

# *First Press Weekly Update*

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September 3, 2023



## Prayer List

**IN PHYSICAL THERAPY/REHABILITATION** – Betty Dickson – NHC.

**CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** - The Congregation extends Christian Sympathy to the family of **Josephine “JoAnn” Phlegar** upon her death on August 28, 2023, in Charlotte, NC.

**PRAYER FAMILIES OF THE WEEK** – Leon Doran; John and Phoebe Newell; Stacey and Olivia Doran; and Barbara Necessary and Stuart Carson.

**MISSIONARIES** – Eliane Menezes, Guatemala.

## Welcome Rev. Russell

Our guest minister today is Rev. Karen Russell who is Transitional Executive Presbyter of Holston Presbytery. She spent several years as a solo pastor of a small church in rural Illinois, and prior to that oversaw a national program for new pastors in the PC(USA). She holds two masters degrees from Louisville Seminary, and in a previous life was a radio DJ. She has one grandchild, with one more on the way. She has pictures.

## Worship Notes

- We will not serve communion this morning 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.

## Holiday Schedule

No *Youth Group* today. The church office will be closed **Monday, Sept. 4** for Labor Day. The Clothes Closet will be closed on **Tuesday, Sept. 5**.

## “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.

## 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.

## Wednesday Night Dinner

Our Wednesday night dinners will resume on **September 20**, and Mike Shelton's series will begin that evening. We will have pizza, salad and a dessert. The cost is \$8.00 for adults, \$4.00 for children under 10, with a family maximum of \$20.00. Reservations must be received by noon on Tuesday. To make reservations, fill out the pew pad on Sunday mornings, call the church office at (423) 245-0104 or register online: W.O.W. - The Word on Wednesday's - First Presbyterian church-Kingsport (fpckpt.org) We're looking forward to another wonderful season of lessons, food and fellowship!

## 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.

## **Rekindling Our Gifts**

Notice to all committee chairs and others who need FPC members for volunteer positions. The Rekindling Our Gifts lists on the church member section of website have been updated to include our new members. Please check when you need help.

Jane Harris

## **Knuckleheads Men's Bible Study**

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

## **Birthdays This Week**

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

**Sept. 4:** Jimmy Dickerson, Eleanor Combs, Claudia Mihovk

**Sept. 6:** Mark Barbour, Fred Martin

**Sept. 7:** Gray Stothart, Carol Dixon

**Sept. 8:** Jim Wright

**Sept. 9:** Sarah Tatchi, Lylah Combs

## **Striving to be the Hands of Christ...**

### **Second Harvest Food Bank in September**

FPC volunteers will gather for another day of service at Second Harvest Food Bank on **September 20**. There will be two options for this date: morning between 10 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).

### **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](mailto:sar4680@gmail.com) or call Becca Wright at 423-963-9617.

## **Waverly Road Food Pantry**

Item of the Month:  
Pasta and Canned Sauce

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## **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)

Annie Hill, *Church Business Administrator/Executive Assistant to the Pastor* (ext. 203)

Vickie Green, *Membership & Website Specialist/Church Administrative Assistant* (ext. 202)

Beverly Johnson, *Financial Administrator* (ext. 206)

Kim Alvis, *Media Specialist* (ext. 209)

Becca Wright, *Parish Nurse*

Mike Weiss, *Custodian*

Tammy Jackson Hodge, *Director of Presbyterian Children's Center*

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