

# The First Press Weekly Update

June 7, 2026



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## Summer Worship

Our summer schedule of combined worship at 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary will continue through **Sunday, August 2**. Our regular schedule will resume on **Sunday, August 9**.

## High School Montreat

Montreat is **June 7-13**. This year we have eight youth going up the mountain to explore their faith through amazing worship, outstanding speakers, and a chance to join others in small groups! Please keep our group in your prayers and we look forward to sharing our experience with you.

## Barter Trip ~ One Ticket Left!

We have one ticket left for the 2:00 p.m. performance of "Guys and Dolls" on **Thursday, June 11** at Barter Theatre. The cost is \$56. Everyone must be on the bus at 12:45 p.m. If you are not on the bus by 12:45, it is going to leave without you. **Payment is due today, Sunday, June 7 (find Barbara Foust after church).**

## Articia's Habitat Build

First Presbyterian Church volunteers will serve **June 10, 12 and 13** installing appliances, working on closets and helping with landscaping. Join us in service to Articia and her family. Pray for Articia and her family, Holston Habitat for Humanity, safety of workers and fellowship among volunteers. Contact Gary Tucker at 423-378-5419 for registration details or Mandy Penz at Holston Habitat, [volunteer@holstonhabitat.org](mailto:volunteer@holstonhabitat.org). Details on how to register are in the newsletter.

## Help the Girl Scouts

Help the Girl Scouts of Troop 157 make their fundraiser yard sale a success. The girls are raising money to put a sun shade structure on the playground at Jefferson Elementary School. There are two ways you can help. **You can bring items for donation now through June 12** and place them in the classroom to the side of the Fellowship Center. Also, you can come shop the sale on **June 13** from 9 to 2 in the Fellowship Center. For more information check out June's newsletter. For questions contact Anna Hagan at [Hagan30@gmail.com](mailto:Hagan30@gmail.com).

## Second Harvest Work Day in June

Please join First Presbyterian Church volunteers at Second Harvest Food Bank of Northeast Tennessee on **Wednesday, June 17**. It is a fun time of fellowship and service! 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!

## Lemonade on the Lawn

This fun and sweet event will be held on **June 21**. We will have cookies and lemonade after our 10:30 a.m. worship service. Come and enjoy some sweet treats and friendly fellowship.

## Vacation Bible School 2026 ~ "Rainforest Falls"

**Monday, June 22 -Wednesday, June 24 from 9am-12pm**

Our annual VBS is set and we are gearing up for another fun week of worship, crafts, singing, and games. Adults and youth are needed to help shepherd our kids between classes. If you are interested in coming, even for a limited time, please let Russ know and we will plug you in! This is one of the best ways to support our kids and to get to know them better.

## The Nation's 250th Birthday Celebration

The CF&N Committee is hosting a luncheon celebration to commemorate our nation's 250th birthday after church on **July 5** in the Fellowship Center. Please sign up your family for this celebration on the registration form in the foyer or by calling the church office **by Tuesday, June 30**. There is no charge for this due to a generous donation from a church member. Additional details will follow in other communications.

## "Close the Gap" Campaign

As of May 18th, the GAP has been closed to \$10,392 thanks to your donations of \$10,050. If you haven't contributed yet, please consider doing so. We're almost halfway there to closing the Gap of \$20,442. Thank you! *FPC Finance Committee*

## Breakfast Bag Help!

It's time to sign up to volunteer this summer! Veteran volunteers, check your email for the sign up sheet. New volunteers, email Sarah Good ([sar4680@gmail.com](mailto:sar4680@gmail.com)) to receive the schedule. Summer is busy--we will need all hands on deck to keep serving our neighbors!

## **Opportunities for Connection**

Interested in baptism, becoming a member of First Presbyterian Church, or have a pastoral concern? Please let us know.

### **Prayer Concerns**

*If you have specific prayer concerns, please write them below, and place in the offering basket as you leave or give it to a pastor.*

### **Offering Invitation**

Tithes and Offerings can be given online, placed in the offering plate as you leave, or mailed to the church.

### **The Chancel Flowers are Dedicated to the Glory of God**

and in support of our youth going to Montreat  
by Allen and Becca Wright.

### **Flower Delivery**

Judy Grover

### **Sanctuary Ushers**

Jeanne Cox and Judy Cox

### **Sanctuary Sound**

Olin Babb

### **Birthdays & Prayers of the Week**

**June 9:** Olin Babb, Mary Glenn Lively, Shannon Vanlandingham

**June 10:** Scott Cooper

**June 11:** Donna Quillen, Rhys Wilkins

**June 12:** Precia Keel

**June 13:** Donna Marchion

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## **This Week at First Presbyterian Church**

### **Sunday, June 7**

7:00-8:00 am Breakfast Ministry  
9:15 am Adult Sunday School  
10:30 am Combined Worship ~ Sanctuary

### **Tuesday, June 9**

12:15-1:15 pm Knuckleheads Men's Bible Study

### **Thursday, June 11**

1:15-2:15 pm Balance Class

### **Saturday, June 12**

7:00-8:00 am Breakfast Ministry

### **Sunday, June 14**

7:00-8:00 am Breakfast Ministry  
10:30 am Combined Worship, *Sanctuary*