

# First Press Weekly Update

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February 4, 2024



## Prayer List

**CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** - The Congregation extends Christian Sympathy to the family of **Susan Davis** upon her death on January 28, 2024, in Kingsport, TN.

**PRAYER FAMILIES OF THE WEEK** – Jane Andersen; Mike, Elizabeth, Parker, Grant and Rhys Wilkins; Alyson Argabrite; and Julia West.

**MISSIONARIES** – Eliane Menezes, Guatemala.

## Knuckleheads Men's Bible Study

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

## 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 today. The purpose of the meeting will be to hear a report on the budget, to approve the changes in terms of call for our pastor, to hear a report from Session, a report from the pastor, a report from the church staff, and to elect the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee. A light lunch will be provided following the meeting.

## Youth Group Today

3:00-4:00 Middle School

4:00-5:15 High School

## 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 & Mike's Bible Study
- March 13 ~ Care Ministry Dinner

## 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'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**

**Feb. 4:** Oliver Arrowsmith

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**Feb. 5:** Peyton Lambton

**Feb. 6:** Marian Adams, Evie Heindselman, Daniel Robertson

**Feb. 7:** Olivia Collins

**Feb. 10:** Susan Jackson

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

## **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!

## **All Church Retreat 2024**

Holston Camp

*Save the Date!*

**April 5-7**

*Look for details soon in email, newsletters and the bulletin.*

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