

First Press Weekly Update

November 12, 2023



Prayer List

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY - The Congregation extends Christian Sympathy to the family of **Bennie Pierce** (former FPC member) upon his death on November 5, 2023, in Mountain City, TN.

PRAYER FAMILIES OF THE WEEK – Roger and Agnese Goin; Larry Long; Don and Lisa Good; and Jeremy, Mary Glenn, Will, Mary Kate and Charlie Lively.

MISSIONARIES – Eliane Menezes, Guatemala.

Knuckleheads Men's Bible Study

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

Thanksgiving Dinner ~ November 15

Reminder for those who signed up for Thanksgiving Dinner on Wednesday, November 15: the cost for dinner will be \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children under 10, with a family max of \$25.00.

New Church Directory Photos ~ Deadline Rapidly Approaching

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.

Community Thanksgiving Service

The Community Thanksgiving Service will be held at 5:00 p.m. on **Sunday, November 19** at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. There will be a traditional pie reception afterwards in the Parish Hall.

Birthdays This Week

November 14: Bob Patton, Dallyda Banda

Coming Soon

- ◆ December 3 ~ Advent Coffee, 9:45 a.m., Fellowship Center
- ◆ December 3 ~ Church Circle Nativity and Advent Service, 12:30 p.m.
- ◆ December 24 ~ Chapel Worship, 8:45 a.m.; Children's Pageant, 11:00 a.m., Fellowship Center
- ◆ December 24 ~ Lessons & Carols, 5:00 p.m., Fellowship Center
- ◆ December 31 ~ Combined Worship, 10:00 a.m., Fellowship Center

Advent Coffee

The Congregational Fellowship and Nurture Committee would like to invite all of you to the second annual ADVENT COFFEE. Let us gather together on the first Sunday of Advent **December 3. It will be held in the Fellowship Center at 9:45 and replaces Sunday School this morning.** It is a time to rejoice in the coming of our Savior with HOPE. Hope to see you there!

Niches Available in the Columbarium

There are niches available in the First Presbyterian columbarium located in the Memorial Garden at the rear of the church. They are designed to accommodate two urns and feature an engraved cover for both decedents. They are reasonably priced and represent a cost-effective ecological approach and appropriate alternative to a traditional cemetery. Details are available through the church office.

Flowers Needed for Church in 2024

January 14	May 19
January 28	June 16
February 4	June 30
February 25	July 14
March 17	August 11
April 14	September 15



Call Vickie in the church office at (423) 245-0104 to schedule a date.

New Display History Room

Many of you know 10 individuals have served as Senior Pastors in our past bringing our total number of individuals serving as Senior Pastor to 11 including our current pastor, Mike Shelton. One of these men served two pastorates. Not many when you consider we are 106 years old! You probably pass by their photos every Sunday as you enter the Sanctuary.

But did you know we have had 24 individuals serving in an assistant role? Associate Pastor, Intern, Assistant to the Pastor, Associate for Counseling, Interim Associate ... these individuals have had a variety of titles but have all provided significant leadership and service to our congregation. Some served one year as an intern during their seminary training; one served 18 years. The two Janes – Boyd and Harris – have researched and gathered current and past information and photos for your review over the next few months in the History Room. You will discover -

- Who was at the Martin Luther King March on Washington
- Who became a Presbyterian Missionary in Japan
- Who became a Dean at Austin Seminary
- Which two died as the result of automobile accidents
- Which two became pastors for two of our own Chapels – Bethel and Waverly Road
- A QR Code linking to an assistant pastor who became a storyteller
- Which couple served together as Associate Pastor and Counseling Pastor

And much, much, more...

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