

This Week at First Presbyterian Church

15th Sunday after Pentecost

September 10, 2023

Prayer List

Today: 10:00 a.m. - Worship service with Sacrament of Holy Communion, FPC Chapel
Daily Change Offering received
No Sunday School
5:30 p.m. - Sunday Community Supper, (Bob & Patty Neill family) f. hall

Monday: 10:00 a.m. - Creative Hands
10:00 a.m. - Membership Cmte. meeting, conf. room
2:00 p.m. - Circle 4, parlor
7:00 p.m. - Council & Committee meetings

Tuesday: 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Classical Conversations Homeschool
7:00 p.m. - Personnel Committee mtg., conf. room

Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. - Noon - Wednesday Work Group
9:30 a.m. - Staff meeting
11:30 a.m. - Circle 5 - Il Bambini Pizza, Newton
1:30 p.m. - Finance Cmte. meeting, conf. room
6:15 p.m. - Handbells
7:00 p.m. - Choir

Thursday: 10:00 a.m. - Bible Study w/David, Library
1:00 - 3:00 p.m. - Shower Ministry, Lower Level
7:00 p.m. - Called Session meeting, conf. room

Next Sunday: 16th Sunday after Pentecost
Music Dedication & "Informed, Fed & Inspired" Sunday
9:00 a.m. - Council on Caring meeting, conf. room
10:00 a.m. - Worship service, Sanctuary
No Sunday School
11:00 a.m. - Congregational Lunch, Fellowship Hall
Noon - 2:00 p.m. - Youth Outing, Escape Room
5:30 p.m. - Sunday Community Supper, (Trinity), fellowship hall

The Sacrament of Holy Communion: The Presbyterian Church practices "open" communion. All persons present in worship are encouraged to receive the sacrament. The communion bread was baked by Jeannie Clark. The elder assisting this morning is Gary McDougal.

Personal hearing devices are available. Please see an usher. **Persons interested in joining the church** should speak to David Roquemore, Pastor, or contact the church office.

Week of September 10th

Elder on Call: Charles Moody
Lay Leader: Tracey Paul
Sound System: Bruce Deese

Week of September 17th

Elder on Call: Randy Miller
Lay Leader: Becky McRee
Greeters: RaeAnn Hennes & Amy Owensby
Flowers: Cheryl Glenn
Sound System: Bruce Deese

Attendance - September 3rd

10:00 a.m. - 91
Shower Ministry September 7th - 1

CHURCH MEMBERS: Lee Cranford, Julie Jones, Sondra Phillips, Nancy Gargis, Laurie Joplin, Jim Teubner, the Foley family, the Inscoe family, Courtney Roquemore, Kay Long, Jeannie Clark, Elise Yaussy, Jo Todd, Judy Fulton, Terry Anderson and family, David Roquemore, Rick Knowles, Ron Valentini, Dale Whitaker, Tom Witherspoon, Norris & Gail McRee, Eric Ellis, Karen McDougal

FRIENDS & FAMILY: Zachary Ausel, Maryia Johnson & family, Margaret Hale, Caitlan Reese, Keith & Shelley Moretz, Zak Kuhn, Cora Compton, Luke Ohman, family of David Crockett Long, Shirley Harwell, Michelle Nelson-Beers, Larry O'Dell, Leenie Vallandingham, Nanelle McAlpin, Katie Day, Megan Bergman, Jennifer Stodden, family of Leah Lowdermilk, Gary Hefner, Sheila Jones, Melissa Girard, Amanda McDonald-Miller, Toby Hemphill, Sabryah Alghrary, the Frazier family, the Porterfield family, Nancy Kiser

Prayers for those with Long-term Health Concerns:

CHURCH MEMBERS: Janet Drum, Richard Foley, Pete Keel, Robin Miller, Frankie Sigmon

Prayers for those in Assisted Living/Homebound:

CHURCH MEMBERS: Johnsie Abernethy, Dennis DeBalso, Betty Epps, Frances Inscoe, Frances Ennis, Wanda Hicks, Ann White, Peggy Templeton, Richard Hedrick

Prayers for those in the Military:

John Hardin, U.S. Army, Fort Sill, OK
(Cindy Baldwin's nephew)
Captain Joshua Smith, U.S. Marines, Camp Lejeune, NC
(Brenda Smith's son)
Major Christopher Walker, U.S. Army, Fort Knox, KY
(Tammy Walker's son)
LT Max Morrill, U.S. Navy, Virginia Beach, VA
(Joan Inscoe's grandson)

