

First Press Weekly Update

September 15, 2024



Prayer List

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY - The Congregation extends Christian Sympathy to the family of **Laura Jane Yantz** upon her death on September 7, 2024, in Kingsport, TN.

PRAYER FAMILIES OF THE WEEK – Leon Doran; Celia Osbourne; Stacey and Olivia Doran; and Jenella Oliver.

MISSIONARIES – Eliane Menezes, Guatemala.

Youth and Children Today

- ◆ **SPACE FOR GRACE** ~ 9:45 a.m. in Fellowship Center - All ages, kids will go to side classroom .
- ◆ **AFTERNOON YOUTH ACTIVITIES** ~ Contact Russ for schedule.

Brown Bag Lunch Bible Study

Bring your own lunch!

Thursday at 12:15 p.m. in F102

Great News!

We have a new Director of Music Ministries. **Bryan K. Underwood** will begin in that position September 24, with September 29 being his first Sunday. He is coming to us from First UMC, Marion, Va. where he held the position of Interim Director of Music and Worship Arts/Organist. Bryan received his B.A. degree in Piano Performance from Westminster Choir College, Princeton, New Jersey. At First Pres he will be in charge of all aspects of our music program. We are very excited to have him with us.

Wednesday Nights at FPC

Our Wednesday Night dinners will resume on **September 18** and Dr. Mike Shelton's series will begin that evening. We will have pizza, salad and dessert for our first meal of the season. The cost for dinner is \$8.00 for adults, \$4.00 for children under 10, with a family maximum of \$20.00. *(When booking your reservations, please note that a family = parent(s) and dependent children 18 years of age and under.)* **Reservations must be received by noon on Tuesday.** To make reservations, fill out the pew pad on Sunday mornings, call the church office at (423) 245-0104 or register online: W.O.W. - The Word on Wednesday's - First Presbyterian Church-Kingsport Church Night Supper - First Presbyterian Church-Kingsport (firstpreskingsport.org) . We're looking forward to another wonderful season of lessons, great food and fellowship.

Staying Calm

There is a madness to our time in history; the world has gone mad, and it is taking us with it. It is so depressing to watch the news that many people have stopped watching. Humanity isn't doing well. Our ANXIETY LEVEL is through the roof. We dread what may happen next but what we fear may happen is often worse than what does happen. Many people have clearly lost hope. They look for good news, but don't know where to find it. The more uncertain the times, the harder it is to STAY CALM. On **Wednesday, September 18**, Dr. Shelton will start his series, "Staying Calm", based on Paul's great text in Philippians: Rejoice in God always. The Lord is near. Have no anxiety about anything but in prayer let your requests be made known to God.

Fellowship Outings

The following activities are planned for September and October. Please notify Barbara Foust as soon as you can if you would like to join us.

- ◆ **Friday, September 20** ~ Lunch at "The Farmer's Daughter." **Cost will be \$22.00. We need to be at the church at 10:00.** The bus holds 15 people. A step stool has been ordered to aid getting on and off the bus.
- ◆ **Thursday, October 10** ~ We go to the zoo. **We will need be at the church by 9:30.** We will take the church bus.
- ◆ **Thursday, October 17** ~ We will be going to Barter to see "A Trip to Bountiful." **We will need to be at the church to leave at 1:00. The cost is \$24.00.** If you would like, we can stop on the way home to eat somewhere at the Pinnacle. There is only 1 opening left. Call Barbara Foust at 423-306-6514 or email: barbara.foust@gmail.com.

NOTE: For those going to Barter please pay the \$24 to Barbara by September 18.

Birthdays This Week

Sept. 15: Cynthia King, Alan Hobbs, Norie-Anne Watts

Sept. 16: Cooper Bunch

Sept. 18: Betty Nelle Duke

Sept. 20: Carl Eilers, Sam Stevens

Sept. 22: Bill Argabrite

All-Church Picnic

We will have our all-church picnic at Allandale Pavilion on **Sunday, September 29**. Fellowship will begin at 5 p.m. and dinner is served at 6 p.m. by Delta Blues BBQ. They will be serving fried chicken, pulled pork sandwiches, bakes beans, coleslaw and peach cobbler. The cost will be adults \$10; children ages 6-10 \$5, free for children under 6, \$35 family max. (*When booking your reservations, please note that a family = parent(s) and dependent children 18 years of age and under.*) Make reservations and pay online at www.firstpreskingsport.org or call the church office at (243) 245-0104. We look forward to seeing you there!

Upcoming Concerts

The Paramount Chamber Players will perform an "Alpine Autumn" on **Friday, October 4** at 7:30 p.m. in our sanctuary. Cost is \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors, and free for students. **Michael Reno Harrell and Josh Goforth** will present "Songs & Stories of Appalachia" on **Friday, November 8** at 7:30 p.m. in our sanctuary. Look for more information soon about both of these concerts.

Clothes Closet Needs

The Clothes Closet will be changing from summer to fall/winter clothing shortly. We are in need of blankets/throws, jackets, coats, sweat shirts (hoodies), athletic shoes and socks, wool hats, gloves and toiletries. Thank you for your continued support.

Waverly Road Food Pantry

For September, please bring a **can of soup** 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!

Knuckleheads Men's Bible Study

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

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