

First Press Weekly Update

March 24, 2024



Prayer List

IN THE HOSPITAL – Jerry Holmes – Vanderbilt.

PRAYER FAMILIES OF THE WEEK – Christine Baugh and George Baugh; Don and Karen Thompson; Helen Baylor; and Dion, Kim, and William Thomidis.

MISSIONARIES – Eliane Menezes, Guatemala.

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 Neighborhood Service Center* will receive 25% of today’s Five-Cents-A-Meal collection.

Easter Egg Hunt Today!

Meet in Fellowship Center around 9:45 a.m. The egg hunt will begin at 10:00 a.m. *No afternoon youth events.*

Knuckleheads Men’s Bible Study

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

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
Enter through the Breezeway door and follow the signs.

This Holy Practice invites you to walk through the life of Jesus’ last days through different prayer stations. All are invited to come as we walk through Holy Week together.

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

Wednesday Night Supper & Bible Study

March 27 ~ 5:30 p.m.

Braeden’s BBQ

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 Five of Dr. Shelton’s class, “Get Your Life Back.” Please join us for dinner, Bible study or both!

Flowers for the Cross

This year we continue our tradition of placing flowers on the cross on Easter Sunday morning. Please help celebrate new life in Christ by bringing flowers, from your yards or local grocery, and placing them on the cross or at the base of it.

Birthdays This Week

March 24: Drew Amstutz

March 26: Debbie Waggoner

March 27: Lucie Hagen, Linda Lisa

March 28: Robin Dickerson

March 30: Jane Andersen

March 31: Katy Mink

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. 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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