

First Press Weekly Update

October 8, 2023



Prayer List

IN THE HOSPITAL – Doug Benton – JCMC.

PRAYER FAMILIES OF THE WEEK – Barbara Foust; Richard and Nancy Meyer; Greg, Robin, and Tal Francisco; and John, Tonya, Lauren and Lindsey McInturff.

MISSIONARIES – Eliane Menezes, Guatemala.

Welcome Alan!

Please join us in welcoming the newest staff member to First Presbyterian Church. Alan Whitt will serve as custodian alongside Mike Weiss. Say “hello” and introduce yourself to Alan!

Congregational Meeting

A Called Meeting of the Congregation will be held **Sunday, October 15** during the 11:00 a.m. worship service for the purpose of electing our new officers.

Church Night Supper

Join us for Wednesday Night Supper on **October 11**, catered by Panda Express. 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 morning, call the church office at 245-0104, or sign up online at www.firstpreskingsport.org by noon on Tuesday.

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.

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**

Trunk or Treat

Sunday, October 29, 4:00-5:00pm, Church Parking Lot

We need cars to help make this happen. Feel free to decorate your car or just bring a bag of candy. If you can help, contact Russ. Also we'll begin taking candy donations. Drop them off at church in our foyer.

New Church Directory Photos

There is still time to get a photo into the upcoming pictorial directory. You may submit a digital photo to Vickie at vgreen@firstpreskingsport.org by November 15, 2023. The new pictorial directory will be published after the first of the year. It will be updated periodically throughout the year if there are changes within the membership. When the directory is published online there will be directions on how members can access it from the church website. You may also request a printed copy of the directory by letting Vickie know.

Clothes Closet in Need of Winter Clothing

With cold weather approaching in the next few weeks, we have a need for the following items: Hooded sweatshirts, warm jackets and winter coats, beanie (toboggan) type wool hats, winter grade gloves, long underwear, blankets and large throws. Anything that is clean and in good repair will be greatly appreciated. You can place your donation in the drop box at the church or bring it on Monday mornings when we are working at the church. Thank you.

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

October 9: Ian Ward

October 10: Morris Hadden

October 11: Marthe Kincaid

October 12: Neely Mink

October 13: Beth Amstutz

October 14: Arlee Mott

October 15: David McBee, Pamela Babb, Steve Miller

Waverly Road Food Pantry

Item of the Month:

Pasta & Canned Sauce or Mac & Cheese

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

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Alan Whitt, *Custodian*

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