

First Press Weekly Update

September 10, 2023



Prayer List

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY - The Congregation extends Christian Sympathy to the family of Ralph Blackley (brother of Jennie Benton) upon his death on August 27, 2023, in Mount Pleasant, SC.

PRAYER FAMILIES OF THE WEEK – Randell and Laura Drayne; Bobby, Amory, Arlee and Grayson Mott; Al and Frances Dryden; and Gerry Morie.

MISSIONARIES – Eliane Menezes, Guatemala.

Called Congregational Meeting

A Called Meeting of the Congregation will be held **Sunday, September 17** during the 11:00 a.m. worship service for the purpose of electing our new officers.

“At the River” Documentary & Discussion Today!

An “At the River” documentary and discussion led by the director, Carolyn Crowder, will be held after church today in the Fellowship Center. 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.

New Church Directory Photos

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, in digital format, 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.

“See You in September”

All-Church Picnic at Allandale Pavilion

Sunday, September 24

Fellowship at 5 p.m. ~ Dinner served at 6 p.m.

Menu: fried chicken, pulled pork, mac and cheese, green beans and slaw. Cobbler for dessert!

The cost is \$10 for adults; - \$5 for children ages 6-10; and free for children under 6 with a \$35 family max. (When booking your reservations, please note that a family = parent(s) and dependent children 18 years of age and under.) Make reservations online at www.firstpreskingsport.org, call the church office at (243) 245-0104, or make a note on the Friendship Pad in church on Sunday mornings. You may also sign up in the church foyer on **Sunday, Sept. 10 and 17**.

Looking Ahead

October 18

Fall Care Ministry Dinner
(Your Deacon will contact you)

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. 12: Jane Harris, Martha Pendley, Heather Kunysz

Sept. 13: Mary Ruth

Sept. 14: Henry King

Sept. 15: Cynthia King, Alan Hobbs, Norie-Anne Watts

Sept. 16: Cooper Bunch

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 or call Becca Wright at 423-963-9617.

Waverly Road Food Pantry

Item of the Month:

Canned Soups

First Presbyterian Church Staff

423-245-0104

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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