

First Press Weekly Update

May 26, 2024



Prayer List

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY - The Congregation extends Christian Sympathy to the family of **Julia C. West** upon her death on May 16, 2024, in Kingsport, TN.

PRAYER FAMILIES OF THE WEEK – Lois Carter; Don and Cindy Sharitt; Emily Childress; and Tom Sellers.

MISSIONARIES – Eliane Menezes, Guatemala.

Birthdays This Week

May 27: Tricia Argabrite, Colin Pendleton

May 31: Kathy Redwine

June 1: Gerry Mayberry

June 2: Paula Scott

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 on the altar steps during the “Hymn of Sending” for the Sanctuary service. The **Friends in Need** Ministry will receive 25% of today’s Five-Cents-A-Meal collection.

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 June.

- June 2...”Meeting Jesus in Disguise” Acts 3
- June 9...”Taking the High Road” Acts 4
- June 16...”Beyond Your Assignment” Acts 6
- June 30...”Expanding the Family Room” Acts 8

Holiday Schedule

The church office will be closed **Monday, May 27** for Memorial Day. The Clothes Closet will be closed **Tuesday, May 28**.

Knuckleheads Men’s Bible Study

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

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!

New Exhibit in the History Room - Our Foreign Mission Co-workers

Since the earliest days First Pres has supported the work of foreign missionaries - now known as mission co-workers. Our first was Ruth Bracken, actually a member of FPC, who began work in China in 1925. Our current mission co-worker is **Eliane Menezes** who is assigned in Guatemala. Come browse through the photos and learn about two of our youth who spent 2 years in Africa, how some of the Bee Rigby mission designated funds were spent, why 72 members of FPC attended a commissioning service in Montreat in 1962 and much, much more. It is amazing to see how far and wide our mission dollars have spread the word of God. Thanks to Mary Ruth for her help with this exhibit.

Our Knitters Need Your Yarn!

Cleaning closets? Do you have left-over yarn? De-cluttering? FPC Knitters are making knitted scarves for Fall and Winter 2024 for the Breakfast Ministry and Clothes Closet! We want your left-over yarn! It doesn’t take a full skein, and we can even put two strands of different colors together to make warm and colorful scarves. Put your unneeded yarn on the shelf in the foyer coat closet and we will pick it up. You can help be the hands and feet of Christ and keep necks warm! Thanks! (*Check out the June newsletter - coming soon - for examples of these beautiful scarves*).

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 at 423-782-7782. Thank you.

Clothes Closet Needs

The Clothes Closet can use men's and women's short sleeve shirts, shorts, women's crops and both men's and women's athletic shoes. And as always, we can use travel size soaps, shampoos, lotions, etc. Thank you for your continued support.

Looking Ahead to Summer!

June 2-8

High School Montreat (\$150 per youth)

June 9

Lemonade on the Lawn

Homemade cookies too!

(following each service)

August 11

Sunday School Kickoff
& BLT Luncheon

September 29

All-Church Picnic

Let's Get Together!

The Congregational Fellowship & Nurture Committee would like to hear from the congregation some ideas for local outings where we could get together some small groups to attend things such as plays, festivals, attractions, etc. We would like to do some of these over the summer. Please contact Barbara Foust with any suggestions. Thank you!

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