

First Press Weekly Update

September 17, 2023



Prayer List

CELEBRATION – A rose has been placed in the chancel celebrating the birth of **Elliette Mae Loren** who was born on September 8, 2023 in Davidson, NC. Elliette is the daughter of Brandon and Emily Loren and the great granddaughter of **Tom Sellers**.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY - The Congregation extends Christian Sympathy to the family of **Jack Brock** (Anna Hagan's stepfather) upon his death on September 11, 2023, in Easley, SC.

PRAYER FAMILIES OF THE WEEK – Betty Nelle Duke; Lou Ann Moore; Greg and Mary Easley; Audra Moore.

MISSIONARIES – Eliane Menezes, Guatemala.

Youth Group Today

3:45pm-5:00pm ~ ALL youth Clothes Closet Mission Project
Snacks and drinks

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: **Sept. 17, Sept. 24 and Oct. 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 vgreen@firstpreskingsport.org 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. To make reservations, fill out the pew pad on Sunday mornings, call the church office at 245-0104, or sign up online. We're looking forward to another wonderful season of lessons, food and fellowship!

Wednesday Night Class ~ “Forgiven People Forgive”

Starting Wednesday night **September 20** following Church Night Supper, 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.*

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 morning. You may also sign up in the church foyer this morning.

Let's Celebrate with Leola Campbell

Join Leola for lunch at 1:00 p.m. on **Sunday, Oct. 8** in our Fellowship Center to celebrate 90 years! RSVP to Carla Karst at (423) 967-1690 or carlakarst@gmail.com. No gifts, please.

Preparing for Death of a Spouse or Loved One

Please set aside some time on Oct. 17 to discuss a topic you hope to never deal with, but in reality, know you will have to deal with someday – losing your spouse or another loved one. The CFN committee is offering you lunch and a panel discussion with time for questions at 11:45 in the Fellowship Center on **Tuesday, October 17**. Church members Chad Correll and Linda D. Buckles will join Dr. Mike Shelton in sharing their personal experiences to help you begin planning for this eventuality in your life. Lunch will be provided at no cost but we need a number to prepare so call or email Vickie in the church office by Wednesday, Oct. 11 to reserve your spot. We plan to finish by 1:00 if you need to return to work.

Looking Ahead

October 18

Fall Care Ministry Dinner
(Your Deacon will contact you)

Knuckleheads Men's Bible Study

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

Birthdays This Week

Sept. 18: Betty Nelle Duke

Sept. 20: Carl Eilers, Sam Stevens

Sept. 22: Bill Argabrite

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

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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)

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