

First Press Weekly Update

September 24, 2023



Prayer List

PRAYER FAMILIES OF THE WEEK – Carl and Brenda Eilers; Chuck and Cathy Mooney; Sharon Engel; and Wes, Katy, Neely, McClure and Briggs Mink.

MISSIONARIES – Eliane Menezes, Guatemala.

Five Cents-A-Meal

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 **Bobby Flowers, Board President of Kingsport Homeless Ministry**, for the Minute-for-Mission during the 11:00 a.m. service today. The Kingsport Homeless Ministry will receive 25% of today’s Five-Cents-A-Meal collection.

No Youth Group Today

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 **today and next Sunday**. 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

Join us for Wednesday Night Dinner on **September 27**, catered by Olive Garden. Our menu will be pasta, salad, bread sticks, dessert and beverages. 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 at www.firstpreskingsport.org.

Wednesday Night Class ~ “Forgiven People Forgive”

Mike Shelton will continue his class on forgiveness following Church Night Supper this week. Please join us whether you are coming for dinner or not.

World Communion Sunday

Worldwide Communion Sunday is **October 1**, and we will distribute the elements using the method we used on Maundy Thursday. Instead of taking communion by intinction, we will serve one another as we will gather around the table in groups of 8 to 12. The *Peace & Global Witness Offering* will be received that day as well.

Let’s Celebrate with Leola Campbell

Join Leola for lunch at 1:00 p.m. on **Sunday, October 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 October 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 a.m. 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, October 11** to reserve your spot. We plan to finish by 1:00 p.m. if you need to return to work.

Fall Care Ministry Dinner

Wednesday, October 18

5:45 p.m. ~ Fellowship Center

Menu: Smoked Pork Loin, Grilled Chicken Breast, Salad, Creamed Corn, Roll, Dessert

Cost: \$15; \$5 for children age 6 and under: \$40 maximum per family. Reservations are due to your Deacon by noon on **Tuesday, October 10, 2023**

Friends in Faith Class Begins New Series on October 8 **Exploring the “Book of Confessions”**

The *Friends in Faith* Sunday School Class will begin a new 6-week series on October 8th entitled ***Exploring the “Book of Confessions.”*** The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) has a collection of eleven creeds and confessions in our *Book of Confessions*. These documents, from the early church to the present time, convey the richness and depth of our theological tradition. They give us rich insights on what we believe and how we can live. Join our class as we explore the following 6 sessions (lesson #1 will be on October 8th):

The 6 sessions (discussions) are:

- The Nature and Function of Confessions
- The Ancient Creeds: Who is God?
- The Reformation Confessions: What Is the Church? (Part 1)
- The Reformation Confessions: What Is the Church? (Part 2)
- 20th Century Declarations: What Is the Church’s Mission in the World?
- Carrying Our Mission Into the 21st Century

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 a.m. service or the 11:00 a.m. 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

Sept. 25: Donna Shelton

Sept. 27: Gail Cole

Sept. 30: Laura Drayne

Waverly Road Food Pantry

Item of the Month:
Canned Soups

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