

# *First Press Weekly Update*

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August 4, 2024



## **Prayer List**

**PRAYER FAMILIES OF THE WEEK** – Mark Davis; John and Marcia Porter; Tammie Davis; and Leslie Pope.

**MISSIONARIES** – Eliane Menezes, Guatemala.

## **Sunday School Kickoff**

We will kick off another Sunday school season on **Sunday, August 11**. All children and youth will meet in the Old Fellowship Hall downstairs for their program. Russ will lead the program with our youth. All adult classes plan to meet in your regular classroom.

## **Congregational Meeting**

A congregational meeting will be held **August 11** for the purpose of calling Russ Pearson to the associate pastor position. Later that day, the Ordination and Installation service will be held at 3:00 p.m. with a reception to follow in the Fellowship Center.

## **BLT Luncheon**

Please join us for a BLT Luncheon on **Sunday, August 11**, for the Back to School Kick Off. Claudia Byrd will be making her delicious BLT's, so come for the food and fellowship! The BLT's will be made on white bread, so if you would like a different bread, BYOB - Bring Your Own Bread, and we will be happy to make your sandwich with it. Hope to see you there!

## **Upcoming Events**

**September 29**

All-Church Picnic at Allandale

## **Upcoming Fun Possibilities**

- ◆ If anyone is interested in going to Barter Theatre on Sept. 20 to see "A Trip to Bountiful," please let Barbara Foust know as soon as possible so we can get tickets.
- ◆ If enough are interested, we will go to Brights Zoo sometime during the first couple of weeks in October. Please let Barbara know as soon as possible so we can plan this trip.

Call Barbara Foust at 423-306-6514 or email: [barbara.foust@gmail.com](mailto:barbara.foust@gmail.com).

## **Rekindling Our Gifts Survey**

Dear Friends, First Presbyterian Church has a rich history of members being involved in the life of the church as well as being involved in our community. Our committee is giving you the opportunity to update how you want to serve in our church by completing a "Rekindling Our Gifts Survey." You are welcome to complete the survey if you have never done one before, or complete one if there are changes in how you have already indicated you want to serve. A box containing envelopes which include the survey is located in the lobby of the church for you to pick up. Please complete and return it to that box **by Sunday, August 18**. Please put your name on the outside of the envelope when you return it. You may also mail the envelope to the church or drop the envelope in the black, locked box outside the breezeway entrance. Whichever way you choose, please return it by August 18. Thank you for your willingness to serve your church.

*Catherine Tucker (423-782-7782)*

*and*

*Jane Harris (423-239-9477),*

*Co-chairs*

# **Friends in Faith Class Begins New Series on August 18**

## ***Reading the Bible for Understanding***

The *Friends in Faith* Sunday School Class will begin a new 6-week series on August 18 entitled ***Reading the Bible for Understanding***. How do we as Christians and Presbyterians interpret the Bible? ***Reading the Bible for Understanding*** introduces important means to consider when interpreting different parts of the Bible: narratives, poetry and wisdom, and letters. It also reviews what Reformed and Presbyterian Christians believe about the nature of the Bible and the texts and translations that are available to us. Join our class as we explore the following 6 sessions (lesson #1 will be on August 18):

- Do You Understand What You Are Reading?
- Texts and Translations
- Interpreting Narrative Passages
- Interpreting the Gospels
- Interpreting Poetry and Wisdom Literature
- Interpreting Letters

Each session (6-8 pages) is a stand-alone discussion so do not worry if you have to miss a Sunday. Books may be picked up in room #103. So, whether you attend the 8:45 service or the 11:00 service the *Friends in Faith* class encourages and invites you to join us in room #103 at 9:45 a.m. \*\*\*Our class will meet in our room on August 11<sup>th</sup> for a time of fellowship. Come and share and hear about what we have each been doing during the summer!

## **Birthdays This Week**

**August 4:** Jenella Oliver

**August 5:** Emily Childress, Sue Redmon

**August 7:** John Good

**August 10:** Sarah Jane Adams

**August 11:** Inez McBee

## **Waverly Road Food Pantry**

For August, please bring healthy cereals or oatmeal 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!

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## **First Presbyterian Church Staff**

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