Prayers for El Redentor, our Sister Church in Guatemala:

- For the well being of all members of our sister church
- For all 20 scholarship students as they begin a new school year
- For Humberto Robles, elder, who is fulfilling requirements in secular education in order to continue his studies at the seminary
- For Dayana Rojas, who is receiving a university scholarship to study nursing
- For Yesmi Monterroso, who is receiving a university scholarship in 2023 to study business
- For the health of Timoteo Rodas, from our partner church of
 - El Redentor

STEWARDSHIP REPORT through End of August 2023

2023 Pledge Budget	464,000.00
Pledge Budget through August 31, 2023	309,333.28
Pledge Receipts through August 31, 2023	318,694.68

Announcements – Week of September 10th

“Informed, Fed and Inspired!”

Sunday, September 17th

Congregational Lunch

This year Rally Day will be a little different. Instead of “Rally Day”, next Sunday, we are having Sacred Arts & Music Sunday at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary, followed by a congregational lunch in the fellowship hall. *“Informed, Fed and Inspired”!* This is going to be a wonderful way to learn how to get involved at FPC Newton as we celebrate 165 years!

The Council on Caring team will be providing chicken, ham and chicken tenders for the main course. Members of the congregation are asked to please bring a side dish or dessert to go with the main course. We will have carry-out containers available so members may take a plate to a church members and shut-ins that are unable to attend.

There will be opportunities to learn all the amazing ways you can serve the Lord during this church year. This is an opportunity to choose a new ministry or way to serve FPC Newton and our surrounding communities. So, make plans to come worship, have lunch and learn more! This event is co-hosted by the Council on Caring and the Council on Discipleship groups.

Circle 5 Coffee Mission

Unfortunately, we have had substantial wholesale price increases on our Equal Exchange products (coffee, chocolate, etc.) that require that we increase our retail prices as well. We do understand that the farmers who produce the coffee are facing the same increases in costs as we are, and that they make their living from these products. We are also able to support our Circle’s mission projects with the small amount we make from these purchases. We hope you will continue to support them.

You will notice that some prices have gone up a small amount, some a considerable amount, and that some products have had no price increase. These are the ones that have not been re-ordered since the price increases. Take advantage of this!

Also, to help in our inventory, we are asking that you fill out a receipt located on the clipboard located near the coffee, indicating your item(s) and the amount you are leaving in the black box or with Kim. This will help us keep a better record of our balance and inventory. (Chocolate minis are excluded).

Thank you for your understanding and patience as we find the system that works for our mission. Fran & Karen

Upcoming Youth Events - September

September 17th	10:00 a.m. - Worship Service
	11:00 a.m. - Youth outing, Escape Room
September 24th	Presbytery Youth Event at Montreat
September 30th	1:00 pm - 3:30 p.m. - Rise Against Hunger Event at Beth Eden Lutheran Church

“Well Isn’t That Special?!” Lunch Group

Monday, Sept. 25th at the Bistro at Abernethy Laurels. Please contact Susan Roquemore at 717-645-1220 or Erma Yaussy at 466-1087 if you would like to attend. Please bring cash.

The Corner Table Backpack Program

The ongoing mission of the Backpack Program is to remove hunger as a barrier to a good education by providing nutritional meals every weekend. A large blue bin, marked *Backpack Program*, is located in the narthex for donations. Please consider purchasing the following items to help fill the backpacks.

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| Pop Tarts (4pk) | Cereal Cups |
| Canned Vegetables | Muffin Mix (small box) |
| Canned Chicken | Instant Oatmeal or Grits |
| Canned Tuna | Fruit Snacks |

Community Blood Drive

Our church will host a Red Cross Blood Drive on Tuesday, September 19th in the fellowship hall from 2:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. To schedule an appointment, please visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: Newton First Presby. Volunteers are needed to assist with registration and operation of the snack table on that day. Please contact Bob Neill at 828-323-7806 if you would be interested in helping.

Rise Against Hunger

Beth Eden Lutheran Church is sponsoring a Rise Against Hunger event on Saturday, September 30th from 1-3 p.m. in their fellowship hall. Please contact Brad Huggins at mbhmd@me.com if you would like to sign up to help.