

# First Press Weekly Update



February 11, 2024

## Prayer List

**IN THE HOSPITAL** – Celia Bachelder – HVMC and Kay McBee – Vanderbilt.

**CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** - The Congregation extends Christian Sympathy to the family of James Stevens (brother of Agnese Goin) upon his death on February 5, 2024, in Sacramento, CA.

**CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** - The Congregation extends Christian Sympathy to the family of George Watford (son of Marjorie Watford) upon his death on February 6, 2024, in Kingsport, TN.

**PRAYER FAMILIES OF THE WEEK** – Bill and Tricia Argabrite; Greeley and Sue Wells; Wes, Camden and Kinsley Argabrite; and Justin and Norie-Anne Watts and Delaney Young.

**MISSIONARIES** – Eliane Menezes, Guatemala.

## Souper Bowl of Caring

Our annual Souper Bowl of Caring offering will be collected today. Look for a basket in the foyer or as you enter the Fellowship Center. All proceeds will go towards an organization of the youth's choosing that helps with food insecurity in Kingsport. Thank you for giving today!

## Free Super Bowl Party Tonight 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, such as chili, wings, nachos, hors d'oeuvres, pigs in a blanket, etc. The church will provide ice tea and water. Hope to see you there!

## Ash Wednesday ~ February 14

Please join us next week for Ash Wednesday. We will have dinner at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Center. We are having a salad and baked potato bar. There is no cost for this meal. Please sign the pew pads or call the church office to make a reservation for dinner. Our meal will be followed by our Ash Wednesday Service.

## Coming Soon...

- February 21 ~ Wednesday Night Supper & Mike's Bible Study (*Pizza & Salad*)
- March 13 ~ Care Ministry Dinner (*Your deacon will contact you.*)

## New Wednesday Night 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 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*

## Knuckleheads Men's Bible Study

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

## **Birthdays This Week**

**Feb. 11:** Sallie Oaks, Hagan Dietrich

**Feb. 12:** Helen Baylor

**Feb. 15:** Bob Hauk

**Feb. 16:** Issac Conner, Aaron Pendleton

**Feb. 17:** Mike Wilkins, Gary Collins

**Feb. 18:** Henry Booher

## **Second Harvest in February**

Due to adverse weather conditions in January, FPC volunteers will be kicking off 2024 service at Second Harvest Food Bank on **February 21**. There will be both morning and afternoon sessions: from 10:00 a.m. to noon and 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. The rear warehouse entrance for volunteers will be closed due to construction, so please enter through the front reception area. Check your calendars and let Bob Stoots know if you'd like to help (call or text 423-782-6280).

## **Grab and Go Needs**

- Volunteers!
- Monetary Donations
- Hats/Toboggans
- Gloves
- Blankets or Sleeping Bags
- HotHands hand warmers
- Backpacks/Bags
- Thick Socks

**\*\*clothing items and bags can be new or used\*\***

## **Waverly Road Food Pantry**

For February please bring **canned meats and stews** for the Waverly Road Pantry. Baskets are located near the Chapel door and in the foyer of the Fellowship Center on Sunday mornings. Thanks!

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