

This Week at First Presbyterian Church

Music & Sacred Arts Dedication Sunday

September 17, 2023

Prayer List

Today: 9:00 a.m. - Council on Caring meeting
 10:00 a.m. - Worship service, Sanctuary
 No Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. - "Informed, Fed & Inspired"
 congregational lunch, fellowship hall
 Noon - 2:00 p.m. - Youth outing, Escape Room
 5:30 p.m. - Sunday Community Supper, (Trinity Baptist) f. hall

Monday - Friday: David Roquemore out of the office

Monday: 10:00 a.m. - Creative Hands

Tuesday: 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Classical 'Conversations Homeschool
 2:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. - Community Blood Drive, fellowship hall

Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. - Noon - Wednesday Work Group
 October Newsletter Deadline
 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Community Meeting Room, lower level reserved
 1:30 p.m. - Hunger Walk meeting, f. hall
 6:15 p.m. - Handbells
 7:00 p.m. - Choir

Thursday: No Bible Study
 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. - Shower Ministry, Lower Level
 7:00 p.m. - A.W.E. practice, sanctuary

Saturday: 1:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. - Fellowship Hall reserved, Rhinehart family

Next Sunday: 18th Sunday after Pentecost
 10:00 a.m. - Worship service, Chapel
 10:00 a.m. - Youth Presbytery Event, Montreat
 11:15 a.m. - Adult Sunday School, Library
 5:30 p.m. - Sunday Community Supper, (Sweetwater Presbyterian), f. hall

The flowers are given this morning by Cheryl Glenn to the glory of God and in honor of her mother, Johnsie Abernethy's 92nd birthday today.

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 17th

Elder on Call: Randy Miller
 Greeters: RaeAnn Hennes
 Sound System: Bruce Deese

Week of September 24th

Elder on Call: Amy Owensby
 Lay Leader: Bob Neill
 Flowers: John & Bonnie Pritchard
 Sound System: Bruce Deese

Attendance - September 10th

10:00 a.m. - 90 (FPC Campus & Camp Grier)
 Shower Ministry September 14th -

CHURCH MEMBERS: Lee Cranford, Julie Jones, Sondra Phillips, Nancy Gargis, Laurie Joplin, Jim Teubner, the Foley family, the Inscoc 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, Beth Huggins

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 Inscoc, 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 Inscoc'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 17th

Reformation Sunday - October 29th

Sunday, October 29th, we will once again commemorate our Scots heritage by celebrating Reformation Sunday. Along with a bagpiper and beadle, along with a congregational breakfast at 8:30 a.m. The Council on Praise is asking for church members to bring their favorite breakfast casserole or dish. We will provide milk, juice and coffee. Please come join us for fellowship over breakfast followed by the Kirkin' o' the Tartan service at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary. Remember to bring your family tartans!

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

ECCCM Share the Harvest (Eat, Fellowship & Dance) Saturday, November 11, 2023

This year's event will be held at Hart Square, located at 5055 Hope Road in Vale. Live music by Euphoria, catering by Boxcar Grille in Claremont. Casual attire, Raffles and more! Tickets are \$30 per person. Let's do a FPC table and show our support! Please see Bruce Deese for tickets and additional information.

Youth Events - September

September 17th	10:00 a.m. - Worship Service Noon - 2:00 p.m. - Youth outing, Escape Room
September 24th	Presbytery Youth Event at Montreat
September 30th	1:00 pm - 3:30 p.m. - <i>Rise Against Hunger</i> Event, Beth Eden Lutheran Church

Community Blood Drive

Our church will host a Red Cross Blood Drive this 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.

"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.

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

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.