

First Press Weekly Update

March 17, 2024



Prayer List

IN THE HOSPITAL – Lou Ann Moore – Indian Path.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY - The Congregation extends Christian Sympathy to the family of **Martha “Kay” McBee** upon her death on March 8, 2024, in Nashville, TN.

CELEBRATION – On Sunday, March 10, 2024, the session welcomed into the fellowship of our church **Mary Kate Lively, Neely Mink and Lainie Pearson** by Profession of Faith.

CELEBRATION – A rose has been placed in the chancel celebrating the birth of **Hudson Grey Ricker** who was born on March 15, 2024, in Springhill, TN. Hudson is the son of Jarrod and Kelli Ricker and the grandson of Mitch and Greta Robinette.

PRAYER FAMILIES OF THE WEEK – Paul, Dallyda, Nafisa and Sakhile Banda; Gary and Catherine Tucker; Mark, Sarah, Will, Owen, and Sam Barbour; and Koleta Tilson.

MISSIONARIES – Eliane Menezes, Guatemala.

Youth Group Today

4:00-5:15 p.m. ~ High School

Knuckleheads Men’s Bible Study

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

Second Harvest Workday

Please mark your calendars and look forward to fun, fellowship and service at Second Harvest Food Bank with fellow FPC members and friends on **March 20**. Please email, call or text (423-782-6280) Bob Stoots to sign up and indicate your time preference! Everyone is welcome.

Wednesday Night Supper & Bible Study

March 20 ~ 5:30 p.m.

On the Menu: *Fried Chicken, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Rolls and Dessert*

To make reservations, fill out the pew pad on Sunday morning, call the church office at (423) 245-0104 or register online at www.firstpreskingsport.org. Dinner will be followed by Lesson Four of Dr. Shelton's class, “Get Your Life Back.” Please join us for dinner, Bible study or both!

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday, March 24

Palm Sunday Services
8:45 a.m., Chapel & 11:00 a.m., Fellowship Center
Easter Egg Hunt, 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, March 27

Church Night Supper and Bible Study, 5:30 p.m.

Maundy Thursday, March 28

Maundy Thursday Service
6:30 p.m., Fellowship Center

Stations of the Cross

Maundy Thursday, March 28 - Good Friday, March 29

Easter Sunday, March 31

8:45 a.m., Chapel
Space for Grace, 9:30 a.m., Fellowship Center
11:00 a.m., Sanctuary

NOTE: We will be back in the Sanctuary for Worship on Easter Sunday

Birthdays This Week

March 18: Judy Grover

March 19: Mary Kate Lively

March 20: Gerry Morie, Carolyn Hauk, Lillian King

March 23: Bowen Scott

March 24: Drew Amstutz

All Church Retreat 2024

Holston Presbytery Camp ~ April 5-7

Arrive at camp any time after 5 p.m. Gather in the dining hall at 7 p.m. for music and fellowship. Theme: "Lord, teach us to pray" (*Luke 11:1*). Cost: \$100 per adult (includes lodging and 4 meals). Youth/Children Free. You can pay by check or online. **Saturday, April 6 is the Day Trip:** Cost is \$30 (includes 2 meals). To ride the church bus, reserve a spot online or at church beginning March 3. Meet at the church at 7 a.m. on Saturday, April 6 to carpool or ride the bus.

Waverly Road Food Pantry

For March please bring **a can of vegetables** for the Waverly Road Pantry. Baskets are located near the Chapel door and in the foyer of the Fellowship Center on Sunday mornings. Thanks for your donations!

Spring Has Sprung at the Clothes Closet

The Clothes Closet will be transitioning from winter apparel to spring and summer apparel. We can use men's and women's short sleeve shirts, shorts, women's crops and both men's and women's athletic shoes. We will still accept end of season winter wear so we can get a jump on next season and always, we can use travel size soaps, shampoos, lotions, etc. Thank you for your continued support.

Prayer Trees

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

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