

First Press Weekly Update

October 27, 2024



Prayer List

PRAYER FAMILIES OF THE WEEK – Frances Frongillo; Ella Miller; Florence Godat; and Claudia Mihovk.

MISSIONARIES – Eliane Menezes, Guatemala.

Space for Grace

October 27

9:45 a.m. ~ Fellowship Center

Text @fpcs4g to 81010 to be on the text list for this worship service.

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 **Salvation Army** will receive 50% of today’s Five-Cents-A-Meal collection.

Trunk or Treat Today!

Sunday, October 27 ~ 6:00-7:00pm ~ Church Parking Lot

We need cars to help make this happen. Feel free to decorate your car or just bring a bag of candy. If you can help, contact Russ.

Stewardship Packets

Our stewardship season is here and your packets are available for you to pick up in the foyer. Dedication Sunday is **November 10**.

Wednesday Night at FPC

Our Wednesday night meal this week (**October 30**) will be provided by Jersey Mikes. After dinner, Dr. Mike Shelton will continue his series on *Staying Calm*. The cost for dinner is \$8.00 for adults, \$4.00 for children under 10, with a family maximum of \$20.00. **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 by clicking the *W.O.W. - The Word on Wednesday's* bubble on the home page at www.firstpreskingsport.org. (When booking your reservations, please note that a family = parent(s) and dependent children 18 years of age and under.) Don't miss out on great food, fellowship and on Dr. Shelton's lessons.

Brown Bag Lunch Bible Study

Thursday at 12:15 p.m. in F102

Combined Worship and Care Ministry Luncheon

Please join us for lunch and fellowship at the Care Ministry luncheon on **Sunday, November 3**. It is time-change Sunday so there will be one church service at 10:00 a.m. The luncheon will immediately follow. Your deacon will be contacting you by mid-October for reservations. The deadline to sign up has passed, but if your plans have changed and you would like to attend, please call the church (423-245-0104) by noon tomorrow (Monday, October 28). Please remember that reservations are binding. Cost is \$10/adults; \$5/children (ages 6-10); free for children under 6; and \$35 family max. (When booking your reservations, please note that a family = parent(s) and dependent children 18 years of age and under.)

Menu: (Catered by Delta Blues) Smoked Meatloaf, Smoked Pulled Chicken, Loaded Potato Salad, Cole Slaw, Garden Salad, Rolls, Dessert (provided by the deacons).

“Songs & Stories of Appalachia”

Michael Reno Harrell and Josh Goforth will present “Songs & Stories of Appalachia” on **Friday, November 8** at 7:30 p.m. in our sanctuary. Tickets will be available at the door, or order online by clicking the Performing Arts Series 2024 bubble on the home page at www.firstpreskingsport.org

Birthdays This Week

October 31: Betsy Boyd, Tonya McInturff, Wes Argabrite, Sharon Amstutz

November 1: Sue Adrian, Emily Pridemore

November 3: Maggie Booher

“Shop the World Gifts” Returning November 17

We are pleased to announce that “Shop the World Gifts” will return after a five-year absence! The shop will be available in our Fellowship Center from 8:30 a.m. on November 17 through 1:00 p.m. This is our opportunity to support third-world country artisans who receive more profit through this fair trade store. Make your Christmas shopping list to shop early at this convenient location.

Thanksgiving Dinner ~ November 20

We invite you all to join us for a Thanksgiving Dinner on **Wednesday, November 20**, at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will have it catered by Golden Corral, and they will provide turkey, gravy, dressing, green beans, whipped sweet potatoes, rolls, and we will provide the pumpkin pie. Cost is \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children under 10, with a family max of \$25.00. To sign up you may fill out the pew pad on Sunday morning, or call the church office at (423)-245-0104. Golden Corral will need our final count **no later than November 4**. We look forward to having you join us!

Community Thanksgiving Service ~ November 24

Please join us for the Community Thanksgiving Service which will be held **Sunday, November 24** at 5:00 p.m. here at First Presbyterian Church. After the service we will have pie!

Waverly Road Food Pantry

For October, please bring **pasta and canned sauce** or **a box of mac and cheese** 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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