

First Press Weekly Update

January 28, 2024



Prayer List

IN THE HOSPITAL – Susan Davis – HVMC

PRAYER FAMILIES OF THE WEEK – Sue Adrian; Will and Tiffani Wray; Owen Allgood; Virginia Wooten; Kim Alvis; London Williams; Jim and Sharon Amstutz and Beth and Braylee Williams

MISSIONARIES – Eliane Menezes, Guatemala.

Space for Grace This Week!

For this upcoming season we will have Space for Grace once a month on the last Sunday of the month at 9:30 a.m. We will still have the 8:45 a.m. and 11 a.m. services and adult Sunday school on Space for Grace days. *Space for Grace is a worship service that focuses on simplicity and creativity*, with hopes of reaching out to anyone wanting to come. These worship services are designed to be 45 minutes with opportunity to pray, sing songs led by our youth, hear a relevant message, be inspired to live out your faith, and worship God in a new way. **This is NOT taking the place of the 8:45 a.m. or 11 a.m. service, nor is it offered to compete with those services.** Our hope is that it compliments what we are already doing at FPC. We will have nursery workers in the Fellowship Center during these services.

Five Cents-A-Meal Offering

The Five Cents-A-Meal offering will be received today. Donations may be dropped in the basket by the door as you leave the Chapel service, and in the basket in front of the communion table during the “Hymn of Sending” for the Fellowship Center service. The Grab and Go Breakfast Ministry will receive 25% of today’s Five-Cents-A-Meal collection.

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.

Knuckleheads Men’s Bible Study

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

Soup Fest 2024!

Got those winter doldrums? We can take care of that with a terrific SOUPFEST! Make your favorite soup, bread or cornbread. Share your recipe. Join us on **Wednesday, January 31**, in the Fellowship Hall at 5:30 p.m. You may sign-up in the pew pads or through the office (423-245-0104). See you there!

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.

Free Super Bowl Party ~ Sunday, Feb. 11 at 6:00 p.m.

Everyone is invited to attend the Big Game in the Fellowship Center. We will project the entire game from kickoff, half-time, to the final score on the big screen with great sound. Bring the entire family along with your favorite game-day food/snack to share. Some suggestions would be: chili, wings, nachos, hors d'oeuvres, pigs in a blanket, etc. The church will provide ice tea and water. Please sign-up by Thursday, Feb. 8, so that we know approximately how many will be attending. You may sign up in the attendance pads or by calling the church office. Hope to see you there!

Coming Soon...

- February 14 ~ Ash Wednesday Dinner & Service
- February 21 & 28 ~ Wednesday Night Supper and Mike’s Bible Study
- March 13 ~ Care Ministry Dinner

New Class For Lent ~ “Get Your Life Back”

There is a madness to this moment in time and we must name it for the lunacy it is. Apart from international conflict and an America divided almost as much as a country can be divided, daily stress is taking our lives hostage. The maddening pace of life, the demands on our time and energy, and global problems that go from bad to worse: it leaves us empty and ragged. People come home exhausted on our good days and fried on the bad ones! The world has gone mad; it is trying to take us with it. If only we had more of GOD, if we could draw more on his strength and wisdom, we'd could rise to meet this hour. This class is dedicated to equipping us to do just that. We need practical ways- what I call “graces”- to put ourselves in places to receive God’s help.

Stations of the Cross

If you or your family would like to help set up the stations of the cross during Holy Week, Please let a member of the Christian Ed committee know by February 29.

Thank you!

Elizabeth Wilkins, Jennifer Walker, Jim Amstutz, Cheryl Rice, Natalie Robertson

Birthdays This Week

Jan. 28: Laura Taylor

Jan. 30: Barbara Foust

Jan. 31: Virginia Wooten

Feb. 2: John Porter, Jenny Clemmer

Feb. 4: Oliver Arrowsmith

Offering Envelopes

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

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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