relations. Harbison is in his 90s and has retired to Lynchburg, VA. Contact Russ to sign up.

Upcoming Events...

September 20

Church Night Supper and Bible Study begin

September 24

All-Church Picnic

October 18

Fall Care Ministry Dinner

Wednesday Night Class ~ “Forgiven People Forgive”

Starting Wednesday night **September 20**, Mike Shelton will offer a six-week class on forgiveness and his lessons include the following: *What Forgiveness Is, What It Is Not, and Who Needs It? How God Views Forgiveness, The Journey from Being Forgiven to Forgiving, When it is Hard to Forgive, The Stages of Forgiveness, and Learning How to Forgive.* Details will follow.

Friends in Faith Class Begins New Series

“Into All the World: Participating in God’s Mission”

The Friends in Faith Sunday School Class has started a new series entitled “Into All the World: Participating in God’s Mission.” Usually when we think of God’s mission or “missional vocation” we don’t think of ourselves but those who serve around the world that we never see (missionaries). When we think about “missional vocation” is when we begin to see ourselves differently. Our service and calling in God’s mission includes our daily lives (work, home, community, church, school, etc.). Each session (6-8 pages) is a stand-alone discussion so do not worry if you have to miss a Sunday. Books may be picked up in room #103. So, whether you attend the 8:45 service or the 11:00 service the Friends in Faith class encourages and invites you to join us in room #103 at 9:45 a.m.

Knuckleheads Men’s Bible Study

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

Birthdays This Week

Aug. 28: Grant Wilkins, Sam Booher

Aug. 29: Ella Miller, Cindy Sharitt, Chris Haynes

Aug. 30: Joy McConnell

Aug. 31: Bill Bovender

Sept. 1: John Christopher Demuth, Lisa Good

Sept. 3: Roger Goin, Charlie Compton, Sam Compton

New Church Directory

The church will be doing an updated photo directory for 2023. Photos will be taken by our own Don Thompson on several Sunday mornings. Don will take photos before and after each worship service on: **September 10, September 17, September 24 and October 1.** The directory will be in digital format and available on the membership page of the church's website or a printed copy can be requested. Additionally, you may submit your own photo to be included in the directory if you are unable to pose for one.

Waverly Road Food Pantry

Item of the Month:
Healthy Cereals

First Presbyterian Church Staff

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Mike Shelton, *Pastor* (ext. 204)

Russ Pearson, *Director of Christian Education and Youth Ministries* (ext. 208)

Mark Owen Davis, *Director of Music Ministries* (ext. 210)

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