

The First Press Weekly Update

August 23, 2026



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

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

BLTs are Back ~ Today!

Please join us for BLTs and fellowship today in the Fellowship Center after the 10:30 a.m. service. Thanks to Claudia Byrd for preparing these for us!

Looking Ahead!

- ◆ September 2 ~ Church Night Supper and Wednesday Night Programs Resume
- ◆ September 20 ~ Church Picnic at Allandale
- ◆ October 14 ~ Fall Festival Program after CNS
- ◆ October 25 ~ Pumpkin Carving and Pizza
- ◆ October 28 ~ Trick or Treating after CNS
- ◆ November 29 ~ Advent Coffee

Wednesday Nights in the Fall

This Fall on Wednesdays all are invited to **Church Night Supper and Bible Study** in the Fellowship Center! The suppers begin at 5:30 p.m. and we do need reservations. Bible study will begin at 6:20 p.m. Our first supper will be on **Wednesday, September 2**. You can bring your own Bible, or just come as you are. Most Wednesdays we will offer a time of study and discussion after we eat, and occasionally we will have a brief Vespers worship service with music and prayer. A couple of times this next season we will have a game night. The schedule of supper and events will be publicized closer to the time, and we will remind you weekly of what is happening. Church night suppers are a great time to get to know your church family better. Families are always welcome and there is plenty of space for kids to be present and belong (Russ always can use kids and youth to read!). All of us are looking forward to another great Fall of Wednesday fellowship!

Workday at FPC

The Property Committee would like to invite you to a workday for the church to get some needed work done by members and friends of the church. The work would entail inside and outside jobs. The date is **Saturday, October 10** starting at 9:00 a.m. The jobs and information will be posted in the next newsletter and church bulletin.

Storage Containers Needed

We have a newly organized church storage closet and we need clear tubs for storage. If you could provide a tub, it would be greatly appreciated. Just drop them off in the breezeway hall. Thank you!

Fellowship Dinner Groups

As we endeavor to come together as a congregation this is a request for determining which members would be interested in being part of a Fellowship Dinner Group. Interested members are assigned to be part of a Fellowship Dinner Group for a period of six months. Every six months there is a new group. The groups meet monthly for fellowship and dinner. In the past there has been a group that chose to go out to eat. It is a great way to visit with and get to know each other in a relaxed setting. Please contact Claudia Byrd at (423) 963-4754 or claudia@BristolMotorSpeedway.com with questions or to indicate your interest.

Legacy Funding

YOUR LEGACY FUNDING through FPC's ENDOWMENT: Contribute to FPC Ministries, Mission & Outreach, Capital Facilities. To make an Endowment gift now or later, talk with Mike Wilkins, Mary Glenn Lively, Nic Clemmer, Rebecca Combs, Steve Miller, Gary Tucker, Barbara McCary, Dee Dee Dietrich or call the church office at 423-245-0104 or Matthew Crowder, Investment Advisor, ECU Asset Management/LPL Financial 423-578-7371.

Waverly Road Food Pantry

Item of the Month:

Healthy Cereals

Supporting a Healthy Congregation

The lifeblood of a healthy congregation is support through prayer and financial 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.

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 in loving memory of Ben, Katherine and Katie Brown
and presented by Allen and Becca Wright.

Ushers

Jeremy and Charlie Lively

Sound

Olin Babb

Flower Delivery

Claudia Byrd

Birthdays & Prayers of the Week

August 23: Jane Boyd, Beth Williams

August 24: Lillie Ward

August 25: Brad Pendleton

August 26: Langley Brents

August 28: Grant Wilkins, Sam Booher

August 29: Ella Miller, Cindy Sharitt, Chris Haynes, Nolan King

August 30: Joy McConnell

August 31: Bill Bovender

First Presbyterian Church Staff

423-245-0104

Dr. Bradley Walker, *Interim Pastor*

Russ Pearson, *Associate Pastor of Student Ministries*

Amy Smith, *Director of Music Ministries/Organist*

Annie Hill, *Church Business Administrator/Executive Assistant to the Pastor*

Vickie Green, *Membership & Website Specialist/Church Administrative Assistant*

Kim Alvis, *Media Specialist*

Becca Wright, *Parish Nurse*

Alan Whitt, *Head of Maintenance/Custodial*

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