

First Press Weekly Update

May 12, 2024



Prayer List

PRAYER FAMILIES OF THE WEEK – Linda Buckles; Aidan Smith; Mike, Karen, Taylor and Cooper Bunch; and John Alan, Wendy, Emily and Rachel Smith.

MISSIONARIES – Eliane Menezes, Guatemala.

Acts Sermon Series

Dr. Shelton will continue his sermon series entitled "To be Continued," based on Acts, throughout the summer. Below are the readings for the rest of May.

May 19..."Stuck in An Upper Room" Acts 2

May 26..."Jesus Builds His Team" Acts 2:43-47

Sermon Notes

Look for Dr. Shelton's scripture readings and note guide for the weekly sermon in the **Weekly Update** email that includes your weekly bulletin and announcements. On Friday the Weekly Bulletin will be posted on the website under **What's New** on the Homepage.

Knuckleheads Men's Bible Study

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

Second Harvest in May

Please join in the fun, fellowship and service with fellow FPC members and friends at Second Harvest Food Bank on **Wednesday, May 15**. There will be two work sessions: 10 a.m. to Noon and 1 to 3 p.m. for you to select either one or both. Please call, text or email Bob Stoots (423-782-6280 or rlskbs@aol.com) to let him know you would like to participate and to register your preferred time. See you there!

Paramount Chamber Players Concert

Virtuosic Visions: Piano Trios of Rachmaninoff and Mendelssohn

Violinist Evie Chen, cellist Max Geissler and pianist Katherine Benson will perform two brilliant works for piano trio, starting with Sergei Rachmaninoff's Piano Trio No. 1 "Elegiaque," a rich and soulful piece that showcases the composer's extraordinary ability to write melody. Following will be a performance of one of the most celebrated chamber works: Felix Mendelssohn's Piano Trio No. 2 in C Minor, featuring virtuoso fireworks from the violin, cello, and piano. Please join us at First Presbyterian on **Thursday, May 16** at 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$15 for adults, \$10 for seniors, and students free. For more information, visit www.firstpreskiingsport.org.

Lemonade on the Lawn

Please join us for Lemonade on the Lawn on **Sunday, May 19**, after both services. We will serve homemade cookies and lemonade in the hallway leading from the chapel after the first service, and after the 11 o'clock service we will serve the lemonade and cookies outside under the Porte-cochere. Come and join us for this delightful treat!

Coming in June

June 2-8 ~ High School Montreat (\$150 per youth)

Vacation Bible School ~ June 17-20!

"Camp Compassion: What every living thing needs"

We need YOU to join our team of compassionate counselors, fearless leaders, canteen workers, and enthusiastic helpers to make this camp the best it can be! Sign up to be a part of this incredible adventure. Contact Russ to discuss your role!

Birthdays This Week

May 13: Larry Maston

May 14: Christine Baugh, Randell Drayne

May 15th: Sally Crawford

May 17: Jennifer Walker

May 18: Leslie Pope, John Bovender, Grayson Mott, Valerie Joh



A Space for our Children

A big thank you to the worship committee and our Session for approving some space for our kids to be in worship in our Sanctuary. During our time in the Fellowship Center, we intentionally included a space for children to color breakfast ministry bags, work on worship bulletins, and most importantly, be in worship the entire service. This worked great and our kids really benefitted from their own space. They participated in songs and liturgy more intentionally and we hope that continues with this new worship space for them.

Waverly Road Food Pantry

For May, please bring a **can of vegetables** for the Waverly Road Pantry. Baskets are located near the Chapel door and in front of the stained glass near the Sanctuary on Sunday mornings. Thanks for your donations!

Salvation Army Lunch Serving

Several members of First Pres have volunteered to serve lunch to members of our community on the second Sunday of each month at the Kingsport Salvation Army. If you'd like to add your name to the list of volunteers, please contact Catherine Tucker. 423-782-7782. Thank you.

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