

First Press Weekly Update

May 18, 2025



Prayer List

PRAYER FAMILIES OF THE WEEK – Mike, Karen, Taylor and Cooper Bunch; Don and Cindy Sharitt; Claudia Byrd and Tom Sellers.

Summer Worship Begins Today

Our combined summer worship service at 10:00 a.m. begins today and will conclude **Sunday, July 27**. Our regular schedule will resume Sunday, August 3.

Potluck Lunch Today!

A potluck lunch will be held after the 10:00 a.m. service today in the Fellowship Center. This will be a time of great home-cooked food as well as time for fellowship with each other! “Amen, Let’s Eat!”

Second Harvest Work Day in May

First Presbyterian Church volunteers will be working at Second Harvest Food Bank of Northeast Tennessee on **Wednesday, May 21**. Please join us if you can! Call or text Bob Stoots at (423-782-6280) to sign up and indicate your time preference: morning (9:00-11:00 a.m.), afternoon (1:00-3:00 p.m.) or both!

The Paramount Chamber Players Celebrate Their 20th Anniversary

The Paramount Chamber Players is the premier chamber music ensemble of the Mountain Empire. Composed of a rotating group of celebrity musicians and guest performers, they program a diverse range of music from the chamber repertoire’s greatest classics to newly commissioned pieces from local composers. The First Presbyterian Performing Arts Series of concerts started in 2018 and we have been a host venue each year for the Chamber Players as part of the series annual offering of concerts. The spring concert on Friday May 23 in our sanctuary will feature the **WORLD PREMIERE** of **THE DREAMS** by Evelyn Pursley Kopitzke plus works by Franck, Debussy, and Schumann. This promises to be a wonderful concert, so plan to attend. Tickets can be purchased on the church web site or at the door.

Birthdays This Week

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

May 20: Bette Patton, Stewart Taylor, Autumn Hagan

May 21: Kinsley Argabrite

May 25: Dave Hafele

Lemonade on the Lawn

Our next Lemonade on the Lawn will be held on **June 15** after the 10:00 a.m. service outside under the portico. Home-baked cookies will be served with the lemonade. This will be a wonderful time to socialize and catch up with friends.

VBS 2025: Waves of Faith

June 16-19

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Opening and closing programs will be in the Fellowship Center

Contact Russ for more information.

New in the History Room

A new exhibit in the History Room follows the history of First Pres’ association with Habitat for Humanity. As you know we finished our most recent build – Matt’s Build. Our history goes back to 1985 when our youth went on a mission trip. Two women involved in the beginning of Habitat in Kingsport were connected to our church. We have been involved in 22 builds since 1989. Habitat counts full builds – we have done 20 full builds and 2 rehabs. Come by the History Room to learn more about our history with this great organization

Accounting for Investment Advisor Checks to FPC

Please ask your investment advisor to specify on the attachment to your check who the church member is and where the money goes. For example, to pledge, to Endowment, to boiler repair, etc. This will be helpful to bookkeeping and help ensure your check gets credited to the appropriate account.



Furnishings Needed at Matt's Habitat House

Matt Willis family would appreciate a 6x8 or smaller area rug and a hall runner carpet. They are looking for a hutch. Thank you to FPC members who have offered other items.

Breakfast Bags

A new sign up sheet for summer (May-August) Breakfast Bag volunteers is available! If you would like to receive the spreadsheet to sign up, please reach out to Sarah Good (sar4680@gmail.com). Also, our toiletry kits have been much appreciated--during the warmer months, please consider making a donation of travel-size/small toiletry items such as shampoo, conditioner, body wash, toothpaste and toothbrushes, deodorant, lotion, etc. New or gently used washcloths are also needed. We will assemble the bags for distribution. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Christ to our neighbors!

Clothes Closet

On Monday morning, weekly clothing donations are sorted and arranged by size. On Tuesday morning, the clothes closet is open to the public from 9:00 a.m. to noon, where volunteers assist with the distribution of clothing. To volunteer, please contact Don Thompson.

Salvation Army

First Presbyterian has a long history of serving a Sunday meal each month at the Salvation Army. We currently serve a meal on the second Sunday. Volunteers are needed from 11:30 am-1:15 pm. Please contact Catherine Tucker if you'd like to help. 423-782-7782 or tuckersbigblue@gmail.com

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 or you may leave them in the big white bin in the coat closet across from the restrooms at any time. Your donations mean so much to those who don't have enough to eat. Thank you!

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