

# *The First Press Weekly Update*

July 5, 2026



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Seeking to see the face of Christ...Striving to be the hands of Christ

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Interested in becoming a member of First Presbyterian Church? Please speak with one of our pastors.

## **Celebration of Our Nation's 250th Birthday**

The CF&N Committee is excited to hold this event in our Fellowship Center after church this morning. Our picnic-themed lunch will be catered by Food City. The menu is hamburgers, hot dogs, baked beans, coleslaw, potato salad, chips and cookies. There is no charge for this meal due to a generous donation by a church member. We plan to join in singing some patriotic songs during lunch.

### **Save the Date!**

- ◆ July 19 ~ Ice Cream Social
- ◆ August 9 ~ Potluck Lunch
- ◆ September 20 ~ Church Picnic at Allandale

## **Second Harvest in July**

Please join First Presbyterian Church volunteers at Second Harvest Food Bank of Northeast Tennessee on **Wednesday, July 15**. 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 (9am-11am), afternoon (1pm-3pm) or both!

## **Christmas Worship in July!**

**Sunday, July 26** we will have a special worship service centering around the theme of Christmas at 10:30 a.m. in our Sanctuary. Feel free to wear some red and green, come ready to sing some Christmas songs, and hear a message that is bigger than just one season of the year!

## **Close the Gap Campaign**

Congratulations! **YOU DID IT!** You closed the GAP! Thanks to your donations, you have contributed \$20,500 which exceeds the gap (deficit) of \$20,442 in our 2026 Operating Budget.

THANK YOU!

*FPC Finance Committee*

## **PNC Update: The Search Continues!**

Your Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) has been hard at work behind the scenes, and we wanted to pop our heads out of the committee room to give you a quick progress report. Over the last few weeks, we have officially reviewed dozens of matches, resumes, and applications. Our readers have been busy, our highlighters are running low, and our cookie consumption is at an all-time high! We've recently crossed a major milestone by extending and conducting several first-round interviews. While we would love to chat about whom we've been talking to, we have to keep things strictly "hush-hush" to protect the confidentiality of the candidates and their current churches. We promise to share more definitive news just as soon as we can. In the meantime, please keep the PNC and our future pastor in your prayers—and maybe send an extra jolt of caffeine our way!

## **Directory Update**

The 2026 Pictorial Directory is available online under the Members Only section of the website. If you would like a printed copy you may stop by the office during office hours to pick one up or call the office and one can be left for you on the credenza in the breezeway (in a manila envelope) to pick up at your convenience. For privacy and security reasons we will no longer email out copies of the directory. Also, if you notice that some members' information is incomplete/missing, that is because every member that has requested a Realm login has control over their personal information and they may have restricted access to their personal information. We hope you enjoy the updated directory.

## **FPC Clothes Closet ~ Help Needed!**

Help is needed on Mondays at your FPC Clothes Closet. Come when you can to sort clothes beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Monday mornings. Your volunteering will be greatly appreciated!

## **Waverly Road Food Pantry**

*Item of the Month:*

Peanut Butter

## **Supporting a Healthy Congregation**

*The lifeblood of a healthy congregation is support through prayer and financials gifts.*

### **Prayer Concerns**

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

### **Christian Sympathy**

We offer our Christian love and sympathy to the family of Charles "Charlie" Edward Good (father of John Good), who passed away on June 23, 2026, in Jonesborough, TN.

### **Offering Invitation**

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



## **Serving Today**

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

and are presented by Gary and Catherine Tucker  
in loving memory of Bee Rigby on her 118th birthday  
and in celebration of our Nation's 250th birthday  
on Saturday, July 4, 2026.

### **Ushers**

Pepper and Barbara McCary

### **Sound**

Olin Babb

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

**July 5:** Troy Aguilar-Smith

**July 6:** Charles Beggerow, Kathy Ruffel

**July 7:** Jane Scott, Patrick Stanley

**July 11:** Sarah King

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

#### **Sunday, July 5**

7:00-8:00 am Breakfast Ministry  
10:30 am Combined Worship in the Sanctuary  
11:30 am Nation's 250th Celebration Lunch

#### **Tuesday, July 7**

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

#### **Thursday, July 9**

1:15-2:15 pm Balance Class

#### **Saturday, July 11**

7:00-8:00 am Breakfast Ministry

#### **Sunday, July 12**

7:00-8:00 am Breakfast Ministry  
10:30 am Combined Worship in the Sanctuary

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