

First Press Weekly Update

November 5, 2023



Prayer List

PRAYER FAMILIES OF THE WEEK – Frank Gibson; Larry and Barbara Maston; Florence Godat; and Cliff and Donna Marchion.

MISSIONARIES – Eliane Menezes, Guatemala.

No Church Night Supper This Week

Thanksgiving Dinner ~ November 15

Our Thanksgiving meal on Wednesday, November 15 will be catered by Golden Corral and features turkey, dressing, rolls, green beans, mashed potatoes, mac and cheese, and pumpkin pie for dessert. The cost for dinner will be \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children under 10, with a family max of \$25.00. Please sign up no later than noon on **MONDAY, NOVEMBER. 6**. To sign up you may fill out the pew pad on Sunday morning or call the church office at (423) 245-0104. We hope to see you there to enjoy this fabulous feast!

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.

Birthdays This Week

November 5: Kraemer Scott, Henry King

November 8: Ted Hagen, Mitch Robinette, Joe Dickson

November 9: Nancy Meyer

Coming Soon

- ◆ November 19 ~ Community Thanksgiving Service at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 5 p.m.
- ◆ December 3 ~ Advent Coffee, Fellowship Center, 9:45 a.m.
- ◆ December 3 ~ Church Circle Nativity and Advent Service, 12:30 p.m.

New Display History Room

Many of you know ten individuals have served as Senior Pastors in our past: bringing our total number of individuals serving as Senior Pastor to eleven including our current pastor, Mike Shelton. One of these men served 2 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 1 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...

Flowers Needed for Church in 2024

January 14	May 19
January 28	June 16
February 4	June 30
February 25	July 14
March 10	August 11
March 17	September 13
April 14	September 15
April 28	



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

Knuckleheads Men's Bible Study

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

First Presbyterian Church Staff

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Mike Shelton, *Pastor* (ext. 204)

Russ Pearson, *Director of Christian Education and Youth Ministries* (ext. 208)

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