First Press Weekly Update

January 14, 2024

Prayer List

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY - The Congregation extends Christian Sympathy to the family of Jean Brewer (Kathy Stoots mother) upon her death on January 4, 2024, in Lexington, KY.

PRAYER FAMILIES OF THE WEEK – Bill and Marian Adams; Jim Wright and Karen Reed-Wright; Jack and Laura Addleburg; and Hunter and Sylvia Wright.

MISSIONARIES - Eliane Menezes, Guatemala.

Youth Group Today

2024 Youth Kickoff 3:00-4:00 Middle School

4:00-5:15 High School

Bridge, Anyone?

Bridge in January will be held each Monday at 1:00 p.m. in Room 103, on the hall that connects with the Childcare Center. All men and women bridge players are welcome. Just show up, no reservation needed. A low-key game for fellowship and fun.

Second Harvest for January

FPC volunteers will kick off a new year of service at Second Harvest Food Bank on **January 17**. There will only be a morning session between 10 and noon on this date. Check your calendars and let Bob Stoots know if you'd like to help (call or text 423–782–6280).

Rekindling Update

Members are invited to complete a Rekindling Our Gifts survey to indicate how they would like to be involved in service to our church. Please complete one if you have never done it, or you have changes to your previous choices. Survey envelopes are located in a box in the foyer. Please complete the survey and return it to the box, with "completed" written on the envelope, **by January 21.** If you have questions, contact Jane Harris: 239-9477 or Catherine Tucker: 782-7782.

Annual Congregational Meeting

Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held in the Fellowship Center at the end of the 11:00 a.m. worship service on **Sunday, February 4.** The purpose of the meeting will be to hear a report on the budget, a report from Session, a report from the pastor, and to approve the changes in terms of call for our pastor. A light lunch will be provided.

New Pictorial Directory is Ready!

The new FPC 2024 Pictorial Directory has been finalized and has been posted on our website in the Members Only section under FPC Membership Directory. As a reminder/refresher a detailed instruction sheet on how to access the Members Only section of the website is included as an insert to this bulletin. This directory will be updated periodically throughout the year if there are changes within the membership. If your photo isn't in the directory and you would like to have one included in the future, please email a digital copy to Vickie at <u>vgreen@firstpreskingsport.org</u>. For those of you that previously requested printed copies, your copies will be left for you at the beginning of the week in envelopes with your names on them on the credenza in the breezeway. If you didn't previously request a printed copy of the directory and would like one, you may do so by letting Vickie know.

Coming Soon...

- January 31 ~ Soup Fest
- February 11 ~ Super Bowl Party
- February 14 ~ Ash Wednesday Dinner and Service
- February 21 & 28 ~ Wednesday Night Supper and Mike's Bible Study



Birthdays This Week

Jan. 14: Chuck Bachelder, Emily Stevens
Jan. 16: Martha Owens
Jan. 17: Tammie Davis
Jan. 18: Emeline Hobbs
Jan. 20: Grace Ward
Jan. 21: Hudson Dietrich

Knuckleheads Men's Bible Study

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

Offering Envelopes

The 2024 Offering Envelopes are available in the Fellowship Center for you to pick up.

Prayer Trees

Several Prayer Trees have been placed in the Fellowship Hall for Winter. Please write any prayer concerns or blessings on the prayer cards provided and hang it on the trees. You are welcome to choose a card from the trees, pray for that concern and return it the following week.

Flowers Needed for Church in 2024 ~ Just One Date Left!

July 14 ~ Call Vickie in the church office at (423) 245-0104 to schedule this date.

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