

# *First Press Weekly Update*

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November 19, 2023



## Prayer List

**CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** - The Congregation extends Christian Sympathy to the family of Harris P. Cantrell upon his death on November 10, 2023, in Kingsport, TN.

**PRAYER FAMILIES OF THE WEEK** – John, Sarah, Kellan, Lleyton and Rowan Good; Linda and Jagger Lisa; Flint and Dottie Gray; and Dorothy Lightfoot.

**MISSIONARIES** – Eliane Menezes, Guatemala.

## Community Thanksgiving Service Today

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.

## Deadline Extended to Order Poinsettias for Christmas

The deadline to order poinsettias for Christmas has been extended to **Monday, November 20**. If your order is received after that date, we will not be able to include your names in the poinsettia bulletin. Order forms are available in the foyer.

## Knuckleheads Men's Bible Study

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

## Thanksgiving Schedule

The Church office will be closed **Thursday, November 23**, and **Friday, November 24**, for the Thanksgiving holiday.

## Birthdays This Week

**November 19:** Megan Smith, Lyla Lambton

**November 20:** Raymond Kidwell

**November 21:** Tim Arrowsmith, Larry Pendleton, Greg Easley, Henry Robertson

**November 22:** Gary Tucker

**November 23:** Wendy Smith

**November 24:** Kathy Stoots, Vivian Crymble, Oliver Raines

**November 25:** Andy Dietrich

**November 26:** Sheila Taylor

## Decorating for Advent

We need volunteers to help decorate the Fellowship Center for the Christmas season. We will gather at 10:00 a.m. on **Wednesday, November 29**. Please call Judy Grover to sign up.

## Fellowship Center Worship

The Sanctuary worship services will move to the Fellowship Center beginning **Sunday, December 3**, and continuing through February, due to heating issues.

## 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 ~ Candlelight Communion Service, 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.*** Please bring either a savory or sweet dish to share. It is a time to rejoice in the coming of our Savior with HOPE. Hope to see you there!

# **Flowers Needed for Church in 2024**

January 14	May 19
January 28	June 16
February 25	June 30
March 17	July 14
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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